

Newsletter

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Tumuaki's Report



Kia ora koutou,

The end of Term 2 is finally here. It has been a difficult and challenging term, particularly with illness and industrial action. Last week we welcomed Mrs Stuart back from sick leave which has been great for her students.

At the beginning of the year, we were named as a school that is eligible to receive school lunches. However, the implementation of this has been really challenging. This week we tried 3 days of lunches where we heated and served the food.

Going forward, the lunches will be coming from Blenheim and will be a mix of cold food like wraps and heated food. When we have a menu available for next term, we will put it up on Facebook. Friday lunches from the Brick Oven will still be happening, so if your child is ordering from the Brick can they please inform Pauline so that we do not waste their lunch?

At Monday night's BOT meeting, the board adjusted the uniform policy to include black and navy poly-props under shirts and blouses. This is more logical and easier to purchase and clean. While talking about uniform, gumboots are an issue for our secondary students. Muddy gumboots walking into carpeted spaces is a real challenge for our cleaning staff. If students are wearing gumboots to school, they should be bringing a change of footwear for the classrooms.

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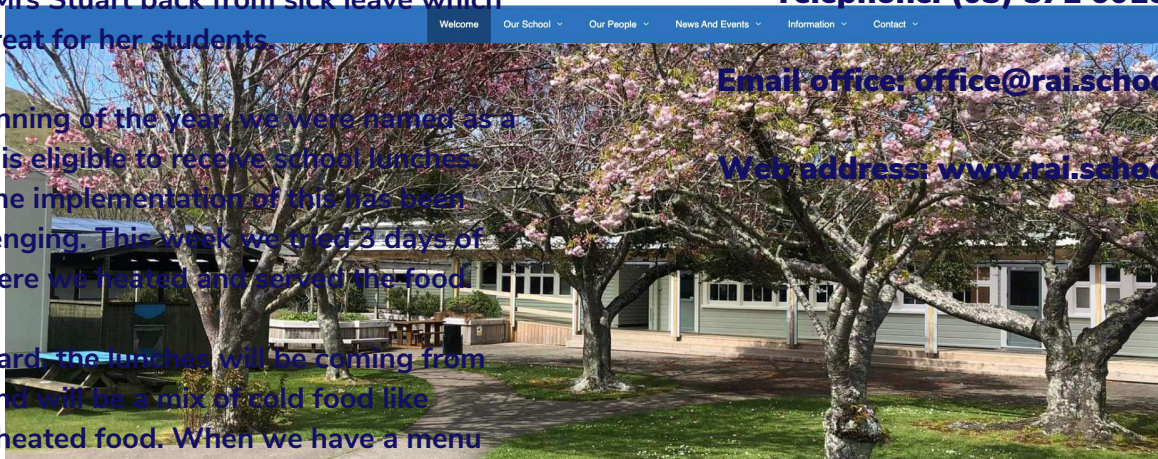
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Caretaker: Shane Dearman



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Welcome

Our School ▾

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School reports have been completed this week and will be sent home on Friday. If you have questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher early next term. For our 11-13 students they should be aiming to have close to 20 credits completed or close to being completed at this stage of the year. Year 11-13 students are heading to Christchurch for Secondary Camp in week two next term, it will be a mix of fun activities and visiting various tertiary providers for example UC, Ara, and Lincoln. Some of the students have been working hard on their fundraising.

Congratulations to Ella Jenner and her Leo's on a very successful Quiz night last Saturday. They have raised over \$2000. It was an amazing community turnout so thank you for your support.

Our teachers are currently working on mid-year reports, these will be available at the end of term. I would encourage you to contact your child's teacher and make time to talk if you have any questions or concerns.

Sadly, we are now feeling the impact of the national teacher shortage. Today we farewell Vanessa Carver who is going to Mayfield School, Blenheim at the beginning of Term 3 and Denise Mitchison who is retiring for family reasons. We wish them well for the future. At Monday's meeting, the Board accepted Ms Sorensen's resignation effective from mid-August. She will be working in a challenging role at Queen Charlotte College. We are currently in the process of employing a Year 1 and 2 Teacher. In the interim, Mrs Kiddey will be teaching in Room 14.

I hope everyone has a wonderful break as we have some very tired students and staff. Thank you all for your support during a challenging term.

