

Newsletter

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Tumuaki's Report

Kia ora koutou,



Thank you to all of you who attended our school swimming sports yesterday. It is a real reminder of life after COVID. It has definitely been a couple of water-orientated weeks with the Years 1-3 Pelorus swimming sports at Linkwater on a very cold Friday and then last week we had the Pelorus Years 4-8 swimming sports at Stadium 2000.

As part of New Zealand Seaweeek our Years 6-8 students are participating in the Awa to Moana day for all the Pelorus schools. Our students will spend half a day at Pelorus rafting and tramping and then move to Anakiwa for an afternoon of kayaking. Thank you to our parent helpers, without your support these events could not happen. It is really appreciated.

Last week we held goal-setting interviews for our primary and secondary syndicates. This is another event that has not occurred for a couple of years. We had a really great turnout, thank you. If you didn't catch up with your child's teacher please do not hesitate in contacting us to make a time.

While we are moving on with our lives just a reminder that COVID is still around. Please test if your child is unwell. If they test positive please notify the office and keep them home for 7 days. Remember it is no longer necessary for anyone else to isolate.

Last week we were reminded of some of the challenges that cell phones in school can bring. Our school has a No-Cell Phone Policy in school. If students bring their cell phones, they should be handed into the office at the beginning of the day and picked up at the end of school (this means if they are bringing 2 cell phones, both need to be handed in). There is now a lot of research about the distraction of cell phones and their impact on learning. Our school has sufficient devices that students do not need to use their cell phones in class.

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Our People:

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Caretaker: Shane Dearman



The countdown is definitely on. We have one week until the start of the Area Schools Tournament.

Many thanks to all of you who have already offered your support. The Tournament will start with an official welcome to our visiting schools by Years 5-13 on Sunday 19th at 4:30pm in the school hall.

Monday's games will be at Saxon Stadium and Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday will be in Rai, it would be great to have your support.

Just a quick reminder that there is a Pelorus Teacher Only Day for Years 1-6 on Friday 24th March.

**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

Calendar Dates

Area School Tournament

Sunday 19th - Friday 24th March

Teacher Only Day

Friday 24th March

Last Day of Term

Thursday 6th April 2023

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office@rai.school.nz | 03 571 6016**

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Draft Tournament Timetable

This is a draft document and is to be confirmed. (dated 13/2/23)												
	Sunday, 19th March	No of Students	Monday	No of Students	Tuesday	No of Students	Wednesday	No of Students	Thursday	No of Students	Friday	No of Students
7.15			Depart for Nn Travelling									
8.45			Basketball	6+	Girls Netball	7+	Football	6+	Touch	6+	Teams announced; team photos; poroporoaki; departure (between 10.30 -	All
			Volleyball	6+	Boys Softball	8+	Obstacle Course	6	Rai Challenge	6		
10:00:00			Golf	1-2	Cooking	max 2	WoW Challenge	max 2	Tech Challenge	max 2		
					(8.45am- Judging - Cooking				Orienteering	max 2		
11:00:00												
					Art Challenge	max 2	Art Challenge	max 2	Art Challenge	max 2		
12:00:00			Photography Ch	max 1	Photography Ch	max 1	Photography Ch	max 1	Photography Ch	max 1		
13:00:00												
			Basketball	6+	Ki o rahi	7+	Football	6+	Touch	6+		
14:00:00	Schools start arriving at 3.30pm		Volleyball	6+	Ultimate Frisbee	9+	Obstacle Course	6	Rai Challenge	6		
			Golf	1-2			WoW Challenge	max 2	Tech Challenge	max 2		
15:00:00	3.30pm	All							Orienteering	max 2		
16:00:00							Judging of WoW		Judging of Art & Photos - displayed @ hall			
17:00:00	Mihi whakatau						WoW Parade					
18:00:00			Dinner @ Nn	All	Dinner provided by billets		Dinner @ RVAS	All	Dinner & Social			
19:00:00	Dinner @ RVAS	All	Schools to buy own tea						Dinner @6pm 6.30pm to 9.30pm @ Carluke Hall			
20:00:00	Home to billets	All	Time and date to be confirmed.... Rugby boys??? Talk to Kahu / Makos on what day? How many boys going to trial?						Selector s meeting @ Carluke			
21:00:00									19:00			
22:00:00												
			Major sports (4 hours allowed)				Rugby & golf not included in points (players only)					
			8.45am to 1pm		morning programme							
			1.30pm to 5pm		afternoon programme							
			Not using school buses so can run over if necessary (til 5pm)									





