

Newsletter

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Tumuaki's Report



Kia ora koutou,

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

I really want to express my very sincere thanks to all of you who supported the school during the hosting of the tournament. To those of you who supported us with billet accommodation and the huge job of organising food for 200 people plus throughout the week. Without your support, the hosting would not have been possible. It was a great tournament and we have had a lot of very positive feedback.

Congratulations to Vincent Maisey, Oliver Pearse, and Bailey Hickson who were named as part of the tournament teams for Volleyball, Football and Touch.

This week we have been offered two places for the Spirit of New Zealand Sailing as part of the TOSI Area Schools in September, this will be an exciting opportunity for our students.

Unfortunately, there has been a delay in the introduction of school lunches. We are now in discussions with a new provider and hope to have the lunches up and running during Term two.

Earlier in the Year the Ministry of Education granted two Teacher Only Days for this year to focus on upcoming curriculum changes. The first of these for our school will be Monday 24th April with Tuesday 25th April is ANZAC day. Our primary classes have had a focus on ANZAC Day in the recent weeks, they have enjoyed creating and making poppies.

I hope that some of you are able to attend the annual community ANZAC service at 11am on ANZAC Day at the Rai Valley Memorial.

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The school holidays are a good time to review school uniforms for the winter. For our Year 7 and above students please check that they have a winter uniform, the correct school jacket and tops, that fits and is ready for the start of Term 2.

I hope everyone has a very happy Easter and our students are able to have a relaxing break before a very busy Term 2.

**Noho ora mai
Maree**

End of Term 1: Uniform

It has been a busy term. After repeated interruptions over the last few years, we expected a return to a more “normal” looking term. With Tournament thrown in there it probably has been anything but.

As we look to next term, sweating some of the small things will help make the ride a lot smoother. As the cooler months approach it is a good time to check students have appropriate uniform for winter. This includes jackets, beanies, and jerseys.

Just to recap:

Tops:

- Sky blue collared polo shirt. Sky blue or white thermal (long or short sleeved) may be worn underneath.
- White collared polo shirt or plain white short sleeved school blouse. White thermal (long or short sleeved) may be worn underneath.
- Navy blue school logo polar fleece (purchase from school office).
- Plain black puffer or weather shield jacket.

It is important to note that Official TOSI Sweatshirts were to be worn for 1 week after annual Area School Tournament only. Obviously, that has now expired.

Calendar Dates

Last Day of Term

Thursday 6th April

Teacher Only Day

Monday 24th April

Term 2 Starts

Wednesday 26th April

RVAS is limiting the printing of the Newsletter paper issues.

If you still require the paper copy please contact Pauline in the office
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Greetings Everyone

I can hardly believe that we are almost at the end of the term and what a super busy one it has been for everyone.

Last week Renee had arranged a visit from the Duffy Book Club people who have supplied free books to lots of children and they visited with a fun dramatic show about books, of course, using a space theme. Many children and teachers dressed up for the day as their favourite book character or the space theme. Anything we can do to promote reading has got to be a good thing.

As the weather cools down and the children layer up with their clothing, we ask that you label all of your children's' clothes. Layers that come off during the day are often left where they are dropped and then it is sometimes hard to follow them back to their owners. We do our best, but still we have lots of 'lost property' at the end of each week. Please ask and keep a look out for shoes and clothing that may belong to your children.

Next term there will be several events to look forward to also and I hope to be able to make a calendar that can come home in the first week back to show you what we will be up to. Exciting things like a local curriculum day out at Carluke, a gymnastics festival for some Yr 4-8 students, later there will be a music festival in Blenheim also.

Watch out for some dates early next term.

