



## Reefton Area School - Te Kura Takiwa o Reefton



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Welcome back to term 2. On the last page of this newsletter there is an important letter from the Board of Trustees.

We were so proud of our students and our parent community on ANZAC day. Over 30 students turned up to represent Reefton Area School at the Citizens' Parade, and many of them were accompanied by parents and caregivers. Thank you so much for your support. Jade and Hunter, our senior students who spoke at the Citizens' Parade, certainly did us proud with their confident public speaking. You were awesome.

We are starting term 2 with all of our classrooms back in action. Our staff and students have been very patient as some of the classrooms have been out of action for six months.

We have Jason Johnson, who is our Positive Behaviour for Learning facilitator from the Ministry of Education, in on Tuesday to work with some of our new teachers and our Support Staff. We are looking forward to having Jason working with our staff again.

Our Year 11 students are starting back at the Tai Poutini farm for one day a week from this week. We are very grateful to Buller Vets for providing a scholarship which has supported the cost of this awesome opportunity for the students.

### 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.

### School Photo Orders Due

Wednesday 8 May

### Outward Bound Gateway Scholarships

Applications due  
Friday 3 May

### Dental Therapists

Onsite from  
Monday 29 April



## 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.

### Bike Track

We have decided to trial using the Bike Track during class time. Each day a different class will be able to bring their bikes to school and use them on the Bike Track at break times. There will be adult supervision at these times. The roster is below:

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

### Sexwise

We have Sexwise visiting next Tuesday 7 May. Students in the senior part of our school from the Year 8/9 class to Year 13 will be taking part in this programme. Students will watch a performance and then take part in a workshop. The Sexwise programme enables youth to gain current, accurate information about sexuality and healthy relationships in an engaging workshop environment. If you would like your student withdrawn from this programme please contact Sue.

### Dental Therapists

The Dental Therapists are back onsite and will be seeing any students up to Year 8 who missed out during their last visit.

### Phones Away for the Day

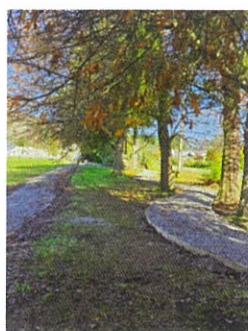
The students have been great at following our new guidelines. We are really delighted with their response.

### School Photo Orders

Please note these are due back at school by Wednesday 8 May.

### Outward Bound Course Scholarships from Reefton Gateway Trust.

Students aged between 16 and 18 were given a letter about this opportunity last term. Two places have been secured on Mind Body Soul 8 day courses at Outward Bound. The course dates are from Sunday 6 October—Sunday 13 October. Each scholarship is worth \$3500. Letters of application outlining why the student thinks they should receive one of these amazing scholarships need to be returned to school by 3pm Friday 3 May.





Dear parents and caregivers

Reefton Area School Board of Trustees would like to acknowledge the retirement of Mr Wayne Wright Principal, Reefton Area School.

Wayne has taught in the Reefton Area for over 40 years. 20 of these years were at Reefton School, 10 years teaching and a further 10 years as Principal, he then took on the Principal role at the newly formed Reefton Area School in 2004.

We couldn't be prouder of the work he has accomplished during this time. Wayne's passion for his role as Principal and his love of teaching and supporting young minds has always been evident in everything he does. He has worked vigorously for Reefton students and has played a major role in thousands of students' lives. The connections that have been built from his hard work behind the scenes has been a major stepping stone for all Reefton students and without Wayne looking for opportunities to connect with outside groups a lot of activities the students get to be a part of may not have happened.

Wayne has always worked closely with the Board of Trustees and helped us grow as a team, supporting us through the challenges of Strategic and Annual Plans which without his knowledge and support we would have been at a loss of where to start. His guidance in all manner of tasks has always and will always be appreciated. We look forward to continuing to work with Wayne in various roles and capacities, so this is not a big goodbye, just a change to normal routine.

We wish to notify the parents, caregivers, students and community that the school will still be operating as it always has. Deputy Principal Sue Bass has stepped up to Acting Principal and we cannot thank her enough for taking on this role while the Board of Trustees works hard to find a principal who connects with students, teachers and whānau, someone who actively builds relationships and sustains the bond between school and community. They will need to support and respect our very valued and dedicated staff and look with vision to the individual needs of our students. A collaborative leader who has experience, strategic planning and finance skills, vibrancy, compassion and is a good communicator is our goal for our wonderful school.

The Board of Trustees will be working with our recruitment consultant Terri Johnstone from Catalyst for Change, and we are working on the recruitment package which will include parent, student, staff, board and community consultation. This will not be a fast process as the Board of Trustees wants to ensure they find the right fit for the staff and students of Reefton Area School.

As part of this process, we will be emailing out a survey to parents, caregivers and staff asking for feedback. This will be emailed out and you will receive a survey monkey request. Your voice is important to us so the more responses we receive the better we can prepare for the upcoming applications and interviews. If you do not receive this via email, we will provide hard copies at the Reefton Area School office.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact either Sue Bass, Acting Principal, or myself.



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