

Rai Valley Area School

Newsletter



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Newsletter

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Tumuaki's Report



Kia ora Koutou

In the last couple of weeks we have been affected by illness of both staff and students. I suspect almost all of our families have been impacted. Most of our students have been sick for 4-5 days and are still pretty flat when they return to school.

At the end of August we received an amazingly generous donation of 25 chromebooks. Rai Valley School was nominated by ANZCO Foods Marlborough and subsequently selected to receive a donation of 25 laptops from ANZCO Foods Lease provider Quadrant. Three years ago, ANZCO Foods partnered with their lease provider, Quadrant. As part of their Green Lease programme when leased devices are returned and refreshed at the end of their three-year cycle, 20% are donated to schools. As a result 75 devices were available to donate, and our school is one of three rural schools selected to receive 25 devices each. This generous donation will help support teaching and learning and make a meaningful difference for our students.

This term has raced by. This week our senior students are beginning their derived grade

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Principal: Maree Furness

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Learning Support Coordinator:
Theresa Shepherd

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Caretaker: Shane Dearman

Tumuaki's Report continued

examination for NCEA. The NCEA common assessment tasks for reading, writing and numeracy will also begin this week. Some of our Year 9's are going to participate to give them the experience of sitting external assessments.

Also this week the Year 11 and 12 students will begin to choose their subjects for 2027. This is an opportunity to talk with students about career pathways and to talk about the wide range of options that are available. With a small number in our senior school we are about to create courses that suit each student.

Last week a group of our senior netballers attended the South Island Secondary Schools tournament in Nelson. This tournament is attended by the 80 secondary schools in the South island and is divided into 3 grades. We played in C Grade with a number of Area schools but also a few bigger schools. We started the week impacted by illness and lost our first 3 games. We finished 9th out of 16, beating a combined Hurunui/ SWAS team by 27-25 in our final game. This was a team we had lost to by 8 goals on Monday. I am really proud of the way our girls performed and gave their best every game. Thank you to Mrs Linton and Mrs Massey whose support made this possible.

Next term I am out of school on Sabbatical. I was fortunate to be awarded this last year, and while we announced at the time it has probably been forgotten.

I am visiting Area Schools in the North and South Islands with a particular focus on what is happening in the Year 9 and 10 curriculum area in preparation for the new senior qualifications system to be introduced in 2028. Mr Waldie will step up to be Acting Principal for term 4.

We have a number of upcoming events across the school during the term

- 9th Sept Epro 8 Competition in Nelson for Years 7 and 8.
- 9th Sept Solar Buddy Pelorus Schools in Havelock for Years 3-8
- 10th Sept Duffy Book Role Model Assembly
- 17th September Board of Trustees Meeting 5.45pm
- 18th Sept Pelorus Speech competition at Waitaia Bay
- 18 Sept Tapawera School Ball for Year 11-13's
- CAA's 7th -17th Sept.
- Week 8-10 Derived Grade examinations are scheduled
- 25th Sept last day term 3
- December 8th Prizegiving
- December 9th Last day of term 4
- 1st February first day for students 2027

Nga mihi nui

Maree

NETBALL NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS

GOLD TEAM

Gold won their Grade this season and the trophy for the most goals scored in the season.



South Island Secondary Schools Netball Tournament

Results from last weeks competition in Nelson.

Rai Valley vs Tokomariro 8 - 35

Rai Valley vs Hurunui 18 - 24

Rai Valley vs Collingwood 8 - 17

Rai Valley vs Reefton 19 - 4

Rai Valley vs Mt View 18 - 16

Rai Valley vs Tapawera 26 - 26

Rai Valley vs Darfield 31 - 13

Rai Valley vs Hurunui 27 - 25

Rai Valley came 9th out of 16 teams.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR EFFORT GIRLS!!!

Secondary News

What news from the Secondary?

Term 3 is whizzing past and the number of credits our NCEA students are gathering is building up. For many of our students, they are glancing expectantly to the future, which traditionally begins in Week 4 of Term 4. This is a significant milestone for them as they consolidate their credit count and await approval for study leave from myself or Ms Furness.

As a reminder, study leave is reserved exclusively for students who have achieved the required credits to pass – which, for 2026 and beyond, is set at 60 credits.

I will outline the details of study leave in upcoming newsletters. In the meantime, please be advised that students must maintain – and in some cases increase – their academic effort and focus as we enter this critical phase of the school year.

There have been many extracurricular events happening over the last few weeks (details of which are included elsewhere in this newsletter). Once again, thank you for your continued support with these events; they are an invaluable and very special part of what we offer at Rai Valley Area School.

I would also like to reiterate our expectations regarding school uniform. Students are required to wear correct uniform both at school and while travelling on school buses. We appreciate your partnership in maintaining these standards. If circumstances prevent a student from wearing full uniform, please contact the office or their form teacher directly to let us know.

Health and Safety Requirement: For health and safety reasons, closed-toe shoes are mandatory in the Science Lab, Hard Tech Room, and Food Tech Room. Sandals and sliders are strictly prohibited in these spaces. Additionally, gumboots must not be worn inside classrooms and should be left at home whenever possible. As Primary students occasionally utilise these specialist facilities, these requirements apply to them as well.

Chromebook Donation: On a positive note, we have recently been gifted 25 Chromebooks, which will be distributed to classrooms throughout the school primarily to replace broken or outdated devices. With this in mind, I will be sending out Device Contracts for all students and caregivers to sign. These provide guidelines around our cyber-safety policies, expectations around caring for devices, and outline the protocol if a device is deliberately damaged or broken through carelessness.

