

Newsletter

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Tumuaki's Report



Kia ora koutou,

It is good to get to the end of this week and to have most of our staff back on deck. As many of you will be aware we have had a number of teachers out sick. This is a national trend. We have been fortunate to be able to cover most classes with relieving teachers. It was good to be able to welcome Mr. Juriss back last week.

Primary classes have been fortunate to have had some external visitors in the last couple of weeks. Bob Bickerton brought the Te Ao o Taonga Puoro presentation to our school last week with a focus on Maori musical instruments. This week Elgregoe the Magician also entertained our students.

There was an improvement in the weather this week which meant that the small sticks hockey coaching was able to go ahead. There will be a follow-up session in the coming weeks. The Small Sticks organisation has generously donated 30 hockey sticks and hockey balls to our school.

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Several teachers have organized an inter-house basketball competition for seniors and juniors in the last few weeks. It has been great that they have been able to run around as it seems like a number of them really have cabin fever and are over all the wet weather.

The rugby field is finally starting to make progress. The concrete has been poured for the goal posts which we hope to install. Once the field dries out it will be ready for use.

Next Friday will be a national holiday to observe Matariki. Deb O'Dell will be back next week and will work with classes to support a Matariki focus. On Thursday our Year 1-10's will have a day with house-based activities and the school will provide a hangi lunch in the hall.

Finally, student attendance is still being impacted by various illnesses that are very common at present, so if your child is unwell please keep them at home and contact Pauline.

Ngā mihi nui

Maree

After School Care

Don't forget to book your After School Care - available every day in the community library till 5pm.

So if you have appts in town or need some extra time in your day - flick Judy a text and book in, or even call or message her on the day.

Judy has games and all sorts to keep them occupied. ph/txt 021 042 0800, \$5 per child per hour.

Calendar Dates

Havelock Market Day

Saturday 18th June @ 9am - 1pm
Havelock Town Hall

Havelock Museum AGM

Thursday 23rd June @ 10am
Havelock School & Community Library

Matariki Day - Public Holiday

Friday 24th June
Blenheim

School Term Two Ends

Final Day Friday July 8th

School Term Three Starts

Begins Monday 25th July





Greetings everyone.

Week 7 has been full of exciting learning in fun ways.

Several children have been involved with an activity called Senses Rugby. All primary students and Year 7 and 8's enjoyed a presentation by a musician called Bob Bickerton who demonstrated his handmade maori instruments. This was a very informative and entertaining hour.

Following on from that we had a presentation by a magician who shared his ideas around making good choices at school with our friends, showing respect, caring, support and giving encouragement. These are values we all share and aspire to here at Rai, they were just delivered in a more fun and exciting way through the eyes of a magician.

Further on in the newsletter are some photos and comments about these two events.

Next week we will see the return of Ms O'Dell to help us with a week of Matariki learning and celebrations. It will be an extra fun time for the students and ends with a celebration of kai on the Thursday with a hangi.

Children can still be working hard in their classroom and showing respect to their teachers and fellow students. Reports and comments about key competencies will be out to you by the end of the term. We encourage discussion with your children about these reports and encouragement also to speak with their teachers if you have any queries.

Long may the fine weather last and we can be outside more. Skipping - Jump June? and cross country are events to look forward to before the end of term. Getting out for a run and a skip each day is great for our fitness in the winter months.

Nga mihi
Karen Davies

Foundations for new rugby posts were poured on Thursday.

A BIG THANK YOU to the following businesses / people who helped with the wheelbarrowing of concrete and digging of the very large holes for the posts.

REM Engineering - Morgan & Tuna
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COURSE**

- Do you find yourself yelling at your child more often than laughing with your child
- Do you feel you have lost touch with your child
- Do you feel frustrated and find yourself saying the same things over and over again with no result

TOPICS COVERED

COMMUNICATION	CHOICES/CONSEQUENCES	COMPLIANCE
EMPATHY	SIBLING RIVALRY	TEENAGERS AND BOUNDARIES
SETTING LIMITS	TEMPERAMENTS	ARE YOU DOING TOO MUCH
PERSONALITY TYPES	PRAISE VS ENCOURAGEMENT	QUALITY TIME

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Featured articles

News from Room 13

On Wednesday, 8th June, my class and I walked to the cosy, warm library to investigate Bob Bickerton's historical, noisy, musical Māori instruments, while he told weird, interesting Māori stories and music.

Ivy & Imagen

I like the one that made a big different whistle noise like a killer a whale.

Jake

All of the instruments were unbelievable because they were interesting shapes. My favourite was all of them.

Jason

When he played it was magical, then it got stuck in my head because it was soothing.

Scarlett

One small instrument he played with his nose was funny.

Imogen



News from Room 14

This term Room 14 has been learning about "Our Sun, Our Star" and some cool learning has been taking place. We have been learning about why we need the sun, and the fact that our sun is a star.

We have been showing this through our art work too, and here are some examples of the cool things going on in Room 14.

Our Sun



Autumn Leaves



Sports & Community News

A group of junior and intermediate children enjoying some fun activities this week, sponsored by NZ Rugby. A great time was had by all.

Miss S



Students study future of mussels

Rai Valley Area School Year 13 students Lillyarna Lilburn and Electra Maisey have been enjoying learning about mussels. Photo: Sara Hollyman/Marlborough Weekly.