Noho ora mai
Maree

Calendar Dates

Term 3 Starts
Monday 17th July

Pelorus Youth Night 12 upwards
RV Fire Station

30th June - 6pm to 8pm



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



Greetings Everyone

Well we have all finally made it to the end of the Term! On Wednesday we were lucky enough to start our Food In Schools lunches and boy were they delicious. An enormous thank you to Selene, Pauline, Melanie and Denise. Looking forward to regular lunches next term.

There has continued to be a lot of sickness amongst the students in the primary syndicate. Keeping them at home to get them well is so important especially so they are well and happy for the holidays. I wish you all the best for happy holidays.

We have an amendment to the PET DAY for 2023 and it will now be in the first week back of TERM 4, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th October. Next term there will be an update in each newsletter and I will be calling for people to join me for a meeting to help kick things off and have support for this annual event.

I would like to thank Vanessa Carver for her time and service to our syndicate, as she moves on to a new school in Blenheim. Our syndicate wish you all the best.

Well done to the Students who received the Principal Awards today and thank you to Renee for another round of Duffy Books to all our students. Good times for reading in the holiday.

Nga Mihi

Karen Davies and the primary team.

LIFT TO NELSON NEEDED

Can anyone offer Lewis a lift home from NMIT Nelson after 5pm on Tuesdays? Starting 20th July? Also to and from Nelson on Thursdays arriving 9ish and leaving after 3pm. If anyone can help on an occasional or regular basis we would be so very grateful. Generous fuel contribution will be paid.

Thank you

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Y11-13 Camp to Christchurch

As many of you are aware we are taking the Year 11-13s to Christchurch for a camp in the second week of Term 3.

I would just like to extend a big “THANK YOU” to everyone who has supported our fundraisers by purchasing or contributing items, donating time, money or other resources. We really appreciate the efforts so far and the students have managed to make a significant dent in the overall costs which we will pass on to students’ families.

In addition, I would like to specifically thank The Brick Oven and The Leo Club for their support.

As evidenced by the photos of the bake sale, the events have been very successful.

There are still a few more fundraising activities to wind up. Look out for a firewood raffle soon. This is for 4 cubic metres of pine and just \$2 a ticket. Please see the flyer in the newsletter for more details.

Mike Wilson
Deputy Principal.



Rai Valley Area School fundraiser
secondary school camp

FIRE WOOD RAFFLE

\$2
PER TICKET

4m³ Dry old man
pine

**To be drawn
21 July 2023**

Win a trailer load of
firewood!
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Marlborough District





The Story of a River

The Years 9 and 10 Enviro classes have been learning about human impacts on drinking water quality and river pollution by the industries.

The interactive "Story of a River", which originated in Australia, but has since been used as a teaching resource all over the world, helps students gain better understanding around how we are all factors in the pollution and need to get creative around preventing and cleaning up pollution. The question at the end of the activity, "Who polluted the river?" makes it all too clear that we are all in this waka together, and that our young generation does have to carry an unusually heavy load of future solution finding - unlike any Generation before them.





Lawrence and Declan taking the horses to the river for RDA.



When I went to the RDA on Wednesday last week at town, we took the horses to the river and Bobby had a drink of water and splashed the water with his hooves and I got wet. I felt pleased and happy.
By Lorraine Stewart





NZ GENERAL ELECTIONS 2023 SATURDAY OCTOBER 14TH

Help your community vote.
Register to work at the 2023 General Election.

We need people with different skills and backgrounds all across Aotearoa New Zealand. For more information about the roles, and to register your interest, visit work.elections.nz.

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DUFFY BOOKS in HOMES

Kia Ora,
Today the 2nd round of Duffy Books were handed out to Year 1-8 students to take home. These are graciously funded by the Government this term. I hope students have enjoyed being able to choose books to keep at home and read.

