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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.



Wednesday 6th November 2019

Kia ora koutou

Friday, is the last day for our Year 11-13 students as they begin external examinations next week. I hope students will continue to attend the tutorials offered by teachers in the remaining weeks to ensure maximum success.

Congratulations to Alec Johnson on his recent award at the industry training celebrations recently in Blenheim. This success for Alec, follows a competition of the Outward Bound course in the Marlborough Sounds.

Group day was held last Friday at Linkwater school. Congratulations to Tasymn Thame who was awarded third place for her goat and Danny Roeske who was awarded Best Pet for his lamb. Danny was also awarded the Tiny Moore Trophy for Lamb -best pet. A huge thank you to Emma Thame for ensuring children's entries were taken to Linkwater and her support on the day.

Next Wednesday the Years 1 to 8 students will compete at the Pelorus Cluster Athletics in Havelock. On Friday the 15th November Year 7 and 8 students are attending Whenua Iti Outdoor Education Centre for the day. The Years 9 and 10 are also going to school camp for three days at the end of November.

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I would like to encourage you to attend the upcoming parent evenings. Unfortunately, the timing could be better but these were the only dates we could negotiate.

On **Monday 25**th **November Jenny Turbett** is speaking with parents about students who have learning challenges and on **Tuesday 26**th **November Paul Johnstone** is going to talk about how restorative processes work in our school. For both these sessions, we will provide childcare if required to enable parents to attend.

Ngā mihi nui

Maree Furness Tumuaki

TERM 4 – EVENTS Calendar

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| Friday 8 th November | Years 11, 12, 13 students – last day |
| Tuesday 12 th November | Room 15 – Art visit to Nelson |
| Wednesday 13 th November | Pelorus Cluster Athletics at Havelock |
| Thursday 14 th November | Whole School Assembly |
| Friday 15 th November | Year 7 & 8 - Whenua Iti Trip |
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| Monday 18 th November | Teacher Only Day – SCHOOL CLOSED |
| Tuesday 19 th November | BOT Meeting – 6.30pm |
| Monday 25 th November | Jenny Tebbutt – Learning abilities – Parents Evening 6.00 – 8.00pm in the |
| | library. |
| | Playground structure begins. |
| | Rooms 13 & 15 – Tuia 250 (Endeavour Trip) at Picton |
| Tuesday 26 th November | Restorative Practices – Paul Johnstone 6.00 – 7.30pm |
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| Wednesday 27 th – Friday 29 th | Year 9 & 10 School Camp -Whenua Iti |
| November | |
| Thursday 28 th November | Whole School Assembly |
| Saturday 7 th December | LEO Club - Trip to Natureland - Nelson |
| Monday 9 th December | Reports given out. |
| Tuesday 10 th December | Prizegiving |
| Wednesday 11 th December | Last day of School – 2.50pm |
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<u>Cleaner Required:</u> Immediate start at Trout Hotel. Phone Karen 03 5742 888.



Secondary News

Alec Johnson meets the Mayor.

We are incredibly proud of year 13 student, Alec Johnson, who attended Blenheim Mayor, John Leggett's, Industry Training Awards at ASB Theatre on Thursday 31st of October.

Alec was the sole school student among a raft of industry candidates as he received his certificate acknowledging his swimming coach qualification he gained through the school.

Alec's award comes hot on the heals of completing a grueling and intensive course Outward Bound course in the Marlborough Sounds.

Next year Alec hopes to explore his options in the armed services and the school wishes him all the best with his future career.



Your positive action combined with positive thinking results in success.

LEO Club

Exciting news! The LEO Club (Leadership, Experience, Opportunity) has decided to meet after school on Friday afternoons every second week. This gives us more time to have our meeting and then do activities. Here we are making pikelets. Kade is going to take his baking schools with him when he goes on his Lions' exchange trip to Japan later this month.

Apparently you can add all sorts to pikelets such as cinnamon, green food colouring and even curry powder!