Looking Ahead: Exams & Assessment Weeks To wrap up the term, the next three weeks are crucial for our senior and secondary students. We have both Derived Grade Examinations and Common Assessment Activities (CAAs) taking place between now and the end of Term 3.

Derived grade exams serve as vital practice for the end-of-year NCEA exams, but they also act as an essential safety net – providing an official grade should unforeseen circumstances or illness prevent a student from sitting their external exams in Term 4. Meanwhile, CAAs are critical for students completing their core literacy and numeracy requisites.

Please support your children at home by encouraging solid study routines, adequate sleep, and strong attendance over these final three weeks. It is a busy push to the finish line, but one that sets our students up for success as we head into the home stretch of the year.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support- stay safe out there.

Dan Waldie
Deputy Principal - Secondary



Secondary News : CAA's & Derived Grade Exams

Dear Whānau,

As we approach a significant period in our academic calendar, we want to inform you about the upcoming Senior Assessment Weeks running from Monday 7 September to Friday 25 September.

During this timeframe, many of our students will be completing one of two major types of assessments:

Common Assessment Activities (CAAs): Digital assessments for NCEA Literacy and Numeracy core requisites. Please note: Not all students are entered into these sessions, and many have already completed and passed them earlier in the year. Students will have already been advised if they are scheduled to sit a CAA.

Derived Grade Exams: Examinations for students sitting subjects with external assessments (exams)

These generate authentic standard-based results that are submitted to NZQA if a student is unable to sit their end-of-year exams due to illness or unforeseen emergency. They also provide crucial feedback on student progress.

AM Session start 0900

PM Session start 1230

Attendance at all scheduled sessions is vital. Missing an assessment can directly impact final NCEA results and qualifications for the year.

Students can check their exam entries and already submitted assessment results at- [Student NZQA Portal](#)

For additional information please go to
[Literacy and Numeracy in NCEA A guide for students and whānau 2024-2027](#)
[NCEA Information for Whanau](#)
[Understanding Secondary Qualifications](#)
[About NCEA](#)

Exam Rules and Expectations:

To ensure a fair environment and prepare students for external NCEA conditions, standard exam procedures will be strictly enforced:

School Uniform: Full school uniform is required for all exam sessions.

Prohibited Items: Mobile phones and smart watches are strictly forbidden in exam rooms.

Allowed Equipment: Pens and stationery must be brought in a clear plastic bag.

Calculators: Standard approved calculators are permitted, but memories must be cleared prior to entering the exam room.

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping our students prepare, arrive on time, and perform at their absolute best during this crucial assessment period.

Secondary News : CAA's & Derived Grade Exams

Time	Mon 7th	Tues 8th	Wed 9th	Thur 10th	Fri 11th
AM	Te Kura Students - Commerce Level 1 History	Level 1 Literacy Reading (yr 9/10)- CAA Selected Students (absent students and selected students will sit on Tuesday 15th)	Level 1 Literacy Writing (selected Yr 9s and 10s +Seniors)- CAA	Level 2 and 3 English	Level 2 Biology
PM	No Exams Scheduled	Level 2 German Level 3 Business Studies Level 3 Media Studies	No Exams Scheduled	No Exams Scheduled	No Exams Scheduled
	Mon 14th	Tues 15th	Wed 16th	Thur 17th	Fri 18th
AM	Level 1 English	Level 1 Literacy Reading (yr 9/10)- CAA Selected Students (those who did not sit on Tuesday 8th) Yr11 Science- PESS 1.4	Level 1 Numeracy - CAA	Hort/Ag Science L1	
PM	No Exams Scheduled	No Exams Scheduled	L2/L3 Chemistry L1 Geography	No Exams Scheduled	No Exams Scheduled
	Mon 21st	Tues 22nd	Wed 23rd	Thur 24th	Fri 25th
AM	No Exams Scheduled	No Exams Scheduled	Mathematics (Yr 11 - 12)	No Exams Scheduled	No Exams Scheduled
PM	No Exams Scheduled	No Exams Scheduled	No Exams Scheduled	No Exams Scheduled	No Exams Scheduled

Secondary News: Gateway / TRADES / STAR

This week we sent five students along with Shane to attempt to get their forklift tickets. Five out of six pass rate is not too bad, I think. Congratulations.

I would like to thank REAP Marlborough for giving our students the opportunity to try and gain some employable skills. These skills might make their C.V stand out above others, as they soon venture off into the adult world of finding employment.

We currently have students doing Gateway courses in the Primary Industries area of dairy farming and in the Service Industry area of childcare.

In a couple of weeks I will take a group of students to explore the Automotive industry through a MITO bus tour, and I have students attending Bar Service / Mocktails and The Art of Pasta culinary STAR courses through NMIT this coming week.

Students that are planning on taking on a TRADES place on Fridays next year have now sat with me and done an application. Areas of interest have been MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, HOSPITALITY, FUTURE FARMING and SPORTS & EXERCISE. There are also a couple of students braving getting out of their comfort zones and applying for WHENUA ITI OUTDOORS courses, which are done in week long blocks throughout the year. We are hopeful that all our students get their first choices but also understand there are about 340 spots for 18 colleges in the top of the south area that all want the chance to gain employable skills in an area that they are want to either test drive before they make a future decision or want to gain the skills needed to take a step in their chosen direction.



