

Te Karere

Rai Valley Area School News



Wednesday 10th June 2020

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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 kotoa

Like many we are excited to be at Level 1 and the continued move to an ever more “normal” looking school day. There aren’t too many changes for our school as we move down a level.

Under Level 1, while our QR codes remain up for those that wish to use them, we can say goodbye to social distancing and the school contact registers at the gates. Visitors to the school can return to signing our register at the front office which remains an important part of health and safety as always. We will continue to encourage good hand hygiene, and for now, the hand sanitise dispensers around the school will remain well-stocked. We will also keep up our additional cleaning of high contact surfaces such as door handles and alike. Level 1 will see the welcome return of whole school assemblies, and later we hope, Cluster events such as cross country and Top Team. One important reminder is for parents and caregivers to keep any unwell children at home, something that will help assist in holding the spread of those winter bugs as they start to raise their heads.

The Rai Way Student Shop was launched this week and is already very popular with students. After consultation with pupils of all ages earlier in the year, it was decided to revamp our PB4L rewards systems providing students with more freedom of choice and immediacy in how they were rewarded. Students can now “spend” their stamps on a range of options in the Rai Way Shop including stationery, some food items, and vouchers. Rewards are already flying out the door for students who have earned them over the last term and a half.



Our senior NCEA students seem pleased with the consideration that has been given the impacts of COVID 19 on study and learning. Consequently, students can be allocated a maximum of up to 10 extra credits at Level 1, and 8 at Level 2 & 3 to help compensate for the time lost. These will be known as LR credits (or Learning Recognition Credits) and if applicable, will be added on at the end of the academic year. Levels for overall endorsements have also been lessened from 50 to 46 credits at Merit or Excellence. Subject endorsements have likewise been adjusted from 14 to 12 credits at Merit or Excellence. Hopefully this helps take away some of the anxiety students might feel around the time spent under lockdown.

Finally, post lockdown we have had renewed interest in BYOD devices. As a reminder, students need a signed BYOD form in order to bring a phone or laptop to school. These can be picked up from me and I advise parents and caregivers take some time to go through the form with their young people to ensure they understand the expectations and responsibilities of having a device at school. These devices can be wonderful servants, and terrible masters and we have dual interest in their safe and effective use in our school.

Ngā mihi nui

Michael Wilson
Deputy Principal

TERM 2 – EVENTS Calendar

Wednesday 10 th June – Friday 12 th June	Life Education Trust – Genevieve Macdonald
Thursday 11 th June	Whole School Assembly
Friday 3rd July	LAST DAY OF TERM
Monday 20th July	TERM 3 BEGINS

Playgroup – at Rai Valley Area School

Welcome to come along and join in with the activities.

Ages 5 and under.

Held in Room 14 on school grounds.

Tea and coffee provided. Bring a kid's lunchbox and sunhat.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday at 9.00am to 12.00 noon.

Facebook Rai Valley Playgroup.

For further information please contact Kelsey Knight 03 5716353; Vicky Thompson 03 5716 212.



