

Newsletter

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Tumuaki's Report



Kia ora koutou,

Welcome to the first newsletter for Term 4. This a short but very busy term.

Our Year 11-13 students only have seven school days before the external examinations begin. This year has been a year of disruptions which has impacted on our NCEA students. Senior teachers will continue to run study sessions throughout exam time to support students. They will also give students an opportunity to finish credits to help them gain their qualifications.

Last week a group of students from Years 5-8 joined other Marlborough schools for Mountain Biking in Seddon. They had a fabulous day. Many thanks to Mrs Massey, Ms Sorensen, and Antonia O'Donnell who supported students and enabled this day to happen.

Last week we also had our first touch team play in the Marlborough Schools competition. They had a great game against Queen Charlotte College. The secondary team will have its first game on Wednesday night. This team had originally entered the Nelson competition but the Road closure has meant a change.

It is really lovely to see a return to Pet Day this year and great to welcome calves back even if they will be judged on the farm. I am a little disappointed that the entry numbers for pets are down this year. This may just be because we didn't have an outdoor day last year.

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Tumuaki's Report Cont'd

I hope this is just a blip and not a trend. Pet day is a really important event on our school and community calendar.

Our Years 10-12 students should all have completed their subject choices for 2023. If you still have questions about your student's course, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Hooker or me. It is also possible for a student to change their subjects at the beginning of next year if they change their minds.

This is a busy term so please check the dates of upcoming events. I will remind you that there are two Teachers Only Days later in November. These are Ministry Education days to focus on NCEA changes. Most Marlborough and Nelson secondary schools will also have these days.

My thoughts are with us all as we face the upcoming road closures. Like you, we are planning for what we can which includes working with our staff who live in the Nelson area.

This has also impacted the Years 9-10 Whenua Iki Day as well as staff professional development. For a number of you, the impact is massive and my thoughts go out to you. If there is something you think we may be able to help with please do not hesitate to contact us.

**Noho ora mai
Maree**



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

RVAS Pet Day

Wednesday 26th October

&

Thursday 27th October

Marlborough Anniversary

Monday 31st Oct

Group Day

Tuesday 1st November

Ki-O-Rahi Day - Redwoodtown

Wednesday 2nd November

NCEA Exams Start

Monday 7th November

NCEA Exams End

Friday 2nd December

Teacher Only Day - No Students

Friday 25th November

Teacher Only Day - No Students

Monday 28th November

Last day of Term 4

Friday 9th December



Sunshine is here.
Term 4 means hats on
while outside.
See the school webpage



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for full uniform details

SCHOLASTIC

Book Clubs

Every Child Deserves a Good Book

Orders are due back to school via Renee in the library by November 2nd 2022

Primary News – Pet day Info



Greetings Everyone,

Term 4 is here and it's great to have some good weather too. The event that is 'on top' for everyone in primary is the Pet Day which is this week.

Indoor events happen on Wednesday morning with the syndicate making sand saucers and their floral creations. Teachers will then help everyone take their work over and set it up in the hall. Any items and creations your children have made at home need to come to school that morning. Judging starts straight after school and the hall is closed at 12.40pm.

If you could send along some flowers from your garden for the 'sand saucers' that would be most helpful.

Please also remember that this term, we need our hats on when we are outside. This is for everyone's protection against the sun.

PET DAY - Update:

'Pets' come on Thursday and we start at 10.00am.

Year 9 and 10 students can be involved during the morning if they have no pets by entering the 'Scarecrow' competition and / or the Pallet Project event. These can be made between 10am and 12pm. They will be judged after the Young Farmers event and then we will have the 'Grand Parade'.

Regards,
Karen Davies
Head of Primary Syndicate



Scarecrow entry in our Pet Day now.