Primary News



Term 3 Week 8

Spring has definitely sprung this week and it has been nice to see the sun shining through, even on the blustery days! Winter sports have come to an end and it will be nice for the tamariki (and their parents) to have their weekends back again! Almost half of our Year 0-8 students have been involved with winter sports this year playing netball and rugby throughout the Marlborough and Tasman regions. Congratulations to Cruiz Abraham who was selected to represent Nelson in the Under 52KG tournament during the school holidays and to Stanley Nicol, Harley Partridge and Tommy Massey who's Pelorus Rugby team took out the Under 9s section at the Mike's 7s tournament in Nelson. A few weeks ago we had our first ever Colour Run. This was a fantastic day, filled with laughs and smiles and some really successful fundraising. A huge thank you to Renee for her organisation of the event.

On Wednesday next week the Year 3-8 students are off to Havelock school for Solar Buddy Day. This should be a great day out. Students have also been working hard on their speeches with the Pelorus Competition happening on the 18th of September in Waitaria Bay.



Room 14 Update

Kia ora Whānau,

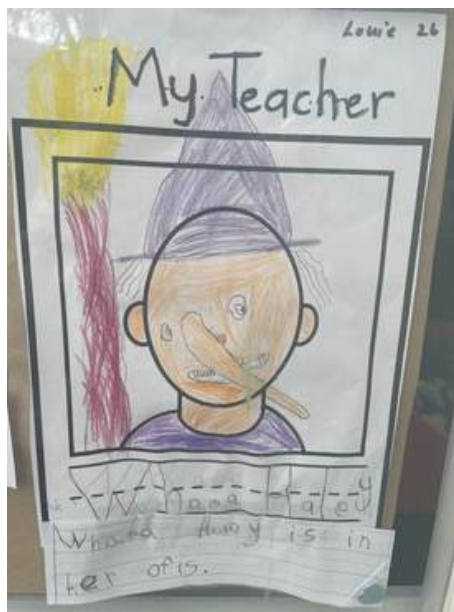
What a fantastic and busy term we have had in Room 14! First, we are thrilled to give a very warm welcome to Millie Hickson, who started with us this term. We are so happy to welcome Millie and her family to our Room 14 whānau!

It has been wonderful having football back on—the students have loved building their skills and testing them out in some friendly matches against their classmates. Another huge highlight was the Colour Run; Room 14 had an absolute blast on what was such an exciting, colourful day!

In class, our young scientists are diving into the life cycle of plants. We have planted sunflower seeds (generously collected by Shane), and everyone is eagerly waiting to watch them sprout and grow over the coming weeks.

As we head into spring, the weather is starting to warm up nicely. A quick reminder that while wide-brimmed sun hats aren't officially compulsory until Term 4, wearing them on these sunny spring days is highly encouraged to keep our learners sun-smart.

Ngā mihi, Haley



MARLBOROUGH YOUTH ART EXHIBITION

We are thrilled to announce that several of our talented students are currently featuring in Folio etc., the 2026 Marlborough Youth Art Exhibition hosted at the Marlborough Art Gallery.

An initiative of the Marlborough Youth Council in partnership with the Marlborough Art Gallery, local colleges, and the Marlborough District Council, this major annual exhibition showcases outstanding Year 11, 12, and 13 NCEA artwork from across the district. Congratulations to our featured artists:

- Lily Kiddey
- Lorna O'Donnell
- Elin Kiddey
- Erin Mackenzie

The artwork produced by these students is truly impressive, demonstrating exceptional technical skill, depth, and creative voice that holds its own alongside the finest student work in Marlborough.

If you are out and about in Blenheim over the coming weeks, we highly encourage you to pop into the Marlborough Art Gallery to support our students and view their extraordinary pieces in person.

Exhibition Details:

- Venue: Marlborough Art Gallery, Blenheim
- Dates: Running now through to Sunday, 4th October

We are immensely proud of Lily, Lorna, Elin, and Erin for representing our school community with such distinction!



