

Newsletter

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Tumuaki's Report



Kia ora koutou,

This week we sadly farewell Debby Upsall who is retiring. Debby has been at Rai Valley for 11 years. Debby began teaching in the Year 5-6 area and more recently she has been the Learning Support Co-Ordinator for the TOSI Kahui Ako. She began her teaching career at Peach Grove intermediate in Hamilton. In her career, she has worked at a number of schools including Mercury Bay Area School. Debby also spent a year teaching English in Japan as well as working for the New Zealand Correspondence school, NMIT, and the NZ Open Polytechnic.

Last Friday the Year's 1-6 students had an amazing mid-winter disco. It was a fundraiser for three students who are traveling to Taranaki next week to take part in the National LEO Camp. This term they have been working hard with their fund-raising with Mrs. Upsall's support, they have raised a total of \$1278.90. We wish Ella Jenner, Holly Hatcher, and Cooper Knight a fabulous trip and we look forward to catching up with them when they return.

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On Tuesday seven of our students participated in the Pelorus Hockey Tournament in Blenheim. It was a great day and a special thanks to Antonia O'Donnell for organising this.

COVID has reared its head again in the school community. This week we have had staff and a number of students affected. At the end of last week, the Ministry of Education revised the dates for re-infection. If your child is testing positive and it has been longer than 29 days since their last infection, it is a new infection and needs the isolation of 7 days for the child and their family.

Last week the Kahui Ako held interviews for Debby Upsall's replacement. We are excited to announce that Teresa Shepherd who is currently at Mapua school will be the new Learning Support Coordinator. Teresa takes up her new position in September.

Finally, it has been a long and at times challenging term, I would like to thank our staff who have worked hard picking up a number of extra classes to ensure that our school has been able to stay open and for all classes to continue to learn on-site. I hope that everyone can take some time to rest and re-charge.

**Noho ora mai
Maree**

Calendar Dates

School Term Two Ends

Final Day Friday July 8th

School Term Three Starts

Begins Monday 25th July



CLUB DAY 2022

Join us to celebrate
the game we all love!!

Saturday 9th July

Games from 10am

Jnr & Snr Teams all playing on our home turf
at the Havelock Domain
Pelorus Legends Game 12:15pm

Bouncy Castles, Lions Sausage Sizzle,
& PCP Food Stall, Craft Stalls & RUGBY!!
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See you there!!





Greetings Everyone,

Week 10 has arrived and almost finished, probably already finished by the time you are reading this. The 10 weeks have been super busy for everyone, students, teachers, parents and everyone who helps make a school tick along smoothly, so I thank you. In this last week we have had a hockey festival with the Pelorus schools where some students attended for the day in town on Tuesday.

On Wednesday the primary students had the pleasure of a fun morning with a Creative Arts group to present a 'song and dance' routine that was then filmed to be collaborated with many other Marlborough Schools. We will have to watch out for the video.

On Wednesday last week I joined a zoom meeting with the team that runs the Group Day part of Pet Day. This is a new responsibility for me and I would like to invite any interested parents to come to a meeting early in the next term to help plan our Pet Day for this year. Calves are back on the list, so that will be exciting for some families. Please watch out for a notice on FB and from school in that first week back.

Early in next term we will be participating in the Pelorus Speech Competition that will be held in Havelock. I believe it is on Friday 3rd August. This also means we will need to have our own class and school speech competition before this date. Teachers have introduced these this week and students will be encouraged to do a little work on them over the holidays to help make us ready in time.

Reports will go home on Friday. There is also an information brochure with them to help explain school curriculum standards and levels your children can aim for. Please read and also discuss the teacher comments with your children. Any questions, please contact us early on in Term 3.

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Signing off now...have a great holiday break, stay warm and healthy, rest and recover.

**Regards,
Karen Davies
Head of Primary Syndicate.**

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Community News

Seeking people from all walks of life to help govern our school!

We are looking for new people to join our Rai Valley Area School Board of Trustees.

WHO do we want? We need people with a wide variety of skill sets – ranging from financial to practical and everything in between. We are after people with great communication skills who work well as a team. We welcome thoughtful free thinkers who are not afraid to ask difficult questions. We would like people committed to children's/tamariki's learning who want the very best for our community. You can be a parent, or a community member without children at RVAS.

WHAT does it involve? The role of the Board is governance, while the role of the Principal/Tumuaki is management. Within our separate roles, we work together to provide an excellent learning environment for our students/taura. Governance is the high level oversight – leadership, strategic direction, reviewing big financial decisions, monitoring school-wide educational progress, making big picture decisions for our school grounds, etc. Management involves the day to day running of the school, staff and student relationships, educational programmes, and so on.

Alongside the regular governance of the school, the Board is involved with special projects. Over the last three years, the Board has worked on several projects:

- Improved the playground
- Developed a new school uniform
- Implemented a new cell phone policy
- Re-surfaced the courts
- Installed solar power after applying for numerous financial grants,
- Developed the rugby field,
- Renovated the junior blocks

WHEN and how often? We meet twice a term, plus occasional extra meetings if special projects are required. We currently meet on Thursdays at 6:30pm, but this is subject to change to meet the needs of new members as well. Meetings run for two hours, and you are paid a small stipend for this. We are legally required to meet at least 8 times a year, and the commitment is for three years.

If you are interested, please contact the school office or the current Board Members for more information, contacts below. You are also welcome to come sit in on our next Board meeting, Thursday August 11th at 6:30pm in the Rai Valley Community Library.

Also see more information and stories from past Board members at <https://www.nzsta.org.nz/advice-and-support/information-for-board-members/>

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Netball & Soccer



Great weekend for sports with the sun shining!

