

Newsletter

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Tumuaki's Report

Kia ora koutou,



As we begin Term 3, we are continuing to struggle with the ongoing effects of COVID. There is an ongoing impact on our teaching staff and students. The disruption for senior students who are endeavouring to complete their credits is a real concern.

I would like to thank all the parents and family, who have been in school in the last few days, to support their children with our annual speech competition. I was fortunate enough to be able to listen to the speech finals yesterday, and I would really like to congratulate all those who gave a speech. The speeches were of a high standard and I would like to thank our teachers and parents for all their support. The Pelorus Speech finals will be held on Friday at the Havelock Town Hall.

Sport Tasman has generously offered the school an opportunity for an all-expenses-paid ski trip on Friday 12th August for 15 places. School will top this number up to 20. It is for Years 7-10, but Sport Tasman has requested that Years 9 and 10 students are given priority. The vans will leave school at 6.00 am. I would like to thank Toni O'Donnell for all her help to make the trip happen.

It is that time of year when we have our annual cross country. I know it is a love-hate relationship for a number of our students. Our school cross country which will be an inter-house competition will be held on Thursday 18th August. You will get further details in the next few weeks. The Pelorus cross country event is Friday 2nd September for all Year's 1-8 students at Canvastown.

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Last week we received a very generous donation of two outdoor picnic tables from the HAVELOCK MEN'S SHED thank you.

Just some advance notice, there will be a Teacher Only Day on Friday 19th August. The secondary staff will be attending NCEA Workshops in Nelson and our Primary staff will be working on planning, at school.

Nominations are now open for our School Board of Trustees. This role is extremely important to the successful running of our school. Four of our current Board of Trustees have made the decision not to stand again. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tony O'Donnell (Chair), Gabrielle Pooley, Nadine Massey, and Renee Jope (Staff Trustee) for their hard work and support. If you are considering standing please do not hesitate to contact a current Board member or me.

**Noho ora mai
Maree**

Student Absentees / Buses / After School Arrangements / Parent collecting students

Could you please notify Pauline, when required as soon as possible, at the school office regarding the above issues with a reason, either by phone (03 5716 016) and leave a message or by email (office@rai.school.nz) or personally to the office or by a written note (boomerang book).

This allows up-to-date recorded information for emergencies.

If students are late at school or leaving during school hours:

Students or parents need to sign in or out at the school office.

Thank you in advance, much appreciated.

CALENDAR DATES

Pelorus Speeches - Yr 7 & 8

Friday August 5th

Ski Trip Yr 9 & 10

Friday 12th August

48hr Film Festival

Friday 12th - Sunday 14th August

RVAS Interhouse Cross Country

Thursday 18th August

Teacher Only Day

Friday 19th August

School Photos

Thursday 1st September

Pelorus Cross Country

Friday 2nd September

School Board of Trustees Election

Monday 5th September

RVAS Pet Day

26th & 27th October



Primary News – Pet day Info



Greetings Everyone

Apologies for an incorrect date in our last newsletter. The Pelorus Cluster Speech Competition for Yrs 5-8 is in Havelock on Friday 5th August, this week. We wish the four students who are attending, good luck. Thanks to Haley Kiddey for transporting and supporting.

This year I have been tasked with the organisation of our Rai Valley Area School Pet Day event.

This will be early in Term 4. My plan is to give you all an update in each newsletter. For more time-critical notices these will come via FB and a Boomerang book notice.



PET DAY UPDATE...

First and foremost, thank you to those you attended the Community meeting last week and to those who have offered help so far. The schedule will be out soon with a list of tasks that teachers will complete in class. There are a couple of new activities and events so watch out for these.

PET DAY UPDATE CONT'D

We would like to know soon if your child plans to enter a calf this year. We are allowed to have them, but the committee has decided that judging will take place on your own farm on Tuesday 25th & Wednesday 26th October of the Pet Day week. Diaries and photos will be submitted as well for judging.

A notice will come out on Monday next week, asking what animals will be entered for the outdoor events.

There has been a lot of illness around with flu and Covid. Please keep your children at home if this is the case for them. Hopefully with a little more sunshine we will all be feeling alot better. It is amazing what a bit of sun on your back can do for your wellbeing.