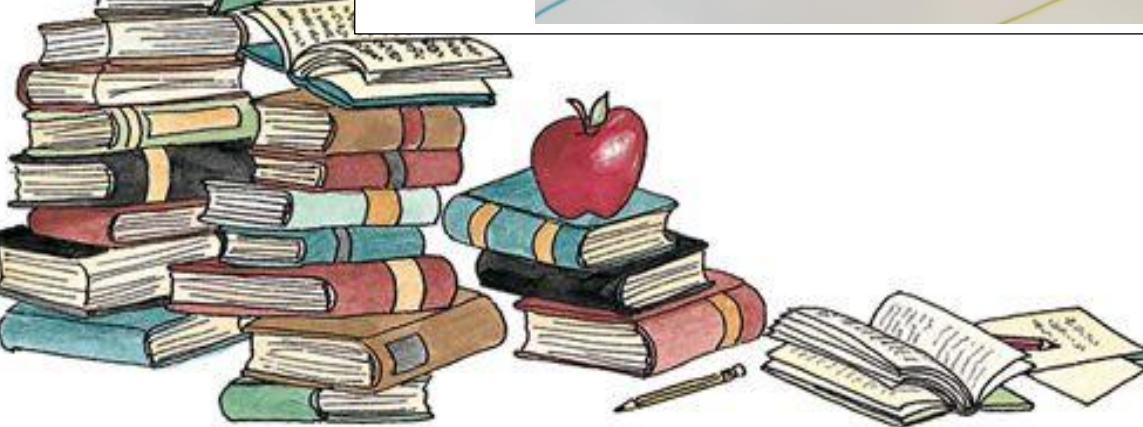
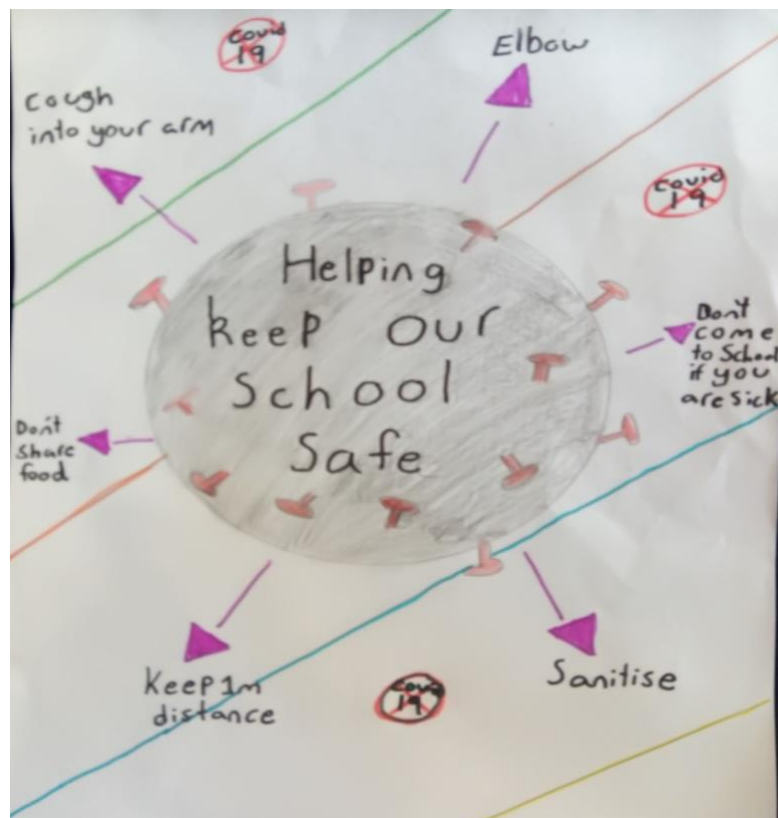


THE RAIWAY CORNER

Our focus this week is a continuation of
respecting each other by helping keep our school safe.
WE CAN DO THIS IN MANY WAYS....

- *SANITISE AT EVERY CHANCE**
- *COUGH INTO YOUR ELBOW**
- *STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK**
- *DON'T SHARE DRINK BOTTLES OR FOOD**

Below is a poster designed by Elin Kiddey.



Secondary School News

Hard to believe it's week 9 of a 12 week term. Students have settled very well after their return to school post COVID 19 lockdown. It is fantastic to see how well our two new students have settled into the fold and how well students are working, particularly Y11 & Y12 students. We are very pleased to be at Level 1 now.

We appreciate the support of parents and whanau in helping our young people settle back into routines. Going forward we ask that you continue to support your young person to maintain a high level of attendance. This is crucial in Y11 and 12 as students are continuously working on / towards assessments and practice assessments. A day's absence can have a big impact. If possible, please schedule routine appointments outside of school hours. We are mindful of student wellbeing and how missing work can worry some students.

Here's a glimpse of what secondary students were up to on Wednesday afternoon. Lovely to see everyone happily engaged in their learning.



Olivia, Abby and Lillyarna doing a Home Economics assessment



Alec Swan and Cody Rollo doing woodwork projects / assignments.



Olivia Johnson carving Oamaru limestone pieces.

