

Rai Valley Area School

Newsletter



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Tumuaki's Report

Kia ora koutou,

This week a group of senior students was fortunate to spend a day out in the Marlborough Sounds on an aquaculture trip organised by Marlborough Chamber of Commerce Careers Adviser, Chris Shaw. It is really great that our students have the opportunity to see what future employment opportunities are available for them in our region.

I would like to thank Jamie Knight, who on behalf of the fire service did some training with a group of staff and students using fire extinguishers. It was a good opportunity for us to practice in case there is a fire within the school.

Last week I attended a Ministry of Education day to discuss the upcoming NCEA and in particular the new literacy and numeracy standards. These standards will be implemented next year and are likely to be assessed in most schools during Year 10. **There will be four Teacher-Only Days** this year, spread across Terms 2, 3, and 4 for teachers to develop new courses and assessments.

ANZAC Day will fall within the school holidays again this year. Our students will have a focus on ANZAC next week. We will have visitors from Marlborough historical societies to support us and to share their knowledge.

This term our football team has traveled to Nelson weekly to play in their summer competition. The students are fortunate to have had a lot of parental support and regular coaching. A special thanks to Bridget and Mark for their coaching support, it is really valued. This team will continue in Term 2. Next term we hope to have 1-2 teams entered into the Blenheim hockey competition.

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After School Care

In the library/playground, is available Monday – Friday, 3pm – 5pm. Bookings are essential – regular or casual attendance welcome. Contact Judy Hill ph / txt 021 042 0800.

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Also, some of our junior girls are playing netball for Pelorus over the winter, and a group of primary boys playing rugby for Pelorus. We have entered a secondary netball team into the Nelson Saturday competition this winter. (I believe for the first time in 25 years)

The skate ramp has been a very popular addition to our grounds. As expected we are working our way through issues as they arise. This week we have made the decision to give skate ramp use to Years 1-6 at morning tea time and Years 7-13 at lunch time. For health and safety reasons children need to be wearing helmets when they are using the ramp.

In the next couple of weeks, we will see a number of changes around COVID requirements, with announcements due later next week. This may impact our school in Term 2.

Sadly, we will be farewelling Teresa Hug who has been with us as a Teacher Aide for the last two years. Teresa will be moving, with her daughters to Waihi to join her husband who has work there. It has been wonderful having Teresa on the staff and we really appreciate all that she has done for our students and contribution to our wider school. We wish them all well for the future

Finally, it has been a long term with a lot of stress and interruptions. I hope that you all have a wonderful Easter and a holiday break and that everyone is able to recharge their batteries.

Noho ora mai
Maree



Some images of the aquaculture trip



Primary News

Head of Primary News

Greetings everyone,

As we move through this week at school, week 10, it could be said that everyone is tired, but we are almost at the end and it will be lovely to have a break with friends and family starting with the Easter holidays and ANZAC weekend in the middle.

On that note of ANZAC weekend, next Tuesday we will be having a visit from John Orchard at Marlborough Museum as he presents a ANZAC programme to the whole school throughout the day on Tuesday. In the afternoon he selects a group of 6 girls and 6 boys to walk down, dress-up and join him for a small service at the Rai Valley War Memorial.

The next day will be Wednesday 13th of April and it will be mufti day at school. We have asked students to come dressed in their house colours and bring a 'food' donation for the Community Pantry.

On Monday the primary syndicate students will bring home their Goal Setting Sheets for you to read and discuss with your child. We ask that you both sign this and return it to the class teacher no later than Thursday. The letter explains it further and advises about conversations with the teacher if you would like one.

The skateboard/half pike ramp has been getting lots of use, which is great. Thank you for the team who constructed and put this in. It is right at the back of the field. The children should all have a helmet on when they are using it, even if they are using it with their scooter.

Calendar Dates

Tuesday 12th April

Board of Trustees Meeting 6:30pm
Anzac Commemoration

Wednesday 13th April

Mufti Day - bring a food donation for the community pantry and wear your house colours

Thursday 14th April

Last Day of School Term 1

Term II

Monday 2nd May

First Day, Term 2

Monday 16th & Friday 20th of May

Teacher Only Days

Thursday & Friday 12th & 13th May

Maud Island



Head of Primary News Continued

Children have been asked to walk or carry their scooters when they are moving around the primary classroom area and the outdoor deck as it is very dangerous to have the speed of a child on a scooter while 50 or more children and adults are moving about at bell times. In the future it would be great to have a designated park for these scooters, so that's something to think about. In the mean time we are asking that they park their scooters along the chain-link fence line at the edge of the court. Helmets can come into cloak-bay spaces or lockers for safe keeping and to keep them dry.

Please discuss this safety request with your children. For added safety, as we also did with the pump track, at interval this will be the time for Years 1-6 to be on the ramp and at lunchtime Years 7-13 will have time on the ramp.

Stay safe everyone and have a good week next week to finish the term. School will finish at the normal time of 2.50pm on Thursday 14th April.