WE CORDIALLY INVITE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY, WHANAU AND FRIENDS TO ATTEND

THE ANNUAL TOP OF THE SOUTH TRADES ACADEMY AWARD CEREMONY

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TOP OF THE SOUTH TRADES ACADEMY

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Canvastown Community Market and Official Opening of the Miner's Hut

Saturday 12th November
10.00am-2.00pm

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Cash Only Event (No Eftpos)

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All funds raised to go to community based projects





On 6th September I accompanied three Year 9 and two Year 13 students to Founders Park, Nelson, for the judging of the Cawthron Scitech Expo 2022. We were given a very warm welcome, and we felt a little like celebrities. This was because, despite the flooding in Rai Valley, and the damage and slips on several roads in The Sounds and SH6, we managed to get projects and students to the Science Fair on time.

Electra Maisey and Lillyarna Lilburn created boards from their Level 3 Biology standard, completed at the Cawthron earlier in the year. Weston Maisey and Elliott Hatcher, completed an investigation, Fling It!, in which they carried out practical research, to find out how the length of the launch arm in a trebuchet affected the distance a projectile travelled. Lorna O'Donnell entered the Art in Science category with her visual representation Seeing Sound. All the students were nervous about being interviewed, but the judges were very impressed with their efforts and made them feel at ease. There was also time to look at the work submitted by students from other schools and get an insight into how their work compared to the Science projects of their peers.

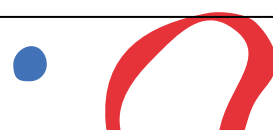
The students managed to complete their projects despite school being forced into hybrid learning in the last few weeks before the competition, and them being involved in cleaning up flood damage. I was isolated but with the support of teachers in school the students completed their projects in a short time frame. With the use of water taxis and lifts from Maree I was able to get to school for the last two days, during which project boards were assembled and transported to Nelson.

