

Te Karere

Rai Valley Area School News



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**If you have questions, concerns
or compliments please let us
know - we value your
feedback.**

Please note that all up to date
information on events etc. is
available on our school app and on
our website.



Kia ora koutou

As I begin the final newsletter for the year I am able to reflect on how fortunate I am to be your principal and how amazing the students in this school are. I have felt very supported by the staff, parents and the Board of Trustees. I have loved my first 2 terms and as I am looking out my window watching the Tui feeding on the flax bushes. I wonder how many others are this fortunate.

It was really pleasing to see so many of you at prizegiving. This is an opportunity to acknowledge our students efforts and celebrate excellence. Congratulations to all our prize winners.

This year we have made an award of Dux for our top academic school leaver. As a small school this may not be awarded every year. However, it is important that our top Year 13 student is acknowledged when their academic achievements are comparable with other top students in Marlborough. The moderation process for NCEA is robust and grades given to our students are equivalent to grades awarded in other schools in New Zealand.

My warmest congratulations to Martinet Gouws who is Dux of Rai Valley area School for 2018 and I wish her every success as she begins her studies in Veterinary Science.

Next year we are very excited to be joining Net NZ to provide a wider range of curriculum subjects for our year 11 to 13 students. This will mean that students who enrol in a course will be in class of 20 or less and have weekly face to face contact with their teacher through a video link. Our students will be able to access a wide range of subjects for example Electronics, Drama, Music, Accounting and a range of languages. These courses are delivered by teachers in schools throughout New Zealand and will offer a full range of NCEA levels including scholarship.



In recent weeks a number of classes have had the opportunity to enjoy a range of experiences out of school. There has been some amazing feedback from the organisations they have visited on their manners and behaviour. This reflects well on the school and the values of Respect, Achieve and Inspire, but is also a real credit to our parents.

This week a group of parents and I met with Robin Dunn from Marlborough District Council to begin an investigation to how we can upgrade our school playground to better serve the needs of all our students. A subcommittee of parents has been formed and they will feed back to the school during Term One with their findings and some possible plans. We look forward to being able to progress this next year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing staff for all their outstanding work. In a time when a number of schools around the country are unable to get staff and classes are combined we are very fortunate. Our teachers and support staff all do a fantastic job.

May you have a very happy Christmas and New Year, and a safe and relaxing holiday period.

Nāku noa nā

Maree Furness



**Believe in yourself
and all that you are.
Know that there is
something inside you
that is greater than
any obstacle.**

Christian D. Larson

TERM 1 Calendar

EVENTS	
13/12/2018 LAST DAY OF THE 2018 ACADEMIC YEAR ***** TERM One 2019 starts for students on the Tuesday 29th January 2019 at 8.45am	

Please update the School App so that you can keep School News up to date.



Swimming pool keys 2018/19 summer

Pool keys are still available \$50 for the season. You can still get keys over the holiday break, just get in touch with Renee renee@rai.school.nz or phone/text 0277750083 to arrange pickup.

Library news

Thank you to all those who returned books for the Stocktake.
If your child has signed up to the Summer Reading, don't forget to pick up your books this week from Renee in the library. If anyone wants to get anything out of the library over the holidays, contact Renee on details above.

Kids Edible Garden

Thank you to everyone who has helped in some way over the year with the Kids Edible Garden.

