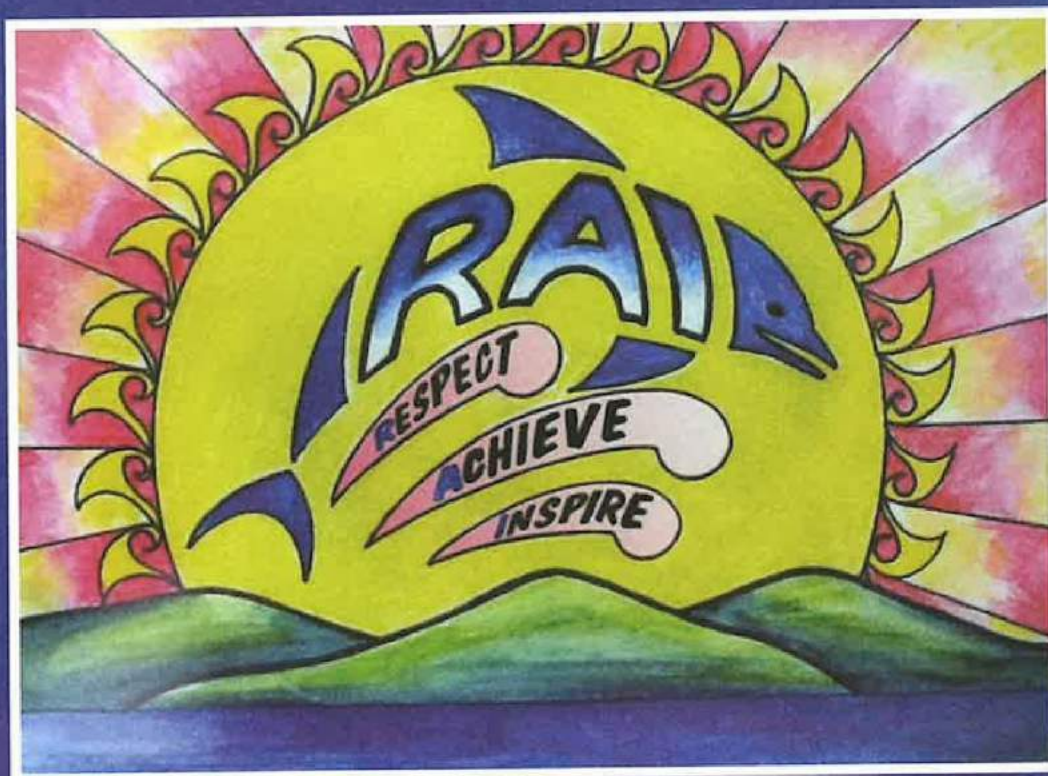




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# Newsletter



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## Tumuaki's Report

Kia ora koutou,



This week we had our annual school swimming sports. It was a successful if somewhat cool day. Over the holidays the pool cover was damaged beyond repair and we are still awaiting the arrival of a new cover which also meant that the pool temperature was not ideal.

I would like to thank the parents and whanau who supported their students. Well done, to all our primary students for their full participation, it was a great effort. Congratulations to Awa Awa Rai (Green house) who has taken out the first house event for the year. Participation points made the difference!

The annual TOSI Area Schools tournament is only one week away. This is a great opportunity for our students to compete with other schools and to renew and build upon social connections. The tournament team is training hard and we wish them well in Murchison.

Our year 1-8 students are away in Blenheim next Thursday for Pelorus Athletics. This event has moved from Havelock to Athletic Park this year to try to avoid the cancellations that we have had for the last couple of years. Let's hope the fine weather continues for Thursday.

There has been a noticeable change in the weather in the last couple of weeks with the mornings being a lot cooler. Now is a good time to check that your child has the correct jackets and uniform items for the changing seasons.