Thank you to everyone that supported our BULBS fundraiser. We made a profit of \$273 to go towards picnic tables to be used as outdoor work spaces for the Secondary students. Your orders will be delivered during the holidays.



Renee Jope

Junior Table Tennis

The Marlborough Table Tennis Association is again running junior table tennis starting **Tuesday 3rd May 2022. It will run during Term 2 and 3.**

It runs **4pm – 5pm** Beginners and developing players. 5pm - Two player teams competition, any gender, **Blenheim Indoor sports centre 50 Batty's Road.**

To register phone Debbie , 0211632140, or e-mail deb_e_j@hotmail.com or Alex 0221890995 e-mail alexkennedy545@gmail.com

Flu Vaccines have arrived. Please ring Havelock Med Centre 5742233 - for a booking

Thanks Yvonne Havelock Medical Centre

Secondary News

Sexwise

Last Friday, the Ministry of Health funded Sexwise Performance Group performed to Years 9-13 and followed that up with two workshops. This is the third time the school has hosted Sexwise and they remain popular with students. The performances deal directly with many issues our young people face from STIs, pornography and relationships, to sexuality, sexual orientation and friendships. The performance is edgy and speaks to students in straightforward terms, presenting issues in simple ways they can all understand. The workshops that follow explore some of the thornier issues raised during the performance in more detail and allows students to give advice to the characters and look at alternative actions they could take in those situations. While an important part of the health curriculum, sometimes these topics make us uneasy. Richard Wilkins, (Guidance Counsellor) and Rebekah Blease (District Health Nurse) remain available for any students or parents if they would like to discuss any issues raised around these topics.



Senior students work with the actors in the workshops



We are coming to the end of term 1, so the pool is closing.
Please return your key by the end of term to receive your refund.
Contact Renee Jope 0277750083

Getting Fire-wise



Mr Macdonald extinguishes another fire.



Students get acquainted with the fire truck

We had a great piece of helpful PD last Friday afternoon. Jamie Knight showed a number of staff and students how to put out fires with both CO2 and dry powder extinguishers. A number of fears were overcome and all students put out what at times seemed to be an unpredictable blaze (due to the changing wind direction). In the end, everyone was more than up to the task - Well Done Team!! Thanks to Judy Hill for the great photos.

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Leo Club News



This week we are sending a gift of home knitted baby clothes to the Special Care Baby Unit in Nelson Hospital. Students, staff, and members of the Rai Community knitted 23 singlets, 9 blankets, 20 hats, 6 jackets and 5 sets of bootees. The nurse at the baby unit says they are really appreciative. Singlets and blankets knitted in wool are always needed for these special babies. These beautiful items can be seen in the photograph. Ka pai everyone who was involved.



LIZ DELLA-BOSCA

for your kind donation of cushions to our library and the
new break-out spaces in the Primary Modernization



Sports & Community News

MOI 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 173 Rutherford St NELSON. The workshops are lead by senior students from Garin College, Nelson College for Girls, and Nayland College.

To register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/holiday-programmes-april-nelson-tickets-301153948567>

WEEK 2: 26-27 April: Art and Engineering

Experiment with art and build some crazy contraptions with all sorts of materials. Come along to learn engineering as well as test your creativity skills. This workshop is always a HUGE hit! Ages 6-13 (up to year 8).
Cooking with no Cooking-This workshop will teach students how to cook delicious meals and desserts without relying on cooking conventionally.
Come along and make sushi, cheesecakes, and much more!

WEEK 2: 28-29 April: Electronics and Engineering-

This workshop is designed to teach students about basic electronics, soldering techniques, game design, and simple robotics with Arduinos.
Designed for age 8-13.

Cooking with no Cooking

This workshop will teach students how to cook delicious meals and desserts without relying on cooking conventionally. Come along and make sushi, cheesecakes, and much more! Ages 5-6.

Please make sure you select your tickets carefully for the days and workshops you wish to attend.

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



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Sea Kayaking

**COME JOIN THE
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A chance for local Te Hoiere/Pelorus youth to experience the Marlborough Sounds as part of our amazing 2022 Adventure Series.

Date: Tuesday 19th April

Time: 8am - 5pm

Cost: \$25, Lunch included in cost

Open to all Pelorus Youth aged 12-18yrs

Youth will get to experience the beautiful Sounds by water, while learning about the environment along the way. Enjoy a lunch stop with food provided at Kaipupu Sanctuary followed by a tour on foot before finishing the day in Picton.

REGISTER NOW by emailing:
info@wanderfulladventures.co.nz

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Futsal is a raw form of Football played indoors with a slightly weighted ball and is a great way for kids to learn to control a ball at their feet.

5 AGE GROUPS:

4.15-5pm: 5 & 6 year olds + 7 & 8 year olds

5.15-6pm: 9, 10 & 11 year olds

6.15-7pm: 12 & 13 year olds + 14, 15 & 16 year olds

DATES:

TERM 2

STARTS Tuesday 3rd May 2022

FINISHES Tuesday 5th July 2022 (10 weeks)

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE
Monday 2nd May 2022

\$70 per child
FOR THE TERM

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