

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.



Wednesday 27th May 2020

Kia ora koutou katoa

Congratulations to everyone for a very smooth return to school. Our students have settled into school very quickly and very smoothly. Thank you for all the support that you gave during lock-down to your child's learning. I am sure that some of you are finding your young people are more tired than usual. We are becoming aware that for some of our younger students, the COVID experience has been very stressful. This could be seen in behaviour changes, more tearfulness, or change in sleeping patterns. It is important that we constantly reassure children that they are safe, and everything is good in their world. If you have concerns please do not hesitate to talk to their teacher, Richard our Guidance Counsellor (Richard.wilkins@rai.school.nz) or your doctor.

Last year our school received funding for a regular school nurse. We are very fortunate that Rebekah Blease who will be known to some of you has agreed to pick up this role. This is in addition to her current role in our community and will focus on working with young people. Over the next few weeks we will be sending out a lot more information around this role and hopefully early next Term we can hold a parent session where Rebekah can talk to you about this role. Rebekah will work from the meeting room in the library from 9.30 am to 12 noon each week.

Pelorus Cluster activities are currently on hold at present, but it is hoped to have some of these up and running next term. At this stage, we are hoping for a Maud Island Trip in Term 3.

In our secondary school our Year 12 students are now back at trades in Nelson on Fridays but at this stage, we have no updates around the TOSSI Tournament and whether there will be rescheduling or some type of mini tournament later in the year.



Recently we have welcomed and farewelled some families to our school with more to come post gypsy day. It is always sad to farewell to our students and their families but wonderful to welcome new students. For our new families, I hope your children have a very positive experience at Rai and are able to benefit from the opportunities a smaller school can offer.

Lastly thank you to all of you for following our safety procedures of signing in and using sanitizer. Please continue to re-enforce regular hand washing and keeping your child home if they are unwell.

Noho ora mai
Maree
Tumuaki

TERM 2 – EVENTS Calendar

Monday 1 st June	SCHOOL CLOSED - Queen's Birthday Weekend
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.



BOT News

We are pleased to announce that Jess Patterson was unanimously voted in for another years' term as Chair of the Board. Congratulations Jess, we look forward to your leadership on and for our board – well done!

After the success of last year's Board-funded fruit boxes, we have approved further funding for this to continue. It's wonderful to be able to provide healthy food for those children who may need an extra boost in their lunchboxes, or who have reached the end of the grocery week! We welcome any donations of surplus fruit you may be harvesting off your trees.

In keeping with NZ schools' best practice, and health and safety standards, we have developed a Parents' Code of Conduct. This is a document that sets the standard for how we expect parents to behave towards teachers, and while on school grounds. This is part of our commitment as a school board to keeping our students, teachers, and communities safe. It will now form part of the standard packet of documents for new students enrolling in our school. Keep an eye out in your child's boomerang book for your copy to sign and return.

That's all for March!

Gabrielle for The Board.

My New Role

Most of you may remember that I was appointed as a Learning Support Coordinator from the beginning of this year. This position is not just with Rai Valley, but also with other schools in the TOSI (Top of the South Island) Area Schools cluster - Reefton, Murchison and South Westland. Some other schools have also joined the group - Maruia School and Sacred Heart in Reefton - so I have a lot of schools to visit and keep in touch with. Soon we are hoping a second LSC will be appointed to cover the southern end of the group.

So, what does an LSC do?

A learning support coordinator works with the teachers, teacher-aides, Ministry of Education specialists and family members to ensure that there is coordinated and appropriate support for students who are having problems learning in the classroom. Sometimes this will involve making funding applications, sometimes it will involve finding assistive technology, and sometimes it will just involve working with the class teacher to develop strategies that can be used in the classroom. The Ministry of Education has allocated funds to build a learning support office at the front of the school and we may see work starting on this soon.

Ngā mihi ki a koe,

Debby Upsall

Rai Valley Area School

TOSI Kahui Ako Learning Support Coordinator

— WELCOME —
BACK TO SCHOOL

Kia ora tatou,

Here are few reminders as we get back into the swing of Term 2 and some more “normal” school routines. This will also be helpful for parents and caregivers of our new students, Term 2.