MARLBOROUGH YOUTH ART EXHIBITION



Whole School News

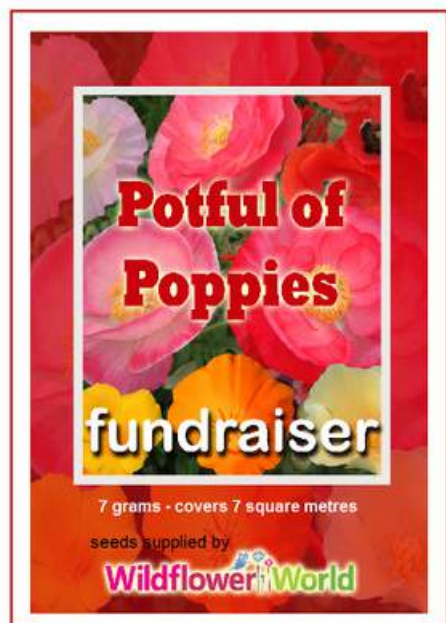
Up & Coming Key School Dates for 2026

Monday 7th - Friday 11th September	T3 W8	Derived Grades EXAMS - Seniors Y11-13 MONDAY - AM - L1 COMMERCE, L1 HISTORY, L2 HEALTH TUESDAY - PM - L2 GERMAN, L3 MEDIA STUDIES, L3 BUSINESS STUDIES THURSDAY - AM - L2 ENGLISH, L3 ENGLISH FRIDAY - AM - L2 BIOLOGY
Tuesday 8th - Wednesday 9th September	T3 W8	CAA's (Common Assessment Activity - Reading, Writing, Numeracy) TUESDAY - AM - READING WEDNESDAY - AM - WRITING
Wednesday 9th September	T3 W8	EPRO8 in Nelson
Wednesday 9th September	T3 W8	Year 3-8 Solar Buddy in HAVELOCK
Thursday 10th September	T3 W8	Duffy Role Model Assembly in Room 12
Monday 14th - Friday 18th September	T3 W9	Derived Grades EXAMS - Seniors Y11-13 MONDAY - AM - L1 ENGLISH TUESDAY - AM - L1 SCIENCE WEDNESDAY - PM - L2 CHEMISTRY, L3 CHEMISTRY FRIDAY - AM - L1 HORT/AG SCIENCE
Tuesday 14th - Wednesday 15th September	T3 W9	CAA's (Common Assessment Activity - Reading, Writing, Numeracy) TUESDAY - READING WEDNESDAY - NUMERACY
Monday 14th - Friday 18th September	T3 W9	Maori Language Week
Thursday 17th September	T3 W9	BOT Meeting
Friday 18th September	T3 W9	Pelorus Cluster Speeches in Waitaria Bay
Friday 18th September	T3 W9	Tapawera Area School Ball for Year 11-13
Thursday 24th September	T3 W9	Derived Grades EXAMS - Seniors Y11-13 WEDNESDAY - AM - L1 MATHS WEDNESDAY - AM - L2 MATHS
Friday 25th September	T3 W10	End of Term 3
Monday 12th October	T4 W1	Start of Term 4
Wednesday 21st October	T4 W2	Pet Day Indoor Drop off day
Thursday 22nd October	T4 W2	Pet Day Indoor & Outdoor Judging Day
Friday 23rd October	T4 W2	TRADES Graduation in Nelson
Monday 26th October	T4 W3	LABOUR DAY - NO SCHOOL
Thursday 29th October	T4 W3	GroupDay in Linkwater
Friday 30th October	T4 W3	Pelorus Cluster Athletics in Blenheim
Monday 2nd November	T4 W4	MARLBOROUGH ANNIVERSARY - NO SCHOOL
Tuesday 10th November	T4 W5	NCEA External Exams begin

Fundraising News

Wildflower World

SPRING SEED FUNDRAISER 2026



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Fundraising News

Wildflower World SPRING SEED FUNDRAISER

Help us grow by beautifying your garden

Fund Raising for KAYDEN KNIGHT TO GO TO OUTWARD BOUND

Here is a great opportunity to purchase seeds to show your support. Seeds are easy to sow, fun to grow and will reward you with healthy veges and gorgeous flowers.

We have some great choices - why not try them all. Prices are less than normal retail and our organisation will make 40% profit on all sales. Growing information is included on each packet of seeds.

To order please return this form with your payment **no later than 22nd September 2026**

Delivery will be during the school holidays or just before Term 3 ends, this all depends on the post. You will get your seeds do not worry.

Thank you for supporting this fundraiser again, it is becoming more and more popular each year.

All enquiries to **RENEE JOPE** renee@rai.school.nz or 0277750083

Seed Order Form 2026

Name: _____
Address: _____
Ph: _____



Seed Type	Price	Number	Total
Wildflower Bee Friendly Mix – 10 grams Wildflower seeds, the ultimate in colourful low maintenance gardening, providing essential nutrition for bees and other pollinating insects. Covers 10m ² . Hgt: 20-60 cm	\$9.50		
Summer Salad Mix – 1000 Seeds Eat Healthy and save money with our Summer salad. Inside you will find Individual packs of Lettuce, Spring Onions and Radish to help bring your summer salads to life	\$6.50		
My First Flower Garden – 7 grams This easy-care wildflower seed mix is great for the first-time gardener, full of low maintenance easy care varieties. It's so easy! The perfect children's mix. Covers 7m ²	\$7.70		
Watermelon & Cucumber Twin Pack – 20 Seeds of each Sugar Baby Watermelon: Reap the rewards in summer with a mouth-watering treat of sweet, bright red juicy flesh. Lebanese Cucumber An excellent, crisp, sweet tasting variety	\$6.20		
Micro Greens – 10 grams "Micro Greens" is a term used for vegetables that are harvested at small seedling stage. They are a nutritious and tasty addition to salads. They can be grown any time of year, even inside during the winter.	\$7.70		
Sweet Pea – Summer Rainbow Mix – 20 seeds A colourful and fragrant mix of climbing sweet peas. Plant against a fence or trellis. Height up to 2 metres.	\$6.40		
Sunflowers – 20 seeds Sunflowers are a great way to add colour to your garden, and they're easy to grow and care for.	\$5.50		
Potful of Poppies – 7 grams A combination of different types of poppies that can be grown together to give an amazing colourful and easy to grow display. Three wildflower species have also been included to harmonise and blend. Height 40-80cm. Covers 7m ²	\$7.70		
GRAND TOTAL			\$



Please make payment to: **RAI VALLEY AREA SCHOOL 12-3165-0348666-000. Ref SEEDS26**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Whole School News

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED US RAISE \$3953
WE GET 60% OF THIS FOR THE STUDENTS AT RAI VALLEY AREA SCHOOL,
\$2371.80 IN THE BANK!!! THANK YOU NEW ZEALAND FUNDRAISING



LOOKING AHEAD

2026

Term 4, last of school, Wednesday 9 December.

2027

TOD, Thursday 28 January,

TOD, Friday 29 January,

First day students back to school, Monday 1 February.



Help your
community
vote

Register your interest to work
at the 2026 General Election.

We want people from local communities to
work in voting places and help people vote.
The 2026 General Election will be held on
Saturday 7 November and we're taking
registrations from people who are interested
in working with us.

We need people with different skills and backgrounds
right across Aotearoa New Zealand.

Whether you want to work for several weeks or
just on election day, there are roles for everybody,
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For more information about the roles available,
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Pet Day is coming!! Thursday 22nd October

This year we are making some changes. The first one is that we are going to try for a one day event.