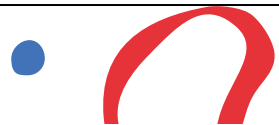
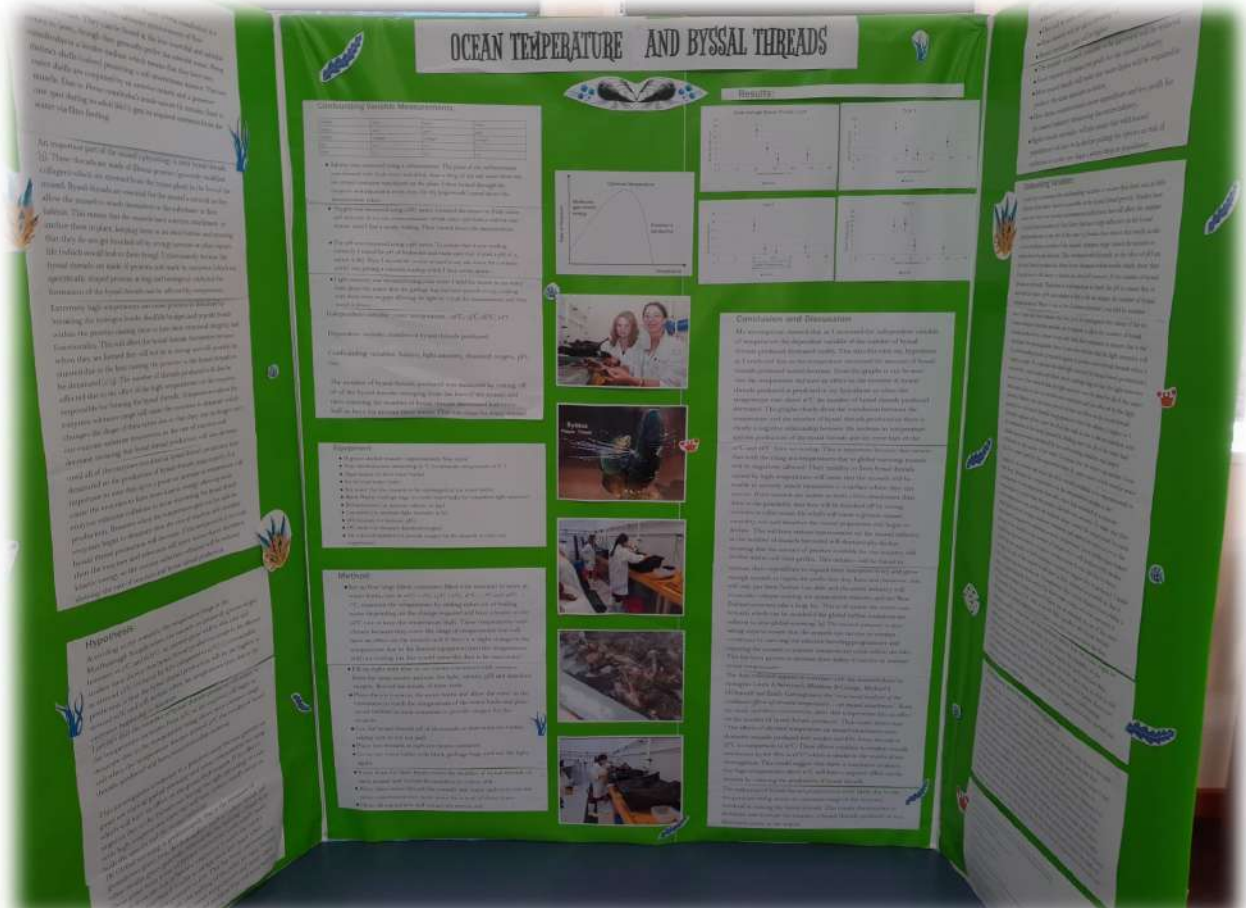
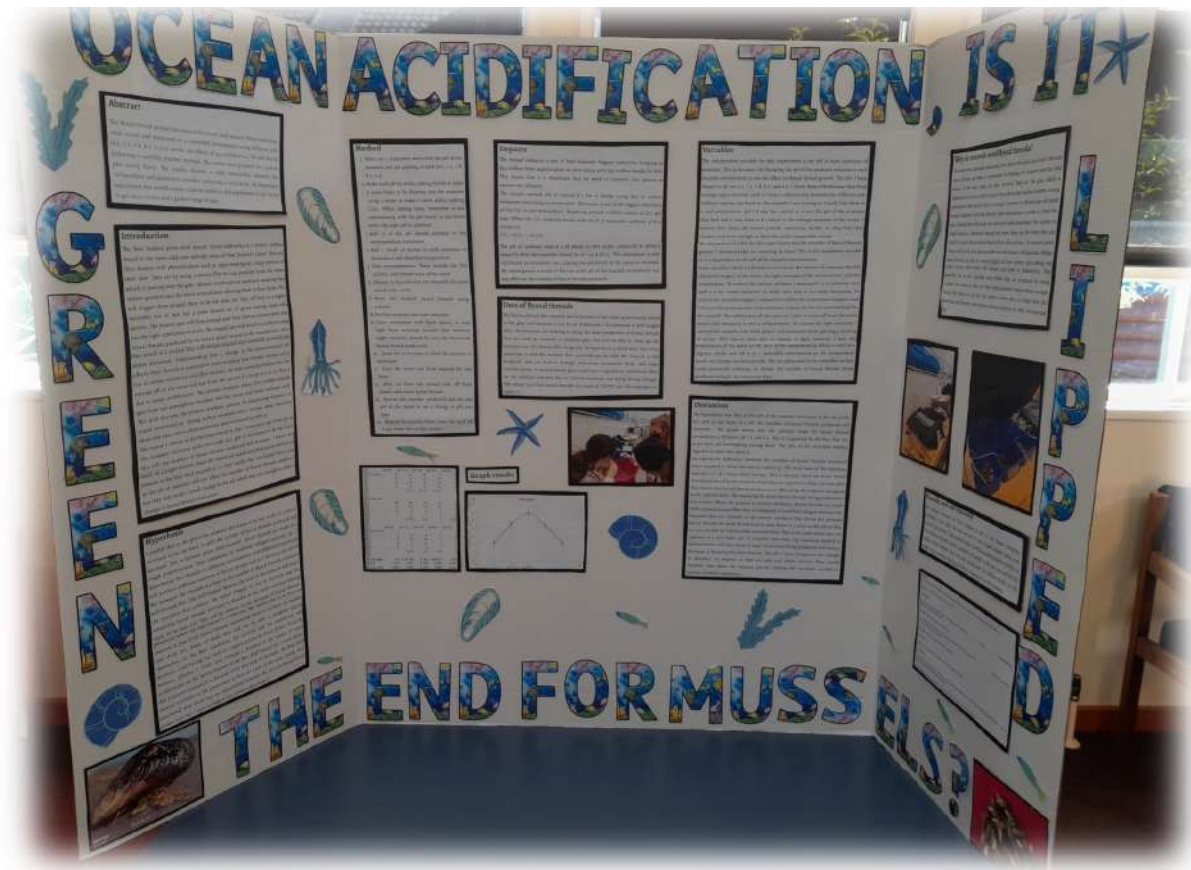
A similar process was repeated to get the students to Founders Park for the judging.