Outward Bound 2019

Alec Johnson was the recipient of the fully funded place at Outward Bound this year. He challenged himself to be the best version of himself he could be, and he did this amazingly well. Alec is looking forward to future adventures.

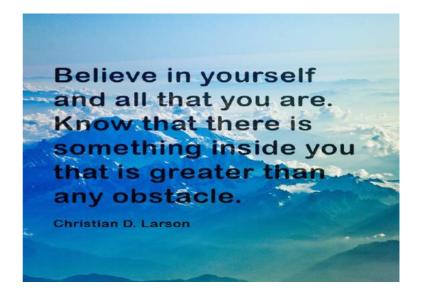
Outward Bound is an amazing opportunity and we encourage students to start thinking about applying to Outward Bound next year.



FAREWELL TO SENIOR STUDENTS

It is with a mixture of sadness and pride that we say goodbye to some students. Some as they leave to follow their career / tertiary study pathways and others who will be returning next year.

We wish every student happiness and success, whether that be going to university or entering a trade.



To the students:

We encourage you to take the RAI Way values with you, these are our gifts to you. Stick with these and they will see you through the good times, as well as the not so good times in life.

Don't be a stranger in future, pop in and say hello. It has been a pleasure to walk alongside you through your years at school. Get in touch if you need anything as you head out into a world of opportunities. We wish you well.



Primary School News

Primary are enjoying receiving athletics coaching every Friday from Ian Carter.

Running - and starting, jumping and throwing skills are being taught, step by step in readiness for the Pelorus Athletics inter-school competition next Wednesday. Thank you in advance to those parents who have kindly offered to help with transporting children other than their own to this event, we couldn't participate without your generosity. It's always a great day out, often ending with an adult's race which is fun to see.

Did everyone see the 'Wee Wonders' half-page spread in the Saturday Express on November 2nd. Only eight children's pictures and answers were printed but it's lovely to see Rai Valley represented again as the kids explain how they keep cool on a hot day. Roll on summer!

Invisible!

Bang! A tree smashed on the window on the morning of Halloween. I just stepped out of bed. It was two in the morning. It was raining and cold. I looked in the mirror and couldn't see any part of my body I could only see my sock and pyjamas.

I screamed and jumped into bed. And tried to get back to sleep but I couldn't so I didn't look in the mirror and ran to the kitchen to get sleep drops.

I thought I was seeing things so I went to sleep so I could check when I was thinking straight. I had a strange sleep. I felt like I was awake some of the time, other times I fell in a deep sleep thinking about what I saw.

I woke up really fast, surprisingly, and jumped out of bed and looked in the mirror and all I saw was socks and my pyjamas I screamed so loud it woke up my Mum. My Dad was at work so he wasn't home.

My Mum rushed in. "Are you okay? Are you hurt?" She screamed as she entered the room.

- "No Mum I'm not," I murmured.
- "Where are you, Holly? If this is a prank or a joke it isn't funny! What are these floating clothes in your room?"
- "Mum it's me."
- "Impossible!" Mother shouted. "Stop being ridiculous!"
- "It is me, mother," I said as I hugged her.
- "Really?" Mother said.
- "Yes," I answered.
- "How?" she yelled.

Then I told her the story about what happened. She stood up shocked. "What will we do?"

"I don't know," I said. "Mum, I can feel some extra weight on my shoulders but all I have on is my pyjamas and socks."

Mother suggested I try to take off something on my shoulders just in case there was an invisible cloak on me like in the movies. I tried taking something off my shoulders but it was too heavy.

So then I asked mum to try. CRASH! A cloak smashed on the floor it sounded like it was made of brick. I quickly looked in the mirror and I saw myself. I was back to normal.

We picked up the cloak and looked around my room. My window was open. So we figured out that someone must have put it on me when I was sleeping. I have so many questions about why he put it on me and how he got it.

I thought this type of stuff was fake. But it turns out it wasn't. Every year on this day we celebrate and laugh about what happened.

by Holly Mant

This is the moment I had been training for. I was balancing without the reins, I had my hands on my hips.

