

# Newsletter

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## Tumuaki's Report



### **Kia ora koutou,**

This week we have finally returned to some normality with the buses back running and most of our roads open. I would like to acknowledge all of you who are still being impacted by the heavy rain and subsequent flooding. I know there are wide-ranging effects and some of these are not always obvious. It was great that the school facilities could be used to support our community.

Civil Defence hosted the Prime Minister, Mayor, local iwi representatives, and guests in the library last Thursday. Our students were very excited to see the helicopter land and to be acknowledged by the Prime Minister and Mayor. The Air Force gave the opportunity for students to look around the NH90 Helicopter while it was on the field.

On Monday, Theresa Neal began as our Learning Support Co-ordinator. Theresa is replacing Debby Upsall and comes to this role with a lot of experience. Theresa is already known to some of you and in the coming weeks will be available to meet parents.

We finally had our cross country yesterday. After this being cancelled in previous years and this year due to the flooding, it was a relief for it to finally happen. Many thanks to the parents and family who arrived to support their children. It was a great morning and I would like to thank Michael who picked up the organisation of the event, for a great effort.

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## Our Details:

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## Our People:

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**Principal: Maree Furness**

**Deputy Principal: Mike Wilson**

**Primary Leader: Karen Davies**

**Senco: Janine Sorensen**

**Executive Officer: Selene Turner**

**Receptionist: Pauline Agnew**

**Caretaker: Shane Dearman**





This weekend our Years 7 and 8 football team will be playing in Rai for their final game. This team has worked hard throughout the season with regular practices and weekly games. They have been really fortunate that Brigitte Payton and Mark Hope have given up their time to coach, as well as having a lot of parent support. Their game is at 10.00 am on Saturday morning if you wish to come and support them.

The new Board of Trustees will hold its first meeting on Monday 12th September. Thank you to the new trustees for volunteering their time for this role. The new Board of Trustees is Jamie Knight, Justin Morrison, Glen Hatcher, Kristen Aldridge, and Sarah Hope. Jessica Massey will be the new staff trustee and Tania Billingsley will remain as a co-opted member. Finally, I would like to acknowledge the amazing contribution from outgoing board members, Tony O'Donnell(Chair) Gabrielle Pooley, Nadine Massey, and Renee Jope(Staff Trustee) for their hard work and support for our school.

## **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**

### **RVAS Primary Dress up Day**

Thursday 16th September

### **Book Fair Ends**

Friday 17th September

### **Cross Country - Pelorus**

23rd September

### **End of Term Three**

Friday 30th September

### **RVAS Pet Day**

26th & 27th October

## **PRIMARY ONLY! DRESS UP DAY**

Come Dressed up as a cat or dog next Thursday to help finish celebrating the BookFair



### **House Sitter Available**

Rai Valley Havelock Area.

Need a break - not sure about the care of your animals while you're away - then I can help. Give me a call:

Debbie 021 081 79 069 - References available.



# Primary News – Pet day Info



## Greetings Everyone,

The big event for the week has been the cross country run on Thursday as laps around our field, it was great to see lots of people participating. House teams gain points from all the participants. On Friday 23rd September the Years 1-8 will participate in the Pelorus Cluster Cross Country at Canvastown. A notice asking for assistance with transport will come via your child's boomerang book early next week. Mrs Massey will be the Teacher-in-Charge of this event for me, as I will be away in Reefton for some Professional Development for Literacy.

Later in the newsletter you will see some writing from one of our new students. Eddie Neal described a photo of him and his dad in a big gap on their farm. Thank you for the photo Mrs Neal and your great bit of writing Eddie.

I personally would like to thank everyone who helped make getting through our recent 'weather bomb' just that little bit easier. I know it impacted hugely on some and not so much on others, but it was an impact to everyone nevertheless. It has been fabulous to see everyone back at school and some sunshine as well.

If there are still families who would benefit from some help in any way, please feel free to contact myself or send a message to your child's teacher. The community of Rai Valley has shown its true colours of resilience but people are weary, some exhausted and some could still do with a little help. Please reach out to us.

## PET DAY - Update:

I hope everyone has had a good look at the Pet Day Schedule and have made a plan of what you would like to enter. Good projects for over the holidays.

If you need pet diaries for lambs, rabbits, calves or goats please see Renee or Mrs Davies.

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

Our School and Community Health Nurse, Rebekah Blease, has moved on to another role in the Health Sector.

