

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 31st March 2021

Kia ora koutou

I was delighted to receive the news last week that **Katie Roeske had been named as "Leo of the Year"** at a recent District Lions Convention for the Canterbury, West Coast and Nelson Marlborough regions. This award is really well deserved. Congratulations Katie.

Last week I had the pleasure of attending some of the Top of the South Area Schools Tournament in Reefton. Seven Area Schools competed from Collingwood to Harihari. As this Tournament was postponed due to COVID in 2020, last week was very welcome. The weather was amazing and our students had a great week. A huge thank you to Steph Stuart and Eli Briasco for the support they gave the students during the week. I would also like to acknowledge the work that Steph has done in fundraising for this Tournament in the last two years. It has been a huge commitment.

Congratulations to our students who were named trialists for teams to attend the National Area Schools Tournament.

Katie Roeske - Girls Football
Aria Shallcrass - Girls Netball
Emma Renner - Girls Volleyball and Basketball
Anton Cory, Zack Hickson, Cody Rollo, and Bryce Stuart were named as rugby trialists.

The trails will be in mid-May in Rangiora.
Tournament 2022 will be in Rai Valley!

Our Year 4-8 hockey team had their final game for this term last Thursday. It has been really pleasing to see the commitment and progress the students have made. We are currently investigating how we can continue after-school sport for next term.

For a number of months we have been in discussions with the Ministry of Education about the building of an access deck along the front of Rooms 1-4. Timber supplies permitting it is hoped to get this project underway during the April school holidays.

It is planned that over the holiday the new turf will be sown and the Tasman Rugby Union expect that it will be in use within six weeks of sowing.



It was amazing to see the number of parents and community members who supported the working bee last Wednesday afternoon to remove some shrubs on the side of the field and to plant flaxes along the fence line.
Thank you all for your support it is really appreciated.

Ngā mihi nui

Maree Furness
Tumuaki

TERM 1 – EVENTS Calendar

Thursday 1st April	Whole School Assembly / Room 13 – Picton Aquarium Trip
Friday 2nd April	SCHOOL CLOSED – Easter Friday
Monday 5th April	SCHOOL CLOSED – Easter Monday
Tuesday 6th April	SCHOOL CLOSED – Easter Tuesday
Friday 9th April	Pelorus Swimming – Years 4-8 – Stadium 2000 Blenheim
Thursday 15th April	Whole School Assembly
Friday 16th April	END OF TERM 1 – then two weeks school holidays
Monday 3rd May	TERM 2 begins
Tuesday 6th July to Thursday 8th July	Secondary Wellington School Camp

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.



Lost Property at School

Please come and look through the lost property for any items that belong to your family. The lost property container is outside the staffroom. Please name your children's clothes, as this will make sure that the clothing is returned immediately. Thank you.

Key found outside the School

A key was found outside the school, so if you have lost a key, please contact the School Office, for verification of the key.
Thank you.

Necklace found in the School Van

If you have lost a necklace, please contact the office for verification.

COUNSELLING

Welcome back to a new school year. Counselling support is available to students and parents.

Adults can contact the School Counsellor – Richard Wilkins by email: Richard.Wilkins@rai.school.nz or by ringing Pauline at the School Office 03 5716016. All communication is confidential.

Students can contact Richard a number of ways – directly in person,
via another staff member or via email.

My usual work days this year will be every Tuesday and Thursday,
with an additional day on some weeks.

Richard Wilkins MNZAC

Primary School News

Easter holiday is right upon us and unfortunately so is the wet weather. My first thoughts are 'be safe everyone'. Remember no school on Tuesday, we start back on Wednesday 7th April.

Moving around school is a little problematic with the bad weather also. We encourage walking rather than running. Things are always more slippery under foot in this weather. Keeping off the field is not a problem as the grounds are too wet to be open.

Notices have gone out on Tuesday for the Pelorus Cluster Swimming sports, for Years 4-8 along with the request for transport help. These are needed back at school by this Thursday. We will only have two days back at school next week to have this all organised. If for any reason your child is going to be away on this day it is as equally important that we know this so we can calculate numbers in cars. Please put a note in your child's boomerang book.

Gymnastics practice has been going well with most students have been showing a good 'can-do' attitude to giving exercises a go. It is a good type of skill to learn and enhances many new sets of muscles and gross motor skills for a young growing body. We hope to decide on the team that will go to the festival later next week.

We have missed some Kiwi Can sessions but are still applying the good values they teach in our classrooms. If you have a moment sharing the input they have in the school newsletter with your children can only be a good thing and encouragement and reinforcement from home is always helpful. We will be looking to nominate a 'Kiwi Can' Champion' for this term, who has a photo in the paper with the other school nominees. Watch out for this in the next couple of weeks.

Happy Easter and stay safe everyone.

Nga Mihi,
Karen Davies and the Primary Team.



