

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 23rd June 2021

Kia ora koutou

This week's Wellington announcement has been an unpleasant reminder that COVID is still very much part of our world. We will continue to monitor announcements very carefully over the next few days. Our secondary school is due to go to Wellington for four days on the 6th of July. This trip will only go ahead if Wellington has returned to Level 1. Let's hope that we see this return to Level 1 early next week.

Congratulations to the secondary netball girls who competed in the Tasman Tournament last week. This is a big step up, but our girls really performed well. I would like to acknowledge Kimberly Morrison who generously gave up her day to umpire. Without umpires, we would be unable to participate, so a huge thank you.

This week in assembly the Leo's presented the \$268.90 they had fundraised in a mufti day earlier in the term to Jo Douglas from St Johns Ambulance Association. Organisations like St Johns rely heavily on public donations and it is great to see fundraising for community organisations.

On Friday 2nd July is the Pelorus Cluster Technology Challenge. Nine Year 6-8 students will travel with Mrs. Davies from Havelock on the water taxi to Waitaria Bay. Also, next Friday our Year 3 and 4 students are visiting Willow Bank Heritage Park in Wakefield.

Our primary school in the process of planning an activity day to celebrate Matariki. We hope to be able to build a hangi-like pit for children to bake potatoes, have a shared hangi lunch, and for the children to use harakeke to weave. In 2022 Matariki will become a public holiday which will be celebrated on 24th June 2022.



On Tuesday 27th June, our Years 11-13 students are having a day looking at various careers across Marlborough. Chris Shaw (Marlborough's Chamber of Commerce Vocational Coordinator) has worked closely with Mr. Wilkins and Mrs. Stuart to organise this day. Chris has liaised with employers to organise these visits. The students have had the opportunity to choose their areas of interest. Places offered for selection are Clearwater Mussels Havelock, Kaituna Sawmill and forest skid site, Social Guy Media Blenheim, Wither Hills Winery and Airbus Woodbourne.

We have a busy final two weeks of school!

Ngā mihi nui

Maree Furness
Tumuaki

*When students are absent from school, need to leave school early or are off the bus, please write a note of permission in their boomerang books or give Pauline a ring / email at the office.
Also, when students arrive late or leave early, please sign them in and out at the office.
Thank you for your cooperation.*

TERM 2 – EVENTS Calendar

Thursday 24th June	Whole School Assembly
Tuesday 29th June	Senior Secondary Students - Career's Day
Friday 2nd July	Pelorus Cluster Technology Challenge – Waitaria Bay
Friday 2nd July	'Kiwiana' - Willowbank Heritage Park Trip – Nelson – Years 3 & 4
Tuesday 6th July to Friday 9th July	Secondary Wellington Trip
Tuesday 6th July	Matariki Celebration- Primary Syndicate
Thursday 8th July	'Wood is Good' – The Forestry Council of New Zealand
Friday 9th July	END OF TERM – School Holidays
Monday 26th 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 kids lunchbox and sunhat.

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

Facebook Rai Valley Playgroup.

For further information please contact Kelsey Knight 027 315 7969; Vicky Thompson 027 370 9097.



COUNSELLING

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

A Note from the Board
Bringing you relevant news from our monthly meetings

Curious about how the school spends money? Where does the funding come from? How does the school prioritize where it is spent?

Schools have a very complex way of being funded from the Ministry of Education (MoE). The easiest way to explain it is to talk about different “pots” of money. The school receives many different pots of money – for example one for teaching staff, one for teacher aides, one for long term maintenance, etc etc. These pots are not interchangeable – the teachers can't be paid out of the long term maintenance pot. These pots also must be fully spent within one year, or the money is taken back out of these pots by the MoE. The one pot of money we have more control over is the Operations pot – for things like power bills, administration, and day to day maintenance. If we make savings in these areas – for example by installing funded solar panels - we can keep the extra and place it in our reserves. Along with these regular pots, there is a special pot for emergency health and safety – if the MoE thinks something is serious enough they may give the school additional money for a special project.