Soccer wise - the Raiders broke the drought and scored their first goal for the season. Still going down to suburbs after a hard fought game. Darcy Thompson was player of the day for his outstanding goal keeping.

Senior Netballers won - 24 goals to 5. The whole team played fantastically. Alya Lawrence was awarded player of the day.

It's great to see all the students developing through the season. Thanks to all the coaches and parents for their support.





Hockey



Awesome day yesterday - kids had a blast and learnt heaps of fun skills. They spent the morning doing a round robin of different skill stations, then after lunch they broke out into teams and played some games.

At the end of the day a few kids from each school won some special spot prizes for demonstrating great skills.

Marcus O'Donnell, Declan Knight and Imagen Knight all won a spot prize. All the kids were amazing and showed fantastic Rai Way behaviour, they were all a absolute pleaser to spend the day with.





Future of work conference

On 2nd June Year 10 and 11 students attended the Futures of Work conference, at the Marlborough Events Centre. The Year 11's accompanied by Tania Billingley, started the day with a series of inspiring speakers. These gave them an insight into a variety of careers such as logging and wine making. Some speakers explained how they had started as general workers but worked their way up to be a co-owner or in some cases develop their own business.

All students participated in an 'amazing race' challenge. They were given a booklet with questions to ask the various employers at stands in the hall. The stands offered a variety of challenges, information boards and the most popular, samples of cakes and other edibles.

Outside were representatives from the police and fire service, and mechanics who gave students the opportunity to change a tyre. The police had virtual reality goggles, and students were able to enter crime scenes and among other things dust for fingerprints.

All of the students were fully engaged and I have received an email from one industry representative, praising the attitude, engagement and behaviour of our students. We have also had a couple of students who were winners in the competitions run by some of the potential employers.

It was a very wet and windy day, but well worth venturing into Blenheim to give our young people a taster of the Future of Work for them.





School Uniform UPDATE

The BOT have added a soft shell jacket to our Secondary school uniform.

We have a selection of sizes for trying on kept at the school office with Pauline.

She will take orders with payments of \$70 (all sizes) and will let you know when they are ready for your child to pick up.



Resilience *Taikaha*

Means coping with challenges and bouncing back.

THE KIWI CAN CORNER

Resilience / Taikaha



What a great term we've had, learning about resilience with our amazing Kiwi Can kids! Together we have explored **understanding emotions; self-control and self-discipline;** and **dealing with challenges** as important parts of developing **resilience** – or our ability to “cope with challenges and bounce back”. Happy holidays everybody 😊

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's something you want to challenge yourself with in these school holidays? What can you do to help yourself succeed with this?
- Can you find out about someone who has had to show real resilience to face a big challenge in their life? Can you share what you found about with a family member or friend (or maybe your teacher when you go back to school)?
- You might like to check out some of our Kiwi Can Marlborough videos over the holidays too! Visit www.bit.ly/GDFKiwiCanYT



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Leo Club



Electra Maisey and Lillyarna Lilburn donated a Saturday to the Lions Club to travel to Nopera on the Pelorus Sound, and face paint all the children - and a few adults! - as part of a Fun Day the Lions Club ran to support locals still suffering the after effects of the floods nearly a year ago.



Liz Dellabosca's raffle was drawn by Ms Furness today and the winner is Gaye Benjamin, Kelsey Knight's mum!





TIME OUT TOUR *Book now!*

With Matt Chisholm



Golden Bay - July 7th, 5.30pm, East Takaka Hall

Tapawera - July 8th, 11.30am, Tapawera Rugby Rooms

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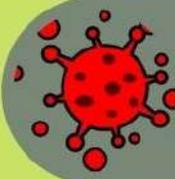
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COVID UPDATE - PLEASE READ INFO HAS CHANGED

28 Days Since Covid

If you or your whānau have [Covid symptoms](#) and it is 28 days or less since your last infection there is no need for you to take a RAT test (rapid antigen test). You should stay home and recover until 28 hours after you no longer have symptoms.

29 Days Since Covid

If you or your whānau have Covid symptoms and it is 29 days or more since your last infection it is possible you have Covid again and you need to take a RAT test and upload the result. If you have a positive test your household contacts will also need to isolate unless they have either:

- had COVID-19 in the last 28 days and are recovered
- been a household contact in the last 10 days.



Negative Test?

If your result is negative, your symptoms could be another infection, such as the flu or another virus. If your symptoms continue you should repeat a RAT 48 hours later. If this is still negative, then stay at home until at least 24 hours after your symptoms resolve.



If you have an underlying health condition or symptoms that are getting worse, you should call Healthline on 0800 358 5453 or your local healthcare provider. More information [here](#)



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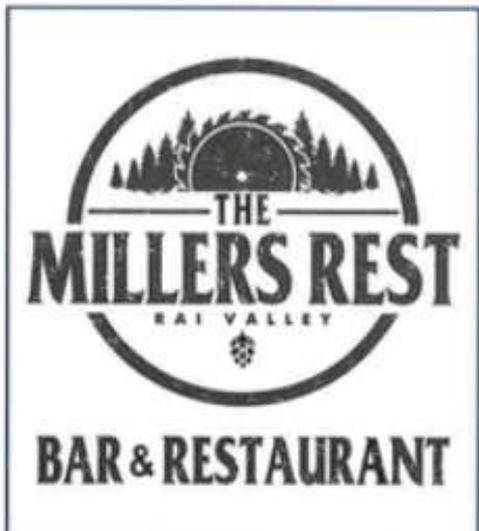
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