What we are doing is trying to make all the judging happen on one day. Outdoors will run more of a timetable so that students with multiple pets know where they have to be for having their pets judged. And indoors will be mostly set up on Wednesday but have judging happen on the Thursday morning.

We are also hoping to utilise the Seniors who do not bring pets, by having them run activities or hold stalls that can entertain the younger students throughout the day, as we do know there can be a lot of sitting around waiting.

So please bear with us, and if you notice something we have missed, or you have a helpful idea, or you would love to help out, please get in touch with Renee at renee@rai.school.nz 0277750083

Thank you to you all.

Pet interest forms will go out this week so we can start planning for judges.

Schedules will be out in the next couple of weeks

**LAMBS and CALVES MUST
have been born on or after
August 1st 2026**



Community News



Sept / Oct Holiday Camps @ Curious Cove



Enrolments are now open for our camps in the Sept/Oct school holidays.

We have both a Senior Camp (11 - 14 yrs) and Junior Camp (8 - 10 yrs).

There is also a Leaders Training weekend (14 yrs+) for those interested in being a volunteer leader, and a Horse Leadership weekend for those interested in gaining more confidence around horses.

Visit our website (www.curiouscove.org) for more details and to complete an online enrolment to secure a place. You will receive a confirmation email with further details, including what to bring, departure times, etc.

Sept/Oct Senior Camp 2026

Mon 28th Sept - Fri 2nd Oct 2026
Ages 11 to 14 years

[Click Here to Enrol](#)

Oct Junior Camp 2026

Mon 5th - Fri 9th Oct 2026
Ages 8 to 10 years

Payment is due on enrolment to our account at Westpac :

A/c Name - Teapot Valley Christian Camp A/c No - 03 0751 0103553 000

Please use your child's name and camp attending (eg: Sen/ Jun/Ldr) as reference.

Tony & Jane Ross
Camp Managers

PET DAY JUDGES NEEDED

IF YOU ARE FREE ON THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER
AND WOULD LOVE TO HELP OUT WITH OUR
INDOOR JUDGING OR ANY OTHER HELPFUL
ROLE FOR PET DAY, PLEASE CONTACT RENEE
ON 0277750083 OR EMAIL HER AT
RENEE@RAI.SCHOOL.NZ. SHE WOULD LOVE TO
HEAR FROM YOU



BP Challenge - highest tower '26



Critical thinking in Tech - Year 7s using Jenga blocks

Year 9/10s - 1 m of tape, 3 x A3 paper, scissors



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Whole school News : Cross Country Colour Run

RVAS 2026 CROSS COUNTRY COLOUR RUN RESULTS

	1st BOYS	1st GIRLS	2nd BOYS	2nd GIRLS	3rd BOYS	3rd GIRLS
YEAR 1 & 2	Jack Massey	Haven Marshall	Charlie Denby	Danni Harper	Jasper Morrison	Mia Dunbar
YEAR 3	Stanley Nicol	Charlotte Payton	Felix Leov	Joy Harrison	Lewis Flintoft-Retter	Scarlett Denize
YEAR 4	Alfie Waldie	Willow Kennett	Tommy Massey	Pyper Knight	Benjamin Bond	
YEAR 5	Bjorn Prattley	Khloe Dunbar		Kelci Abraham		
YEAR 6	Aiden Mackness	Keira Fenton	Eddie Neal	Cara Harrison	Lincoln Kennett	Jeorgie Prattley
YEAR 7	William Sharpe	Imagen Knight	Cruiz Abraham	Madison Couper		Scarlett Morrison
YEAR 8	Tadhg Bolger		Oliver Te Amo		Ben Johnsen	
YEAR 9	Tyler Payton	Annie Jones	Christopher Macari	Olivia Harrison	Sam Hope	Chevonne Coetzee
SENIORS	Jackson Jenner	Amy Billingsley	Cody Aldridge	Ana Harrison	Oliver hope	Leah Jones

What a fantastic day of determination, energy, and school spirit at our annual School Cross-Country! Students across all year levels took to the course, pushing their limits and giving it their absolute all to earn valuable points for their houses.

This year saw a new running course for all year groups and the addition of the color run fundraising activity, which definitely added to the fun and enjoyment of the day!

It was amazing to see so many runners supporting one another, demonstrating incredible perseverance, sportsmanship, and true school pride. A huge congratulations to our age-group champions for their exceptional times, and a massive well done to every single participant who stepped up, braved the course, and crossed the finish line.

A special shout-out goes to our dedicated year 12 PE students for their organisation of the event, Renee for her organisation of the colour run aspect and all staff marshals, and student helpers for the assistance.

Henare Peta

Teacher in charge of Sport and Physical Education

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Year 13 student Lorna O'Donnell has started up this business as part of The Young Enterprise Scheme for her Business Studies subject.

She would love our support with this.

Great work Lorna!

RVAS Cross Country Colour Run 2026



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School News

Board Report

Our school 5YA upgrades are focused on renovating the toilet blocks, with the junior block now complete and looking amazing the senior block can begin. This work will start in the Term 2 school holidays and, all going well, will be finished by Week 3 of Term 3. There will also be a fresh coat of paint in the Staff Room and Room 2.

The meat fundraiser was a great success in Term 2, helping 8 students go to Whangarei for the Area School National Tournament. Thank you to everyone who donated, this was a great opportunity for our students. Sharing the cost around the community means no family is lumped with the expense alone. The 8 students made us all very proud with their efforts in Whangarei. Congratulations team.

There will be more fundraising opportunities coming up this year. Watch this space.

