



Reefton Area School - Te Kura Takiwa o Reefton

We were delighted with our Celebration of Learning last Thursday. The Year 1 - 8 students' presentations were very polished and entertaining. Congratulations to the students, and the staff who prepared them for the night. Everyone really enjoyed the entertainment. We were pleased to acknowledge the hard work done by our senior students during the year. A list of trophy winners is attached. Well done to all of you.

It was very special to be able to have our retiring principal, Wayne Wright, presenting the awards, and also to have our incoming principal, Yvonne Catherwood, in the audience. Yvonne is looking forward to taking over the leadership of Reefton Area School in 2025. The students and staff took the opportunity to acknowledge their appreciation of the amazing job Wayne has done leading Reefton Area School for the last 21 years with a haka.

The Board of Trustees are delighted to announce that we have appointed two experienced teachers to work in our senior primary and junior secondary area in 2025. Brigitte Holmes is currently Deputy Principal and Site Leader at Paparoa Range School Blackball Site. Brigitte is a Reefton resident and is looking forward to joining the team at Reefton Area School. Mike Davey comes to us from Buller High School where he has taught Maths, Science Physical Education and Health. Prior to this Mike has been a primary teacher for six years. Mike and his wife, Jackie, are planning to move to Reefton in the new year. Rebecca Turnbull will be returning to teach senior Physical Education in 2025 and Jaime-Leigh Dredge will be returning to teach senior Science. We will be fully staffed for the start of 2025. We are farewelling Vincent Arnall and Justin and Silvia Blacklock from our staff at the end of 2024. We wish them well for their future endeavors.

Our last day for 2024 is Wednesday 11 December. We will finish as normal at 3pm. Students in the junior school will be told what class they will be in on Wednesday.

Last day of 2024

Wednesday 11
December

Book Exchange

Monday 23
December
in the Library

Subject Selection

22 January
23 January
2025



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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.

Summer Reading Challenge 2024/2025

Our Year 1 - 8 students will bring home a bag of six reading books towards the end of the term, they will have the opportunity over the summer break to come and exchange their reading books. Data shows that many students' reading levels drop over the summer break. We want to overcome this by encouraging students to continue reading over the holidays. When your child exchanges their books they will get a Duffy's Book to add to their home library, and they will be entered into the Summer Reading Challenge prize draw which will be made early in 2025.

Their books can be exchanged for new ones on the following days between 11 am and 1pm in the library:

- Monday 23 December
- Monday 6 January
- Monday 20 January

Subject Selection

Students in Years 11 - 13 will need to come in to select their subjects for 2025 on Wednesday 22 January or Thursday 23 January. We will be available from 10am to 2pm both days.

School Office Opening Hours in January

The school office will be open from 10am to 2pm the week before school opens - Monday 20 January to Friday 24 January. Students in Years 1 - 9 will have their stationery delivered to their classes so they are ready to start work on the first day. Parents and caregivers will be sent an account for their children's books.

Correction

In the school magazine we acknowledged the \$2000 contribution towards the Year 11 Agriculture programme in 2024. The contribution was acknowledged as coming from Buller Vets Ltd but it in fact came from Buller Veterinary Services Incorporated. We apologise for this mistake.

Reports

Students in years 4 - 10 will have reports posted home at the end of this week. Students in Years 1 - 3 will only receive a report if it is a six month anniversary of them starting school.

Community Thank You

We would like to invite members of our school community to join us for a cup of tea in the school hall at 1pm on Friday 6 December. This will be followed by our final junior assembly at 2.20 pm.

Thank you to the Rapid Response Team

We have had a very generous donation from the Rapid Response Team of a well stocked sponge bag for each of our students. We will give these out at the start of the year when parents and students come in for Book Exchanges, Subject Selection and uniform.



We wish all our families a safe and happy holiday break. Our office will be closed from Wednesday 11 December to Monday 20 January. If you need to get hold of us urgently please email Sue on: suebass@ras.school.nz

AWARDS 2024

Premier House Shield

Kawatiri

Caldwell Champion Memorial Trophy

Mawhera

Fielding Cup for Citizenship

Chloe-Rose Mattson-Closey

Lockington Goal Setting Award

Maclane Butcher

Reefton Area School Pursuits Award

Hunter Spensley

Reefton Area School Attendance Award

Bailey Jensen

Pets Day Cup

Cameron Rosanowski

Crushington Lands Trophy

Hunter Schwass

TOSI Area School Award

Jade Grant

Reefton Area School Leadership Award

Bridie Thomson

Student Service Award

Lestat Evans

Toni Bell Award

Anika Bang

Friends of Waiuta Community Spirit Award

Jade Grant

School Spirit Award

Jordan Peat

Student Advocate Award

Bridie Thomson

Industry Standards Award

Ben Mitchell

Distance Learning Award

Ruby Grant

Young Achiever Award for Enterprise

Ben Mitchell

Te Reo/ Mahi

Ray Takerei-Hodges / Mae-Ora Bicknell

Reefton Volunteer Fire Brigade

Community Volunteering Award

Chelsea Booker /Michelle Dredge

Young Achiever Award Academic

Chloe-Rose Mattson-Closey

Young Achiever Award Sporting

Kane Jensen

J.J.Mulligan Scholarship

Chloe-Rose Mattson-Closey

Mainfreight Duffy Award

Spencer Evans

Andrew Foster Trophy - Special Effort in Any

Learning Sphere

Bailey Jensen

John Rosanowski History Cup

Taylah Kinley

The Arts—Visual

Chelsea Booker

The Arts—Performing

Lakyn Manawatu

O'Sullivan Year 7 Female Award

Lilly Gower

O'Sullivan Year 7 Male Award

Paul Wykes

Year 8 Female Award

Sophie Fleming

Year 8 Male Award

Geordy Bicknell

Year 9/10/11 Sportsman of the Year

Levi Docherty

Year 9/10/11 Sportswoman of the Year

Olivia Peat

Tina Banks Memorial Trophy Sports Personality

Bridie Thomson

MacGougan Year 9 Female Sporting/Cultural/Academic Award

Sophie Carew

MacGougan Year 9 Male Sporting/Cultural/Academic Award

Rhys Tippett

Campbell Cup Year 10 Female Excellence Academic / Sporting

Daphne Delos Santos

Dennis Hunt Year 10 Male Excellence Academic / Sporting

Ray Takerei-Hodges

Academic Achievement Year 11

Mae-Ora Bicknell

Academic Achievement Year 12

Chelsea Booker

Dux

Bridie Thomson