Greetings Everyone

Thank you for attending the recent Goal Setting Interviews with your children and their teachers. It is a perfect time to see what they think of their own learning and helping them think about the learning process at school so they can meet the goals they have set. We will report to these at the end of Term 2 in a written report you will receive. If you did not get a chance to speak with the teachers, please contact the office so we can help make another time.

Pelorus Cluster Senior (Years 4–8) have also completed their swimming last week. See photos further on in the newsletter.

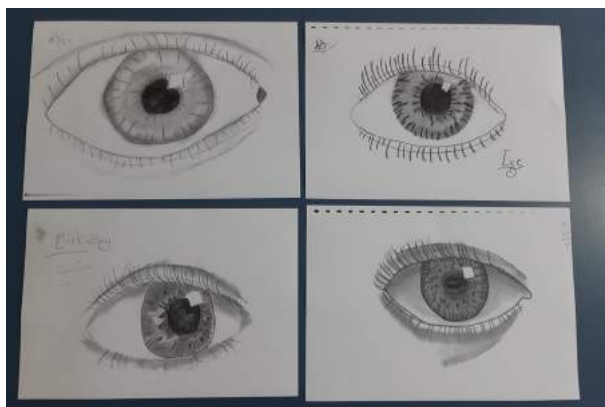
Magazines. Always good to have some of these at school for different sorts of activities. If anyone has some spare Womans Weekly's could you send them along to me at school.

Notices home regarding events. Parents can help us a lot by signing and returning permission slips as quickly as possible. I realise sometimes they take some time to get to you... humm... come on please students help do your part also. Checking and returning Boomerang Books helps the messages get back to the teachers quickly. We are often working to deadlines and a lot of paperwork is required for health and safety reason also.

"I have my eye on you..." Years 7 & 8 Art class of students practicing their drawing skills with realistic 'eyes'. Whole faces are coming along nicely too.

Awa to Moana water event with Pelorus Schools this Friday. Mrs Massey and Mrs Sorenson will be taking Years 6–8 students to participate in this new event.

Nga mihi
Karen Davies
Head of Primary Syndicate



Secondary Parent Teacher Conferences

It was great to see so many parents and caregivers at the parent-teacher conferences last Tuesday. Our staff had over 80 interviews on the night and there were a lot of really good conversations going on. It was really nice to meet some of the parents of our newer students and we really value the time to make those introductions and connections.

If you couldn't make the evening, and would like to catch up with teaching staff, please approach them for a meeting. They would love to hear from you.

We are currently looking for a date to run a NCEA information evening. This would be open to all parents but especially be for parents and caregivers whose students were new to NCEA, or will be next year.

With so much change coming in this area, it is an opportunity to give you an understanding of how the system currently works and how it is going to change next year and in the coming years. With our calendar looking incredibly full this term, we will look hard for a suitable date and come back to you as soon as possible.

Ngā mihi nui

Mike Wilson
Deputy Principal

Needed for the Agriculture Yr 11 class

Spare garden tools
We need spades, rakes and forks.
Please contact Roz Freeth ph 027 267 9213
email roz.freeth@rai.school.nz





Chemistry meets Art at Rai

Recently the Year 13 and Year 12 Chemistry students embarked upon an experiment where we used vinegar, hydrogen peroxide, iron wool and tea bags to make a dye using redox reactions. The very talented artists in our group created some very impressive artwork from this dye. The earthy tones lent themselves to the drawing by Penny and the soft brown tones were ideal in bringing out the fur texture in Brooke's cat painting.

Check them out!