We would like to acknowledge Rebekah's expertise in assisting students, staff and community with their needs, which was much appreciated.

Rebekah was always available to listen to all concerns, had a positive attitude, wonderful advice and was very helpful.

We wish her all the best in the future.

**BELOW IS OUR NEW SCHOOL NURSE  
ANGIE MILLS WHEN & WHERE**



**ANGIE  
MILLS**

**RAI VALLEY  
SCHOOL NURSE**

When: Thursday's 10:30-2pm Where: VC Room

### What does a school nurse do?

- Provides healthcare to students with immediate or long term health problems
- Conducts screenings and writes referrals for health services
- Develops and monitors health plans for students
- Delivers Health Education to students, family & whānau



**Marlborough Primary Health**

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## Kia ora Whanau and the wider community,

I'm Theresa Neal. I have taken on the new role of Learning Support Co-ordinator for the TOSI Kahui Ako. I cover a wide area but am based and spend most of my time working in the Rai Valley Area School.

I come from a Primary Teaching background where I taught Years 0 - 6 and have held many roles such as Bus Monitor, Team Leader, Reading Recovery Teacher, and SENCO (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator). I have worked in a range of schools in Mapua, West Auckland, and England.

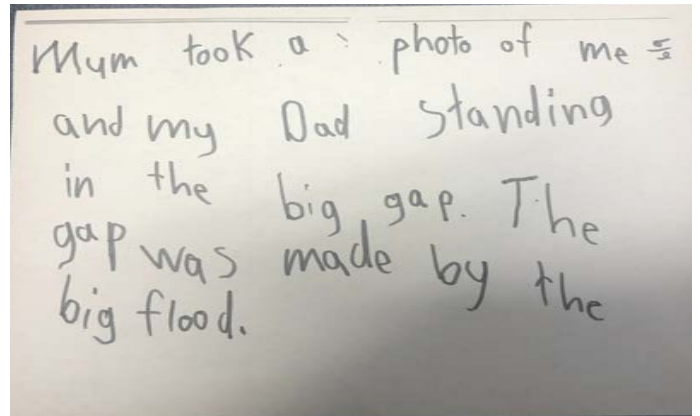
I have a vast knowledge of using Structured Literacy in the class and have worked with a range of students, some of which have both undiagnosed and diagnosed Neurodiversity and the 4D's: Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, Dyscalculia, and Dysgraphia. I am not a master of any but I am a lifelong learner.

My time at school at the moment is spent getting to know your children, reviewing student records, supporting the SENCO, making connections with outside professionals, and also supporting parents/whanau.

Over the next coming weeks, I'll be around the school gate to introduce myself so please come and say hello. I understand that many students come to school on the bus so if you need to make contact, please either email or phone details below.

I look forward to meeting many of you in the coming weeks.

**Theresa Neal**  
**Learning Support Co-ordinator**  
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## Cross Country 2022

It was wonderful to finally get this event away and the students didn't disappoint. All the races from Years 1-2 through to the senior races were all fiercely competed. Well done to the place getters (see the list below) and to everyone that entered. It was also lovely to see a good number of parents there.

The house competition was also close and the overall winner will be announced at assembly next Thursday.

Unfortunately, three Dads had the audacity to beat me in a parent lap. They should report to my office for after school detentions. They know who they are :)