Havelock Community Theatre have advertised in this newsletter for the staging of a pantomime at the end of the year. This is a great opportunity for some children to try their hand at the stage. There is a workshop on 20th and 21st of August. Watch out for the notice further in this newsletter. Any questions direct your children to me.

Nga mihi
Karen Davies



A BIG THANKS TO GARY CHING LTD
for donating a full box of keys for our upcoming
recycled Art for next term.





NEWS FROM ROOM 12 – SPEECHES

The junior classes have been working hard so far this term on writing and presenting their speeches. We all know it is not an easy task to write an interesting speech and then have to present it to a large audience but the children have all done an amazing job. Here are our two winning speeches from Room 12 in 2022.

STOP PUTTING RUBBISH IN THE ENVIRONMENT

Hi my name is Olivia
I think you should stop putting rubbish in the environment and here is why.

So many people have rubbish bags and so many people at our school do not put rubbish in the bins. The rubbish blows in rivers and lakes and other places. How many people bring plastic food wrappers in their lunch boxes and do not bring it home with them or put it in the correct bin? Did you know that animals eat rubbish or get trapped inside it? Everyday, animals eat rubbish and die. Rubbish can get trapped in their airways and stop them breathing. If we put rubbish in the bins or stop using plastic then the environment will be safer for animals.

Some ideas that you could use to stop using so much rubbish are... using metal drink bottles instead of plastic ones, having a litter free lunch box without any individual packets, use metal or glass containers to store food in. You could also use reusable mugs for hot drinks. If we all make these small changes then we can help to save the planet.

So that is why we should save the world by STOP PUTTING RUBBISH IN THE environment.
I would like you to agree with me, that if we put rubbish away, then the world will be safer.
Thank you for listening to my speech

By Olivia Harrison





SNAKES

What is slithery, long and sometimes venomous? They are the cause of fear throughout the world. Did you guess that I am talking about snakes? They are my favourite animal and today I am going to tell you all about them.

I like snakes because there are lots of different kinds of snakes: the African Bush Viper and Black mamba are my favourite. You have 20 minutes before you die from a Black Mambas bite. You will die in 10 minutes from a African Bush Viper bite. The Black Mamba and African Bush viper are found in tropical African rainforests. African Bush Viper are relatively small compared to other snakes and come in a wide variety of colours and patterns. The Black Mamba is much longer and can grow to 4.5 metres. Which one do you like more?

African Bush vipers eat rodents and reptiles.

A Black Mamba eats mice, squirrels and they strike at anything. A Black mamba gets 14 feet long. An African Bush viper can get 31 inches long.

The biggest snake is a green Anaconda. They can grow up to 30 feet long! It does not have any venom but they can swallow an alligator whole! They can weigh up to 550 lbs. That is huge!

A green Anaconda lives for 20 years

We do not have any snakes in New Zealand but

in my home country of South Africa, I grew up with them, I even had pet snakes! Once my Dad caught a small, poisonous one and we put it in a milo container! Snakes would get into our house all the time in South Africa. I hope you have enjoyed my Speech.

I believe that we should not fear snakes. They are cool and fascinating creatures. I hope I have convinced you to like snakes as much as me!

By Marno De Kock.



Primary News Cont'd



Havelock Community Theatre - please see Karen

RVAS Syndicate Speeches:

The following results are from the Primary Class Speeches we had today.

	First	Second	Third
Year 1	Bjorn Prattley	Robin Jackson-Lee	
Year 2	Jeorgie Prattley	Cara Harrison	Vincent Wiesner
Year 3	Scarlett Morrison	Jake Thompson	
Year 4	Tiaan deKock	Tai Mackness	
Year 5	Olivia Harrison	Meika O'Donnell	Annie Jones
Year 6	Marno deKock	Marcus O'Donnell	
Year 7	Cody Aldridge	Oliver Hope	Elin Kiddey
Year 8	Cooper Knight		

The last four names in bold text are representing us at the Pelorus Cluster Speech Competition at Havelock on Friday. Due to some Covid restriction only the students will be in front of the Judges. No audience is allowed. Mrs Kiddey will accompany these four students and then return them to school. Hopefully by the end of the day we may have some results to share with you then.

Well done everyone and good luck to Olivia, Marno, Cody and Cooper.