Contacting students at school

If you need to contact your child at school, a reminder to go through the front office. We are happy to pass messages on to your child. To minimise disruption, we ask that students are not contacted on cell phones while at school.

Students Absences

Please phone in any absences to Pauline at reception as soon as possible on 03 5716016. You can also leave a message, or report your child's absence using our skool loop app. The app is available from both android and apple stores. If you need any help installing the app contact Mike Wilson at the school: michael.wilson@rai.school.nz

Collecting students

A reminder that anyone collecting a student during the school day does need to sign in at the office and your child needs to be signed out. We ask that you wait at the office while we arrange for the student to be brought to you.

BYOD

This week we will be issuing BYOD passes for students wanting to bring their devices. This year we are limiting network access to laptops or tablets until we have completed an investigation into cell phone use. Students may have phones at school, but we have asked them to keep them in their bags during lessons times and we won't be connecting them to our network at this stage. If your child wishes to bring a device, including a cell phone, they can collect a BYOD form from Mr Wilson in his office.

Ordering lunches

On Fridays, students can order lunches from The Brick Oven. Parents can ring through their orders to The Brick and they will deliver them to school in time for the eating bell at 1:00pm. A reminder that we are a water only school and students can only order items from the menu set at The Brick.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation on these matters.

Nga mihi, Mike Wilson, Deputy Principal.

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Our focus is 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



LETS KEEP WORKING TOGETHER TO KEEP US ALL
SAFE!

Secondary Syndicate News

Firstly, a very warm welcome to Zoe Hug who joined our school last week, and to Lilly Frye who started just this week. It is great to have you both here and we hope you enjoy your time at Rai Valley Area School.

Last week saw us coming into Level 2 and teachers and staff were delighted to welcome back our students. Lower than normal class sizes during the first 4 days have allowed us to connect with our students individually. This has been important for us to ensure the wellbeing of our young people.

Preparations for return to school saw Ben putting up hand sanitisers in all secondary classrooms, and extra soap and paper towel stations. A big thanks to Ben and Melanie, who has been going around the school carrying out extra cleaning to protect us all.

Students have been following hand sanitising advice, maintaining social distancing as much as possible, and coughing and sneezing into their elbow crooks.

During lockdown many students have done an amazing amount of schoolwork, and others have done less. Teachers have been pleased to support students online, and we also understand that some now require support to get back up to speed.

We have taken time to help students understand that they will have done a lot of informal learning at home, in addition to formal learning. They will have learned many important life skills, such as resourcefulness, time management, resiliency and social skills.

Devices on Loan

Please remind your young person to return any devices they borrowed from the school during lockdown, thank you.

NCEA Achievements during lockdown

Y11 and 12 students have demonstrated terrific work ethic, motivation and resiliency during lockdown. Despite this being a bizarre time, full of uncertainty and change, students have done amazingly well. As a team, we are very proud of their recent results.

For example, since returning to school Y11 students have gained credits in Science, Maths, Social Studies and English. Of these results 4% are Achieved grades, 40% are Merit grades and 48% are Excellence grades (0% Not Achieved). That's an impressive 97% of results being at Merit or Excellence and a 100% pass rate. This shows that our NCEA students have not fallen behind during lockdown and that they have gained top results. Students should be super proud of themselves.

Students can log into NZQA regularly to look at their credit tally.

Secondary Camp

Our camp to Wellington has been put on hold for the moment. We are considering a camp later in the year. This may look like making the most of our wonderful local environment.

What are secondary students grateful for?

Ever wondered what our young people might say they are grateful, well here are some comments from Year 9 students on returning to school after lockdown:

- That I got to spend time with my dad
- I'm grateful for my family
- Working with Haley
- I'm thankful that we saved a dog
- My family is Covid free
- Helping my mum without her asking
- Teachers helping us online
- My Nan and Grandad for staying safe



Celebrating a former student's success

Huge congratulations to Demi Blankendaal who graduated before lockdown from Otago Polytechnic. Demi has gained a New Zealand Certificate in Animal Technology (level 5) (Veterinary Nursing Assistant)

Demi is now taking time off before carrying on with her studies.