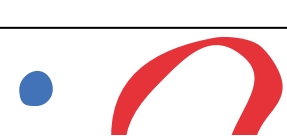
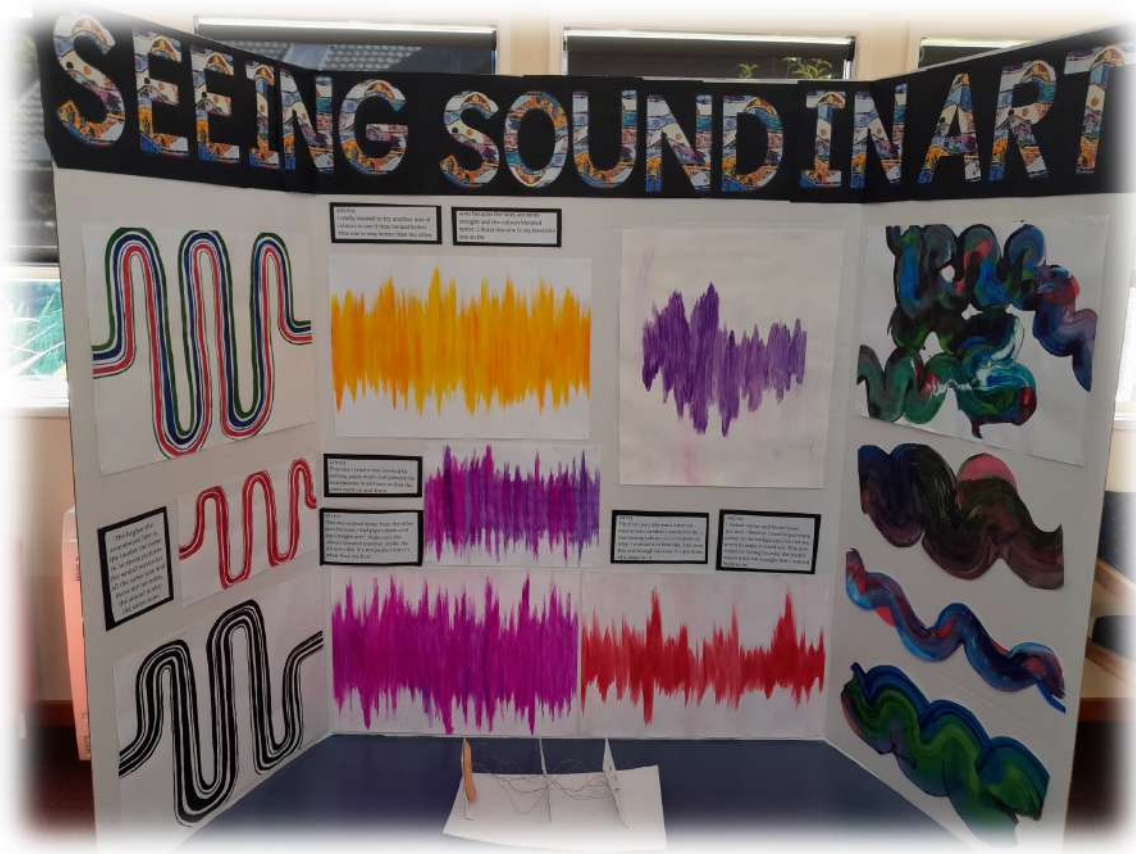
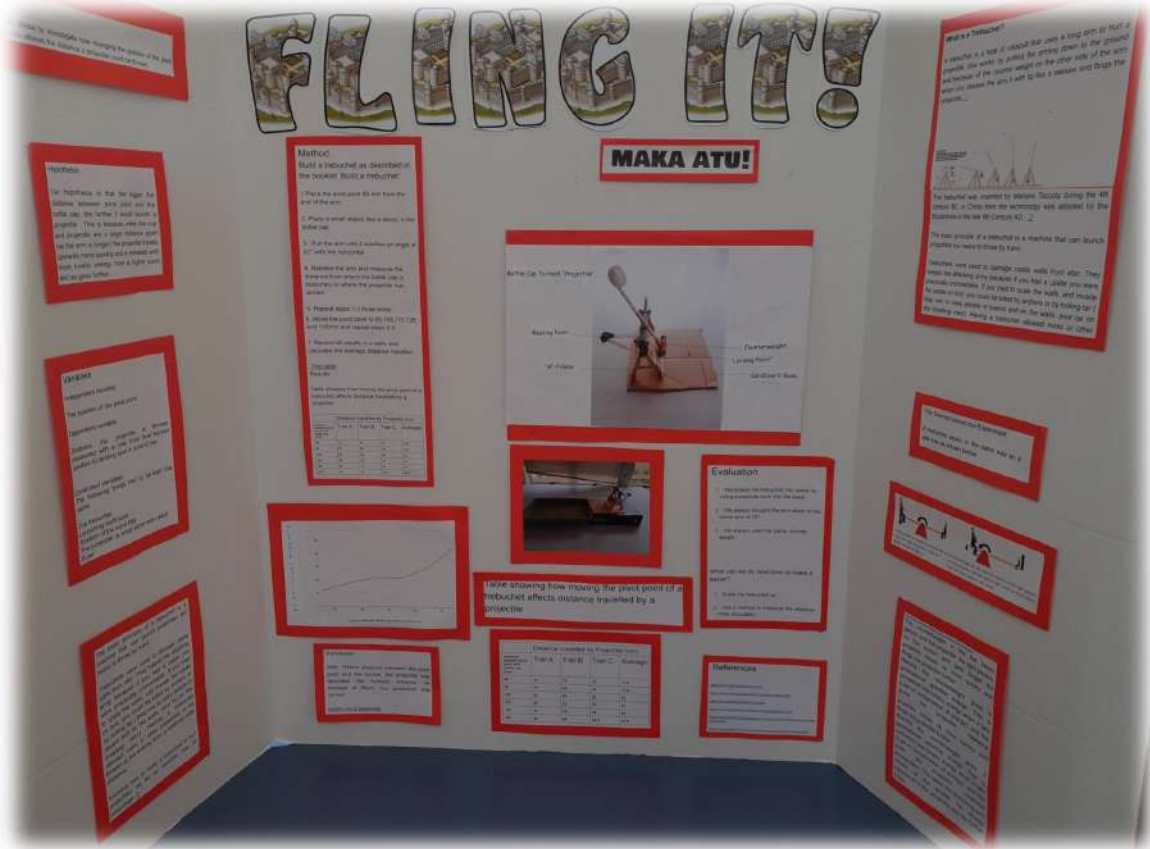
Congratulations to Electra Maisey received two awards: Highly Commended Science and the Aquaculture Award sponsored by Soroptimist International Nelson for her project Ocean Temperature and Byssal Threads. For our efforts 'for going the extra mile' RVAS received a Special Award sponsored by CNX for Overcoming Adversity, which included a trophy and a new handheld digital microscope.