NCEA Evening

Next term we will hold an NCEA Open Evening for parents and whanau of Y10, Y11 and Y12 students. This will be student led and will contain everything you ever wanted to know about NCEA qualifications, including new changes for this year.

First NCEA Level 1 Maths Exam

For parents of Y11 students it is worth noting that on Thursday the 17th of September (week 9 of Term 3), all Y11 students will be sitting the NCEA Level 1 MCAT Algebra Exam at school. This is their first external exam. It is the 'odd one out' as it takes place in Term 3, long before the end of year external exams.

Secondary Camp

We have been talking to students about what they would like to do, and it looks like we may head off skiing for a day, following an overnight stay at school. More details to follow.

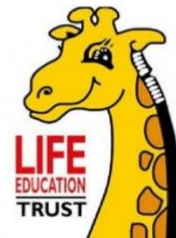
Ngā mihi ki a koe,
Siobhan

Primary School News

On cool, crisp mornings it is great to see the sun and kids running out to play. The sandpit continues to prove a delight to many. Ben has mowed the lines into the grass for a more defined soccer field and lots of children and again involved with this.

In the primary syndicate, we are awaiting a new COVID level to hopefully have some inter-cluster events up and running again next term. Watch this space! Traditionally in Term 3 we have cross country, speeches and a Tech challenge.

Genevieve Macdonald and the Life Education mobile classroom are here with us this week. Each class has a specifically designed health programme delivered to them as part of our health curriculum. Please ask your child/ren what they learned, as this is also a great opportunity to build on conversations you may not regularly have with them. Harold, of course, will be there to reinforce these special messages of health.



This week the **Primary Syndicate will have their own assembly on Thursday morning with lots of Rai Way**, 100 and even bigger certificates will be presented. Last Friday Mr Wilson and Mrs Nightingale shared the new prize system for rewards for points that are earned by children showing The Rai Way. We hope this will again be an incentive to practice the values of our school and be rewarded for them. Simple regular returning of boomerang books, showing respect, gaining achievement and being inspiring will gain students regular stamps that can be converted into point and shopping tokens.

We will soon have the opportunity for some excellent **professional development with Educational Consultant Jenny Tebbutt**. She will conduct some webinar sessions to help parents support their children with their learning differences in your own home and in your own time. Please see the page advertisement about Raising Achievement further in the newsletter. We are looking into funding opportunities also. Please contact me, Mrs Davies, if you are interested.

Karen Davies

FROM THE NEWS ROOM 3...

The capital of Belgium is Brussels. Brussels has over 1.209 million people living in it. Brussels is also 161.4 sq km big. The mayor of Brussels is Philippe Close.

Brussels is known for its cuisine gastronomy as well as its historical and architectural landmarks. Some of them are registered as UNESCO world heritage sites due to its long tradition of Belgian comic strip

It's also known for the Battle of the Bulge that happened in World War Two when the Germans invaded Belgium. They talk mostly Dutch but they also speak French and German.

By Hamish Pratt

New Marketing Campaign Dunedin

Auckland? Blenheim? Christchurch? No! A great tourism campaign is promoting Dunedin as 'a pretty good plan D.' The \$150,000 campaign from Enterprise Dunedin, the destination marketing arm of the Dunedin City Council, aims to woo domestic travellers to the city.

Malcolm Anderson, the council's marketing manager, said the campaign was pitched at those who could no longer go overseas due to COVID-19 restrictions and aimed to show them that Dunedin could offer pretty much the same thing.

Malcolm Anderson said the compact city had plenty of destinations that international tourists raved about. He had hoped Kiwis' perspective would be changed by the video campaign. It also encourages Dunedinites to visit local attractions with a new app offering special offers and promo deals!

By Kaya Luscombe

In early June Russia's president Vladimir Putin declared a state of emergency due to 20,000 tonnes of diesel oil that leaked into a river within the arctic circle.

The spill happened when a fuel tank at the power plant near the city of Norilsk collapsed. The power plant director (Vyacheslav Starostin) has been taken into custody until 31 July.

The oil drifted 12 kilometres from the site where it leaked. President Putin expressed his anger after discovering officials learned about the oil spill days later. Experts said it could take years to fully recover.