Finally it has been great to welcome back Mrs Stuart who has returned part-time after her surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Noho ora mai  
Maree

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## Our People:

Principal: Maree Furness

Primary Leader: Karen Davies

Secondary Leader: Dan Waldie

Primary Senco: Jennie Brook-Watt

Secondary Senco: Eli Briasco

Learning Support Teacher: Theresa Neal

Executive Officer: April Morris

Receptionist: Pauline Agnew

Caretaker: Shane Dearman



Kia ora,

What a packed start to the year we have had. We have had RYDA (Road Safety) for our year 11 cohort, which involved a trip to Blenheim to learn about various topics including why the safety rating of your car is important, stopping/braking distances, how to clear your mind ready to drive and situational awareness (amongst many other things). We have also had numerous students start their Trades Academy and Gateway journeys, which has seen a significant number go "off-site" into the workplace for a day a week to experience the "real world". We also have a large number of students who are taking advantage of learning through NET NZ and Te Kura, which allows us despite being a small school, to provide and support a huge range of subjects.

We held our whole school swimming sports on the 12th and a number of senior students braved the cold water for glory (although my respect goes out to the sheer number of Year 1-8 tamariki who literally flung themselves into the water in the quest for invaluable house points).

As we approach the end of the term many of our NCEA students in Years 11-13 will be engaging in vital assessment opportunities, so it is prudent for us to remember to encourage them to complete work at home, ask timely assistance from their teachers when needed and ensure that they are getting an appropriate amount of rest and recuperation when they can. In some subject areas we already have our first assessments in, so now would be a great time for whanau to check in to see how your children are progressing.

Our Year 10 students are also approaching a crucial time in their learning journeys as next term will provide many of them with their first opportunity to attempt the Common Assessment Activities (CAAs) for Literacy and Numeracy. These assessments are now the prerequisite for gaining Literacy and Numeracy qualifications in NZ. These assessments are sat as external (exams) and are run twice a year in Term 2 and Term 3, so there are plenty of opportunities for students to sit them from year 10 onwards. More information can be found at <https://ncea.education.govt.nz/supporting-akonga-and-whanau>.

Looking forward, we have Tournament week coming up, and many of those students attending will continue (I am sure) to work on their assessments when they have some free time, but just as importantly they will have the opportunity to represent our amazing community and participate against

We also have a SADD information day on Tuesday 19th March and you are all welcome to attend, it will be held in the Library from 10 to about 11:30 and will include various groups from our community and beyond who are focused on improving road safety for everyone. (<https://www.sadd.org.nz/>)

Once again many thanks for your support.

nga mihi

Dan Waldie  
Secondary School Leader.





## 2024 SWIMMING SPORTS

The annual RVAS Swimming Sports were held on an unseasonably chilly Tuesday the 12th of March. Congratulations to Awa Awa Rai (Green House), who were victorious on the day, ahead of Pelorus (Blue House) and Okiwi (Red House). Students will be recognised for their individual achievements at an upcoming whole-school assembly. At senior level, participation rates were disappointingly low this year. Secondary students have been challenged to step up and demonstrate the RAI way in future inter-house events.



# AUTUMN FUNDRAISER with SPRING BULBS

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## Fund Raising for RAI VALLEY AREA SCHOOL WINTER SPORTS

Here is a great opportunity to purchase spring flowering bulbs and seeds to show your support. Bulbs are easy to plant, fun to grow and will reward you with gorgeous flowers year after year.

We have some great choices here - why not try them all! Bulbs are supplied by GardenPost which source bulbs from New Zealand's & Holland's best growers. Your organisation / school will make a least 30% profit on all sales. A planting guide will be enclosed with each order.

To order please return this form with your payment no later than:

**Thursday 28th March 2024** to school office or to Renee Jope in the library

Delivery will be around: 15 / 04 / 2024.

Thank you for supporting this fundraiser. Enquiries to: renee@rai.school.nz

## Bulb Fundraiser Order Form 2024

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment can be made in cash or into our bank account with your child's name as the reference.