Lisa Hooker

The Photos below are courtesy of the Cawthron Institute









Touch Rugby - Lansdowne Park
RVAS Razorbacks Touch Rugby Team, Years 5-8 play every Thursday at Lansdowne Park, the first game was played against Queen Charlotte College photos below courtesy of Janine.





On Friday a group of 11 students from Years 5-8 spent the day at Mountain Bike Madness in Seddon to compete against other Marlborough Schools on a very challenging course including the notorious creek. All the students gave it a awesome go and came out with smiles on their faces and wet socks. With a bit of training we can't wait to get back next year to compete again!



**Awesome effort to Jackson Jenner
who came 5th overall**





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THE KIWI CAN CORNER

Integrity / Pono

Our focus for this term is integrity – and to begin with we're learning about **honesty**. This week our younger tamariki will be exploring what integrity and honesty mean, and developing an understanding about the links between honesty and trust. Older Kiwi Can kids will be researching Marlborough organisations who demonstrate integrity and who give back to the community.

Here are some conversation starters to keep the learning going at home:

- Why is it important to show integrity?
- How can we show integrity at school, at home, and in sport?
- What does it mean to lie? What does it mean to be honest?
- How would you finish this sentence? "When I am truthful, other people..."
- Have you ever experienced somebody cheating at anything? How did it make you feel? How might they have felt? What can we do in a situation like that?
- What advice would you give a friend who has told a lie and is feeling bad about it?

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Te Hoiere Project
HAERE KAIKA TE AHI POHA HOU

New Zealand's freshwater fish: why they need our help

Dr Cindy Baker is a Principal Scientist of Freshwater Fish at NIWA, Hamilton, New Zealand.

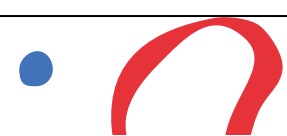
This presentation outlines what makes a fish passage barrier and provides common examples of barriers in our waterways. The swimming and climbing behaviours used by our native fish fauna to pass in-stream obstacles will be showcased, with a focus on lamprey and the development of lamprey passage structures.

New tools and techniques for exploring river futures in the Te Hoiere Catchment

Dr Jon Tuaniellife is a Senior Lecturer at Auckland University.

This presentation will be about the evolving inventory of river change tools and techniques researchers are developing for Te Hoiere catchment. Exploring opportunities to reduce sedimentation, enhance habitat diversity and ecological function while also improving flood resilience.

Join us at Havelock Pavilion on the 1st November 2022, 7pm
RSVP: Rachel Russell - rachel.russell@marlborough.govt.nz





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Hi Grey Power Marlborough Members

We have been asked to pass on the following information to those in our community who may have been affected by the recent flooding:

Community Meetings Schedule

The purpose of these meetings is to understand the issues for each community and to inform the communities about progress made to date, the current status of the road network, the challenges ahead the recovery plan and the prioritisation of repair works. Everyone belonging to each community is welcome.

Tuesday 25 October:

French Pass
11am – 1pm Community Meeting

Friday 28 October:

Okiwi Bay, Community Centre
9.30am -11.30am Community Meeting

Rai Valley, Millers Rest Tavern
2 -4pm Community Meeting

Wednesday 2 November:

Moetapu Bay
9-11am Community meeting

Linkwater Hall
1-3pm Community Meeting in

Thursday 3 November:

Waitaria Bay Hall
11-12.30 Community Meeting

Portage

2 – 3.30pm Community Meeting

Tuesday 8 November:

Zoom meeting with **Port Underwood** Community 4.30pm to 6pm

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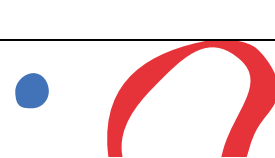
We need volunteers to pot up, propagate or donate plants to be sold at the Havelock Charity Shop.



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All funds raised go back to our community.