Years 9 & 10 Poetry

During lockdown, the Year 9 & 10s have been looking at poetry and poetic language. Here are some of the simile poems they wrote.

Nightmares

Nightmares are like fire works
Each nightmare is like a flash of colours followed by
scary sounds
Some of them send chills down your spin
But some of them end too quickly.
And when it's all over, your soured by darkness

BY Denzil Robertson



Cricket

I smashed the cricket ball like I was hitting a pinata.
It flew through the air like a plane.
The fielder jumped as high as a kangaroo,
He throws the ball back as fast as a bullet.
I was out but crying as I left the field,
The worst cricket game in the world!

By Danny Roeske

Reading

Reading is like Painting

They don't need words to tell a story.

Or paint to create a picture.

It can open your imagination to colour.

But it can immediately close it for darkness.

By Penelope Kiddey

Cats.

Cats are like little fluffy marshmallows

They have eyes like laser beams

They have claws as sharp as razors

But fur as soft as clouds

They leap like frogs

And they hunt like lions

By Brooke Dearman



Valentines day

The love is in the air,

It is almost as thick as molasses on a cold winter's day,

The giddy feeling starts and the couples frolic like lambs in a spring meadow,

And the single people hover in shadows like ghosts,

This is an age-old tradition like no other.

By Vincent Maisey

Icecream

I love ice cream

Some flavours are salty like the ocean

Others are sweet like a compliment,

I favour the ones that bring back memories

Like re-winding a cassette tape

By Zoe Luscombe

Primary Syndicate News

Hoki Mai everyone,

What a great beginning we have had in the primary syndicate. The weather at the beginning of the week was great to encourage us back to school. A bit cooler towards the end but never mind.

A special big thank you to Mr Jamie Knight for completing the sandpit in time for school. It has been an absolute hit. Lots of kids having fun, sharing, and budding construction workers in the making. We will all need those in the future.

Just a couple of simple rules around the sandpit are no shoes - gumboots or bare feet and no food while playing in the sandpit. Being careful where the sand is going so no one gets any in their eyes.

The pile of lost property that has been sitting on the seats outside the staff room and Ms Furness's office for quite some time. These pieces have been shown to all primary students last Friday. Fortunately, some pieces were claimed, but the remainder has been removed. There is now a box down by my office that we hope to show around at the end of each Friday, so this pile does not culminate into a huge pile again. Please check regularly with your children if they have lost any clothing.

There is good evidence that students have been working well over the lockdown period and learning and progress have been shining through in the classrooms.

Children will continue to be a bit tired as we have almost finished week 7 and there are still 5 to go before the term holidays that will begin on Friday 3 July. Good news though as it is Queens Birthday this weekend and we can all actually go somewhere. I hope many of you have the opportunity to do this.

We have had a few new students start here at school in both the primary and secondary syndicates. When we next have an assembly, we will officially welcome them here to Rai.

At this point, we have no confirmation of any Pelorus Cluster dates for up-coming events, but we will let you know these as soon as we have them to hand.

Stay safe as you extend your bubble and "Don't leave town, till you've seen the country". (Actually, this is a really old advertising campaign that I remember when I was much younger, but it certainly is a good one again now!)

Regards,
Karen Davies





First day back at school in the classroom.



Years 7 & 8 Work

Alone

Covid-19 spreading through the air
Stuck at home no friends anywhere
Only the noise of the birds chirping
And family down stairs.
It feels like lockdown is lasting forever
Level 4 is now level 3
Same rules but with takeaways
Two metre distance no closer than that.
Only allowed out if getting groceries.
You gotta be quick.

Spending time with your family
Baking all day
We're now at the start of May
Soon will be Level 2
Hip hip hooray
I'm losing my patience
Just a few more days.