The oil spill is going to cost \$130 million to clean up according to an early estimate. Last time Siberia had a huge oil spill was in 1999 and that took years to recover.

By Kayla Gardiner

Covid-19

Fifteen percent of people infected with Covid-19 didn't have symptoms. The most common symptoms for Covid-19 are fever, dry cough, and tiredness. Serious symptoms of Covid-19 are difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, chest pain, and loss of speech or movement.

There are 1,154 confirmed cases, 1131 received cases, and 22 deaths in New Zealand. It has now been 16 days since a new Covid-19 case was reported in New Zealand.

The main people at risk for Covid-19 are older people who are 70 and above and people who have medical conditions, but overall everyone can get Covid-19.

Go to, covid19.govt.nz, for more information, and unite against Covid-19. Okay, that's what the website says.

By Lorna O'Donnell

Ireland's Flag

The three colours on the Ireland flag are green, white and orange. The green colour stands for the Irish Catholics as well as the republican cause. The white colour represents the hope for peace between Catholics and protestants. The orange colour represents Irish protestants.

By Terra Rossiter

Coca-Cola

Coca-Cola was popularised by an American serviceman in New Zealand during world war 2 (1 September 1939 - 2 September 1945). It was imported ready-made from 1939, and made locally from imported concentrate after 1944. In the early 2000's factories in Auckland and Christchurch could produce over 3 million litres of soft drink a day.

The Coca-Cola company is a publicly listed company, meaning there is not one sole owner but rather the company is "owned" by thousands of shareholders and investors around the world. The largest share owner of the company is an American businessman, Warren Buffett.

New Zealand's sales in NARTD (Non Alcoholic Ready To Drink) volumes also showed improvement with declines improving from a 35% drop in April to just 10% in the first three weeks of May. The firm is aware that it is not out of the Covid-19 woods yet despite things looking up.

By Holly Mant

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Jacinda Ardern and NZ created four alert levels that we are slowly moving through.

The highest alert level was Alert Level 4, where the disease was likely not contained. The whole of New Zealand went into lockdown.

Alert Level 3 is where there is a high risk that the disease is not contained. New Zealand went into Alert Level 3 after about a month of being in Alert Level 4.

We are currently in Alert Level 2. Alert Level 2 means that the disease is reduced and is contained. Unfortunately there is still a risk of community transmission.

During Alert Level 1 there will no longer be group gathering restrictions.

Alert Level 1 means that Covid-19 disease is contained in New Zealand but people would still need to be prepared for what could happen.

By Ella Jenner

Room 15 Work

Lockdown with Gareth



Hello, I am Gareth's lockdown bear. I am always sitting on the window sill. One day there was a big fight outside with one of Gareth's cats and a water rat. His Dad threw the rat to our neighbours house and Max played with the rat.

In lockdown Gareth got a new bike from the bike shop. The bike was white, black and blue and has gears. The bike is really fast. One day Gareth's Dad is going to take Gareth and Jason mountain biking somewhere. Gareth can't wait to go mountain-biking. The new bike was supposed to be for Jason but the bike is too big so the bike is for Gareth.

By Gareth Woodley

Fishing

Rough, smelly, wet ,sharp

Launching ,exciting ,heavy, catching

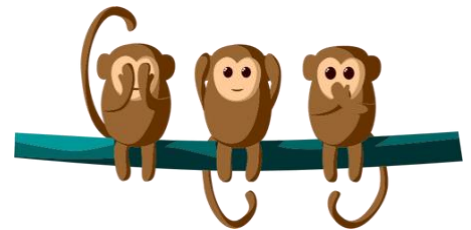
Fishing is cool.

By Bayley Fenton



Monkey !

Fluffy,furry,cheeky faces,brown
Eating,swing,chattering,naughty
Monkeys eat bananas
But I don't



By Elin Kiddey

Snakes!

Scaly, cute, big or small, sometimes scary

Eating, resting, hunting, wearing hats

Snakes are the best

By Sami Hug



I took an old shoe box and cut off one side.

I painted it dark green, light green and black.