### Mike Wilson



### Major Place Getters:

#### Year 1-2 Boys

- 1st = Vincent Wiesner
- 2nd = Aiden Mackness
- 3rd = Brodie Martin

#### Year 1-2 Girls

- 1st = Ellie Thompson
- 2nd = Cara Harrison
- 3rd = Kiera Fenton

#### Year 3-4 Boys

- 1st = Willam Sharpe
- 2nd = Jake Thompson
- 3rd = Milan Hamilton

#### Year 3-4 Girls

- 1st = Harriet Leov
- 2nd = Scarlett Morrison
- 3rd = Ivy Kiddey

#### Year 5-6 Boys

- 1st = Marno deKock
- 2nd = Joshua Todd
- 3rd = Sam Hope

#### Year 5-6 Girls

- 1st = Olivia Harrison
- 2nd = Paige Todd
- 3rd = Sophie Thompson

### Major Place Getters:

#### Year 7-8 Boys

- 1st = Jackson Jenner
- 2nd = Cody Aldridge
- 3rd = Oliver Hope

#### Year 7-8 Girls

- 1st = Elin Kiddey
- 2nd = Amy Billingsley
- 3rd = Ana Harrison

#### Year 9-10 Boys

- 1st = Oliver Pearse
- 2nd = Luke Zillwood
- 3rd = Kaden Lawrence

#### Year 9-10 Girls

- 1st = Lily Kiddey
- 2nd = Ella Jenner
- 3rd = Bayley Hickson

#### Year 11-13 Boys

- 1st = Anton Cory
- 2nd = Vincent Maisey
- 3rd = Fraser Hill

#### Year 11-13 Girls

- 1st = Electra Maisey
- 2nd = Penelope Kiddey
- 3rd = Brooke Dearman



# Sports & Community News



## SKI TRIP

On Friday the 12th of August, a lucky group of Year 8 to 10 students travelled to Rainbow Ski Field for a day of skiing and snowboarding. We got lucky with a stunning day of weather and great snow conditions up the mountain. Many of our participants had not skied or snowboarded before and after a lesson everyone was keen to test out their new found skills. We would like to thank Tasman Sport who facilitated the day, as well as Antonia and Tony O'Donnell for all of their help and support in making this day happen! We hope to be able to keep this day happening for years to come!





## THANK YOU

For all your nominations for the Board of Trustee parent election.

There was no need for a voting election as we had 5 Parent spots and we got 5 nominations.

Congratulations to our new board Parent representatives:

Glen Hatcher - parent to Holly and Elliot

Sarah Hope - parent to Sam and Oliver

Kristin Aldridge - parent to Cody and Dylan.

Also our re-elected members:

Justin Morrison - parent to Scarlett

Jamie Knight - parent to Kayden, Cooper, Declan and Imagen. Will join our co-opted members Alison McAlpine and Tania Billingsley and our Principal Maree Furness.

Congratulations to our new staff trustee, Jessica Massey who teaches Years 5 & 6.

I'm sure you will bring as well as gain new skills and knowledge as you go on this journey.

Student elections will happen later this month.

### Returning Officer Renee Jope



**Thanks you** to the outgoing board members Tony O'Donnell, Renee Jope, Nadine Maisey, Gabrielle Pooley. It has been a massive 3 years for the outgoing board, they were the first board post ministry intervention, they had a change of executive officer, start of new property plan.

They have been a great team to work with, all bringing different strengths to the table.

Together with staff they have brought in health and safety plans, uniform updates, code of conduct documents, solar installation at the school, building of the principal and LSC block, refurb of the primary, mou with Tasman rugby, increased sporting engagement, upgrade of the courts and playgrounds. All balanced through COVID.

Probably many things we have forgotten to mention.

Thank you for putting your hand up, giving up time for meetings, reading endless documents, zooming in, overseeing construction projects, swinging a hammer, chainsaw or getting in with your tractor.





September 7th 2022

Newsletter

# Rai Valley Flooding 2022



## Floods 2022

1. TWO WEEKS AGO RAI VALLEY HAD THE BIGGEST FLOOD SINCE 2010. AND THIS FLOOD DESTROYED FARMERS DAIRY FARMS, LOCALS HOME AND LAND,



2 A ELDERLY COUPLE OF RAI VALLEY HAD A MASSIVE SLIP COME OWN BEHIND THEIR HOUSE CAUSING THE HOUSE TO COME WITH THE SLIP .LUCKILY THEY MANAGED TO GET OUT AND WALK TO A NEIGHBOURS HOUSE WITH MINS TO SPARE



BY KAYLA GARDINER







## Leo's Club



During the first week of the school holidays Holly, Cooper and I were sponsored by the Havelock Lions to go to a youth camp in Taranaki. There was an array of thrilling events happening and challenges for both our minds and bodies.



All three of us had a spectacular time making good friends and meeting lots of new people, I would recommend this camp to all youth who want to get out and about and explore new opportunities.

We all were ecstatic from climbing rock walls blindfolded, to going down the white-water river by ourselves. Both giving us the confidence that we needed to achieve these ultimate challenges.

A special thanks to everyone who purchased a raffle ticket and a sausage, Thanks to all the Lions for your sponsorship.



Ella Jenner





## Students at school helping feed the community and food donations for the kitchen





## WIN \$200

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Grant applications are now being accepted by  
The Havelock Gallery Trust.

The non profit trust gives profits back to the local community from the sale of Marlborough artists artwork.

If your organisation wishes to apply for a grant, please go to [www.thegalleryhavelock.com](http://www.thegalleryhavelock.com) and complete the application form.