By Bayley Hickson

All the shops closed

Locked at home

One at a time

No one allowed in your bubble

Everyone stays home. Be safe!

By Cooper Knight

My Room My Refuge

My walls, my rules,
My bed, my head,
My room, my refuge.

My burdens, my curtains.
My art, my fresh start.
My room, my refuge.

My toes, my clothes,
My features, my pictures,
My room, my refuge.

MY ROOM MY REFUGE!

By Ella Jenner

Alone

Here I am alone
no one loves me
no one cares
here I am alone
with no one to love

Please don't chase me
and make those dogs go away
leave me alone
unless you want to love me.

Now I have food and milk, but I am still
alone
but now, trapped in a cage.

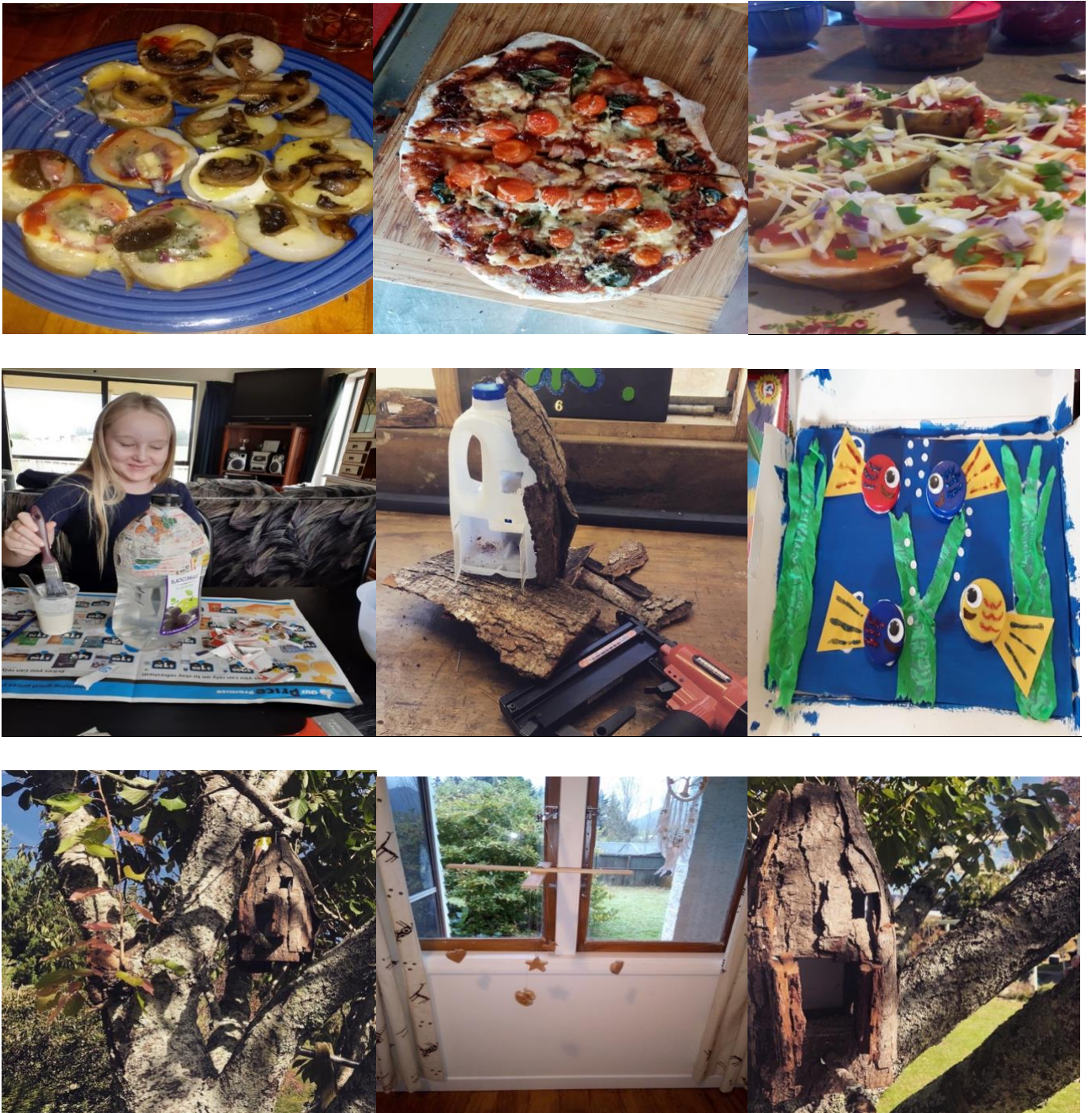
Now someone loves me and I'm not alone.
someone loves me once again
and I have a home.