CAUGHT BEING GOOD

Congratulations to all Term 2's CAUGHT BEING GOOD lucky draw winners - this is a random draw for students whom have had CAUGHT BEING GOOD chips put into the draw :

- BRODIE MARTIN Y2 (twice)
- JOY HARRISON Y1 (brand new to school)
- DIMITRI ROSSITER Y6
- IMAGEN KNIGHT Y4
- AURORA YOUNG Y4
- ANNIE JONES Y6
- KEIRA WEARING-HOLMES Y6
- SOPHIE THOMPSON Y6
- OLIVIA HARRISON Y6
- ELLIE THOMPSON Y3
- JAKE BALLENTYNE Y2
- ROSE ROESKE Y6
- TOMMY MASSEY Y1

We hope you have enjoyed the extra reading material for you and your family.

DUFFY BOOKS ROLE MODEL ASSEMBLY

Last week we held a Duffy Role Model Assembly and invited local Marlborough District Councillor Barbara Faulis along to talk about why reading is important for her role in the Council and what she enjoys about reading. Barbara was able to congratulate all our CAUGHT BEING GOOD recipients for Week 8. She also spoke about some of her favourite reads over her lifetime and suggested some titles the students might like to hunt out to read like THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS. We presented our DUFFY ROLE MODEL with a pack of MATARIKI picture books she can read to her grandchildren.

Thank you Barbara for coming along to Rai Valley for the morning.



It would be greatly appreciated if PARENTS of students in Year 1-8 could fill out this quick survey online for Duffy books.

Thank you from Renee - your RVAS Duffy Books In Homes Co-ordinator

SURVEY LINK: https://auuckland.au1.qualtrics.com/jform/SV_eicbzzR0GMxhps8






It's ok to ask for help

Te Piki Oranga Rangatahi/Youth Services - 0800 672 642
 My Space/Marlborough Youth Trust - 03 579 3143
 Matua Waka Rangatahi/Youth Services - 03 577 9156
 iCAMHS - 03 520 9905 or 0800 948 497 (after hours)

24/7 phone helplines:
 1737 - Phone 1737 or txt 1737
 Youthline - 0800 376 633 or txt 234
 The Lowdown - 0800 111 757 or txt 5626
 Lifeline Aotearoa - 0800 543 354 or txt 4357
 Alcohol Drug Helpline - 0800 787 984 or txt 8681

Other helplines and downloads:
 What's Up - 0800 942 8787 (open 11am-11pm)
 Outline - 0800 688 5463 (open 6pm-9pm)

Mindwave App <https://tinyurl.com/MPVGS>
 - the Mental health foundation's safety plan app


Grief Matters

Building Family/Whānau and Rangatahi/Youth Resiliency

Dr Chris Bowden has been invited to our community to help acknowledge the impact of suicide and help resource the community to enhance resiliency and connectedness.

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| <p>Wednesday 28 June Rangatahi/Youth Hui only ASB Theatre 5.00-7.00pm Provide a safe forum for youth to share their experiences/advice and what they need. (Food and drink provided so please RSVP everylifematters@mdhb.govt.nz)</p> | <p>Building Family/Whānau Resiliency Events Centre 7.00-8.00pm Family/Whānau Supporting Rangatahi/Youth through Grief Events Centre 8.30-9.30pm</p> |
| <p>Thursday 29 June Supporting School Students/Ākonga Events Centre 4.00-5.00pm Self-care for Teachers/Staff/Kalako Events Centre 5.00-6.00pm</p> | <p>Friday 30 June Community Supporting Rangatahi/youth and others After Suicide Events Centre 9.30-11.30am and 1.00-3.00pm</p> |

All sessions facilitated by Dr Chris Bowden - lecturer in Child and Adolescent development and mental health, suicide bereavement and trauma researcher from Victoria University.



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Mental Health Support Services in Marlborough

Contact your own GP or Practise Nurse
 After Hours GP 03 520 6377

CARE Marlborough Mental Health Advocacy Service 03 579 5304

Te Piki Oranga 03 5437016 or 0800 672 642

Victim Support Ph 0800 842 846

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Life Line Aotearoa 0800 543 354

Suicide Crisis 0508 828 865

If it is urgent

Adult Mental Crisis Team - 03 520 9907 After hours 0800 948 497

Infant, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Team (iCAMHS)
 03 520 9905 After hours 0800 948 497

Marlborough Suicide Postvention Group

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Monday July 3rd to Friday July 7th 10am - 5pm. Friday 7th 6pm finish for Filming For ages 13-18 \$75pp for the week (meals and resources included)

