

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 7th July 2021

Kia ora koutou

This is the last week of term. We have some very tired children and some equally tired staff.

Last Friday a group of students travelled to Waitaria Bay with Mrs. Davies for the Pelorus Tech Challenge. It was a great day if somewhat foggy. Congratulations to Kayden Knight for his outstanding effort.

Teachers, have been busy writing reports in recent weeks. Primary reports are being sent home on the last day of term and secondary reports will be sent home in the first week of next term.

Primary students have had a busy week. On Tuesday we celebrated Matariki with a variety of activities. We were very fortunate that Richard de Hamal who is a marine biologist join us for the day. Richard shared with students a number a lot of information about pre-European Maori as well as showing students how to make a fishing net using flax. The highlight of the day for many students was experiencing a shared hangi lunch. A huge thanks to Deb O'Dell and everyone who helped for a fantastic day.

Thursday had an interesting start without power and a number of staff, parents and buses delayed by the road closure. NZ Forestry has a programme that is touring 50 schools in New Zealand. On Thursday they arrived with a logging truck and worked through a programme with each of our classes as well as talking about the opportunities in forestry.

With so many of our families working in forestry the sharing of this information was great.

Secondary students are in Wellington this week and will arrive back early Friday evening. They seem to be having a great week although Friday afternoon's Ferry crossing could be interesting. I'm sure there will be some very tired young people for a few days.

Over the holidays the New Zealand Area Schools tournament will take place in Dunedin.

Katie Roeske and Zack Hickson have been chosen to represent the Top of the South in football and rugby. Cody Rollo and Bryce Stuart have been invited to place for the Lower of the South Area Schools in rugby due to the South's inability to field a team. We wish all students a great week and a very successful tournament

The Leo's are running a fundraising quiz night on Saturday 24th July at the Millers Rest. Put team together, it will be a fun night, and you will be supporting a good cause.

This week we farewelled Mrs. Nightingale who has gone on maternity leave. We wish her family well with their new arrival and we look forward to seeing Bonnie and her new baby later in term 3. Janine Sorenson will be replacing Bonnie in Room 13. Janine has worked for us as a reliever during this year. She has wide experience in teaching and learning support.

Next term our Year 4-6 hockey team will continue their competition in Blenheim on Tuesday nights and we will have a secondary volleyball team playing in the Nelson Monday night competition as a social team. Our school has played in this competition but it has been a few years ago. Netball will continue on Mondays after school. I hope everyone has an enjoyable term break and can take some time to rest and re-energise.

Ngā mihi nui
Maree Furness
Tumuaki

Public Health Nurse

Rebekah Blease, Public Health / School Nurse has clinics at the school 9.30am to 12.30pm each Thursday. She's offering all Year 9 and above students a HEeADSSS assessment.

HEeADSSS a broad health assessment tool especially for adolescents to engage with and includes health promotion and education as relevant. It can identify strengths, risks and resilience, and referrals from it can be made if appropriate. The students are offered confidentiality when there are no risks identified but if they are happy for her to, Rebekah will sometimes ring and discuss with parents. The assessment is recorded on the PupilWeb data base that school nurses use.

Rebekah is available for health issues for any age students and is happy to be contacted by parents 027 2437642 or email rebekah.blease@nmdhb.govt.nz.

Please contact the school if you do not wish for your student to be part of the HEeADSSS in schools programme.

Have great holidays and see you next term

Rebekah Blease
Public Health Nurse

*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

Friday 9th July	END OF TERM – School Holidays
Monday 26th July	TERM 3 - Begins
Monday 2nd August	Teacher Only Day – Whole School Writing Professional Development
August 11th August	Teacher Only Day – Secondary NCEA Accord Professional Development
Monday 20th September	Teacher Only Day – Well-being Professional Development

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 workdays this year will be every Tuesday and Thursday, with an additional day on some weeks.

Richard Wilkins MNZAC

Board of Trustees Meetings: Welcome to attend.

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

Learning Support News - Following instructions isn't only the responsibility of the kids!