Boomerang BP Challenge

Boomerangs are probably the first flying machine invented by humans. Aboriginal boomerangs have been found that are over 10,000 years' old. Returning boomerangs were originally designed for sport, and non-returning ones were used as weapons and came in many different shapes and sizes. Archaeologists have found them throughout the world; Egypt, Europe, Australia and North America.

Your team has to make a two or three pronged returning boomerang using the materials provided, in the time given. Teams will test their boomerang one at a time from behind a line. The boomerang that curves and is caught by the thrower will be the winner. The winner shouldn't move from the throwing spot to catch it!





Room 14 Life Cycle Photos



This term we have been learning about life cycles and we were fortunate enough to be given 3 caterpillar eggs by Mrs Neal.

They came attached to some swan plant leaves and after a few days they hatched. The students have been very excited to monitor their progress and on Friday they turned into a chrysalis.

We can't wait until they become fabulous monarch butterflies.



Linkwater Swimming Sports Years 1 - 3

Our Primary Syndicate was highly impressed with the attitudes, resilience, and perseverance of all our Years 1-3 tamariki. Most children pushed on, even when they felt like giving up due to unfavourable weather which was great to see. Well done tamariki mā, we are very proud of your efforts, and we know your parents and whānau will be too.

A massive thank you to all our amazing parents and whānau who helped get our children to Linkwater and back, as well as keeping them fed, watered, and encouraging them from the sidelines. Without you, we could not provide these wonderful experiences for our tamariki. It's been some time since this school has been able to participate in these kinds of events due to COVID-19 but it was fantastic to witness the amazing Rai Valley spirit!

Great stuff team!!!

Aimee Ballantyne



A great big thank you to everyone who came and helped support the children at the junior swimming sports last Friday. The weather certainly wasn't the best, but there was a very strong community feeling that we should push on regardless and that was what we did! Below is a photo of the lost property at the end of the day. Can you please circulate the photo through your newsletter and if someone recognises something they can call the Linkwater School Office 574 2200.

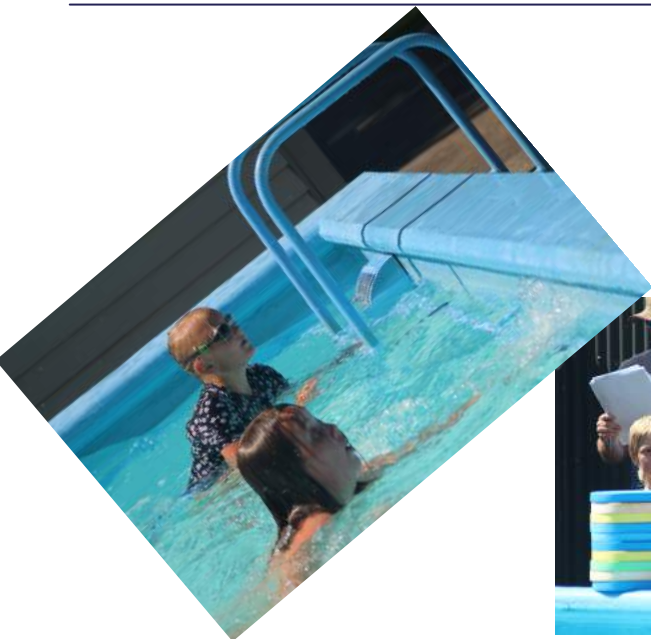
The results for the day are as follows:

1st Canvastown
2nd Waitaria Bay
3rd Linkwater
4th Rai Valley
5th Havelock

Well done to all the participants!

Thank you, Kate Bowes, Junior Room teacher.





RVAS Swimming Sports



The weather gods were kind and for the first time in a little while we got a Rai Swimming Sports in. It was great to see the competitive spirit between the houses and some very close racing, especially amongst some of our female swimmers.

Thank you to parents and caregivers who were able to come along. A big thanks to Renee for recording results, Mr Briasco for helping organise and run races and other staff for helping out. There was a clear winning house on the day. The result, along with individual trophies will be announced at a coming assembly.