Please contact
 Glenda on 03 574 1227 or Jenny On 03 972 0882





Road closure for State Highway 6 for emergency repairs Closure from 1 November to 18 December 2022

Update on SH6 road closure between Hira and Ronga Road near Rai Valley

As previously announced, we need to complete emergency repairs on State Highway 6 (SH6). We are closing the road between Hira and Ronga Road near Rai Valley on SH6 from Tuesday, 1 November at 6am until Sunday 18 December. We will advise the exact re-opening time later.

People can travel between Blenheim and Nelson by using State Highway 63 (SH63) through to Kawatiri junction, then SH6.

After the recent weather event in August, we opened SH6 quickly to help keep people moving, while more permanent fixes were being completed on SH63.

Now that we have completed the repairs on SH63, we need to get back onto SH6 to fix five substantially damaged sites, which include areas of underslips. Three of these will require us to significantly cut back the road before we can build it back up again.

We will also be replacing approximately 20 culverts that cross the road, and undertaking other maintenance works, as much as possible without compromising the critical path to completion of the five main sites by Sunday 18 December.

We recognise that there is still considerable uncertainty facing residents in Rai Valley, Havelock, Okiwi Bay, Hira, Cable Bay, and nearby areas.

At this stage, we know that it is not possible to provide any vehicle access through the closure zone as the entire road width will be utilised for emergency repairs. Extensive works will be underway at the five main sites and 20 culvert replacement sites.

We have investigated alternative access options at the Rai Valley end. Unfortunately, the forestry roads at this end have been damaged during the August weather event and are not a suitable alternate route.

We understand that using the SH63 detour, will have a significant impact on many people. We need to get these emergency repairs completed as soon as possible. The severity of the damage to the road and the type of work required to fix it means it is not possible to offer restricted access to the closure zone from the Rai Valley side.

Anyone who is not in the closure zone will need to use the SH63 route to get to Nelson.

We understand the pressure this puts on people in locations where their journey to Nelson will take significantly longer, or be unfeasible, via the SH63 route. We are working with local Councils and other organisations to see what support can be provided.

The closure area on SH6 is between Hira and just before Ronga Road on the Nelson side. People coming from Blenheim will still be able to access Havelock, Rai Valley and Ronga Road using SH6.

We are working closely with the people within the closure zone, in the Kokorua Road area to provide secure and safe access from their properties out to Hira.

Our contractors are gearing up for these emergency works. There will be around 100 to 150 workers each day over the five construction sites, plus additional workers carrying out other maintenance and resilience work.

Work will be undertaken predominately during daylight hours. To speed the project's progress, some work will be done at night. This will be subject to resources, programming, and the health and safety of our crews. Contractors will be working on site seven days a week.

We are working with the people who have stock located within the road closure to provide access. If you do have stock within the road closure and have not been contacted by us or our contractor, please email Tasman-Nelson-recovery@nzta.govt.nz

If you have a particular situation caused by the SH6 closure and would like support or assistance, email Tasman-Nelson-recovery@nzta.govt.nz and we will help you connect to the most appropriate agency or organisation.



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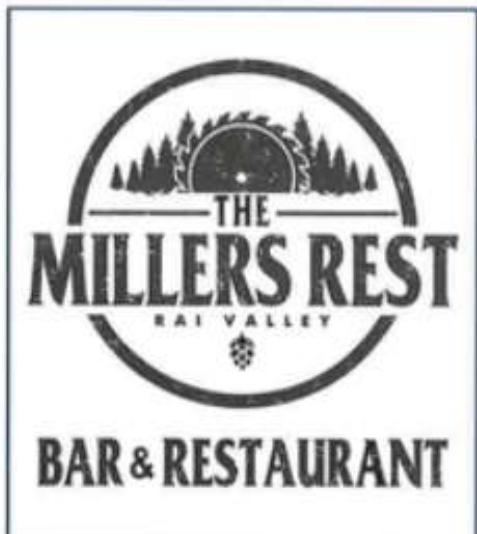
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