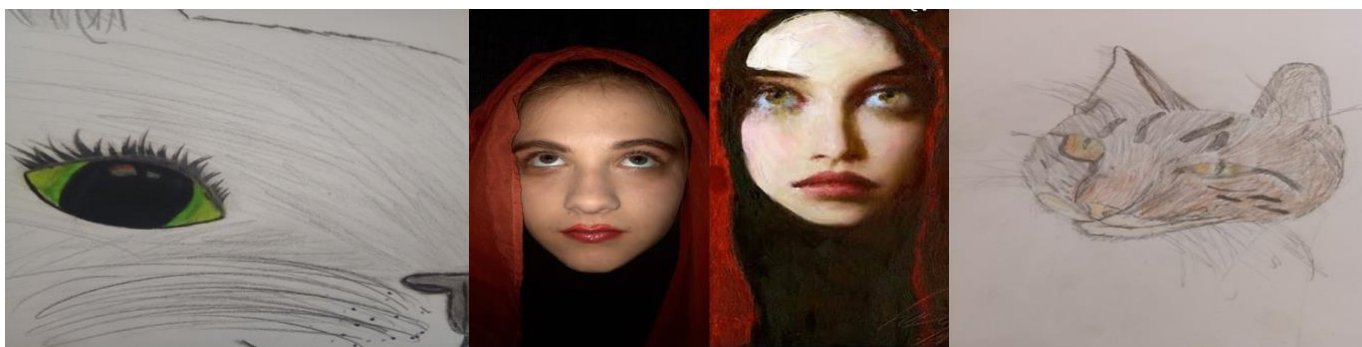
By Weston Maisey

During Lockdown - Cooking, Hard Technology and Art

The following photos are some of the fantastic creations the Years 7,8,9 and 10's achieved during lockdown through distance learning. A big thanks to all those who rose to the challenge and thrived during this interesting time. Pupils were asked to do a variety of things both in art and food nutrition. Artistic re-creations, plastic bottle creations, portraits, perspective drawings, mobiles, mural designs and a variety of food challenges were some of the briefs. Here are some of the results. Thank-you to those pupils who submitted their efforts, you rock!

Teacher – Ann Marshall





Pelorus Netball

Pelorus Netball didn't get to run trials due to lockdown. We are still needing a couple of players per team. Pelorus Netball is inviting any players boys or girls Year 5/6 and Year 7/8 who are interested in playing netball this season and haven't already registered, to contact Sonya on either 0278776703 or fergusonashsonya@gmail.com.

Many thanks, Sonya Ferguson, Junior Co-ordinator

Marlborough Netball Club

Marlborough Netball Club are still looking for volunteers to help on the MNC Subcommittees.

It's a great way to stay connected, be part of a great team and support netball!!!

We are looking for volunteers for the following subcommittees,

Volunteers, Representatives, Umpires, Competition, Awards, Bench Officials, Fundraising.

Within each subcommittee there are a variety of roles available to meet your needs so please feel free to contact me and we can discuss what would be the best fit for you.

So, If you are interested, keen to help out and give back to netball or know someone that is please let me know. I look forward to hearing from you.

We received the fees information from North New Zealand last Thursday afternoon and our Treasurer has been working on the fees over the weekend so we will have **fees information and closing dates for registrations as soon as possible**.

I apologise for the delay but unfortunately, until we got the fees through from North New Zealand there was nothing else we could do. I hope you planning for the season is going well and we are excited about getting you out on court and playing some netball!!!