Respect *Whakaute*

Means treating
people, things
and places as
important.

The Kiwi Can Corner



Next up in Kiwi Can lessons we'll be focussed on respect for our environment – whakaute mō tātou taiao. With younger students, we'll explore ideas around *why* it is important to protect our environment, and look at *how* we take care of our plants and animals. Older students will also look at our individual impact on the environment too.

Why not carry on the learning at home? You could ask your tamariki:

- ★ *Why* is it important to respect and look after our environment?
- ★ What are things you do at *school* to look after our environment?
What do we do at *home*?
- ★ What's the most beautiful place you have been to? What makes it so special to you? (Are there things we could learn from *that* place to make *another* place/environment even better too?)
- ★ If you could make a rule that *everyone* had to follow about caring for our environment, *what* would you choose? *Why*?



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[@GraemeDingleFoundationMarlborough](https://www.facebook.com/GraemeDingleFoundationMarlborough) to find out more

Room 15's trip to Willow Bank Heritage Park



When I was riding Gypsy the horse I was very calm and relaxed. Gypsy was a tall, white horse. She was fantastic to ride. Back in the olden days people had to ride horses to school. My best friend Maddy loves horses so we had fun. Ms O'Dell took amazing photos of everyone on the horse. She is a great photographer. A big thank you to Kristy, she brought all the horses for our class.

Elin Kiddey



At Willow Bank, Carol and Julian showed us around the village and we did activities based on what it was like in the olden days. The laundry was one of my favourites so I am going to tell you about it. All the girls had to wear funny looking hats to keep their hair up high so it would not get wet while they were washing clothes. There were these strange things that had bumps on them that you would have had to place a piece of clothing on and then you would have to scrub it like mad with sunshine soap, which smelt amazing. Once you washed your clothes you would put it through the wringer which was another reason to have your hair up so it would not get stuck in the wringer.

Amy Billingsley



On Wednesday I was so excited because we were going to Willow Bank Village. Group 1 went to the school first, we lined up outside. We waited for Mrs Baigent. She came out with her stick. We had to stand up straight otherwise we would get a smack with the stick. We went into the class, then we sang a song about a King. Next we did handwriting with 100 year old ink with a quill pen. I'm glad I'm not in the olden days.

Joshua Todd

Rai Valley Hockey Team

Thursday the 25th March saw the final week for our students who have been playing (or learning how to play) hockey at Saxton Park. We had 12 students from Years 4-8 who travelled to Nelson each Thursday after school. A huge thanks to our parent who helped with transport each week. The students have made some amazing progress and for some it was their first experience playing sport. The celebratory pizza was well earned.

Back Row: Marno de Kock, Gareth Woodley, Meika O'Donnell, Weston Maisey, Samara Partridge.

Front Row: Marcus O'Donnell, Hunter Morrison, Declan Knight, Izzy Griffiths, Hunter O'Donnell.

Absent: Amy Billingsley, Honour Wallace-Horton



PELORUS NETBALL CLUB

Warmly welcomes new members. Seeking keen players (male and female) Years 1-6.

Please contact Ali on 021 308 996.

WE HAVE LIFTOFF!

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NEW ZEALAND 0800 238 379

Marlborough Childrens & Youth Theatre
PRESENT



THE JUNGLE BOOK

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS APRIL 19-23

Tickets from Motorworld Blenheim \$18
2 shows daily (3 on Wednesday) on @
The Boathouse Theatre, Horton St Blenheim

Ministry of Inspiration - Holiday Programmes

Holiday Programmes

Don't forget to sign up for the really fun, highly engaging MOI Holiday Workshops! All workshops are from 9 am to 3 pm and occur at Garin College. The workshops are led by senior students from Garin College, Nelson College for Girls, and Nayland College. To register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/holiday-programmes-april-2021-tickets-146878574771>

April 19-21:

Art and Engineering-experiment with art and build some crazy summer games and contraptions. This workshop is always a sell-out and lots of fun for everyone. Come along to learn engineering as well as test your creativity skills. This workshop is always a HUGE hit! Ages 6-13.

Project Runway-soft materials design challenge! In this class students will be sewing creations given specific constraints-like alternative materials. Students will also learn machine embroidery and knitting! If you have your own sewing machine to bring, this would be most helpful. Age 8+.

April 22-24

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STEAMS Cooking April 22-24

STEAMS Cooking is a great way for students to learn how to cook a variety of healthy meals and also learn the science behind it. Students do all the cooking and cleaning in this workshop-all food is included. This workshop is always a big hit and is for ages 6-13.

Holiday programmes need minimum numbers to run but we will strive to run all programmes.

