



Reefton Area School - Te Kura Takiwa o Reefton

At the end of term three we acknowledged our students whose attendance was above 95% in term 3. There were 12 students in Years 1 - 8, and one student in Years 9 - 13 who managed an impressive attendance rate of 100% . There were 50 students in Years 1 - 13 whose attendance was 95% or higher. We were very impressed with this during a winter term with lots of sickness around. Our attendance is steadily improving with 55% of our students having Regular Attendance in term 3 2024, compared to 40% in term 3 2023. A student is counted as having Regular Attendance if they have over 90% attendance, or the equivalent to missing fewer than 5 days of school, across a term. Our 100%ers were entered in a draw for 6 x \$50 vouchers, and Bailey Jensen our only senior student with 100% attendance also won a \$50 voucher. Our 95%ers were entered in a draw for 5 x \$30 vouchers and 2 x \$20 vouchers. Hopefully a lot of fun was had spending these over the holiday break.

Class	% Attended
B5	96.43%
B3	92.57%
Year 7/8	92.38%
B2	92%
B4	87.41%
Yr 9/10	84.82%
Yr 12	83.33%
Yr 11	80.87%
Yr 13/14	77.08%

Here is the attendance for the first 3 weeks of term 4. Well done on a positive start to the term for most classes.

Our senior students started Study Leave last Friday. It has been great to see so many of these students coming in to complete outstanding work and to prepare for exams with their teachers.

Year 8 Discovery Day
 Tuesday 12
 November

Pets Day
 Thursday 14
 November

Junior Touch Tournament
 Friday 15
 November



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School Values



Respect - Manaaki

Aspire - Wawata

Self Manage - Tu Tangata

Mel Caddie
Chairperson
 Wayne Wright
Principal
 Sue Bass
Deputy Principal

RAS Enviroschool Silver Award
 We work together with the school community to look after all the things and people in our environment.

- **PB4L Focus - Respect Others and their Property**

Be considerate towards other people and their property

Be considerate of school equipment in order to prolong its life

Prevent bullying through the misuse of personal property

Pets Day

We have our annual Pets Day on Thursday 14 November. There is more information attached to the back of this newsletter but if you have a farm animal for judging (pigs, calves etc) please ring the office and confirm this by the end of this week as these animals are judged at home. Our judges will contact you and confirm a time for their visit and for judging to take place.

Also it would be great if students could bring a small amount of money to Pets Day as there will be some stalls operating. There will be a sausage sizzle with sausages for \$2 and there will be other food items for sale.

Junior Touch Tournament

Reefton Area School is hosting a Junior Touch Tournament on Friday 15 November. We have one Year 8/9/10 girls' team competing in the tournament.

Bike Track

Remember students can bring their bikes to school to use the Bike Track now the weather is improving, and we do have a couple of bikes available at school to use. Students need to bring their own helmets though. The roster for use of the Bike Track is:

Monday	B5
Tuesday	B4
Wednesday	B3
Thursday	B2
Friday	Year 8/9

Silvia Blacklock

We are very sad to let our community know that Silvia Blacklock is finishing at Reefton Area School on Wednesday 13 November. Silvia has been teaching here since the start of the year and is moving for a full time position in Westport. Silvia has undertaken a variety of roles in her time with us - she has taught in B5 our New Entrant/Year 1 class, she has taught Spanish to small groups of primary students and also tutored guitar with individuals. We have valued Silvia's commitment to all the students at Reefton Area school and her willingness to use her wide ranging expertise to extend our students.

We wish Silvia all the best with her new position and know we will keep in touch.

Upcoming Dates

- **19 November**
Year 8 - 10 3x3 basketball Tournament
- **22 November**
Teacher Only Day - school closed
- **28 November**
Year 7/8 Volleyball Tournament
- **28 November**
Celebration of Learning 7pm
- **6 December**
Community Thankyou
- **11 December**
Last school day 2024

Dear Parents and Caregivers

As Pets Day is on **Thursday 14th November** this term, the following is information about Pets Day and the categories students can enter.

Farm Animals – If you wish to enter a calf or a pig in the Farm Animal section, please ring Katie in the school office, telephone (03) 7328 421, to make arrangements to have your calf/pig judged on your farm, **BEFORE 3pm TOMORROW Friday 8th November** (You will need to be there with your calf/pig.) Our judge, Anna, is most happy to visit you and judge your pet in its home environment.

Student Categories

Junior – Years 1 – 3

Intermediate – Years 4 – 7

Senior – Years 8+

Open Categories (these are for students and their families)

One entry per family

RAS Rhubarb – a food dish made with rhubarb

Harakeke Family Challenge – an item of weaving using flax



Students may enter **five** of the following categories only – points from Five categories only will be counted towards the pets' Day Cup.

Arts and Crafts – to be displayed in the School Hall by **9am** on the day

Models – commercially made

Models – own materials

Art Works

Photographs

Pet Rocks (includes a pre-school category)

Sand Scenes/Saucers

Healthy Fruit Plate

Decorated/Novelty Cakes

Cakes, Cupcakes, Muffins

Biscuits and Slices

Decorated Bikes (includes a pre-school category)



Farm Animals (no horses) Read information above about calves and pigs

Caged Animals – Cats

Caged Animals – other

Big Dogs

Little Dogs

Please note – to qualify for the *Crushington Lands Trophy* you must have a farm animal entry.

Get to work preparing your entries for Pets Day, 2024.

Have Fun!

From the Pets Day Team