Ngā mihi nui

Raramai Nicklin

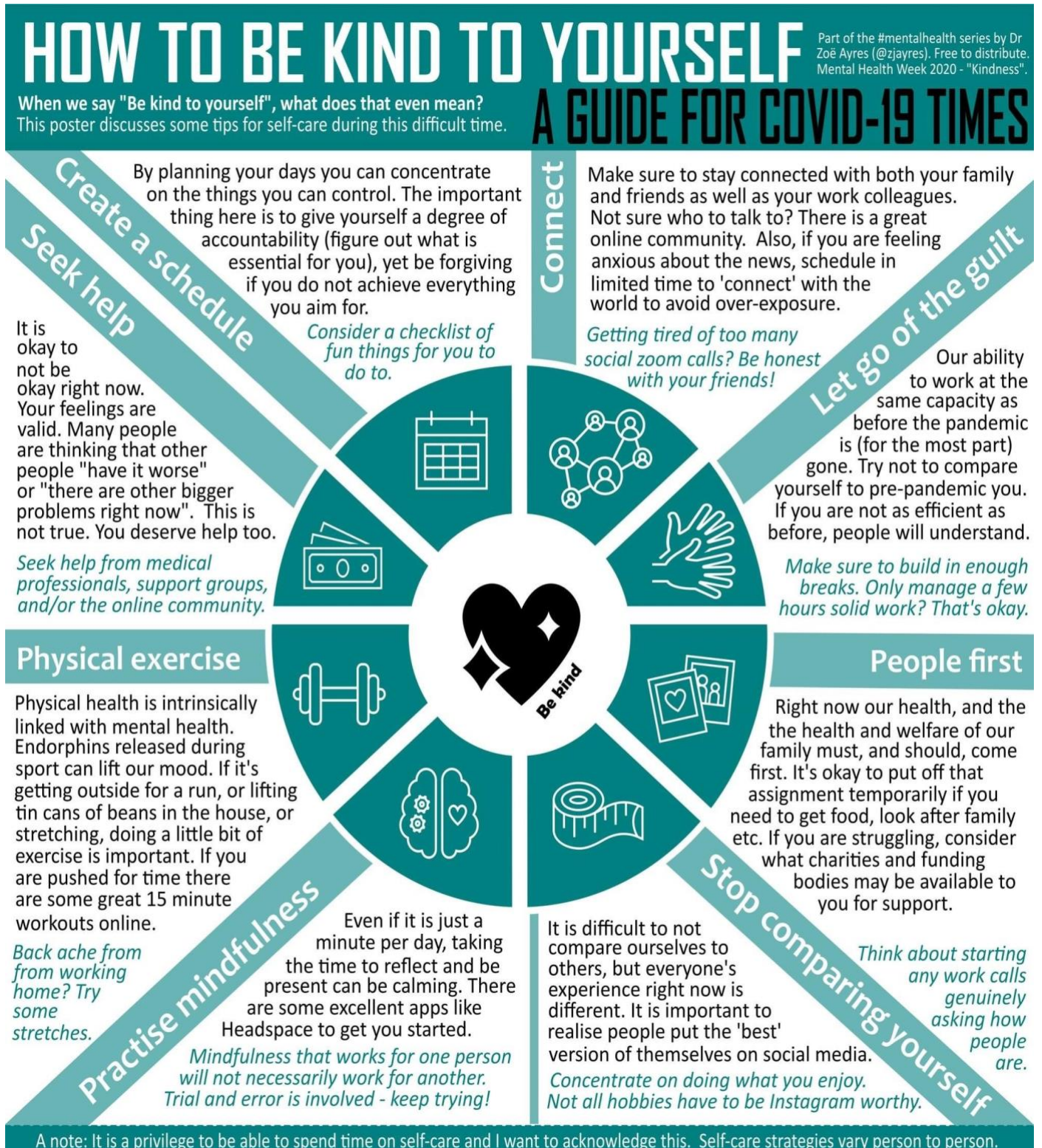
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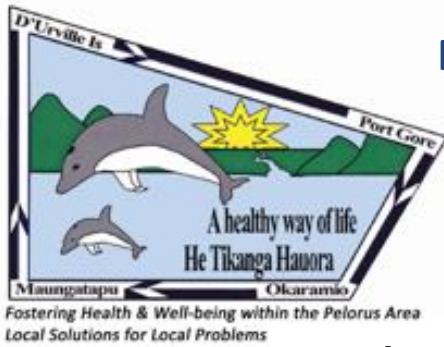
WELLBEING