We let it dry in the art room and waited to do more coating. We did the last coat and put it in the sun in the library to dry.

Then I started on the actual farm. I coloured my corn, my barn, my tractor and the big grain tank and house and the cows. I named my farm Opouri Valley Farm.

By Declan Knight



Elements

Nature based play

Elements provides a truly authentic outdoor experience for children. Elements is no ordinary programme as we consider how the environment helps the developing child. Active movement, creative play & fun!

This July we have a variety of programmes in Blenheim. Come along and be inspired by all things magical – make spells & potions, ride a witches broomstick and maybe make dragon eggs! Or challenge your construction skills by making huts big and small!

- **Huts & Hideouts** (x1 day) – Friday 10, 9am-3pm, \$50
- **Magic & Spells** (x2 day) – Mon 13th & Tues 14th, 9am-3pm, \$100

Email: elementsprogrammes@gmail.com

To book putting Elements Canterbury as the 'school' - in <https://elements.aimyplus.com/>

Kim 0279340409 <https://www.elementsnature.co.nz/>

Fb: <https://www.facebook.com/elementsprogrammes>

Ages 4.5-13yrs

- July: Fri 10 Mon 13 & Tues 14

Taylor Dam

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**ELECTORAL
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ELECTIONS

Want to work at the 2020 General Election?

Across the country we need over 20,000 staff to work for us, both on the day and in the weeks before and after at headquarters. We want to ensure that we have paid staff that represent our communities.

We would like to encourage people in your community to register their interest in working for us here: <https://elections.nz/jobs/work-at-the-2020-general-election/>

Once registered you will be advised via email of vacancies as they come up. Thank you.

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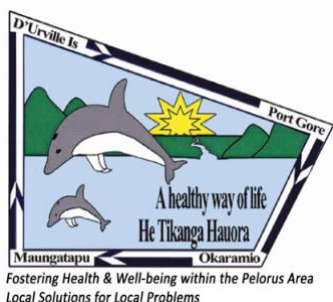
Enrol, check or update



Also, please remind whanau and friends to check their enrolment details – which can be done here: <https://enrol.vote.nz/app/enrol/#/check-online>, and of course to vote on (or before) Saturday 19 September!

Enrolling before the day will help us with Social distancing.

Pelorus Area Health Trust



Big Changes at Havelock Charity Shop

The Havelock Charity Shop is now open again. You will notice some big changes- or should that be “smaller” changes. The Charity Shop is now only operating out of the little boutique shop. We no longer rent the big barn part of the building. As such we have had to re-focus what we are selling due to limited space.

We can no longer accept donated furniture, large paintings or any LPs.

However, we will be selling seedlings and plants- did you know this shop was once a garden centre? We are going back to its roots- so to speak! So we would love it if you could pot up any vegie, herb or even flower seedlings and cuttings you have and are willing to donate to us for re-sale.

The Charity Shop now has its own phone number, so feel free to call to check on opening times and donation of goods
028 428 6071

At this stage we are not accepting any donations of goods. We have a lot of stock crammed into the shop. We also need to manage Covid19 risks. Hold onto your donations of goods until June, thanks.

Visit our website for more information

www.PelorusAreaHealthTrust.co.nz

Marlborough Netball

We are at Alert Level 1!!! This means that we can return to Netball without any restrictions in place.

As we unite to recover from the effects of COVID-19, it's still important that we keep the basic hygiene measures, including washing your hands and coughing or sneezing into your elbow.

We should all continue to keep track of where we've been and who we've seen to assist with rapid contact tracing if it is required. Looking forward to seeing you all out on court soon.

Ngā mihi nui
Raramai Nicklin
Marlborough Netball Administrator
021 556 486

Registrations are now open for the July school holiday programme.

Riana Burger, Netball Development Officer – Mobile 021 989 706, ndo@marlboroughnetball.org.nz

Marlborough Netball Centre, 34 Herbert Street, P O Box 1072, Blenheim 7240.

www.marlboroughnetball.org.nz

NETBALL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2020



MARLBOROUGH NETBALL



Date: 9 July 2020

Time: 10 am - 3 pm

Where: Lansdowne park (Netball Courts)

Cost: \$20 per player incl. lunch

Marlborough netball is partnering up with Oscar to give your child an unforgettable holiday experience. The day will be filled with fun activities e.g. Netball Skills, Team building Games, Bouncy Castles and Zumba (Dance Fitness). Include all age groups.