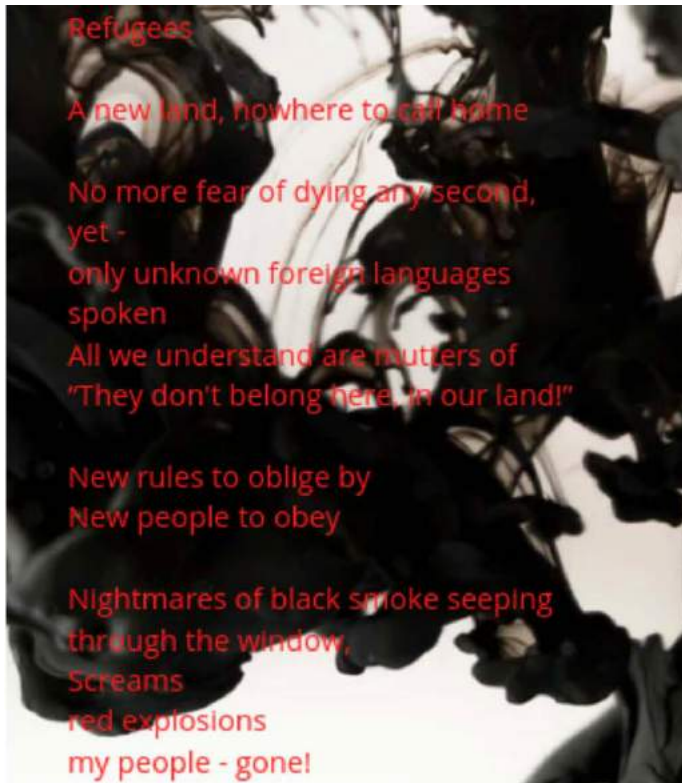
NEWS FROM ROOM 14 – SCIENCE LAB

This week room 14 had their first adventure into the science lab. They have been learning about liquids and solids, and what materials can conduct electricity. Some great learning has been taking place. They also learnt about different gases - and which ones can burn!!!!





POEMS BY ELLA & LILY



Refugees

A new land, nowhere to call home
No more fear of dying any second,
yet -
only unknown foreign languages
spoken
All we understand are mutters of
"They don't belong here, in our land!"

New rules to oblige by
New people to obey

Nightmares of black smoke seeping
through the window,
Screams
red explosions
my people - gone!

BFFs

I got your back and you got mine
You will be here any time
To see you sad makes me mad
To have a friend like you just isn't bad
You know how to annoy me
I know how to make you happy
When you come to my party you know just what to get me
If we are friends like this we are forever more
That is what best friends are for

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Funny (haiku 575) *****

Laughing with others around you
On the ground with tears of happiness
Joy rushing through my body

Love *****

Indescribable love
Not something you say,
Something you feel

Passion consuming me
Desire to be around

Neverending intimacy
Complete devotion

Addiction inescapable
Trust as deep as the ocean

Unbreakable bond
Occupying my mind
Longing to be with

Fear*****

Voices were shouting
Souls were woken.

Bashing and crashing sounds
Tears rolling down faces,

Biting fingernails
Scared to come out,

Hiding under beds
Cold to the touch,

Well over panicking
Screaming started,

A gunshot fired
Still silence
Nothing to be heard.





HOCKEY

Second to last game for the season, the game was a great match with lots of laughs from both teams, although we lost 1-5 the whole team came off with big smiles from a well played game. Player of the day went to Marcus for his awesome goal he scored. Also special mention to Declan for his best game yet as well, fantastic attacking skills throughout the whole game.



SOCCER

Rai Raiders managed to pull together a team, they headed over to Motueka to play early. No subs so they all had to hang in there. They scored a goal, but lost in the end. Oliver and Sam Hope got joint player of day - Oliver was all over the field, never gave up, had numerous shots at goal. Defended, attacked. Sam completely held together the defence - covering everything across the back end. Listening to the coach and doing some great intercepts.

Then - Georgie played excellent on wing, holding her position and doing some great saves. Gareth stepped up and played his first ever full game. Amy and Elin played really well with Oliver working together for lots of shots at goal between them all. Tyler had an outstanding first half, defending and getting the ball away a lot. Finn played an awesome defender in second half, Cooper discovered he quite likes the goal and is good at it. Thanks to STM distributors - the Morris's for shouting MacDonalds.