There is a wealth of information available on wellbeing and more recently providing advice on how to settle back into routines and managing the possible impacts resulting from isolation. We are all different and for some the transition back is fairly straightforward and for others this can be a greater challenge.

Self-care and kindness are a really useful and helpful practice. Below is a graphic with some great ideas.

Please contact me if you are finding things difficult for yourselves or family members. I am in school each Tuesday and Thursday and can be contacted at Richard.Wilkins@rai.school.nz.





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

Level 2 Restrictions on the Shop

We are open at Alert Level 2, but because of space limitations and government regulations, you will need to follow our protocols when coming to shop with us. 1 metre distancing, limited number of people in the shop at one time (it is small in there), hand sanitiser and register signing on entering the shop. Thanks for understanding the need for us all to stay safe still.

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

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An official site of the
New Zealand Electoral Commission



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.

ENROL NOW

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.

Legends Hair & Barber Salon

NOW OPEN IN HAVELOCK / NEW OWNERSHIP

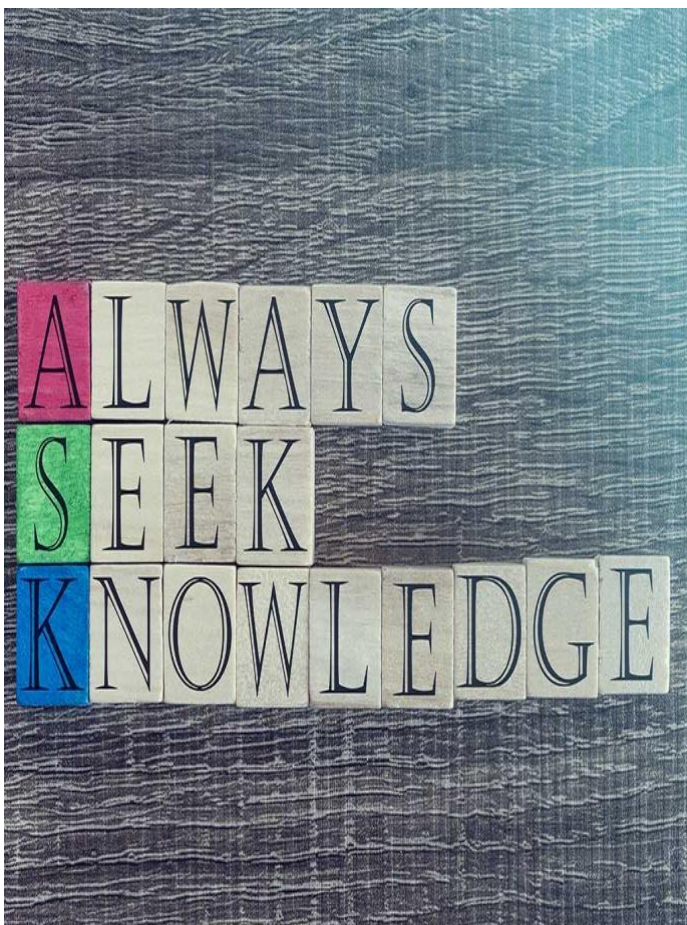
Hours: Tuesday	9.00am - 5.00pm
Wednesday	9.00am – 5.00pm
Thursday	9.00am – 5.00pm
Friday	9.00am – 5.00pm
Saturday	9.00am – 1.00pm (every second Saturday)

Ring today to make your appointment!

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-MR. ROGERS