Year 10s help with the Year 11 Fundraiser planned at the A&P Show

Year 10s took an active role last week in helping the Year 11s with their fundraiser at The A&P Showground. They prepared the ingredients for the Coleslaw which would be used for the burger sizzle.

They spent their lesson cutting and grating the ingredients and talking about what they could do as a fundraiser when they are Year 11s as well as the A&P show and what would be happening.



Following the coleslaw being prepared some of the students prepared some Toast Pizzas for each other and Lawrence prepared some vanilla biscuits topped with jam for the workers.

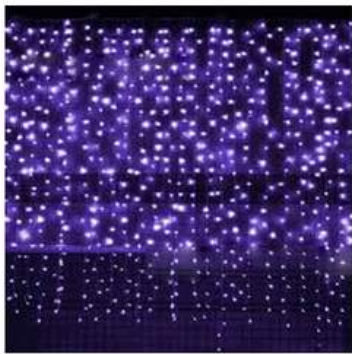




In 2 weeks, we are hosting the Top of the South Area Schools tournament. On the Thursday night there will be a dance at the Carluke Hall, themed Under the Stars and we are after fairy nights, lots and lots of fairy lights, just the cool or warm white ones please. If you have any that you would kindly let us borrow for the week of 20-24th of March, please contact

Renee Jope 0277750083

Thank you in advance!



BOOK CLUB ISSUE #2 CLOSES TUESDAY 28TH MARCH



Duffy Books in Homes Theatre is coming to Rai Valley Area School

Duffy Books in Homes "Duffy Theatre" group will be in Rai Valley on Tuesday the 28th of March. Their theme is "SPACE" this visit. There will be a primary dress up day for this visit, more details to come.

<p>Jean de Brunhoff BABAR</p>	<p>Roald Dahl's FANTASTIC MR. FOX</p>	<p>PETER RABBIT</p>
<p>ORLANDO the Enchanted Cat</p>	<p>Charlotte's Web</p>	<p>The Tiger Who Came to Tea</p>



2023 Bulb Fundraiser

Correct bank account is on new printout, sorry for any inconvenience and we greatly appreciate your support in fundraising for a mud kitchen for the primary school.



School & Community News

Ash Martin, Harrison Godsiff and Vincent Maisiey were part of the audience at the Welcome for the first day at NMIT Nelson on the 24 th February.



Rai Valley A&P Show

Students fundraising for Rai Valley Area School Secondary Camp
Look out for the students face painting at the Mussel Fest on the 11th March



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Respect Manaakitanga

Means treating
people, things
and places as
important.

THE KIWI CAN CORNER

Respect / Manaakitanga



As we learn more about respect for our school, we are putting into practice our school values, and exploring what it means to be proud of our school.

Why not talk about this at home too?

- ★ What activities did you do at Kiwi Can this week? How did *you* show respect when you were doing them?
- ★ What are our school's values? *Why* are these values important to our school?
- ★ What are some of the ways the school values connect with *respect*?
- ★ What does it mean to be *proud* of your school?
- ★ What are some of the ways we represent our school with pride? For example, if you were representing the school in a sports team? Or when you are walking (or taking the bus) to school?
- ★ How did you show respect to yourself and others at lunchtime today?
- ★ If you had a magic wand and could make one thing in your school grounds even better – what would you pick, and why? Is there anything you could do to make that better even *without* the wand?



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This term's theme is respect / manaakitanga - which we're exploring via three main modules:

- ★ **Respect for our school**
For example, considering how school values relate to manaakitanga / respect – and what this looks like; exploring how we represent our school and show pride...
- ★ **Respect for our community**
For example, learning how to show respect to people in our community; understanding why we should - and how we can – contribute to the wellbeing of our community...
- ★ **Respect for our environment**
For example, exploring what kaitiakitanga and environmental guardianship means – and why this is important; practising being kaitiaki / guardians, and showing respect for our environment...

Stay tuned for more details each week, plus some 'conversation starters' so you can keep the learning going at home ☺



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Key School Dates for 2023

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





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