Our bank account number is RAI VALLEY AREA SCHOOL: 12-3165-0348666-000

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Bulb / Seed Type	Price	Number ordered	Total \$'s
7 Daffodils – King Alfred The King of all daffodils. Prized for their deep golden and twisted petals that end in a point, they remain the world's favourite daffodil. One of the largest trumpet daffodils with Strong and long-lasting blooms (H40-60cm)	\$11.50		
7 Daffodils – Springtime Mix An exceptional assortment of superior varieties blended for continual blooming throughout spring. Each top-quality bulb will produce bright, long-lasting, picture-perfect flowers. H40cm	\$11.70		
7 Tulips - Mixed Spectacular spring flowering bulbs with colourful and attractive cup shaped flowers. Top quality bulbs in a wide colour range will give an unsurpassable garden display. Height 40cm	\$13.20		
7 Freesias Fragrant Single & Double - Mixed For the true scent of spring try this mix of popular, fragrant Freesias. They will give a long lasting, dazzling display and have long stems for picking. H30cm. Protect from heavy frosts.	\$ 9 .30		
7 Ranunculus – Rainbow Mix A profusion of fully double, ever so sweet flowers in a wide, vibrant colour range. Large clumps of these showy flowers are hard to beat. Ideal for borders or pots. H30-40cm	\$7.00		
7 Dutch Iris – Super Mix A selection of the world's most popular Iris. Showy flowers in the garden and long lasting when cut H60-90cm	\$10.30		
7 Sparaxis – Harlequin Mix Tri-coloured flowers in a whimsical rainbow mix of colours. Will make a bright and playful display in a sunny rockery or border. Easy and reliable plants that will multiply quickly. H25cm.	\$ 9 .80		
7 Anemone – De Caen Mix Giant poppy shaped flowers in a range of bright colours that float about 30cm above the ground on fern like foliage. Plant in full sun or semi shade.	\$ 6 .00		
Sweet Pea - Early Multiflora - 20 seeds A vibrant and striking mix of early flowering Heirloom sweet peas. Lavender, pink, purple, white and red flowers all with that old-fashioned intoxicating fragrance. Climber to 2m	\$ 5 .20		
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>			

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Anemone St Brigid (Doubles)



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Tulips - Mixed



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Dutch Iris - Super Mix



Sweet Pea - Early Multiflora Sparaxis - Harlequin Mix



Do you want to learn the guitar?

Interested in lessons?

**When: Monday & Friday morning tea time**

**Where: In the VC room at the library**

**Cost: \$10 per session**



If you are interested please talk to me Sophia Wiesner at school or email me on [sophia.wiesner@rai.school.nz](mailto:sophia.wiesner@rai.school.nz)



## AFTER SCHOOL CARE

is available from 3pm to 5pm

Monday - Friday

contact the school office or

Skylar on 027 244 9390 to book in.

(Skylar does not have access to her phone from 8.50am-2.50pm)

**\$5 per child per hour**

**NOT AVAILABLE THURSDAY 28TH MARCH**



## Respect Manaakitanga

Means treating people, things and places as important.

## The Kiwi Can Corner

### Respect / Manaakitanga

As we continue to explore more about respect for ourselves, we're considering our strengths and what makes us unique. Through understanding what our strengths are, we're also exploring what it means to feel proud and show respect to ourselves.

### Some things to talk about at home - to support your child's learning:

- What is one way you showed respect to yourself today? (Perhaps you could think about ways you respected your brain and your body)
- Can you tell me what 3 of your strengths are? (With younger students you could talk about strengths as being "something you are good at")
- What's something you're proud of yourself for? What strengths or skills or strategies did you use to make that happen?
- How does it feel when other people recognise your strengths? Why?



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## Key School Dates for 2024

Tuesday 19th March	T1W7	S.A.D.D. visit
Thursday 21st March	T1W8	Year 1-8 Pelorus Athletics @ Athletic Park, Blenheim
Friday 22nd March	T1W8	Duffy Theatre visit
Sunday 24th - Thursday 28th March	T1W9	T.O.S.I. Area Schools Tournament in Murchison
Friday 29th March	T1W9	Good Friday
Monday 1st April	T1W10	Easter Monday
Tuesday 2nd April	T1W10	Easter Tuesday
<b>Friday 12th April</b>	T1W11	<b>Term 1 ENDS</b>
Thursday 25th April (in holidays)	Holidays	ANZAC Day
<b>Monday 29th April</b>	T2W1	<b>TERM 2 BEGINS - Whole school 8.45am</b>
Monday 3rd June	T2W6	King's Birthday
Friday 28th June	T2W9	Matariki
<b>Friday 5th July</b>	T2W10	<b>Term 2 ENDS</b>



Come catch up with other parents/caregivers with preschools.  
Open morning at Rai Valley Area School

20th March 2024  
9 am - 12 pm

There will be Tea and Coffee and a few nibbles.  
We look forward to meeting you

Neurodiversity week  
March 18th - 24th



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## A CHILDREN'S DAY & SEAWEEK CELEBRATION



### Exploring Nature - Momorangi Bay

Come along & join us to celebrate our amazing tamariki & explore the many habitats of Momorangi Bay!