All grants and donations must be used to benefit our local communities (Havelock, Canvastown, Linkwater, Rai Valley, and the greater Pelorus area).

Notifications will be sent out in early December 2022 if your grant application is approved.

Any questions please email [thegalleryhavelock@gmail.com](mailto:thegalleryhavelock@gmail.com)

## Active Dads Nelson

presents **Dr Bradley Hannigan**

14 September

7pm - 8:30pm  
Online Presentation

**Brain Development, Learning and Care**

Key ideas in brain development, the importance of a kind & caring environment to nurture brain development in children

21 September

7pm - 8:30pm  
Online Presentation

**Boys, Brains and Behaviour**

Focussing on the typical male brain structure & early development. Ideas on how to support boys to learn and grow in the early years

28 September

7pm - 8:30pm  
Online Presentation

**Girls and Their Dads**

Covering the importance of fathers, and being a good father to our girls. Brain development, behaviours and understanding, communication

Barnardos

TO REGISTER FOR THESE ONLINE PRESENTATIONS EMAIL

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stock up on plants, gourmet foods, and secondhand books • buy unique handmade toys  
enjoy live music and exciting entertainment • savour delicious international foods  
win amazing silent-auction items • tour our new campus • and more!

Entry is by gold-coin koha. This is a low-waste event, thank you for doing your part!

For more information, visit [www.facebook.com/MotuekaSteinerSchoolSpringFair/](https://www.facebook.com/MotuekaSteinerSchoolSpringFair/) or e-mail [fairs@motueka.steiner.school.nz](mailto:fairs@motueka.steiner.school.nz).

We appreciate the many people and businesses supporting our fair. Thank you!

Thank you to **FUJI XEROX** for printing this poster.

## 5 Tips to Reduce Sugar

Add fresh fruit and cinnamon to cereal instead of sugar

Weetbix, corn flakes, rice bubbles and porridge are good options

Swap out jam, honey and nutella for marmite, peanut butter or banana

Choose low sugar snacks between meals. Cheese, crackers, fruit and vegetables

Cut back sugar in home baking by half or more

Drink water or milk instead of juice, fizzy or flavoured milk

Nelson Marlborough Community Oral Health Service  
Phone: 0800 825 583





Fostering Health & Well-being within the Pelorus Area  
Local Solutions for Local Problems

## Pelorus Area Health Trust AGM

1<sup>st</sup> October @ 2.pm  
Havelock Pavilion

The Trust promotes, protects and fosters  
primary health care within the Pelorus Area.

Everyone is Welcome to Attend!!

Guest Speakers  
Afternoon Tea Provided

A copy of the agenda will be available from at the Havelock Charity Shop or  
please email Jenny.  
secretary@pelorusareahealthtrust.co.nz

[www.pelorusareahealthtrust.co.nz](http://www.pelorusareahealthtrust.co.nz)



### Positive Relationships

Whakawhanaungatanga  
Means working  
and playing in safe  
and thoughtful ways  
with others.

## THE KIWI CAN CORNER

Positive Relationships / Whakawhanaungatanga

### Positive Communication

Our Kiwi Can juniors have been exploring how we can speak positively with others, and our older tamariki are also developing understanding about how to give and receive compliments.

Some conversation starters for this week:

- ★ What are some ways we can demonstrate positive communication?
- ★ How does it make you feel when someone gives you praise or a compliment? Why do you think some people get embarrassed giving or receiving compliments?
- ★ What's the nicest compliment you've received? What made it so meaningful?
- ★ Can you tell me about a time this week when you've worked or played with others in a really positive way?



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## AUGUST SEVERE WEATHER EVENT MARLBOROUGH

Te Whatu Ora  
Health New Zealand

### How are you?

Experiencing a disaster can be overwhelming. It's normal for you and your whānau to feel upset, anxious and emotionally drained during and after an emergency event.

A variety of reactions are normal – everyone reacts differently in unfamiliar or upsetting situations. Some people may never have a reaction. Others may have delayed reactions that show up days, weeks or even months after the disaster happens.

Understanding the biological reason behind why we're having a certain way can help us process and work through unfamiliar emotions. During scary or surprising events, our brains react chemically – releasing adrenaline, triggering a 'fight-or-flight' response. This response is our natural alarm system – our body telling us to be alert and ready for action. It's there to help us, but afterwards, we feel shaky, queasy or on-edge, and it can make it hard to concentrate.