The new speed signs have been installed outside of the school, we have already noticed a big difference in car speeds past the school during school start and end times, making the road safer for our children.

We are still on the lookout for another board member with Purity leaving in May, if this sounds like you or you have accounting experience come along to a meeting or talk to Ms Furness.

That's all from the board for Term 2.

Until next time

Rai Valley Area School Board of Trustees

Student Absence / Buses / After School Arrangements / Students arrive late / Parent deliver or collect students

Could you please notify Pauline, when required as soon as possible, at the school office regarding above issues with a reason, either by phone (03 5716 016) and leave a message or by email (office@rai.school.nz) or personally to the office.

This allows up-to-date recorded information for emergencies. If students are late at school or leaving during school hours: Parents need to sign in or out at the school office.

Thank you in advance. Pauline

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MY KID IS OFF
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Muster Day

Lansdowne Park, Blenheim

Saturday 19 September

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Fun skills, drills, games & give-it-a-go softball and tee-ball!

All children welcome — bring your friends and whānau!

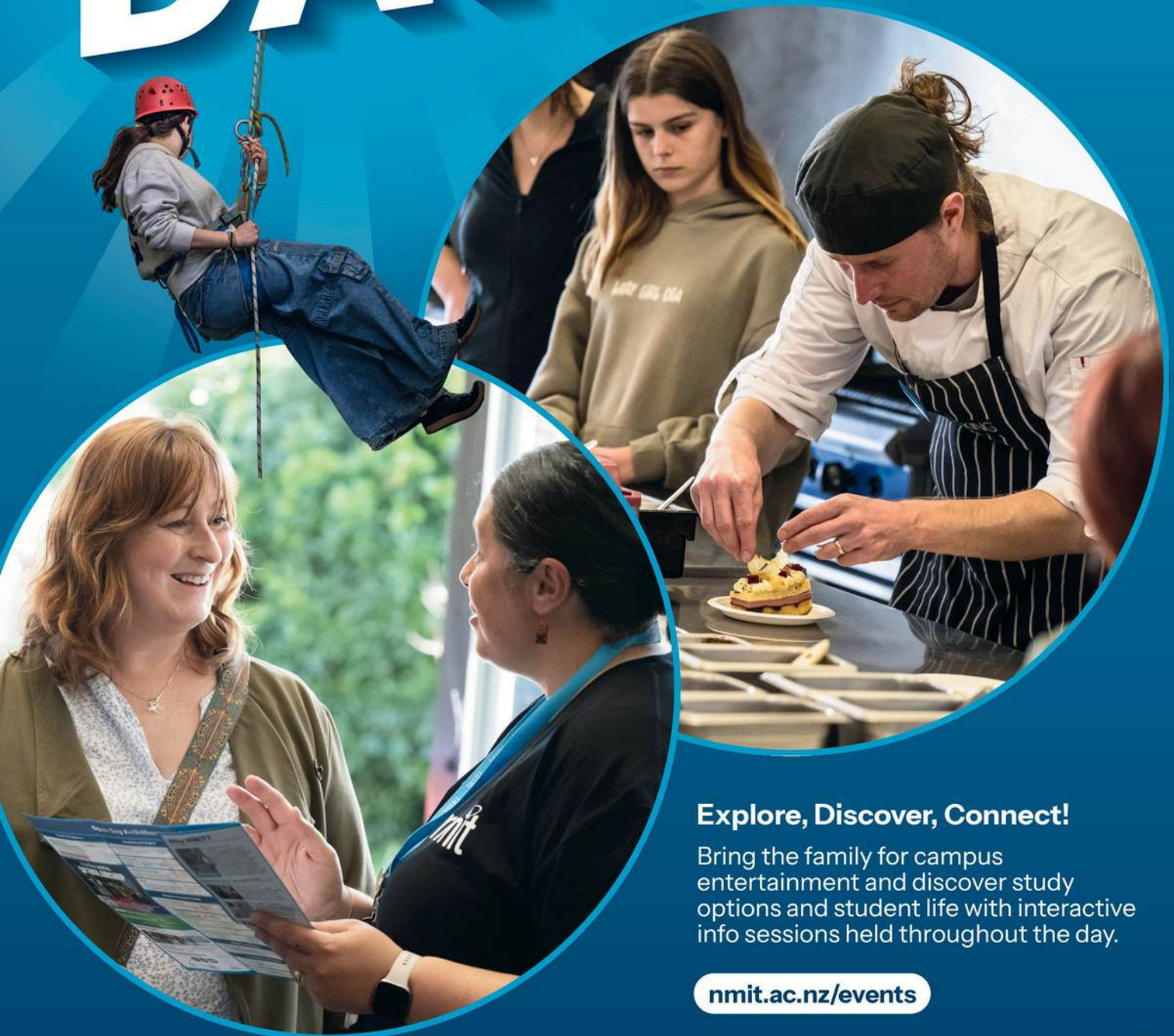
Sign up for the upcoming season on the day!

NMIT OPEN DAY

FREE EVENT

Saturday
12 September
10am - 2pm

📍 Nelson Campus



Explore, Discover, Connect!

Bring the family for campus entertainment and discover study options and student life with interactive info sessions held throughout the day.

nmit.ac.nz/events

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What tamariki need when emotions are big



Children learn to manage big feelings with us before they can do it on their own.

When a trusted adult stays steady, tries to understand and helps them settle, tamariki learn: "I can get through this, and I don't have to do it alone."

Here's your 4 go-to's when emotions are running high. Often called The 4 S's:



SAFE

"I am protected and the adults around me are steady."

Children need to know the adults around them will protect them and remain steady, even while setting limits.