All help is always greatly appreciated.
Thanks, from Renee Jope

Rai Valley Area School Prize Giving 2018

Primary

Primary Classroom Awards

Year 0-2

Class Award for Physical Education Year 0-2
Joshua Todd

Creative Award Year 0-2
Hunter O'Donnell

Class Award for Problem Solving Year 0-2
Hunter Morrison

Class Award for Work Ethic Year 0-2
Harrison Fenton

Overall Top Student Year 1
Paige Todd
Meika O'Donnell

Overall Top Student Year 2
Hunter Morrison

Year 3-4

Class Award for Physical Education Year 3-4
Amy Billingsley

Creative Award Year 3-4
Cooper Knight

Class Award for Problem Solving Year 3-4
Darcy Thompson

Class Award for Work Ethic Year 3-4
Mickayla Wooldridge

Overall Top Student Year 3
Samara Partridge

Overall Top Student Year 4
Bella Hickson

Year 5-6

Class Award for Physical Education Year 5-6
Neco Wilson

Creative Award Year 5-6
Stella Mant



Class Award for Problem Solving Year 5-6
Lily Kiddey

Class Award for Work Ethic Year 5-6
Kayla Gardiner

Overall Top Student Year 5
Weston Maisey

Overall Top Student Year 6
Ella Jenner

Year 7-8

Class Award for Physical Education Year 7-8
Hayley Partridge
Brooke Swan

Creative Award Year 7-8
Penelope Kiddey

Class Award for Problem Solving Year 7-8
Damien Thame

Class Award for Work Ethic Year 7-8
Penelope Kiddey
Hayley Partridge

Overall Top Student Year 7
Brooke Swan

Overall Top Student Year 8
Fraser Hill

Speech Awards (Trophies)
Y1&2 Mahakipawa Speech Trophy
Y 3&4 Mt Richmond Estate Trophy
Y 5&6 Mt Barrett Trophy
Y 7&8 Whangamoa Speech Trophy

Keira Wearing-Holmes
Rhyder Dearman
Ella Jenner
Hayley Partridge

Arts Excellence Award (Primary)
Penelope Kiddey

Citizenship Awards (Trophies)
Y1&2 Olivia Harrison
Y 3&4 Bella Hickson
Y 5&6 Bayley Hickson
Y 7&8 Zoe Jope

Sportsmanship - Primary
Brooke Swan

Angela Sloane Cup for Rai Way Ambassador Year 0-8
Hayley Partridge



Top Student Award

Daniel Payton Cup for Academic Excellence – Fraser Hill

Secondary

Secondary Classroom Awards

Year 9

First in Maths
Lewis Hill

First in PE
Cody Rollo

First in ICT
Abigail Fisher

First in Soft Tech and Art
Lillyarna Lilburn

First in Hard Tech, Health, Media Studies and Te Reo Maori
Madison Fisher

First in English, Science, Social Studies, French and Environmental Science
Electra Maisey

Top Student Year 9
Electra Maisy

Year 10

Environmental Science
Katie Roeske

First in Soft Tech
Alicia Moss

First in Te Reo Maori
Aria Shallcrass

First in Hard Tech
Alec Swan

First in Art and Health
Rose Stuart

First in Maths and PE
Charlotte Partridge

First in English, Science, Social Studies, French, Media Studies and ICT
Leah Wearing



Top Student Year 10
Leah Wearing

Year 11

First in Hard Tech
Jake Dodson

First in Maths
Chloe Wellman

First in PE
Hunter Cory

First in Health and Vocational Pathways
Mikaere Holmes

First in Accounting, English, Science and Geography
Jessie Kleinmeulman

Top Student Year 11
Jessie Kleinmeulman

Year 12

First in PE and Vocational Pathways
Anita Aitchison

First in Maths and Environmental Science
Hannah Kleinmeulman

First in Physics and Chemistry
Jordan Wearing

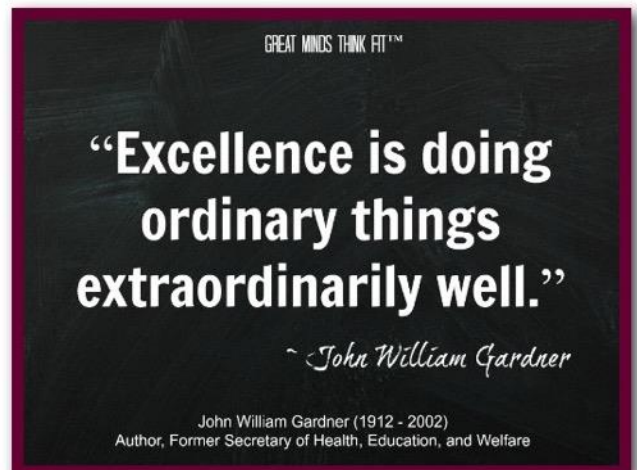
First in Digital Technology, English, and Media Studies
Kade Martin

Top Student Year 12
Kade Martin

Year 13

First in English, Maths, Chemistry, Physics and Media Studies
Martinett Gouws

Senior School Top Student Year 13
Martinett Gouws



Special Awards (Trophies)