Have a great term break, with good weather I hope and we will see you back on Wednesday 26th April. (Day after ANZAC Day)

Ngā Mihi
Karen Davies

In Term Two

The Primary Team will begin focussing on Rai Valley History as part of their inquiry topic. We would like to extend an invitation to our wider community to share stories, memories and photos of our local history. If you think you are able to help

please contact Karen Davies
karen.davies@rai.school.nz



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Swimming Sports Trophies

Congratulations to our school swimming trophy winners! (See below for a list of results). These were awarded in between our last newsletter and tournament. The Years 0-8 trophy results were based on a combination of results from our swimming sports, Pelorus Cluster events, fundamental skills, and classroom swimming. The Years 9-13 trophies were purely based on results from race day at our school swimming sports. Once again, congratulations to those that have taken away trophies, some of the results were very tight, especially across senior races. It also should probably be mentioned, (although some might grumble about my bias here) that the overall winning House Team on the day was Awaawa Rai (Green House). We look forward to the next house competition, which is likely to be cross country.

Year 1 Boys - Tommy Massey
Year 1 Girls - Pyper Knight

Year 7 Boys - Hunter
O'Donnell

Year 2 Boys - Bjorn Prattley

Year 8 Boys - Josh Johnsen

Year 8 Girls - Leah Jones

Year 3 Boys - Aiden Mackness

Year 9 Boys - Jackson Jenner

Year 3 Girls - Jeorgie Prattley

Year 9 Girls - Bella Hickson

Year 4 Boys - Jake Thompson

Year 10 Boys - Elliott Hatcher

Year 4 Girls - Scarlett Morrison

Year 10 Girls - Elina Lilburn

Year 5 Boys - Tiaan De Kock

Year 11-13 Boys - Oliver
Pearse

Year 6 Boys - Sam Hope

Year 11-13 Girls - Lily Kiddey

Year 6 Girls - Annie Jones





TOSI Tournament Reflections

This year's TOSI Area School's tournament was the first for many of our students, so it was always going to be a challenge for our relatively young and inexperienced side. Despite playing against teams that were often older and physically stronger, the RVAS team were highly competitive in the vast majority of the games they played during the week. It was particularly pleasing to see the improvements that were made with almost every match.

Both the RVAS boys' and girls' teams demonstrated determination and positive attitudes throughout the week, and were fully deserving of the overall fair play award that they received at the tournament prizegiving.

Several of our players were also recognised for their outstanding performances by gaining selection in tournament teams. Congratulations to Vincent Maisey (volleyball), Ollie Pearse (football, touch, playball) and Bayley Hickson (touch) on their selections.

A huge thank you to everyone involved in making the tournament a success. It was evident that our visitors were truly appreciative of the hospitality and efforts of the wider Rai Valley community.

One of the many benefits of hosting this year's tournament is that there is now genuine enthusiasm across the school to build on the progress we have made on the playing fields this term. We intend to enter teams in a number of winter competitions in the coming months so if you are keen to assist with coaching, managing or transportation next term, please do get in touch.

Eli Briasco
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Tournament Photos



Tournament Photos



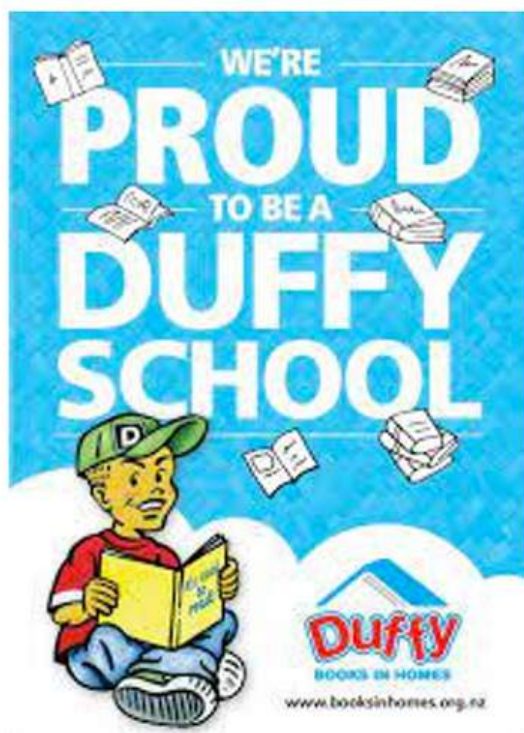
Tournament Dance Photos





PLEASE RETURN SWIMMING POOL KEYS

Swimming pool keys for season 2022/2023 are due back.
Please return your key to Renee Jope or drop off to the school office



These girls are stoked (as all the primary students were) with their free books they received from the DUFFY BOOKS IN HOMES.