SEEN

"My feelings matter."

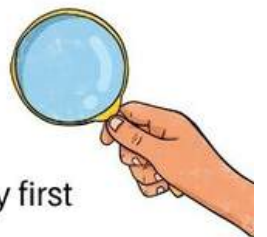
Look beneath the behaviour and let your child know you are trying to understand what is happening for them.



SOOTHED

"I don't have to face hard feelings alone."

Stay close and help them settle. Tamariki learn to calm themselves by first experiencing calm with someone they trust.



SECURE

"I can count on someone to show up for me."

Over time, these repeated experiences teach tamariki: "When things are hard, I can count on someone to help me."

Over time, these 4 experiences help tamariki understand their feelings, ask for help, manage disappointments and reconnect after hard moments.

Based on Daniel J. Siegel and Tina Payne Bryson's Four S's.



Te Tauihu Accessibility Expo

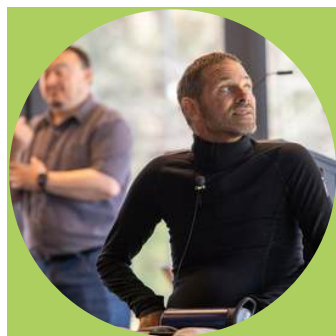
13th September

10am - 3pm

Trafalgar Centre, Nelson

For disabled and neurodivergent people, their whanau, and
the people that support them to access information, support,
connection and fun!

**Stalls, Speakers, Entertainment
& much more!**



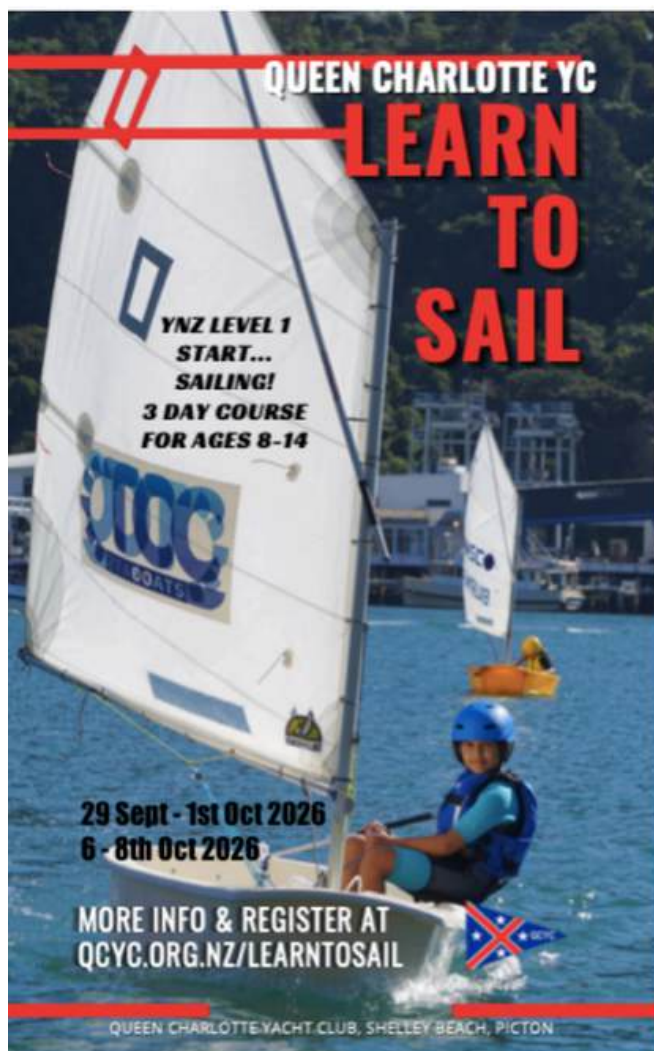
Community News

Ellerslie School is turning 150 years old in 2027!

Are you a former student or staff member of Ellerslie School? We welcome you to be a part of our Alumni community! Please join us in celebrating our history - share your memories with us and connect with past whānau of Ellerslie School.

If you would like to be kept up to date on all the festivities to celebrate our special 150th birthday occasion to be held in 2027, please sign up to our database by completing this form: <https://forms.gle/X1QTFxnRcNGpPyfK9>

Please sign up to our Ellerslie School Alumni Facebook page with an Instagram page coming soon: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61582768932221>
If you have any queries please email: alumni@ellerslie.school.nz.



Bridge Valley "Time Warp" Holiday Camps

Get ready to travel back in time at Bridge Valley's Time Warp Holiday Camps! Experience an unforgettable week of adventure, new friendships, and exciting activities.

Junior Time Warp Camp (Ages 8-11): 28 September – 2 October | \$245

Ultimate Time Warp Camp (Ages 11-13): 5-9 October | \$280

Activities can include rock climbing, high ropes, archery, abseiling, the lake flying fox, luge, and much more!