To Register: [Click Here](#) or go to www.marlboroughnetballcentre.org.nz

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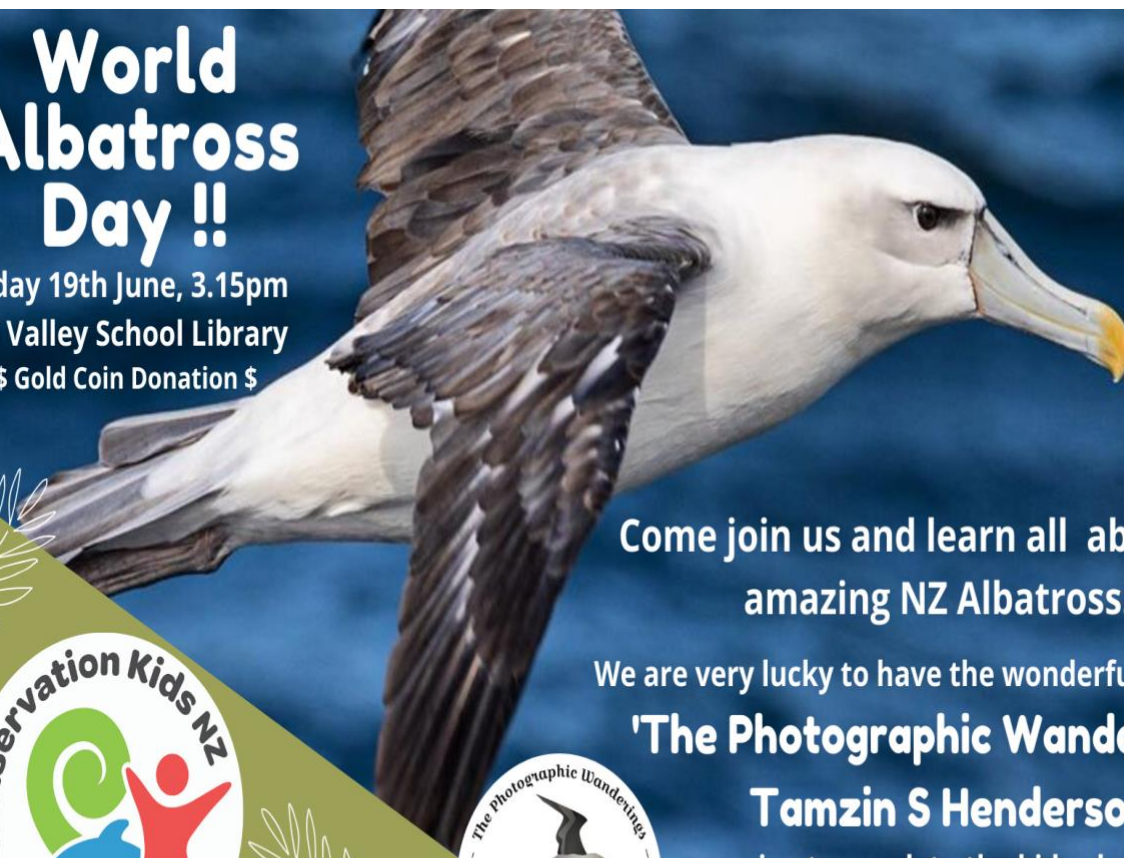
bed bath & beyond

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SPECIALIST STORES

countdown

World Albatross Day !!

Friday 19th June, 3.15pm
Rai Valley School Library
\$ Gold Coin Donation \$



Come join us and learn all about the amazing NZ Albatross.

We are very lucky to have the wonderful Tamzin from 'The Photographic Wanderings of Tamzin S Henderson'

coming to speak to the kids about her interactions with this beautiful bird.

Please RSVP via our Facebook members group event or to Antonia O'Donnell