If we want a child to follow our instructions we have a responsibility to:

- ***Make sure our instructions are relevant***
 - do they understand why you want them to do this task?
 - what's in it for them? What is the purpose?
- ***Make sure our instructions are achievable***
 - small steps, one at a time even
 - give plenty of time
- ***Make sure our instructions are clear***
 - short simple statements
 - can your child hear you- you may need to get their attention first!
- ***Make sure your tone is friendly but firm***
 - don't bark or shout, talk in a quiet but no-nonsense way
- ***If possible give options***
 - children love to have choices: do this, or this - or if not this way, then this way
- ***Back up oral instructions with written instructions***
 - some kids need to be able to check back on what's required
- ***Follow up instructions with one-on-one explanation***
 - for those children who need that extra support

Debby Upsall
Coordinator

Pet Day Community Planning Meeting

Calling all parents, caregivers and whānau!

You are cordially invited to our Pet Day Planning Meeting on

Monday 26th July at 3:05pm. (This is the first day back)

Please RSVP by sending an email to: michael.wilson@rai.school.nz

Look forward to seeing you there!

Michael Wilson



Secondary News

Careers Day – Tuesday 29th June 2021

Our Senior Students in Years 11,12 & 13 took part in a Careers Day to learn more about possible future Careers. We were fortunate to receive special funding from the Ministry of Education to support the day and with the help of Chris Shaw, Vocational Co-ordinator from The Marlborough Chamber of Commerce, students were able to experience a day out of school visiting a number of organisations. Two different groups went on two different tours. One to Kaituna Sawmill, Wither Hills Winery and Pak & Save, the other group to Clearwater Mussels, Stadium 2000 and Airbus.

We look forward to learning more about their experiences as each group has been asked to give a short presentation on the locations they visited.

Thank you to Mrs Skinner, Mrs Stuart & Mr MacDonald for assisting as tour guides. A special thanks to Chris Shaw for his organisation of the day and for continuing to offer and support further Careers opportunities.

Richard Wilkins
School Guidance Counsellor & Careers Advisor



Primary School News

Oh how quickly the term has flown! There have been trips to Maud Island, trips to Willowbank Reserve, trips to Waitaria Bay and a regular trip to Blenheim each week for our hockey team. The Jump Jam sessions have been well attended and even the Jump Jam man himself paid us a visit.

The weather has only dampened our spirits a little and I hope that the holiday/break time is filled with a little more sunshine for all of you, wherever you are.

Kiwi Can has been in full force this term focussing on resilience. They were very pleased with the interest and turn out from parents on their open day, so thank you for that.

Look out soon for our school Kiwi Can Champion in the paper again soon. Who will it be?

We have also finished with two great learning opportunities, outside of the classroom this week, with a Matariki learning day on Tuesday organised by Ms O'Dell and a visit from the Forestry Industry on Thursday. Check out the photos throughout this newsletter.

On Friday the students in the Primary Syndicate will bring home their mid-year report. This is a goal setting report that relates to the goals they set with their class teachers back in February and goals you all discussed at the 3-Way conferences that were held about this time also. Please discuss these with your child and encourage them to think ahead for future goals for the latter part of the year.

We wish Mrs Nightingale good luck and best wishes as she leaves us this week for maternity leave and the arrival of her new baby. Our very best wishes to you all, Bonnie.

We also send best wishes to Mrs Bellerby and hope her recovery is going well and we look forward to seeing her back next term. Thank you to Mrs Swanston who has covered for Mrs Bellerby in her absence.

Have a great term break everyone, may you be restful and the weather is kind.

Karen Davies
Head of Primary Syndicate



Resilience *Taikaha*

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with challenges
and bouncing back.

THE KIWI CAN CORNER

Resilience

This week in Kiwi Can we are practicing approaching challenges with a "growth mindset" before we seek help. We tell ourselves "I haven't got this yet", instead of "I *can't* do this", for example. And n practice then we "try, try again" *first*, before we ask someone else to help us. Of course, it is 100% ok to ask for help, but sometimes when we *really* give something a good try, we discover we have it within ourselves to succeed too!

