

# Newsletter

Issue No. 1 | 9th Feb 2023

## Tumuaki's Report

**Kia ora koutou,**



Welcome to 2023. I am looking forward to a school year where we return to the things we remember as “normal” pre-2020. It has been a real pleasure to welcome Aimee Ballantyne who is teaching the Years 3&4 class and to welcome back Eli Briasco to teach PE for Years 9-13 as well as sharing a Year 11 English teaching.

This term the real focus for our school is the hosting of the Area Schools Tournament. It has been nine years since the tournament was last in Rai Valley and most of our school will be involved in some way. Our tournament team will be 10 boys and 10 girls from secondary but a number of others will be involved in supporting.

I would like to thank those of you who have already offered your support in some way, either with accommodation or food preparation. We are very grateful, as this is not something we can do without the support of the community. In the next newsletter, we will include a list of times and sports being played so that you can come and support them.

## Our Details:

**Rai Valley Area School**

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**Marlborough 7192**

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**Email office: [office@rai.school.nz](mailto:office@rai.school.nz)**

**Web address: [www.rai.school.nz](http://www.rai.school.nz)**

## Our People:

**Principal: Maree Furness**

**Deputy Principal: Mike Wilson**

**Primary Leader: Karen Davies**

**Senco: Janine Sorensen**

**Learning Support Teacher: Theresa Neal**

**Executive Officer: Selene Turner**

**Receptionist: Pauline Agnew**

**Caretaker: Shane Dearman**



It is really pleasing to see how quickly our students have settled back into school. It is great walking through classes to see students working hard and engaged. All our senior students now have their programmes settled. Our Trades Academy courses begin on the 24th of February in Nelson.

Congratulations to our NCEA Students from 2022. Every student who completed the academic year has achieved their NCEA at their level. A special congratulations to Electra Maisey who gained an endorsement with Excellence at Level 3 and Lewis Hill who gained a Merit endorsement at Level 3.

Some of you may have noticed the adjustment to our secondary school timetable. This year we are running a 5-period day timetable. This is more in line with a number of secondary schools but also gives more time for some of our practical classes for example physical education and science. As a result, we have moved our start time by 5 minutes, to 8.45 am.

Last year we announced that we had been invited to join the lunches in school. There is a lot of behind-the-scenes paperwork for this but we hope to be providing lunches by the beginning of Term 2.

This year we are focussing on widening the opportunity for our students to participate in school trips and camps. There are a number of camps and trips being planned for Years 5 and above. The Years 11-13 camp will be in Christchurch at the beginning of Term 3.

Once again we are looking at increasing the opportunities we offer our students for sports.

Finally, as a number of you are aware there is a drive to increase student attendance across New Zealand. As a school, our attendance was better than a number of other schools but it was still below 90%. This year we are hoping to have an attendance rate of 95% or better. This means no more than 2.5 days per term. We are hoping for your support with this challenge.

**Noho ora mai  
Maree**



After School care is back this year.  
For bookings and enquiries contact  
Renee Jope on 027 775 0083.  
It will be based out of the library again.  
Rates are \$5 per child per hour

# Primary News & School Bus Updates



## Greetings everyone,

The new year has started with great weather and everyone looking and feeling positive for their learning and the events we have planned.

Welcome to Mrs Aimee Ballantyne, who teaches in Room 13, with some support from Mrs Paula Moore on Wednesdays. Her daughter Indigo joins her in that room and her older daughter Skyla in Year 12.

Mrs Carver continues in Room 14 with new entrants to Year 2's and Mrs Massey in Room 12 with Years 5-6.

Our first events start next week with Fundamental Skills with the team from Stadium 2000. Children are out with sports Monday - Thursday for Years 1-6 and the Years 7-8 continue on Friday also. We start at approx. 11am and carry on until 2pm with a short break for lunch. Children will need sports clothes, togs, an extra towel and plenty of water and food each day. We always have a great time and lots of PE skills practised so hoping everyone has a good time.

24th Feb is the first Pelorus Cluster Event with swimming for years 1-3 at Linkwater School. Watch out for a notice and request for help with this. The following week, 3rd March Years 4-8 have a similar event but in town at the Stadium 2000. Same notice and request will come your way soon also.