TO APPLY EMAIL pathwayproductionsmarlborough@gmail.com



PATHWAY PRODUCTIONS Striking on Screen
Filmmakers Workshop

Monday July 3rd - Friday 7th 10am - 5pm (6pm Friday)
Sawmill Studios, Waters Ave, Blenheim

The Striking on Screen Filmmakers Workshop will give successful applicants the opportunity to learn what it takes to be part of the film industry. They will gain foundation skills in many areas of film including acting, directing, setting up a scene, using a camera, lighting, sound and writing a screenplay. They will get the chance to work with local filmmakers and tutors as well as professionals working in the industry to produce a short film which will be screened at Event Cinema Blenheim as part of the Random Directions Film Festival.

APPLICATION

Name: _____ Contact #: _____
Email: _____ D.O.B: _____

Which area of film are you most wanting to work in?

Acting Directing Camera Lighting Sound Props/Set
Costuming Writing Hair/Makeup

What are you hoping to achieve from this workshop?

Do you have any previous experience with film?

What is your favorite film and why?

Do you have any dietary requirements? (morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided)

This workshop is limited to 16 people, aged 14 - 18yrs. There is a workshop fee of \$75 for the week. All applications must be in by 5pm Friday 23rd of June. Please send applications to: pathwayproductionsmarlborough@gmail.com. Notifications will be sent out by Friday 26th June




Resilience

Taikaha

Means coping with challenges and bouncing back.

THE KIWI CAN CORNER



Is it ok to ask for help? Of course! But sometimes if we "try, try again" first we can actually master it ourselves. Sometimes this can help us learn it even better than when someone helps or does it for us - and we feel a sense of pride that we did it! Expert Angela Duckworth tells us that a person's "grit score" (how much they persevere) accurately predicts achievement under challenging circumstances in life - so important for leaders, team-mates and successful humans generally 😊

This week in Kiwi Can we are practicing persevering at a task, and trying again before immediately looking for help.

Some conversation starters for this week:

- When something is too hard for you to do, what do you do? How could you show resilience before asking for help?
- What was the most difficult thing you did today? Why was it so hard?
- If you are a person who never quits, how does that affect others around you? Who is a resilience role model for you?

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Key School Dates for 2023

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| Friday 30 th June | Term 2 Ends |
| Monday 17 th July | Term 3 Begins |
| Friday 22 nd September | Term 3 Ends |
| Monday 9 th October | Term 4 Begins |
| Monday 23 rd October | Labour Monday |
| Monday 30 th October | Marlborough Anniversary |
| Monday 6 th November | NCEA Examinations Start |
| December 10 th -14 th | Final week of Term 4 Last Day to be confirmed |



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Part of perseverance is identifying ways to be patient as we keep trying. Our older tamariki are also identifying our personal skills that help us to persevere even when the going gets tough. When your child gets frustrated that they are having trouble with a task, reassure them it's normal, and talk about what they could do to help 'reset' and try again.

Why not continue the learning at home? Have a chat about...

- What does it mean to be patient? How can being patient help you keep trying?
- What are some of the positive self-talk things you could say to yourself when you are struggling with a challenge?
- Can you show me one of the breathing techniques you learned about in Kiwi Can?
- How can these things help when you're trying to persevere? (This might include ideas that these approaches allow you time to assess the situation, understand it may not be as bad as you think and give you the encouragement to carry on).



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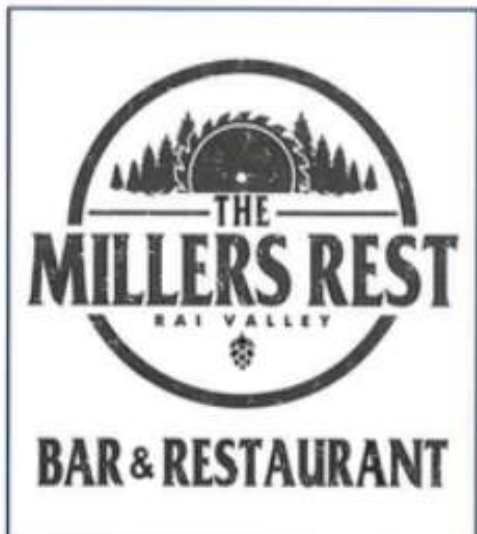
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