Freeth Trophy for Public Speaking – Top Speech in Secondary
Martinett Gouws

Sportsmanship Trophy (Secondary)
Anita Aitchison

Arts Excellence (Secondary)
Lillyarna Lilburn

Citizenship Y9-10
Rose Stuart

Citizenship Y11-13
Martinett Gouws

Freeth Trophy for Excellence in Environmental Education
Hannah Kleinmeulman

Angela Sloane Cup for Rai Way Ambassador Year 9-13
Kade Martin

Special Awards

Marlborough Decorative Fine Arts Society Award
Alec Johnson

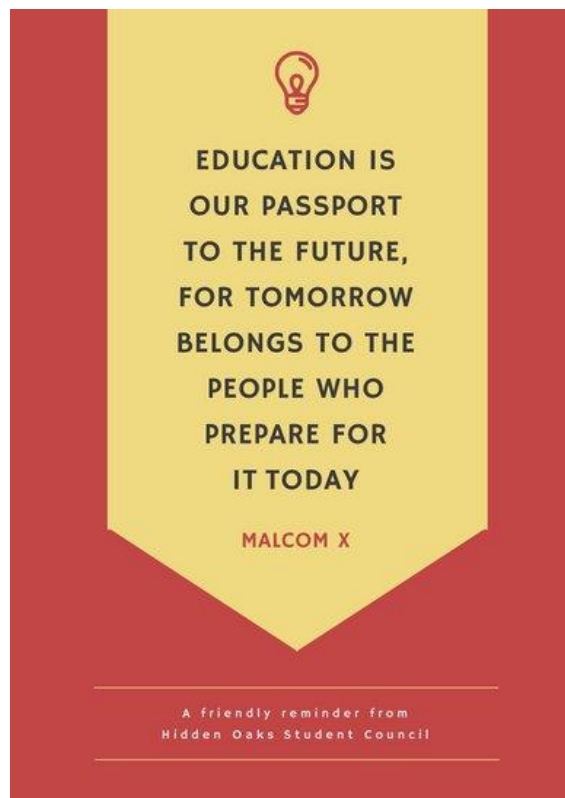
Board of Trustee Representative (Service to School)
Jordan Wearing

Youth Community Spirit Award 2018
Martinett Gouws

Marlborough Leo of the Year Award
Martinett Gouws

Dux
Martinett Gouws

Rai Valley Area School
also won the Lions
Environment
Award for their
Bee Mural.



Secondary News

This year has gone so quickly. I want to thank everyone: students, parents and staff for their support during my first year as Head of Secondary. It has been a privilege to be the Team Leader, working with a great community at school and beyond.

We farewell four students: Charlotte Partridge, Jessie and Hannah Kleinmeulman and Martinett Gouws. Each one of these students have made positive contributions to our school and they model our RAI Way values of respect, achieve and inspire beautifully. We thank them for the many valuable contributions they have made during their time at school and we will remember them fondly. We also wish them well for their onward journeys and look forward to hearing how they are doing in the future.

On Tuesday we welcomed David Collins and a group of students from Queen Charlotte College to our school. They gave a kapa haka performance to our Y9 and 10 students and also some students from the primary school. David Collins is the kapa haka teacher at Queen Charlotte College and he has very kindly offered to work with us and our students to learn more waiata and karakia. We are looking forward to building this relationship further next year. We are also pleased to be working with Whaea Diane from Queen Charlotte College. She is the te reo Māori teacher and has offered support and advice for our students who want to enter Ngā Manu Kōrero Speech Competitions next year. Also, we are in consultation with two local Iwi about working more closely together. Working in partnership with community groups will result in many positive outcomes for our students and we appreciate these relationships.

I wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Siobhan Skinner

Y12 Enviro 2018

By Alec Johnson Y12

Over this year Hannah and I have done multiple projects relating to bees. We have learned how important they are to the environment. One of our projects was a bee education programme which talked about how pollination works and why it is so important, e.g. it is believed that on average 1/3 of the food on our plates relies on pollination by bees! We also did a planting project based around bee friendly plants with the Y9 and 10 students. Our latest project is an art piece (see photo below) that reminds us to look after bees and it promotes a 'bee positive' attitude.