My horse was well behaved. I was determined to get into the competition then my riding teacher said "Start galloping."

I was scared, but I did it. As soon as I kicked the stirrups, Major started galloping, I nearly said stop to Major but we were there.

I made it!

I was there at the end of the fence. All the horses started nayying. I hugged Major. He nayyed and his mane flowed in the wind.

My trainer said I'm ready for the competition. I said "YAY!"

By Madalyn Sharpe Rm 13

There were stars in the sky, yet the sun was still shining. My friends and I were on the ferris wheel, suddenly the ferris wheel stopped. We were at the very top. One of my friends cried out "oh no!". We didn't know what had happened. We were scared. Suddenly night time hit. No one knew we were still on the ferris wheel. My other friend said "what if we have to stay here for another 321 days?" Then I said "they're taking the ferris wheel down next week."

My friends parents were sticking posters on the gates. They called the police. The police looked everywhere apart from the ferris wheel. I had only just finished my popcorn I had from the shop. I was worried I did not see anything as it was still night. Finally it was day. We found a way to get down. I cried out "YAY!"

At last we were free. The next day the ferris wheel started.

By Samara Partridge Rm 13

It was a dark night and a rocket was launched, boosters roaring with thrust. Astronauts had smiles on their faces as they go through the atmosphere. They started broadcasting to ground control. The side boosters detach from the rocket. All of the parts de-tach and it's now the pod. They land on the moon.

They finally completed their dreams and jumped out of the pod and planted



their flag. They came back to the main land but landed in water so it was a safe landing. They shot a flare in the air and returned to their families safe and sound. Ground control threw a party and so did the astronauts in the end every-body was happy.

by Rawiri Wearing-Holmes Rm 13



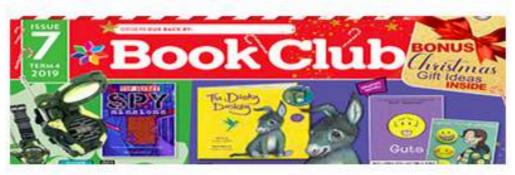
$K_{ids}E_{dible}G_{arden}$

We are back and soon to be better than ever with a move and a remodel. Currently on Fridays Year 1-4 students are heading out to K.E.G with Renee and Haley. We have potted up our strawberries and some other plants for the move.

The plan is to empty the current sandpit and move the garden there so the new play structure can have a home under the shade of the trees. This will make the garden more contained with less trampling dinosaurs going thru. We are hoping to have a separate plot for each primary class with the possibility of these being more for attracting the beneficial insects and pollinators to our edible garden.

Please support the ARTWORKS CALENDAR fundraliser to raise money for the Kids Edible Garden





Closes 7th November



Closes 22nd November

Group Day 2019



Winning Lamb 1: Danny Roeske with the Tiny Moore Trophy/Sheild for Best Pet/Ringcraft.

While our own Pet Day may already be a distant memory for some, for others there was still Group Day to come. This year it was held at Linkwater School. Well done, to all that entered pets or exhibits. An extra big "thank you" to Emma Thame for being the school's co-ordinator on the day. This time around, we had two significant winners which were:

- Tasmyn Thame, Year 5 who placed 3rd for open ringcraft/best pet for her goat.
- Danny Roeske, Year 8 who placed 1st for senior ringcraft/best pet for his lamb.
- Danny also went on to with the Tiny Moore Trophy for Lamb Best Pet/Ringcraft and/or calling.

Danny has written his own account of the experience,

Group Day

By Danny Roeske.

Friday the 1st of November I got my lamb ready for Group Day. First, I fed my lamb a bottle of milk then I help wash Mickey and made her all clean then I got some hay in a bag and a bottle of milk and water. We put my lamb in Dad's truck to go to Linkwater School. When we got there I unloaded my lamb and went to sign in. Then it started. I got my first ribbon. It was first for care and good walking. I then went in some other events. It was lots of fun. Then at the end of the day, Mum, Dad, Mickey and I went to prize-giving and they called out my name. I asked Dad, "was that my name?" and Dad said, "yes!" I went up and the lady said you have won "Champion Lamb". I was so happy.