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## Kaituna Ridges Ramble.

The event is Saturday 23rd March, presale tickets are \$30 per adult, on the day tickets are \$35 and all children's tickets are \$10.

Tickets are on sale at Eventfinda -

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2024/kaituna-ridges-ramble/havelock>

And more information is available at our website

- <http://www.kaitunaridgesramble.kiwi.nz/>

As always the event is a fundraiser for our fabulous wee preschool - Pelorus Community Preschool - Kōhungahunga o Te Hoiere





**An old favourite returns...**



# Havelock Lions Club

# Book Fair

**Havelock Town Hall**

**Easter Weekend 2024**

**Saturday 30th March to Monday 1st April**

## Books Wanted!

If you have some books that you'd like to donate to support the Lions Club with our local projects we'd be very happy to receive them

Please call Debby (0277 232348), or Ian (574 2558) to arrange collection



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## SKOOL LOOP app

The school has had the SKOOL LOOP app available for sometime now but it has been under utilised due to other communication avenues.

We are currently using the SKOOL LOOP for primary parents to book in Teacher/Student conferences. So download today



# MOI MINISTRY OF INSPIRATION

All workshops run by Ministry of Inspiration are based on the STEAMS concept of learning where all subjects are combined into one immensely creative programme! MOI is offering THREE choices of Holiday Programmes for the April School Holidays at Nelson Intermediate. The three different holiday programmes are: Art and Engineering, Cooking and Science, and Jewelry Making. The different tickets will show up when you click to register. The courses run Monday-Wednesday then Thursday-Friday at Nelson Intermediate School.

**Art and Engineering:** This course is specifically designed for 7-9 year olds who are interested in design engineering the dream TREE HOUSE! Students will be using their imagination to create a tree house then theme park using skills in maths and engineering. In addition, several engineering challenges will be tested! This course runs, MON to WED or THURS to FRI. Both sections will be very similar.

**Cooking and Science:** This course is designed for ages 6-12 who are interested in learning how to cook ASIAN style dishes and learn some science, art, and geography of the region. This course runs, MON to WED or THURS to FRI. Recipes will be different for each section.

**Jewellery Making:** This course is designed strictly for ages 12+ who are interested in learning how to make different types of jewellery from silver clay, to stamping, to recycled materials. this course runs only Mon-Wed.

**Please select your ticket(s) carefully. Eventbrite is confusing!**

**ALL** students must bring morning tea, lunch, and a water bottle. Students must wear closed shoes and have long hair tied back. Please have your child wear clothes that are not precious. Cooking students need to only bring a small snack and also containers to take food home.

Link to register: <https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/holiday-programmes-april-2024-nelson-tickets861236099357>

**Junior Pelorus Netball  
Muster  
Thursday 21st March  
@ 4pm  
Havelock Netball  
Courts**

**Inviting all boys and  
girls yr1-8 to come  
down and register for  
the upcoming season**

**If you cant make it but  
would like to register  
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Sonya Ferguson  
0278776703**

**look forward to seeing  
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# SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2024

**YEARS 3-4**

16th & 17th April

**YEARS 5-6**

23rd & 24th April

**Fun netball activities to suit all skill levels**

**COST: \$25 per child per day**

**TIME: 10:00am - 2:00pm**

**LOCATION: Lansdowne Park (netball courts)**

**REGISTRATIONS THROUGH SPORTY**

**<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/286597>**

**PLEASE BRING LUNCH, WATER BOTTLE,  
SUITABLE CLOTHING, SHOES AND A SMILE**



## Football Sessions (5-12 year olds)

COACHES: **Nicky Smith-Scott, Jemimah O'Donnell & Sophie Campbell**

WHEN: **5 Thursday sessions**  
**4 & 11 April + 2, 9 & 16 May**

TIME: **3.45–4.30pm**

WHERE: **A&P Park**

COST: **\$25**

TO REGISTER - GO TO:

[www.marlboroughfootball.co.nz](http://www.marlboroughfootball.co.nz)

> Program info > FANTAILS Girls Only Skills Sessions  
Registrations close Monday 1st April



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