Each year Management creates a budget within these pots – and it is supported by the Board and reported back to the Board every meeting.

Staffing is calculated on how many children are enrolled. Although we have been asked before why we don't have more teachers, this is governed very tightly by the MoE. Teacher Aide hours are funded by how many children qualify for them – by being diagnosed as needing extra help.

In addition to the regular and emergency MoE pots of money, Rai Valley Area School has another special pot of money. This is called the Board Funds and is managed by the Board of Trustees. This money is not supplied by the MoE and therefore not controlled by them. Although many schools run at a loss and are in debt, we at RVAS are running with a surplus from money we have saved from previous years. This allows us to spend money on extras for our children that we wouldn't normally have access to. For example, our school only qualifies for MoE funding for one teacher aide, but the Board has chosen to fund three extra teacher aides out of our surplus. This year, we have also employed an extra part time teacher out of our reserves. This money also allows us discretionary spending such as Education Outside of the Classroom (EOTC) – field trips and extra activities (more on this next newsletter!).

The school can also receive extra money by applying for grants for different projects – for example the playground climbing frame was partly funded by a grant from the Marlborough District Council, and partly by reserve funds. The new solar panels were funded mostly through an MoE Sustainability Fund, and a small part by the reserve funds.

Some recent examples of “pots” of money expenditure:

- Our new deck – which will also get a verandah roof and dropdowns next term – was approved and paid for by the MoE from the Emergency Health and Safety pot. This was to enable staff and students with physical mobility limitations to safely get around the school without getting wet. This money could not be spent elsewhere.
- Later this year we will embark on a large modernization project of the Junior classrooms. It will involve gutting the area and redesigning the rooms. This funding comes out of the “Long term property maintenance” pot and cannot be used for any other category. It will also be taken away from the school if we do not use it within a given time period.
- We have just had “School Investment Package” funding approved. This is given every five years and is for “nice to have” projects such as footpaths, fences, and sporting additions. As a Board we have chosen to use these funds to resurface the courts with Plexipave and have a skate ramp built for the older children. Again, this funding cannot be used for any other purpose (e.g., teachers, teacher aides, buildings); and if it is not spent within the given timeframe it is taken back.

We hope this has shed some light on the funding and spending process and answered some queries. You are welcome to approach any Board of Trustee member with any questions – all our emails are listed on the school website. The School Board of Trustees meet regularly – about twice a term. These meetings are not public meetings, but they are “open to the public.” This means that even if you're not a member, you are welcome to attend as an observer although you may not have speaking rights. We would love to see you there; our next meetings are:

Thursday 12th August
Thursday 23rd September
Thursday 11th November
Thursday 16th December

That's all for June!
Gabrielle for the Board.

Secondary News

Wellington Camp 6th-9th July

Camp planning is going well. A medical form / permission slip will be coming out soon, followed by a menu for the Indian Restaurant. Students select their choices before we go. A detailed itinerary will come out next week.



Thank you to those who have already paid.

A reminder, if you haven't yet done so, to pay before we leave on July 6th.

Costs are \$100 for one student or \$150 if two siblings are going.

Any questions about payment, please get in touch with me

siobhan.skinner@rai.school.nz

Senior Secondary students career's day next Tuesday, 29th June

Richard Wilkins has been working with Chris Shaw from the local Chamber of Commerce on a very exciting careers day for all Y11-13 students. Students are busy selecting the companies / industries they are most interested in visiting.

Visits include: Clearwater Mussels; Havelock OneFortyOne; Kaituna Sawmill; Forest Skid site; Social Guy Media Blenheim; Wither Hills Winery and Airbus Woodbourne.

More Careers exposure in Tourism & Hospitality

A big thanks to Kirsten Perrott from Go With Tourism for visiting us today to talk about

careers in the Tourism sector. She brought 10 virtual reality headsets along.

The Year 9 and 10 students, and Mrs Hooker, had great fun with these.

I believe bungee jumping was amongst the virtual experiences they had!



We look forward to Kirsten coming again to work with the Year 12 and 13 students.