If you have a child who rides to school on a bus, please check the bus notice also in this newsletter. As we have a much bigger bus for the Havelock run, please practice good 'parking etiquette' in the car park. Space is at a premium and moving bodies and parts make for a dangerous space. Take care folks.

Thank you to those parents that joined us on Tuesday evening to 'meet the teachers' and to share some kai. It was a nice opportunity to say hello to Jess, Aimee and Vanessa. Everyone who is working hard to support the learning of your tamariki.

Kiwi Can starts again this Friday. The children enjoy the vibrancy of the leaders, who are spread good values and goals in fun ways.

Also Thursday mornings will be assembly time again. Starting at 8.45am in the library. There will be a Whole school assembly next week, Thursday, and then Primary classes will alternate with the whole school, having their own every second Thursday. Watch out for a notice when your child's class is leading it for that week.

**Separate GO BUS notice.**

## BUS STUDENTS & CAREGIVERS.

Welcome back to the new year everyone. A bit wet still and roads can be slippery. We have some new students requiring bus travel, so we want them to have timings and pick-up spots correct. Havelock bus is a newer and bigger version. Still driven by Stu McMurray. The timings for this bus route should still be the same, maybe just a few minutes later as this big bus navigates the Wakamarina Road slower.

If you have any queries, please contact me. We will be sorting some senior students to be bus monitors on each bus to help with managing behaviour and any other issues that arise during travel.

Students need to get to the bus lines promptly when the bell rings at 2.50pm, so as not to keep people waiting. Junior students need to remember that they must have their shoes on as well.

If your child is not going to be on the bus going home, parents or caregivers must phone Pauline in the office, 03 5716 016 or send an email, [office@rai.school.nz](mailto:office@rai.school.nz) before lunchtime.

## Information from GO Bus

"Caregivers are responsible for getting their children to school, which may involve getting the children to and from their nearest bus pick-up and drop-off location. Please either stay with your children while they are waiting for their school transport in the morning or keep in contact with them to make sure that they are picked up safely. It is recommended students and caregivers be at the bus pick-up/drop-off locations 5 to 10 minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive".

If you wish to discuss any school transport-related issues, please contact me at school.

9th Feb 2023

**Nga Mihi,  
Karen Davies  
Head of Primary syndicate.  
Bus Controller**





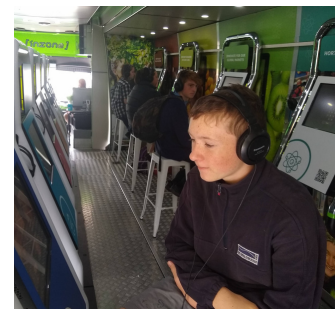
## Inzone Careers Coach

Last Friday, Years 7-13 students were lucky enough to explore the Inzone Careers Coach. The coach is set up with a large number of individual interactive screens which introduce students to a range of job opportunities, many of which they may have never heard of or been exposed to before. Students certainly enjoyed the opportunity, many able to be sent further information by the click of a button if they wished to explore any of the options further.

The morning started off with owner and creator of the bus, Peter Doake, sharing his experiences of getting started in business, including working with the Formula One Ferrari franchise among other interesting exploits.

Thankfully, the bus is looking to return later this year with the hope of extending the opportunity to even younger students across the school.

**Mike Wilson**  
Deputy Principal



## Friday Brick Oven School Lunches

Just a quick note to give parents and caregivers an update on Friday Brick Oven Lunches. As you may or may not be aware we have moved to separate lunch breaks for Years 0-6 and Years 7-13.

This does mean lunches ordered from The Brick Oven will come down into lots.

The first one at 12:40pm for Years 0-6 and the rest at 1:15pm.

To assist the Brick Oven coordinate this, could we please ask that you let them know when ordering if your student or students are in Years 0-6. That would be most helpful.

With thanks  
Mike Wilson.







Story from Mrs Massey Class Room 12

## Down the Sounds

In the school holidays I went to our bach with Jackson and Dad. We took the boat, the 308 and 223. When we got there, Dad went down to the beach to get us and then we went up to the bach to unpack. After we unpacked me and Jackson got the 223 and walked down Renton's and tried to get a deer. We didn't get a deer so we walked back to the bach and had tea. At 12am we all got in the ute and went for a hunt. We took the guns and thermal camera. We didn't get a pig or a deer so we went back to the bach and had a snack and went to bed.

