



Reefton Area School - Te Kura Takiwa o Reefton

On Tuesday our Year 5 and Year 6s are travelling through to Westport for the Winter Field day. We have two mixed teams going and they will join all the other Buller schools for a day of Basketball, Football, Ultimate Frisby and Netball. The Year 7 and 8s will be going to their Winter Field day on Tuesday 3 September.

Last week our Year 11 Farm students enjoyed their last day at the Tai Poutini Polytech farm with tutor Bryan. We are very grateful to Tai Poutini for providing this course in Reefton for our students, and also to Buller Veterinary Services for contributing \$2000 towards the cost of the course for our students. This course has given the students the opportunity to learn practical employment skills, that will help them move into the workforce, and also they are able to earn 30 Level 2 NCEA credits towards their NCEA qualification.

We have a team of Year 8, 9 and 10 boys travelling through to Greymouth on Wednesday for a Junior Basketball Tournament being held at the Westland Recreation Centre in Greymouth. We have a large number of students who play basketball and this is a further opportunity for them to be part of a competitive sporting environment with other West Coast schools.

Also coming up on Tuesday 10 September we have our West Coast Trades Academy Information Evening. This presentation will be at 5pm, in the school hall, and is an opportunity for Year 10 and 11 students to hear about the opportunities that Trades will offer for our students in 2025. If your student is interested in applying for a Trades course in 2025 then this is your opportunity to come along and hear what will be on offer.



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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.

**Year 5/6 Winter
Field Day**
Tuesday 20 August
8.30 departure

Junior Basketball
Wednesday 21 August
8.30 departure

**Trades Academy
Information Evening**
Tuesday 10 September
5.00 pm
In the hall

PB4L Focus - Uniform

Students in Years 1 - 11 are expected to wear school uniform to school.

Years 1 - 6: grey polo shirt, burgundy sweatshirt or polar fleece, plain black shorts or track pants, black or white socks and mainly black shoes or sandals.

Years 7 - 11: burgundy polo shirt, burgundy sweatshirt or polar fleece, plain black shorts or track pants, black or white socks, mainly black shoes or sandals. Students may wear a Reefton Area School jacket.

Years 12 - 13 may wear mufti. This is to be tidy and suitable for wearing in a workplace setting.

Please support your students to wear correct uniform.

No crocs or gumboots please.

Attendance

Below is our attendance for term 3 up to the end of week 3. The Year 7/8 class continues to lead the way, and B4 is close behind. We know there has been a lot of sickness around but it is great to see so many classes at above 85%.

Please remember to contact the office if your child is staying at home. Also if your child is not going home on the bus let us know so that we are not having to look for them or try ringing you at the end of the day.

Class	% Present
Year 7/8	90.81%
B4	90.16%
Yr 11	89.93%
B5	89.17%
B3	88.93%
B2	85.86%
Yr 9/10	81.59%
Yr 12	81.33%
Yr 13/14	68.70%

Secondhand Uniform

Please remember we have a really good stock of secondhand uniform that you are welcome to take uniform from for your child/children. There is also a good supply of both new and used shoes. There is no charge for this uniform. We also really appreciate donations of uniform.

Common Assessment Activities

To achieve the Numeracy and Literacy requirements of NCEA students now need to sit three test like activities - one each for Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Students can sit these activities multiple times. Passing these three activities is a requirement to achieve any level of NCEA. Each of these assessment activities is expected to take one hour, but students can spend longer if they wish to. We have entered all of our Year 10 students to take part in these activities at the end of term 3. Any Year 11s that have not yet achieved their Numeracy and Literacy requirements have also been entered.

The dates and times for the Common Assessment Activities are as follows:

Writing	Thursday 12 September	9am
Reading	Wednesday 18 September	9am
Mathematics	Friday 20 September	9am

If your child usually attends Trades Academy on a Friday and they are entered for the Maths Common Assessment Activity on Friday 20 September they will stay at school on that day.

If you have any questions or concerns about these assessments please contact Sue.