

Rai Valley Area School

Newsletter



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Tumuaki's Report

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome back to Term 2. I am really hopeful that this term we will gradually move back to normality. COVID will still be with us at times but we are seeing a return to school trips and school sports.

Next week we have a group of Years 6/7 students travelling to Maud Island for our annual trip, we have a junior football team playing regularly in Nelson mid-week and a secondary netball team starting in the Nelson competition this weekend.

Nationally, school attendance has become an issue during the times of COVID. Our school is also experiencing higher than usual absenteeism often related to illness. There is a lot of evidence that learning and achievement are impacted for children whose attendance falls below 95% (2.5 days a term).

One of the consequences of a very disrupted Term 1 is that a number of professional development events have had to be rescheduled often to days outside our control. This is why we will have two Teacher Only Days in the same week on the 16th and 20th of May. I apologise in advance for any disruption to you and your families but unfortunately, this is out of our control.

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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.

Tumuaki's Report Continued

This Term I would hope to see all our NCEA students really commit to their credits and for our year 11 and 12 students to have close to 30 credits by the end of Term 2. Some of our students have worked hard during Term 1 to keep their learning on track but there are others who will need to make a real effort this term.

This week we welcomed Mrs Audrey van Hilst, who is Mrs Skinner's replacement into our secondary syndicate. At the end of term, we farewelled Teresa Hug who has moved to Waihi and we hope to have a new Teacher Aide in school next week.

The beginning of term is a good time to remind our young people about their uniforms. As it gets colder there is often a temptation for the hoodies and the gumboots to appear. If your child has to wear a non-uniform item on a particular day can you please contact their form teacher or write them a note for a uniform exemption. If gumboots are being worn to school it would be helpful if they also had school footwear to change into as it is not acceptable to wear gumboots indoors.

Noho ora mai
Maree

Calendar Dates

Thursday 12th & Friday 13th May
Maud Island

Monday 16th & Friday 20th of May
Teacher only Days

Tuesday 10th of May
Small Sticks Y1-8

Monday 9th - Friday 15th May
Road safety week





Primary News

Head of Primary News

Greetings everyone,

A wet day and a wet week to start the term, but we have lots of fun learning opportunities for our students.

In week 2 we are having a visit from the NZ Hockey programme, it is Road Safety Week and the group of Year 6's are going to Maud Island. Watch out for plenty of photos.

Next Wednesday afternoon we will have a Road Safety activity out on the back court. Children can bring their bikes, high vis jackets and their helmets of course. We will have a road confidence course set up to ride on. We have some bikes at school that can be borrowed. Sensible shoes would also be encouraged. A note will come home next Tuesday to confirm our activity.

Sam Baxter is returning to conduct our music and drama programme on Wednesdays and Kiwi Can starts again this Friday. Watch out for their news further on in our newsletter.

Please mark on your calendar a Teacher Only Day on Monday 16th and Friday 20th May. Teachers at school for Professional Development, students at home!

If you have not signed and returned your child's Goal Setting Report could you please do that, by returning it to the teacher. A photo copy will be returned to you. We use these later in the term to write a report to you, as required by the Ministry of Education.

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



Debby Upsall

Rafting Trip

Four Year 8 and 9 students were lucky enough to be chosen to take part in a rafting trip on the West Coast with students from several other schools - Karamea, South Westland, Reefton and Maruia. Ms Upsall drove the school van, taking Sophie, Kayden, Holly and Terra. They stayed the first night in a cottage in Reefton before joining the rest of the group to drive to the first river.

That night they camped at Waiuta and then went rafting again the next day before returning to Reefton and then home.

Sophie wrote these recollections:

Rafting the Grey River

On the way to the river we had to cross a creek and Ms Upsall tripped and fell in the water- she was soaked. Well, we were all going to get wet, anyway! We got in our safety gear, and one by one the rafts were launched. Barney's blue mini-raft was covered in bees. We went down smallish waterfalls and rapids -some were really exciting!

We felt like we were going to tip on one, sometimes we spun right round. We had to paddle like mad and sometimes crouch down and hold on tight. The rafts were splashing each other with their paddles whenever they got close. We were going through a rainforest-like area, when Mitch, our leader, jumped onto another raft that had splashed us. We paddled up and he jumped back on. The funniest moment for me was when Barney went down a curved rapid that flipped his raft upside down.



Flu Vaccines have arrived.
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Centre 5742233 - for a
booking

Thanks Yvonne Havelock
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Debby Upsall

Rafting Trip Continued

Night time problems

We camped at Waiuta and very early in the morning, I woke up to Terra and Holly talking. "Why are you up?" I groaned half asleep. "We're stuck in the tent," they said. Now I was awake! They showed me that the outer cover was stuck on something. Seeing an empty bag, I put it on the ground so I wouldn't get wet, put my back on the bag and pushed myself out of the tent. The problem was that the zip was stuck on fabric. I managed to move the fabric and we were free.