Sign up here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/holiday-programmes-april-2021-tickets-146878574771>

Thank you,

MOI Team

Myspace Youth Centre – 18 Kinross Street, Blenheim, info@myt.org.nz

Easter Camp: 1st to 5th April, www.eastercamp.org

Theatre Company: Mission 34 – 24th March to 3rd April – ASB Theatre, Blenheim Ph: 03 520 8558, www.asbtheatre.com

Youth Week: 8th – 16th May, youthworker@myt.org.nz

Mindful Movement – Dance workshop: registrations close 26th March – youthworker@myt.org.nz

Photography Workshop: Registration deadline – 26th March, youthworker@myt.org.nz

Mural Art – facilitated by Vonny Paul: registrations due on 26th March 5.00pm, starts Tuesday 30th March, Ph. 03 579 3143, youthworker@myt.org.nz

Awareness & Self Protection Training: Friday 23rd April, MySpace, 18 Kinross Street, Blenheim, 12.30-2pm & 5-7pm

EASTER FAIR

Saturday 3rd April 2021

At the Okiwi Bay Community Centre
2pm till 4.30pm



Raffles
Yummy Food
Chocolate Wheel
Home Baking
White Elephant
Fizzy Fishing
Clown Ball Toss
Have a go at Hole in 1

All proceeds go to the Community Centre for ongoing repairs and maintenance



Havelock Lions Club

Book Fair

And Market

Havelock Town Hall

Easter Weekend (Saturday - Monday)

Market Saturday 3rd 10am to 1pm

Book Fair finishes 3pm Monday 5th

**Bargains from
\$1.00**

**EFTPos
Available**





Elements Nature based play

Elements provides a truly authentic outdoor experience for children. Active movement, creative play & fun!

Each day is great mix of team challenges and experiences relating to the overarching theme. Also plenty of free time to play in the great outdoors. Think huts, trees, ropes, sticks, imaginative play, mud kitchens, and water play!

Creative Work/ shop theme in April!

Email: elementsprogrammes@gmail.com

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

Website: <https://www.elementsnature.co.nz/>

Booking: <https://elements.aimyplus.com>



Ages
5-12yrs



Tues 20 April
Wed 21 April
Thurs 22 April
9am-3pm



Taylor Dam

KIDS SCHOOL HOLIDAY ART CLUB

for 8 to 12 year olds with local artist & tutor Paula Kerslake



THURSDAY 22ND APRIL

Zendoodle Art	9.00am to 10.15am	\$26
Creative Tote Bag	11.00am to 12.15pm	\$29

THURSDAY 29TH APRIL

Cool Collage Art	9.00am to 10.15am	\$27
Funky Fish Painting	11.00am to 12.15pm	\$28

Come and explore mixed media & abstract art techniques
Have fun creating cool artworks

All art materials are provided

Bookings essential

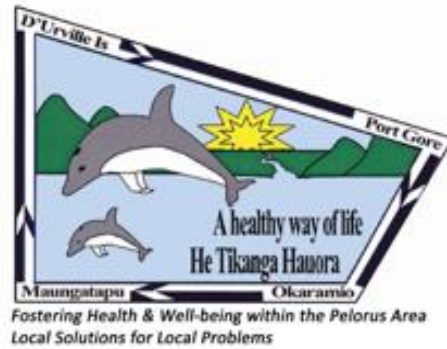
To book a place go to www.eventspronto.co.nz/artschoolmarlborough

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Pelorus Area Health Trust



News from Havelock Medical Centre:

- ✚ **Pricing:** Patients with a Community Services Card receive a discount on general consultations. The cost of a consult (not treatments) reduces to \$19.50 per visit for those people that hold a CSC. Patients have to apply through WINZ for this card. <https://www.workandincome.govt.nz/products/a-z-benefits/community-services-card.html> if you would like more information. It does not discount the cost of a prescription – we have reduced the cost from \$26.00 to \$22.00 but this has nothing to do with CSC and holders of that card will continue to pay the same script fee as those without it. The cost of general consultations for those who do not have a CSC or are not part of careplus has gone from \$47 to \$48.
- ✚ **Enrolments:** Havelock Medical Centre is currently taking new enrolments. This was paused for 4 weeks over the Christmas Holidays. Unfortunately Dr Bird is retiring this year, so new doctors will need to be trained to work at Havelock. From April we will be placing a halt on enrolments until we have secured a suitable replacement, and we will operate on a one in one out scenario, as we cannot keep increasing patient numbers without a replacement.
- ✚ **Registrars and Nurse Practitioners:** There was a registrar in attendance almost all of last year with Dr Hodginkson spending quite a bit of her time at Havelock. She has now moved on and has been replaced by Dr Ryo Eguchi. We expect to be able to have Dr Eguchi spend time at Havelock also; once he has found his feet at Springlands. We do also currently have a Nurse Practitioner who just started her placement-based training with us a couple of weeks ago – Lisa is settling in and will hopefully also spend some time in Havelock once she has found her way around our systems here in Springlands.

Visit our website for more information

www.PelorusAreaHealthTrust.co.nz