Thanks to Ms McKinley for coming and watching in the freezing wet conditions. The kids were stoked to see you and the parents appreciated the hot drink!



NETBALL

Fantastic first game back - Rai beat Garin Platinum 22 - 3. Played really, fantastic team work, great passes. Their fitness is really improving. Play of the day to Bella Hickson. Thanks to Jess and Haley for taking them.





RUGBY POSTS

The rugby posts are now up and ready for all our future All Blacks.

Thanks to Kelvin Billingsley and all the RVAS Students for all the help with installing the posts.



BASKETBALL HOOPS

New NBA style hoops are up. These are fully adjustable for heights to suit all ages.



PICNIC TABLE

Thanks to Renee Jope for approaching the Havelock Men's Shed

HUGE THANK YOU TO THE HAVELOCK MENS SHED FOR DONATING THE OUTDOOR PICNIC TABLE SET.





Dear Student

Havelock Community Theatre are staging a Pantomime (a type of play for children that is performed around Christmas, in which traditional stories are performed with jokes, music and songs) **at the end of the year.**

We have asked Sam Baxter from Marlborough Children's Youth Theatre to run a weekend drama workshop on the **20th & 21st of August** at the Town Hall, corner of Main Road & Inglis Street.

Saturday 20th August 9:00-12:00

Sunday 21st August 9.00 – 15:00 including a lunch break.

Please bring something to drink & something to eat. You will need to bring lunch on Sunday.

Wear clothes & shoes that are comfortable.

Storytelling, improvisation, voice & movement are all combined in the workshop that will explore the world of pantomime.

There are **16 places** available at the workshop for Students aged 12 & upwards. Havelock Community Theatre will pay for this workshop with the view that you will audition for the selected pantomime & if successful you will be available for rehearsals & take part in the Pantomime.

Auditions will take place late August, early September. Rehearsals will start once selections are made with a view to staging the pantomime late November, early December.

To enrol, please email me as soon as possible. The things I need to know are:

1. Name
2. Contact phone number
3. Email address
4. Are your parents/Caregiver happy that you take part in this workshop?
5. Are your parents/caregiver happy that you audition for a part in the Pantomime?

Please contact me on 021 108 5539 if you have any questions.

Please email me with the answers to ros.mccarthy@gmail.com

Ros McCarthy (Havelock Community Theatre Committee)





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Swimming NELSON MARLBOROUGH

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Nelson Marlborough Region

Date: Saturday 3rd September
Location: Richmond Aquatic Centre
Ages: 8+
All levels of water experience are welcome!

Disability types: Intellectual, invisible, hearing, brain injury, vision, short stature, and various physical impairments.

What to expect: Meeting new people and time in the pool!

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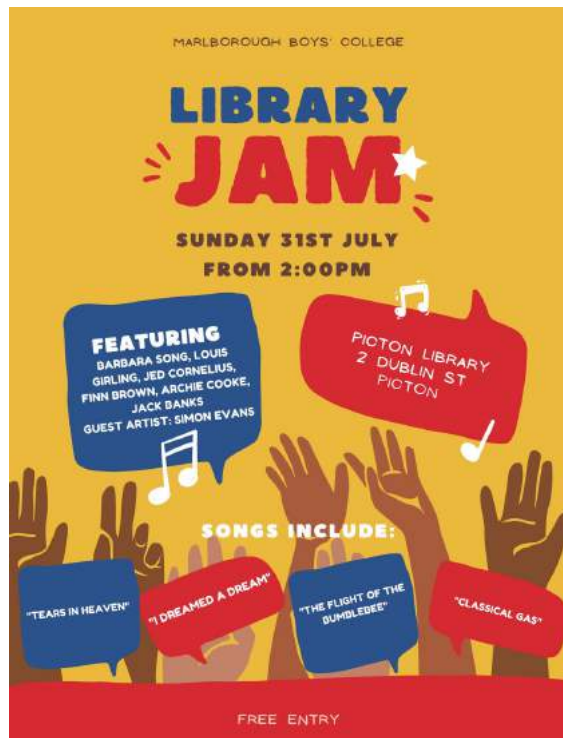
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