Kirsten Perrott
Regional Coordinator
Upper South Island
Go with Tourism
M +64 21 416 521

Any wool out there?



The Rai Valley Leos are beginning a project of knitting garments: singlets, hats and booties for premature babies for local hospitals.

We would be very grateful for donations of wool suitable for knitting baby clothes and also knitting needles.

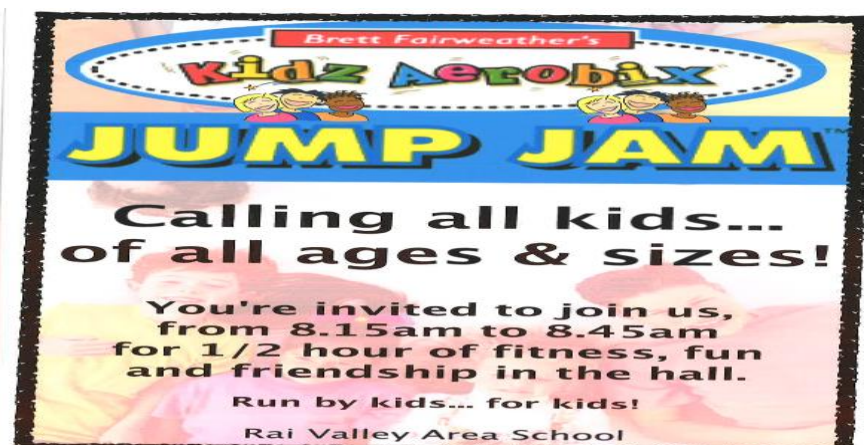
A big thanks to Anita of Renwick Nic Nacs for supplying us baby wool at reduced prices for this project to get us started.

Also, if you are a keen knitter, keen to pick it up again, or to learn, please get in touch siobhan.skinner@rai.school.nz

Thank you

Ngā mihi ki a koe,

Siobhan Skinner





NETBALL NEWS **FLASH!**



We are entered two teams into the Tasman Secondary Schools Year 9 and 10 Netball Competition on 17th June. This competition was open to all secondary students and I applaud those girls who put themselves forward to play. Some had little experience playing netball, yet after three games, showed very good progress in their understanding of the game and skill development.

I was very pleased with the positive 'can-do' attitude of our netball players and they can be very proud of how well they all played at Thursday's Competition at Saxton Courts. The weather was bright and sunny! It was a beautiful day to be playing netball and be part of a wider group of girls enjoying their sport.

Feedback on the competition –

- ☐ We played against B grade teams that play every Saturday and our girls played to the best of their abilities.
- ☐ Our students are noted for their fair play and positive 'can-do' attitude. This was recognised by the netball management and we won the Tactics sponsored ball.
- ☐ We were so fortunate to have Mrs Morrison and Miss McKinlay on our team as umpires. They were fantastic and we thank them so much for giving up their time to help us play sport.
- ☐ Playing 40 minutes of a running game does require a high level of fitness.
- ☐ Having good supportive footwear is vital when playing competitive sport!
- ☐ The girls had fun and there was plenty of laughter!

Congratulations to the following girls, for receiving certificates:

Junior team – Player of the Day – Lily K and Stella. Most Improved Player – Katie P

Senior team – Player of the Day – Electra. Most Improved Player – Alicia

Thanks to Kimberly Morrison for assisting with coaching the junior team on Mondays and Tuesdays afterschool. A very special thanks to Miss McKinlay and Mrs Morrison for umpiring for the day. You were very fair.

It is our aim to upskill the girls this year, with the goal to enter a Saturday netball team or two in 2022. There will be several coaches to help develop fitness, knowledge of the game and ball skills. Groups will be based on age and ability. We will also be training some of our senior students in umpiring, using Kimberly's expertise in this area.

For the rest of the term we are going to have Monday afterschool practices from 3pm to 4.45pm. At school we are going to have Monday, Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime fitness and practices. The aim of the lunchtime practices is to develop skills and work with the older students in learning how to play. We encourage all girls to attend practices, however, we recognise that they have other interests as well and lunchtime practices are voluntary.