Will rising sea temperatures affect how mussels eat? Does the acidity of the water affect how quickly mussels grow? These are some of the questions that Year 13 students from across the district had the opportunity to explore last week.

A partnership between Cawthron, Otago University and NMIT saw a university marine scientist spend two weeks investigating the molluscs with different groups of high school students from Marlborough and Nelson.

Rai Valley Area School and Kaikōura High School each sent small groups of students to the Cawthron Aquaculture Park in Nelson last week.

As part of a Level 3 achievement standard, students had to carry out a biological investigation.

You can view the article online here:

<https://marlboroughapp.co.nz/community/students-study-future-of-mussels>

Marlborough Rural Police stolen motorcycle found

We are trying to find the owner of the Stockman Ag Motorcycle (pictures attached). Found dumped near Brayshaw Park Blenheim, on the river bank about 10 days ago.

We are sure it is stolen but don't know who the owner is.

If it is yours or you know who owns it please contact us.



Mitchell Sports Power MARLBOROUGH PRIMARY / INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022

To be held on Sunday 26th June 2022

VENUE: Simcox Stadium, Blenheim Indoor Sports Centre, 50 Batty's Road.

STARTING TIME: 9.00 am

ENTRY FEES: \$5.00 **TOTAL** for both events, and may be paid on the day.

ELIGIBILITY: ALL PRIMARY AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL CHILDREN UP TO AND INCLUDING YEAR 8.

EQUIPMENT: Bring your BAT. A limited number will be available to loan if you do not have one. Please advise me with your entry if one is required. Also please bring your **GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP** as always !! and a **SMILE !!**

MATCHES: All matches will be the best of **FIVE SETS TO 11**, however depending on entries, plate events may be best of **THREE SETS TO 11**.

ENTRIES CLOSE Tuesday 21st June 2022

Debbie Stratford, 10 Burleigh Road, Blenheim.

They can be given to Debbie at table tennis on Tuesdays

or left at Mitchell Sports Power, 15 Queen St, Blenheim, formerly Alyssums.

Phone entries accepted. Phone 578 6822 cell 0211632140

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BELONG TO A CLUB TO ENTER.

ENTRY FORM

Mitchell Sports MARLBOROUGH PRIMARY / INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS TABLE TENNIS CHAMPS 2022

NAME AGE YEAR

SCHOOL PHONE NO.

Do you require a bat?

Please indicate which events you wish to enter, remember for \$5 you can enter in both events. If you do not have a partner we will try to match you up with one.

BOYS SINGLES _____

GIRLS SINGLES _____

BOYS DOUBLES PARTNERS NAME _____

GIRLS DOUBLES PARTNERS NAME _____

Plate events will be run in the singles and doubles events for those losing in the first and second rounds.

PRIZES AND CERTIFICATES FOR ALL EVENT WINNERS & RUNNERS-UP.



Update for Community Oral Health Service

We hope this finds all our school communities doing well as things continue to change around us all.

Many of you may be aware that there have been significant disruptions to the Community Oral Health Service in recent years. COVID19 has unsurprisingly had the biggest impact. Lockdowns resulted in all but 'Relief of Pain' services being available and there are ongoing limitations to service to manage the COVID19 risks for the whanau/families and our staff in the confined, close-up clinic settings.

A number of other factors are having an increasing impact of the timeliness on Oral Health Care for the tamariki/children of Nelson/Marlborough. Most recently staff illnesses have added to the impact of COVID19. In addition, we are also experiencing an unprecedented shortage of Dental and Oral Health Therapists. We are working secure more therapists however this is challenging in a period of a national shortage of trained oral health professionals.

A number of strategies are in place to make the most of opportunities available to us to keep wait times for tamariki/children to a minimum. This includes changes to the mobile clinic calendar for site visits to rural areas, recommencement of some Saturday clinics and early discharge from the service. More details below.

Mobile Clinics

The Wairau mobile has been off road for repairs and a COVID19 upgrade since late 2021 and unfortunately we still await parts for the repair. The Nelson area mobile continues to operate but at reduced capacity.

We've prioritised outlying areas for the mobile service where access to town clinics is the most difficult. All whanau/families will be contacted by the nearest hub and alternative clinic appointments will be offered. We'll endeavour to work with whanau/families from outlying areas to find a time that coincides with trips to town centres.

Our usual annual calendar is now changing frequently so we will endeavour to remain in contact with schools as the plan evolves. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any concerns in regard to the mobile service.

Early Discharge Year 7 & 8 children

A large number of private dentists have generously agreed to take over the care of Year 7 & 8 children instead of the usual transfer to private dentists at Year 9.

Our clinics will be in touch with families as appointments come due (or are overdue) to make arrangements for those who wish to take up this option. Please work with your Community Oral Health Hub in the first instance to get this arrangement underway.

Saturday Clinics

Some of our team have kindly offered their time on Saturdays as an option for appointments. This is a very limited service and will be offered where it is available.

Urgent Care

As is our normal practice if your child has urgent needs please be in touch with your nearest clinic to make arrangement for an urgent appointment or contact Nelson or Wairau hospitals for dental afterhours information.





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