Whole School News



Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora

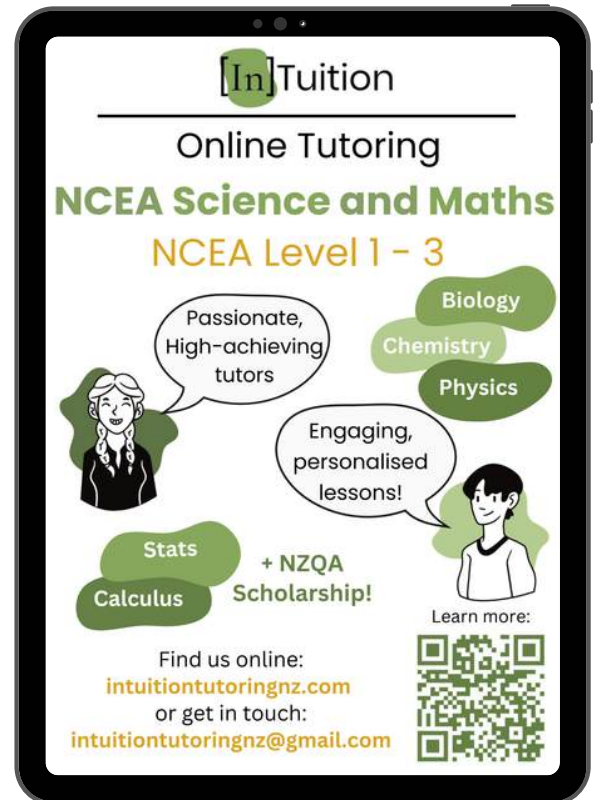
ADDICTION SUPPORT DROP IN

FIRST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH 12PM-2PM
IN J BLOCK/LIBRARY

Want to talk to someone about keeping yourself and others safer around drugs and alcohol?

Come and have a chat with the youth addictions clinician from Wairau Hospital Addiction Service!

Judgement free, confidential, and directed by you!
Come have a chat, ask questions, get some advice, or just check in!



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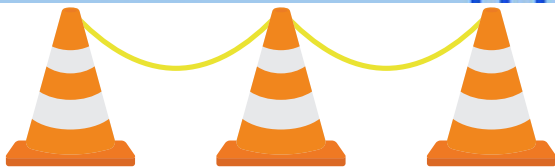


EXPRESS HOME KILL

Cattle, Sheep, Pigs, Deer etc



Contact Bruce Anderson
Ph 021 894 411
Listed Operator



Safety for Students is important

Please be aware of vehicles at school and especially at these busy times of before and after school.

At the end of school, students need to wait within the school gate for the parent / caregiver to collect them.

If it is raining, the students can stand on the veranda by the office or be inside the office.



 **! SCHOOL SAFETY REMINDER !**

KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE

"Please show you care and do not park outside or near our school"

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T&C's: To be included in the competition registrations must be received online by 5pm 2 October 2026. Entrants must be 18 or under and a school student.

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WWW.MARINA2MARINA.CO.NZ

Online GP Care now **free** for tamariki aged 13 and under

Kia ora koutou,

To support whānau during the current winter illness season, please see the information below and attached resources about healthcare options, including free Online GP Care for children aged 13 and under. Please share with your families as appropriate.

Online GP care now free for all under-14s

With lots of winter illnesses about right now, health services are experiencing very high demand. If you need to speak to a GP and can't get in to your usual doctor or its after hours, Online GP provides a great option for accessing safe and quick care. **The service is available from anywhere in the country, anytime day or night, and is now free for all under-14s.**

Appointments usually take place through a video app or a phone call, and the service can prescribe medicine and send prescriptions to your nearest pharmacy.

It also provides another care option for rural communities, reducing the need to travel.

To learn more visit Online GP Care: <https://www.healthnz.govt.nz/online-gp-care>

Online GP costs for young people

Age	With Community Services Card	With no Community Services Card
0 to 13 years	Free	Free
14 to 17 years	up to \$13.50	up to \$45

For more info on which health service to use when you or your child are unwell visit: www.healthnz.govt.nz/which-health-service-should-i-use

For advice on when you should keep your child home from school or ECE if they're unwell visit: www.healthnz.govt.nz/knowning-if-your-child-is-well-enough-to-go-to-school-guidance-for-parents

Or download this factsheet: <https://healthed.govt.nz/collections/school-guidance/products/should-i-keep-my-child-home-from-school-or-childcare-he7040>

Ngā mihi,

Beverley Banks

Administration Coordinator

National Public Health Service | Te Waipounamu

Nelson Marlborough

Online doctor



- Online or over-the-phone appointment with a doctor any time, including after hours and weekends.
- **Free for children aged 13 and under.**
- Low-cost appointments for ages 14-17 and Community Services Card holders.

Find an online doctor at healthnz.govt.nz/OnlineGP

Care options for you and your whānau

Your usual doctor/GP is the best place to provide you with routine and follow-up care. You can find a GP at healthpoint.co.nz. There are a range of healthcare options available if you can't see your regular GP. Many are available after hours and at weekends.

Healthline 0800 611 116



- Free over-the-phone health

advice 24/7 from nurses and paramedics.

- Māori clinicians are available from 8am to 8pm weekdays.
- You can send photos or videos to help explain your symptoms.
- Option to ask Healthline to call you back.

Visit info.health.nz/healthline

Online doctor



- Online or over-the-phone

appointment with a doctor if you can't get one with your usual GP, or you don't have a GP.

- Available any time including after hours and weekends.
- Low-cost appointments for children and Community Services Card holders at some providers.

Find an online doctor at info.health.nz/OnlineGP

Pharmacy



- Advice on medications

and minor concerns including colds, rashes and itchy skin.

- Many can also help with eye infections, urinary infections, emergency contraception, vaccinations and more.
- May be able to provide a few days of medication if you run out and need a new prescription.

Find a pharmacy at healthpoint.co.nz

After hours and urgent care clinics



- After hours or urgent care if your GP isn't available and you need to see someone in person.

- For urgent medical issues including breaks, sprains, bad cuts, head knocks, minor burns, eye and ear issues, and if you feel really sick.
- Free appointments for children and low-cost appointments for Community Services Card holders at some clinics.

Find your nearest urgent care clinic at healthpoint.co.nz

Visit info.health.nz for health advice and information on services.



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