All netball girls are encouraged to come to Jump Jam for development of co-ordination, fitness and team building. This is on every day before school from 8.15am to 8.45am.

I have opened up practices to Year 7 and 8 girls wanting to play. This offer has been snapped up by an enthusiastic group of young players wishing to develop their skills and knowledge of the game. Anyone wishing to join this group can see me for further information. I am currently applying for grants to purchase new equipment and uniforms to support our girls as they participate in competitions. Anyone wishing to sponsor our girls please contact me (steph@rai.school.nz) or telephone Pauline 571 6016.

It's a very exciting time for sport at RVAS!

Mrs Stuart
Health & PE

Primary School News

In a short space of time, this term will be over. Students and teachers are feeling a bit tired, though we still have some cool activities to look forward to. On 2nd July Mrs Davies is taking three teams of three students to Waitaria Bay, for the day, to enter the Pelorus Cluster Technology Challenge. They will travel by boat from Havelock. We wish them luck. On that same day also, Room 13 are going to Willowbank Reserve in Nelson as part of their 'Kiwiana' unit of learning.

And not to be missed out...Ms O'Dell is organising a whole primary syndicate event to celebrate Matariki here at school on Tuesday 6th July, plus one more event on Thursday 8th July. On that day the Forestry Council of NZ are bringing a logging truck to school to talk to us about all things trees, wood and forestry. So still plenty to look forward to and have great learning opportunities from. Watch out for further notices that might come your way.

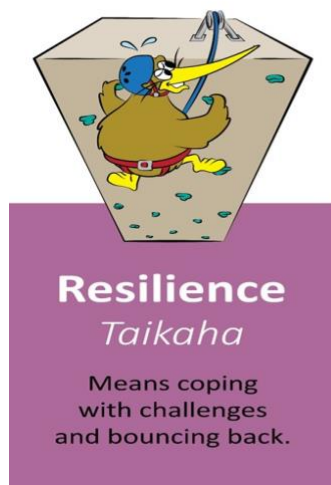
At the end of the term parents of primary students will also be receiving a written report that reports on the goals that students set back in February. We hope this report is informative for you and that you share it with your child. Please discuss their progress and new goals that they could make for the rest of the year.

Some families may have received a message in their student's boomerang book today about the need for us to move some students next term to help balance out the increase in numbers that we have in the junior classes. There will also be notification of the new teaching staff for Room 13 by the end of the term.

Kiwi Can Open Day last Friday was really well received also. Over the next week or so another Kiwi Can Champion will be selected and their photo will be in the newspaper. Look out for this 'exceptional' person in our school.

Have a great couple of weeks.

Karen Davies
Head of Primary



THE KIWI CAN CORNER

Resilience

We're developing our understanding of **perseverance** and strategies to help us persevere. With our youngest Kiwi Can kids we'll be focussing on patience and how it empowers our perseverance (patience can help us from getting distracted and discouraged when we face challenges). Our older tamariki are going to be working on identifying the strategies and skills that help us persevere – these skills are important as they allow time to access the situation, understand it may not be as bad as we think and give us the encouragement to carry on.

Some conversation starters for this week:

- Did you make any mistakes today? What were they? What did you learn?
- What are some of the things you can do or strategies you can try when you are "stuck" on something?
- Why is it important to remain positive and persevere when faced with a problem?
- What can you say to yourself when you get frustrated and feel like quitting?



Follow [@GraemeDingleFoundationMarlborough](https://www.facebook.com/GraemeDingleFoundationMarlborough) to stay up to date



Netball Years 1-6: An Update

Well done to all students who have committed to after school netball on Mondays. It has been pleasing to see such great teamwork across the year levels and commitment to learning new skills.

Here are our Players of the Day to date:

Week 2 Declan Knight

Week 3 Hunter O'Donnell

Week 4 Georgie Pratt

Week 5 Rawiri Wearing-Holmes

Week 7: Gareth Woodley

Week 8 Keira Wearing-Holmes and Olivia Harrison

Special Thanks to Rose Stuart for being a kind and patient coach and role model.

Looking forward to the remaining two sessions.