The next day we got up and had breakfast and went to the beach to go for a fish but the boat did not go so we went for a dive on the rocks. We got some paua and then we got the boat to go so we went for a fish and then we went up to the bach. Then Jackson and I went for a walk. We did not get a deer so we walked back to the bach.

The next day we had breakfast and went to the beach and the boat did not go! So we went for another dive to get some more paua. We mucked around with the boat. We did not get the boat to go! We were so annoyed. We decided to go for a drive up the hill and we called one of dad's friends.

On our final morning we packed up and went to the beach to meet Dad's friend in his boat to tow us to his house. Me and Jackson put a lure off our boat while we were getting towed. We did not get a fish. When we got to Dad's friends house we had lunch and a drink. Then we got on the back of the ute and then we came home on the back of the ute.

We had a great holiday, even though we didn't get any pigs or deer!

**Written by Izaac Craig**

## RDA Blenheim 2023

This week students started back at Riding for the Disabled in Blenheim which is a fantastic all weather facility.

Here are a couple of pictures of Lawrence Stewart reacquainting himself with his horse Bobby.





## Attendance and Punctuality - 2023

### Did you know?

**If your child misses 1 day a week:**

= 40 days a year or 8 weeks per year or 2 ½ years missed by Year 13.

**If your child misses 2 days a week**

= 80 days per year or 16 weeks a year or over 5 years missed by Year 13.

**If your child misses 10 minutes late per day**

= 50 minutes a week or 1 ½ weeks per year.

**If your child misses 1 hour late per day**

= 1 day a week = 8 weeks a year or 2 ½ years missed by Year 13.

### Attendance and punctuality really does matter!

#### Reminders:

1. If late, please sign in at the office, and if leaving the school site, please sign out, in case of an emergency. We need to know your child's whereabouts as it is a Health and Safety issue.
2. Please contact the school office by phone (03 5716 016), email ([office@rai.co.nz](mailto:office@rai.co.nz)), or in person, with the *specific* reason for the absence.  
We need the reason for the codes that we report to the Ministry of Education.

**If we don't hear, we will do a follow-up call or may do a home visit to make sure everything is OK.**

**A 'T' will be the code used until we receive the reason for your child's absence - Truant.**

3. Please provide a sick note from the Doctor, if your child is absent for three days or more. This is again important for the Ministry reporting.

Many thanks for your support this year in trying to boost attendance for our students which will then lead to improved learning for your child.

#### Practical Help:

##### Please -

1. Help your child get a good night's sleep.
2. Prepare everything the night before.
3. Schedule dental / medical appointments before or after school.
4. Take holidays or long weekends in term breaks.

Thank you for your support in this very important matter, as they cannot learn if they are not at school.

Janine Sorensen (Student Engagement (Attendance, Pastoral, Behavior) SENCO, Wellbeing)





**STARTS TERM ONE 2023**

**CACTUS**  
Blenheim & Picton  
**TERM 1**

Mon, Wed & Fri  
**6am - 7:30am**  
**8 WEEKS**  
YR 9 - 13 STUDENTS

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register: Picton | Aaron E: picton@myt.org.nz P: 027 522 2887

Marlborough Youth Trust | MYSPACE, 18 Kinross St, Blenheim  
www.myt.org.nz

## Kia Ora Koutou

Just a quick email to say that we are running a 7 aside summer league from the 31st January to 7th March on a Tuesday night. I wondered if any of the juniors (preferably Years 7/8) wanted to make up some teams to join in, we will be holding a Year 7 Transition day again next year but might be a good opportunity for some practice for the Year 6's going into year 7.

If any Teachers/Parents/coaches are interested in putting a team together, they can register through this email (I only need a team name and contact person), If I get 4 or more teams I'll run it along side the seniors. The cost will be \$80 per team.

## Bridget




**Respect**  
*Manaakitanga*

Means treating people, things and places as important.

## THE KIWI CAN CORNER

Respect / Manaakitanga

We are so excited to be back in school for 2023 and working with all your amazing Kiwi Can kids again!