School News



In robotics, the Year 7, 8, and 9 classes have participated in a robotic crane and bridge-building challenge. The challenge involved building a bridge (from paper and spaghetti) which could hold the largest possible mass. They also had to build a robot which could lift the mass on to the bridge. Pictured here are the Year 9's with their finished assembly



To celebrate the end of the year, the year 9 and 10 Social Studies class organised their own class trip to Nelson last Tuesday. Thanks to Andrew Welsman, David MacDonald and Toni Natapu for supporting the students. Each student wrote a sentence summing up the day:



I literally flipped out at Flip Out - Leah
We did flips into the foam pit - Maddy
We were all exhausted at the end - Katie
I drowned in the foam pit - Lewis
It was really fun! I loved Flip Out - Alicia
Miss Natapu is a very good driver, so we didn't die! - Electra
Flip Out was really fun and I hope we can go again - Abby
We stocked up on lollies at the mall, there were wrappers in the van galore!- Lilly
I bought some sunglasses when I was not supposed to - Rose
I became broke by shouting everyone icecreams - Charlotte
I had food and had fun - Cody
It was loads of fun - Alec
The van rides were good fun - Aria
It was an awesome, cool day - Sax



Float your boat!

This term has seen the Year 10 students consider a range of hard materials that could be used in creating a boat... there were specific conditions!

- The boat must be able to float.
- The boat must be able to carry a person.
- Recycled materials to be used.
- Glue and duct tape allowed.

The students had a lot of fun planning and constructing their boats. It was interesting how each team chose their captain for the boat. Young primary children were observed and considered for the job. Both teams came up with the strategy to choose a child that was small and light... less chance of the boat sinking!

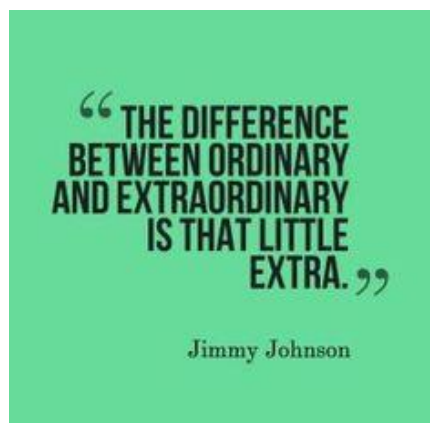
Students would like to thank Izaac and Tyler for volunteering and being such good sports. They were both a bit apprehensive at first but were shown caught up in the excitement. And yes... the boats floated!

Photos below show Izaac about to be lifted into 'Betty the Boat' and Tyler getting his balance ready for the race to start.



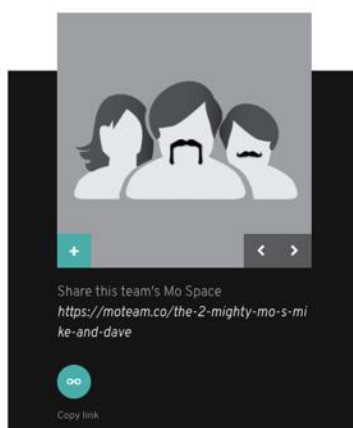
Well done to both teams, it was a fun way to end the unit of work on.

Mrs Stuart



Movember

Staff got behind the men's health Movember initiative by firstly putting up with some hideous looking facial hair and secondly generously donating \$381 in support of a number of men's health initiatives. One of which was mental health. At a Thursday assembly it gave the male teachers a chance to share with the students some of the struggles we have had in our lives and that it is ok to ask for help. The awesome support we received this year has inspired Mr Wilson, Mr Hickling and I to put the staff through the same torment next year. So, look forward to that with some extra costume themed days thrown in for good measure. Next year watch out for Freddy Mercury!



The 2 Mighty Mo's (Mike and Dave)

Rai Valley Area School

\$381

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Our Mo-tivation

We're raising funds and awareness this Movember for all the dads, brothers, sons and mates in our lives. We need your help. Please donate to support men's health.

Science

It has been great to be doing some Science with room 12 this term. We have been looking at some Ecology concepts with some hands on activities with axolotls, tadpoles and Koura (watch those fingers!). It was also good to have some of the room 12 boys doing water rockets on Thursday which they really enjoyed!



Community News

IF YOU'RE FEELING

STRESSED



ANXIOUS



OUT OF YOUR DEPTH

there are

4 WEBSITES

that can **HELP**



Check out *Help for the Tough Times* – a guide for teens.

Ask your school guidance counsellor, or a member of the school staff about it.

Know of someone who is feeling stressed or anxious or out of their depth?

Let them know where they can go to get help for the tough times. These websites are designed especially for 12-19 year olds – and there's useful information in there for parents and whānau, too.



thelowdown.co.nz



youthline.co.nz



sparx.org.nz



commonground.org.nz