RAI VALLEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS

The Library has been open for 20 years come the 4th of November, so to celebrate the Community Library Committee are holding a morning tea on Saturday 16th of November from 10:30am in the library. Author Jack Harte will be here to talk about his book. Any community members are welcome to come along and have a cuppa to celebrate this fantastic building built by the community and opened 20 years ago. Please RSVP by Thursday 14th Renee Jope 0277750083 or Sarah Todd 5716025





Rai Valley Playgroup Fundraiser



Rai Valley Playgroup are holding a small fundraiser on Friday 15th November at 6:30pm in the Library.

\$5 entry fee on the night would be greatly appreciated.

The plan is that everyone who comes can bring along clothes or shoes they don't need or want anymore. This can range from adults to small children of all sizes. Supper will be provided on the night by Playgroup Mums.





Canvastown Quiz Night - 16th November - book the date in!
Book a table at the Rai Tavern or ring Bridget at the office.
\$10.00 per person or \$60 for a table of six. Raffle prizes!!! Make a night of it.
The money raised enables our senior students to go to camp at no cost.



Workplace First Aid Course Havelock



When: Saturday 16th November, 2019

Where: MPF (Hall) Havelock School

Time: Full Course: 9.00am - 5.00pm ish Cost: \$105

Refresher course: 9.00 - 3.30pm ish Cost: \$72

Tutor: Trevor Faulkner - Pro Med

This is an NZQA recognised course aimed at all those who need skills for life in their everyday environments.

It is appropriate for anyone who wants first aid skills for home, work or recreation, or who needs a certificate that fulfils their legal workplace requirements.

If you have a farm or other business in the Havelock area it is important that you have at least one staff member with this certificate.

Included will be a demonstration and information on our local defibrillator.

Contact: Rita Jacobson. Phone: 574 2176 Email: ritacolletjacobson@gmail.com

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Pelorus Area Health Trust



Havelock Charity Shop

Needs more volunteers

We need fun, friendly, enthusiastic volunteers to give just a few hours of their time to support a local Trust that promotes health care in the Pelorus Area.



If you are a people-person, organised, and would like to work with a lovely group of ladies as a volunteer, then we would love to hear from you!

Please give your contact details to a shop volunteer to pass on to our Manager.



Presents an interactive forum on

Dispelling the Myths of Death and Dying It comes to us all...

Come and hear presentations from Fare-well Services on how to die at home with dignity and support. As well as presentations by Hospice Marlborough and our two local Funeral companies Cloudy Bay Funeral Services and Geoffrey T Sowman Funerals. This will be followed by a Q & A session and afternoon tea.

Be inspired by Compassionate Communities
Join the Coffin Club!
Understand how Hospice can work with our community
Have you thought about turning your loved one's ashes
piece of jewellery?



into an everlasting

Come along and see that it's time to talk, and ask questions about the funeral industry in a warm relaxed environment- who does what and when and how?

Sunday 24th November Linkwater Settlers Hall 1.30 to 3.30 followed by afternoon tea RSVP for catering purposes to jannhook@yahoo.co.nz or txt 0211439757

Calling all Parents & Caregivers

Tuesday 26th of November 6pm in the Library

Restorative Practices Session



On Tuesday 26th of November the school will be hosting Paul Johnstone a PB4L advisor for the Nelson/Marlborough region.

Paul will be focusing on "Restorative Practice" and how effective this approach is in managing and resolving behaviour issues.

If you have ever heard the term Restorative Practices and wondered what it involves, or are looking for effective ways to support your young person's journey through school life, this is a brilliant opportunity to find out more.

Connected to PB4L, the Restorative Practice model focuses on building and maintaining positive, respectful relationships across the school community and offers school staff best-practice tools and techniques to restore relationships when things go wrong

Paul has already worked with staff around using restorative practices and his talks come highly recommended.

The session will last 90 minutes and give some insight into why our school and others around the country find this method so effective. Please see our facebook site for more information.