Sometimes post-disaster stress and sadness can be lingering. It can affect your physical and mental health and well-being. In these situations, it's important to connect with others, find positive ways of coping, and reach out for support.

### Building Mental Wellbeing and Resilience

Good mental health helps us carry on and deal with all life throws at us. Here are some things you can do:

- Connect with friends, whānau, neighbours and colleagues

- Breathe! Calming your breathing settles your stress response

- Do some light exercise

- Help a friend or neighbour – connections and kindness build community resilience and help lift our mood

- Take a break from the news and social media

- Free call or text 1737 to speak to a trained counsellor available 24 hours a day)

- Talk to a health professional or mental health provider if you're not coping

### Mental Wellbeing Support

#### Call or Text 1737

- For support with grief, anxiety, distress or mental wellbeing, you can call or text 1737 – free, anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - to talk it through with a trained counsellor.

#### Contact your family doctor

- General Practice visits are free for flood related healthcare.
- Up to three General Practice visits are free for mental healthcare relating to the weather event.
- Ask your General Practice about their Mental Health Brief Intervention Service.
- Health navigators are available to provide assistance navigating health and social needs.

### Financial Support

Civil Defence Payments are available through the Ministry of Social Development for people who have been affected by the floods and slips in Nelson, Tasman and Marlborough.

**Call Work and Income on 0800 559 009**  
**Monday-Friday, 7am-6pm.**

These can help with:

- Emergency food, clothing and bedding if yours has been damaged or destroyed.
- Accommodation costs if you have evacuated
- Loss of income due to an inability to work caused by the flooding.





## October 2022 Holiday Art Program!



Kia Ora! My name is Charlotte and I am an artist. I have always loved being creative and have sold my own artwork since I was 13 years old. I am very blessed to have a job that I am passionate about, and I love to share that joy with children too! I have taught after school art classes at 3 schools now, one in Dunedin and two in Blenheim. The kids and I have really enjoyed these classes, so I have decided to also do holiday programs this year!



I also have my lovely sister-in-law Jess coming to help out! Jess is fun loving, kind and also loves art. She will be assisting me with jobs during the day so that I can focus my attention on teaching the children and helping them get the most out of their time with us.

### Dates:

<u>Week one-</u>	<u>Week two-</u>
Tuesday 4th October 9am-3pm Bee art / Card making	Tuesday 11th October 9am-3pm Acrylic abstract painting / Bird collage
Wednesday 5th October 9am-3pm Collage making / Patterned landscape	Wednesday 12th October 9am-3pm Bee art / Card making
Thursday 6th October 9am-3pm Acrylic abstract painting / Bird collage	Thursday 13th October 9am-3pm Collage making / Patterned landscape

### Where:

The program will be held in the Whitney Street School Hall. Down the end of Whitney Street in Blenheim Central.

### Ages:

This year I will be taking ages 8-12 years old. (I may hold classes for different age groups in the future.)

### What:

Each day we will be doing two main art projects that involve different art mediums. I have chosen activities that will give the children a range of techniques to explore during the day. (Week one and two will have the same projects repeated, but on different days.) We will also play some games throughout the day. And have lots of fun!

### Cost:

The cost of each day is \$80 per child.

This includes: All art supplies provided. Morning tea and an afternoon snack will also be provided, but please pack a lunch and water bottle for your child.

There will also be some little treats to be won on each day!

You may enroll your child/children in as many days as you like. Doing all three days will give them a nice variety of projects to try. There are 15 spots in each class and I have had quite a lot of interest shown so far, (Half of the spaces are booked already) so if you want specific dates it would be best to get back to me as soon as you can to secure a spot. I will be taking students in order of who emails back first.

If you would like to enroll your child please reply to this email ([charlottebuskin@icloud.com](mailto:charlottebuskin@icloud.com)) with the following information...

- What dates you would like to book.
- Your name & number (as well as a back up emergency contact).
- Childs name, age & school
- Do they have any allergies or health information that I should be aware of?
- Do you mind your child being in any photos taken on the day? (These may be used for future advertising of my classes)
- Is your child allowed to have a treat?

Once I have received your email I will reply to confirm that all of the dates you want are available and will send you payment details. Your booking will be confirmed once payment is received.

If you have any questions please email [charlottebuskin@icloud.com](mailto:charlottebuskin@icloud.com) and I will get back to you as soon as I can. Have a great day!

Charlotte 😊



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