### Did you know?

Each term we have a theme underpinning our learning:

- ★ Term 1 = Respect / Manaakitanga
- ★ Term 2 = Resilience / Taikaha
- ★ Term 3 = Positive Relationships / Whakawhanaungatanga
- ★ Term 4 = Integrity / Pono

Stay tuned here for updates on what your child/children have been up to in Kiwi Can – and conversation starters to keep the learning going at home. Next time we'll include an intro to your child's Kiwi Can Leaders ☺

Follow @GraemeDingleFoundationMarlborough to stay up to date



## Nelson Rugby Football Club Junior Rugby Registration

This will be held Tuesday February 21st February 2023 at the Nelson RFC Clubrooms from 5.30 to 8pm . All wishing to play this year are invited to attend and register for upcoming season . Apparel for upcoming season will be available to purchase, also boot swap. Come and play rugby for NZ's oldest club.

All inquiries to Quentin Harwood 027 302 3508



# School & Community News

You may spot a helicopter spraying willows and weeds this month (February), on land between SH6 and the Pelorus River near Canvastown.

The aerial spraying by Marlborough Helicopters is part of a Ngāti Kuia project to restore Ruapaka Wetland to its original state. The method was chosen because it accurately targets weeds and enables immediate progress. Areas of open water, culturally significant sites, native vegetation can be avoided.

Already this summer a ground-based team from Native Restorations Ltd has been hand-drilling large trees then injecting them with herbicide and cutting and pasting saplings and branches. They also targeted old man's beard and convolvulus vines, broom, hawthorn and introduced grasses.

A Ngāti Kuia horticulture crew of nine have been approved to do follow-up work including planting, after completing a Level 3 Certificate in Horticulture. Seedlings are being grown in a Ngāti Kuia nursery at Titiraukawa near Pelorus Bridge. If you'd like to know more about Te Hoiere/Pelorus Catchment Restoration Project check out our [Facebook page](#) or email [heli.wade@marlborough.govt.nz](mailto:heli.wade@marlborough.govt.nz) to subscribe to our newsletter.



Restorations Ltd drills a willow before injecting herbicide

#### FULLY FUNDED OUTWARD BOUND COURSES

Outward Bound runs Adapted courses for secondary school students with physical disabilities.

These courses are fully funded. The only cost to students is getting a pre-course medical done by a GP and getting themselves to and from Pictou.

These 8 day courses are based in the Marlborough Sounds. Students build confidence, resilience, and make new friends through activities such as sailing, waka ama, ropes course, and camping.

We are now taking enrolments for the following 2023 courses:

#### LEAPS & BOUNDS ACTIVATE

A course for physically disabled youth (13-16yrs) to attend with a parent or caregiver. Fri 7 - Fri 14 April 2023

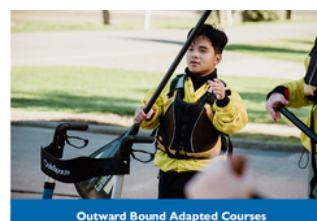
#### YOUTH ACTIVATE

An 8 day course for physically disabled youth aged 16-17 years. Thur 20 - Thur 27 April 2023

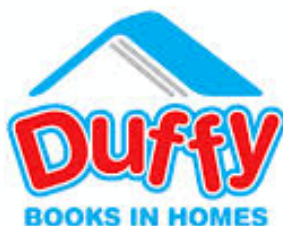
#### Contact us for more information

Email: [adapted@outwardbound.co.nz](mailto:adapted@outwardbound.co.nz)  
Freephone: 0800 688 927

[www.outwardbound.co.nz/adapted](http://www.outwardbound.co.nz/adapted)



Outward Bound Adapted Courses



**Duffy Books in Homes has come to Rai Valley Area School for 2023.**

**All students from Year 1 - 8 are eligible for 5 free books a year.**

**Order forms for choices are going home this week and it is very important that these are returned to school by February 16th, so Renee can process your orders on time and each child gets their FREE books to take home and keep.**

**Duffy Books in Homes also celebrates with things like "CAUGHT BEING GOOD" awards, Role Model Assemblies and a visit from the Duffy Theatre which will be in Rai Valley on Tuesday the 28th of March.**