Ministry of Inspiration – 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-july-2021-tickets-159214931145>

July 12-14 Monday to Wednesday:

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.

July 12-14 Monday to Wednesday:

Science and Engineering-experiment and learn about anatomy and even do a dissection among other cool science topics! Come along to learn engineering as well as test your creativity skills. This workshop is always a HUGE hit! Ages 8-13.

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

Pelorus Rugby

We are celebrating our annual Club Day on Saturday 3rd July.

It's exciting we have all three Jnr teams and our Seniors playing at home on this day. So it would be awesome for our Pelorus community to come to support and cheer us on!

See if you can spot some familiar faces in this funny shot we got last week of our Jnr Squad x30 tamariki strong.

Kind Regards,

Mel Cherry

PRFC Secretary, 027 911 2436, pelorusrugby@gmail.com

Marlborough Youth Trust – actively supporting the youth of Marlborough

Camps, courses, workshops etc

www.myt.org.nz

Pelorus Youth – Next meeting Friday 25th June, 6.30-8.00pm at the Havelock Pavilion.



**CALLING
ALL LOCAL
YOUTH !**

Do you want to meet new
people, try new things
and have fun?

Why not check out
Pelorus Youth!

Come along to one of our
Chill Nights and find out
what we are all about.

**LAST FRIDAY OF EVERY
MONTH, 6.30-8PM
HAVELOCK PAVILION.**

Open to all youth aged 12-18 years
For more information email:
havelockv2020@gmail.com

Proudly Supported by:



70s DISCO PARTY

Limited tickets, get in early - \$15.00 each –
available from the Millers Rest.



When: Saturday 26th June, 6pm until.
Where: Miller's Rest Tavern – Rai Valley
70's Style Nibbles Supplied
Cocktails \$10.00.

Grab your bell bottoms and get ready
to boogie on down!
Cash Prizes on the night

- Best Dressed Female
- Best Dressed Male
- Best Couple / Group
- Crowd Favourite by Crowd Vote

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The Marlborough Covid Vaccination Team **Will be vaccinating in Havelock!**

On Saturday 10th July there will be an outreach clinic
for vaccinations in the Havelock Town Hall.

This will be running from **9.00am to 3.00pm**
and is available for people 16 years +

You need to **book an appointment, so call 03 574 2558 or**
email ianc.cameron@xtra.co.nz

QUIZ NIGHT

Prizes and great raffles
Saturday 24th July 6:30pm

Millers Rest, Main Road, Rai Valley

Teams of 4-6

\$10 per person

Table snacks provided, food available from
The Millers Rest

Come along, bring your friends and family
and enjoy an exciting night raising funds
for our secondary school camp and Kaite
Roeske's plant nursery.
Rai Valley Area School

Please email katie.roeske@rai.school.nz
to book a table

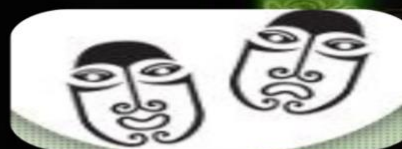
*** BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL ***

**R.V.A.S Leo Club
Fundraiser**



New Zealand Theatre Federation

Festival of Community Theatre 2021



Plays performed in competition for the Top of
the South Island area Theatrefest
Saturday 3rd July

**Havelock Town Hall
Main Road, Havelock**

Audience tickets - Adults \$15

Students (with ID) \$10

Available from:

**<https://www.trybooking.co.nz/HSS>
or Bow To Stern (Phone: 574 2941)**

Door sales also available.

Doors open

6:15 pm (first performance 7:00 pm)

Cafe Style seating

Come early for the seat of your choice

**Refreshments available
for purchase, thanks to Friends
of Havelock School**

This Festival is part of the New Zealand Theatre Federation Festival of Community Theatre, where all plays are assessed by an accredited adjudicator. The Festivals offer playwrights, directors, cast and crew an opportunity to spread their wings and push beyond their comfort zone. It is a time when anything goes, so why not book your tickets and enjoy quality live theatre at the Havelock Town Hall theatre.