We went back in the tent making sure it didn't stick again. Then back in our sleeping bags we started girl talk until suddenly there was a thump on the tent! Holly whispered, "I think it's a possum!" Then I heard something. "Sshh" I said. As we went silent we heard a growl and then another. Terra wanted to see what it was, but we said no and went back to sleep. In the morning we found it was Ms Upsall snoring in the next tent.

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Leo Club

On the last Wednesday of last term the Leo Club organised a food drive for the Rai pantry. Everyone was invited to come to school in their house colours and bring a food item.

There was a massive response: four boxes of food were collected! Well done Rai Valley! A lot of this food has already been distributed via the Rai Pantry over the holiday break.

Thanks Shane for keeping the pantry topped up while we were away. Here's a photo of some of the food collected.



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<https://www.scholastic.co.nz/schools/national-family-reading-month-2022/resources/>

Take the 31 Day Family Reading Challenge

1. Enter the reading challenge (link is above), it starts on 1 May 2022. You'll go in the draw to WIN one of 5 book packs!
2. Track daily reading all May with the fun Sea Creature Reading Log.
3. Follow along with Scholastic New Zealand on [Facebook](#) for tips, inspiration, motivation and more fun giveaways! #NationalFamilyReadingMonth

READ MORE IN MAY!
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is all it takes.



Record your daily reading

Daily reading records have been given to children in their classes

Kiwi Can Newsletter: Term 2, 2022

Kia ora koutou katoa

We hope everyone had an amazing break after a crazy first term! The Kiwi Can team are all very excited to be back in schools after the holidays. Over the first week of the holidays we were busy planning our lessons, creating resources, and delivery training - and then had a wonderful break in the second week.

Term 2 Dates

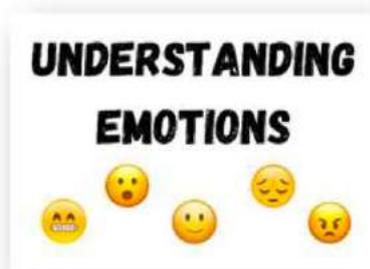
Kiwi Can will run in Marlborough schools from **Monday 2nd May** through until **Friday 8th July**. If there are any changes you would like to make throughout the term, please do not hesitate to contact our Kiwi Can Coordinator Laekin Simmonds. (Her email is at the end of this newsletter).

Kiwi Can Theme - Resilience

This term our theme is all about resilience, which means:

“Coping with challenges and bouncing back” - or “Try, try again”.

Students will be learning about three different modules under this theme - which are:



As you know, your Kiwi Can leaders will run a range of activities using different techniques to cover the term's learning intentions, such as:

Level 1 and 2

- We are learning what an emotion is.
- We are identifying different ways to calm ourselves down.
- We are learning how to cope with a challenge.

Level 3

- We are identifying a range of emotions in ourselves and others.
- We are practicing different strategies to manage our emotions.
- We are identifying challenges that may affect our peers.

Level 4

- We are exploring emotional triggers that can cause people to behave in a certain way.
- We are learning to take control of our emotions in a range of situations.
- We are identifying challenges that may affect ourselves and others.

Resources

Some of you may be aware that during lockdown in 2020 your local Kiwi Can team began developing and creating YouTube videos to keep the learning going at home – and we have built on this ever since. You can find these lessons and challenges on our Kiwi Can Marlborough playlist here: www.bit.ly/GDFKiwiCanYT. These resources are there for your teachers to make use of, if they wish.



Did you know?
You can access some of our Kiwi Can videos [online?](#)



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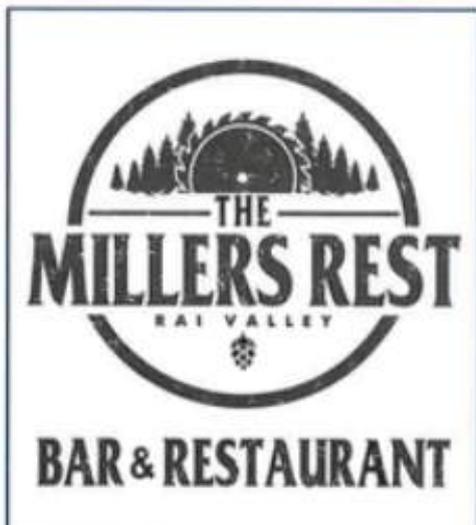
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