## Rai Valley A&P Show Info

### Our membership flier

This is the cheapest way for families to get tickets, so we want all our local families to be aware



Annual subscription **\$20**

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Benefits of becoming a member:

- Free gate entry to the show (2 Adults + 2 Child tickets)
- Discounted entry fees



Contact us: 021 450205  
secretary@raivalleyshow.co.nz



<https://www.raivalleyshow.co.nz/about-contact/membership>

### Flier about our rainy-day activities



**KIDS**  
*Rainy day*  
**HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES**

RAI VALLEY A&P SHOW  
SHOW DAY  
4 MARCH 2023

**GET READY TO ENTER THE SHOW!**

We'll be posting weekly rainy day activities on our website over the school holidays so you can all start working on your show entries.



For more information or to join our mailing list: 021 450205  
secretary@raivalleyshow.co.nz

Check these out  
[www.raivalleyshow.co.nz/kids](http://www.raivalleyshow.co.nz/kids) or follow us on Facebook



### RAI VALLEY A&P ASSOCIATION

#### WHO ARE WE?

The Rai Valley A&P Association has been running the Annual A&P Show for over 87 years. We've only ever been stopped by World War II and COVID-19. Run by a small committee of volunteers and local community members, we are always keen to welcome new people on board.

#### CONTACT US

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#### TRADE SITES

With the opportunity to reach over 3,000 people, we welcome you to book a trade site at our show

#### SMALL SITES

3x3m (minimum) power not included \$35. Extra square metres \$4/m. Power \$15.

#### FOOD SITES

3x3m (minimum) power not included \$50. Extra 1x3m \$10. Power \$15.

#### LARGE TRADE SITES

For sites over 5x5 metres squared. Please contact us for a cost.

**NEXT ANNUAL A&P SHOW**  
**4TH MARCH 2023**





## THE BUILD PROJECT

**PELORUS YOUTH**  
CONNECTING THROUGH COMMUNITY

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**Start date:**  
Monday 13th Feb 3.30pm

**Location:** Youth Hub,  
Rai Valley Fire Station

**PELORUS YOUTH**  
CONNECTING THROUGH COMMUNITY

**THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S INTERNATIONAL AWARD**  
AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND | HILLARY AWARD

## IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE!

Come along and celebrate our Duke of Edinburgh Students achievement's. Watch Bayley Hickson, Katie Partridge, Zoe Joep and Ella Jenner receive their Bronze Awards.

What to challenge yourself with the award in 2023?  
Come along to find out all about the award & our sponsored spots available.



**Millers Rest Tavern**  
6.30-7.30pm  
Thursday 16th February

**CLUBS COLLABORATION EVENT**

**PELORUS YOUTH**  
CONNECTING THROUGH COMMUNITY

## SAND & SURF DAY

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**HAVELOCK vision 2020**  
**Wander-Full**

**PELORUS YOUTH**

## CALLING ALL LOCAL YOUTH!

Do you want to meet new people, try new things and have fun?

Why not Come along to one of our Chill Nights and find out what we are all about.

Open to all youth aged 12-18yrs  
Held on the last Friday of each month

6-8pm - **Rai Valley Fire Station**

**'NEXT CHILL NIGHT'**  
**FRIDAY 24TH FEB**

**HAVELOCK vision 2020**  
**Wander-Full**

**GOLD COIN DONATION**

For more information email: [havelockv2020@gmail.com](mailto:havelockv2020@gmail.com)





## Key School Dates for 2023

<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Area Schools Tournament in Rai Valley</b>
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Primary Teacher Only Day (Pelorus Cluster)</b>
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Last Day Term 1</b>
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Teacher Only Day</b>
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> ANZAC Day April</b>	<b>School Closed</b>
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Term 2 Starts</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>King's Birthday</b>
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Term 2 Ends</b>
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Term 3 Begins</b>
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	<b>Term 3 Ends</b>
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Term 4 Begins</b>
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	<b>Labour Monday</b>
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Marlborough Anniversary</b>
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>NCEA Examinations Start</b>
<b>December 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Final week of Term 4 Last Day to be confirmed</b>







**Kurt Lindsay** 027 469 9685  
kurt.lindsay@bayleys.co.nz

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