We were also entertained for the afternoon by the Duffy Theatre Group, which was a lovely treat for the students after the chaos of Tournament.



Photo Competition

Be in to win \$300 worth of OfficeMax vouchers!

Got nothing to do these holidays? Get your camera or phone out and start taking photos of your cute and cuddly pets!

Further details at www.sPCA.nz/issue25



Photography Competition

It's time for our annual Kind Matters Photography Competition!

For this year's competition, we want to see animals at play. Just as play is important for your own wellbeing, play is an essential part of good animal welfare. Your photo can be of any animal, as long as you capture them at play. For example, photos can be of animals playing with their guardian, another animal companion, or with a toy. When taking your photo, remember to ensure the experience is fun and safe for everyone. Check out the photos below for inspiration and our top photography tips on the next page!

To enter, email your photo to education@sPCA.nz with the subject "Kind Matters Photography Competition 2023" by 24th April 2023. Please provide your name, age, school, and contact details.



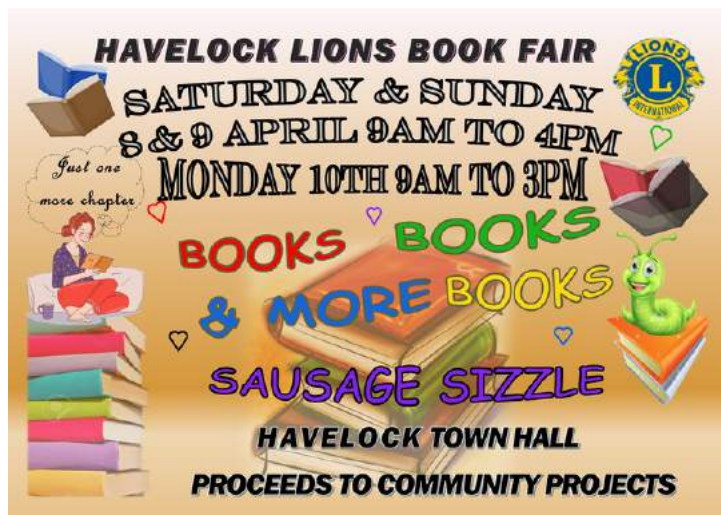
Please note: by entering SPCA competitions, you're agreeing for SPCA New Zealand to share your work on all SPCA webpages and within social media postings. Thank you to our competition sponsor, OfficeMax, for the amazing prizes, and EUGY by Dodoland for our spot prizes.

Book Fair: Easter

Havelock Lions Club are having a Book Fair over Easter weekend in the Havelock Town Hall.

Funds will go towards community projects and sponsoring local students to attend camps and courses like Outward Bound.

If you have books to donate, please put them in the box in the school office and don't forget to come to the Book Fair at Easter!



KIDS SCHOOL HOLIDAY ART CLUB

for 8 to 12 year olds with local artist Paula Kerslake



SATURDAY 15TH APRIL

Dream Catcher Creations

have fun creating your own colourful wall hanging

9.00am to 10.15am \$29

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enjoy creating dazzling abstract art that shimmers & sparkles

11.00am to 12.15pm \$28

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Bookings essential

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Blenheim



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[paulakerslake.com](https://www.facebook.com/paulakerslake.com)



15 APRIL 2023 10AM - 1PM
Location: Lansdowne Sports Hub

Year 7 futureFERNs Day

Targeted session for children in Year 7 to become familiar with 7v7 Netball before the season commences. Opportunity for coaches of Year 7&8 also to be involved.