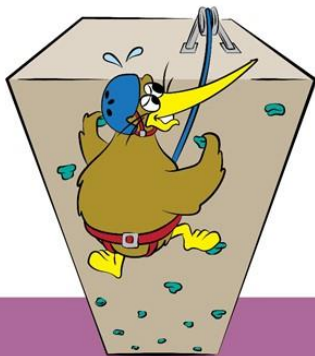
Some conversation starters for this week:

- What was the most *difficult* thing you did today? Why was it so hard? What *strategies* did you use to face that challenge?
- What's the *next* thing you'd really like to be able to do? (It might be something at school, at home or in sport...) Do you think you'll be able to do it first pop? How can you stay motivated to keep trying?
- What could you say to a *friend* if they are really stuck on something?
- Who is a person in your life (or a famous person you admire) who never seems to give up on a goal?



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What a great term we've had, learning about resilience with our amazing Kiwi Can kids! Together we have explored **goal setting**, **problem solving**, and **perseverance** as important parts of developing **resilience** – or our ability to “cope with challenges and bounce back”.

At the end of each term, each of the 17 Kiwi Can Schools around Marlborough nominate a “Kiwi Can Champion” – a student who has come to their notice, exemplifying the term's Kiwi Can theme in some way. Make sure you check out the Marlborough “Resilience Champions” for Term 2 in this week's Blenheim Sun ☺

Some conversation starters for this week:

- What is something you can do now that you couldn't do *last* term? How does it make you *feel* now that you mastered it?
- What is something you need to get done (or get better at) over the school holidays? How can you set yourself up to succeed with this?



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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



MATARIKI 2021



WOOD IS GOOD

We would like to thank Erica from the Southern North Island Wood Council, Grace a student from Canterbury University studying Forestry, Michelle from PF Olsens for information, Mickayla from Heagley Bros. Carriers for truck driving and Toby from PF Olsens for drone flying.

Safety vests were given to all the students who attended. Students were talked to about being safe around log trucks and how a log truck driver can have a lot of trouble seeing you. Some of these trucks carry up to 50 tonnes of product which can take a while to slow down if a small child stepped out.

Many log trucks have systems on them that record whether they are driving safely or not.



Wood is an excellent renewable resource.

For every tree cut down the tree planters plant 4 new trees.

100 million pine trees were planted in 2020

The drone is very useful for taking photos of a block of forestry and using special software to count the number of trees. The drone can travel 120m up into the sky and a few kilometres away.



Kids Edible Garden



This term due to our weird weather and the fact that it's now WINTER!

We have been concentrating on our soil. We have learnt all about worms, we planted a green crop, we are starting to do some more composting in the Keg garden and towards the end of this term we looked at how having a little bit of understanding for Matariki is important for our garden too. We solved a muddy problem by moving all of the old pavers from the ramp modifications to where our new tap for the garden is.



HELP NEEDED!!!

During the bad

weather recently we had the structure at the end of the KEG garden blow over. Due to the location of this structure I need **HELP!** If there are some strong bodies that would be able to all come together one afternoon to help stand it back up I would greatly appreciate the help. Please give me (Renee Joep) a text on 0277750083 and we can arrange a time for this to happen so we can get it ready for a remodel. Thanks to all in advance.

KE.G Facilitator Renee Joep



Riding for the Dis-Abled

On Wednesdays Declan Knight and Lawrence Stewart travel to Nelson with their Teacher Aides Renee Jope and Teresa Hug, to go to the Riding for the Disable facility up the Brooke Valley.

This has been a new thing for Declan this term and he has developed a wonderful relationship with his horse, Monkey. He is enjoying the new skills he is learning each week.



Lawrence has a great established relationship with his horse, Johnny and enjoys the time riding him while educating the R.D.A ladies with his interest in aliens - especially those from Star Wars.

Before we get to R.D.A, both boys enjoy the visit to the Nelson library where they fuel their passion for reading while gaining life skills out in the community. They make our school proud by showing the RAI WAY everywhere they go.

All these things are developing re-silience, helping with self-management and developing coping skills with life and how everything changes in the environments they will be in.

**The Book Fair is coming to your school library
Term 3 September 2021**