Players

- Confident in 7v7 game format
- Understanding of positions and their roles
- Opportunity to play and try each area of the court
- Know the NetballSmart Dynamic Warm-up

Parents / Coaches

- Understand and champion the philosophy behind ANZ futureFERNs
- Confidence in leading a session with players
- Ability to adapt an activity to suit the players abilities
- Understanding of 7v7 game format

Register Now:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/233029>

MNC PRE SEASON TOURNAMENT

ALL SENIOR GRADES & YR 7 8 TEAMS

COST \$30 per team entry
Saturday 29 April 2023
TIME: 9.30am - 3.30pm
LOCATION: Lansdowne Park

REGISTRATIONS THROUGH SPORTY
Link:
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PREMIER INFORMATION EVENING

ALL COACHES AND MANAGERS FOR PREMIER TEAMS MUST ATTEND

THURSDAY 27TH APRIL 2023
LANDSOWNE PARK MAIN ROOM
6PM

RSVP admin@marlboroughnetball.org.nz



School & Community News

Kia ora koutou,

Whakatū Girls Rugby Trust (WGRT) are so excited to be bringing our Girls Rugby Camp to Marlborough! We have held camps and other programmes over the last year across the Nelson, Tasman, and Buller regions.

What: WGRT Girls Rugby Camp, Marlborough

When: April 13-14th, 2023 9:00am- 3:00pm each day

Where: Marlborough Girls College

Who: All girls ages 8-18 welcome, all playing levels and abilities welcome (new to rugby and current players)

Cost: \$50.00, which includes morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea both days +WGRT gear

*Cost will not be a barrier to attending any WGRT programmes, please email for information about scholarships for camp or any gear that is required to play.

Registrations: <https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/whakatū-girls-rugby-trust-marlborough-girls-rugby-camp-registration-591870389267>

Whakatū Girls Rugby Trust (WGRT) is a registered not-for-profit charitable trust, and our mission is to help grow the game of rugby by creating spaces and places where our wāhine/girls can come together, learn the game, develop their skills, and grow confidence in themselves as they make new friendships. Whakatū is our home, but also describes our desire to raise and establish a place to both introduce and strengthen the game of rugby for wāhine/girls, help them to experience the 'fun' of a team sport, and grow the game regionally and nationally.

Our vision here at WGRT is to aim to empower wāhine/girls to reach their potential both on and off the rugby field. Rugby is a game for all, and WGRT embraces our differences to find our connectedness by having fun together. By allowing the girls to explore participation in a team sport which is delivered in a safe and supportive environment where they learn the game but also can build relationships with their peers and become more self-aware, we ultimately grow the game at a community level and will see greater engagement in sport and activity on a whole. We want rugby to be a safe and enjoyable game for all to enjoy. We aim to make the game accessible to all girls, and we will do that by ensuring that girls recognise rugby as a fun game for them to try, ensuring cost to participate is never a barrier, and demonstrating clear pathways in the game for the future.

All WGRT camps are run by our 5 female coaches, a guest coach, two administrators, and our health & safety manager. Our team have their first aid qualifications and we have a child safeguarding lead who manages our safeguarding and child protection concerns. All WGRT team members have been through a safe recruitment process.

To see more about our programmes or see clips from previous camps please visit our social media sites, <https://www.facebook.com/Whakatūgirlsrugbytrust> <https://www.instagram.com/whakatūgirlsrugbytrust/> and <https://www.linkedin.com/company/whakat%C5%AB-girls-rugby-trust/>. We are also available to answer any questions. I have attached some promotional photos to use if you'd like for your newsletters.

We look forward to seeing your rugby girls there!

WGRT Marlborough Girls Rugby Camp

April 13-14, 9:00-3:00
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Please register through your school.

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Junior Table Tennis

The Marlborough Table Tennis Association is again running junior table tennis starting Tuesday 25th April. It will run during term 2 and 3. 4pm – 5pm, Beginners and developing players. 5pm - Two player teams competition, any gender, Blenheim Indoor Sports Centre 50 Batty's Road.

To register phone Debbie , 0211632140, or email deb_e_j@hotmail.com or Alex 0221890995 email alexkennedy545@gmail.com





Key School Dates for 2023

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| 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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