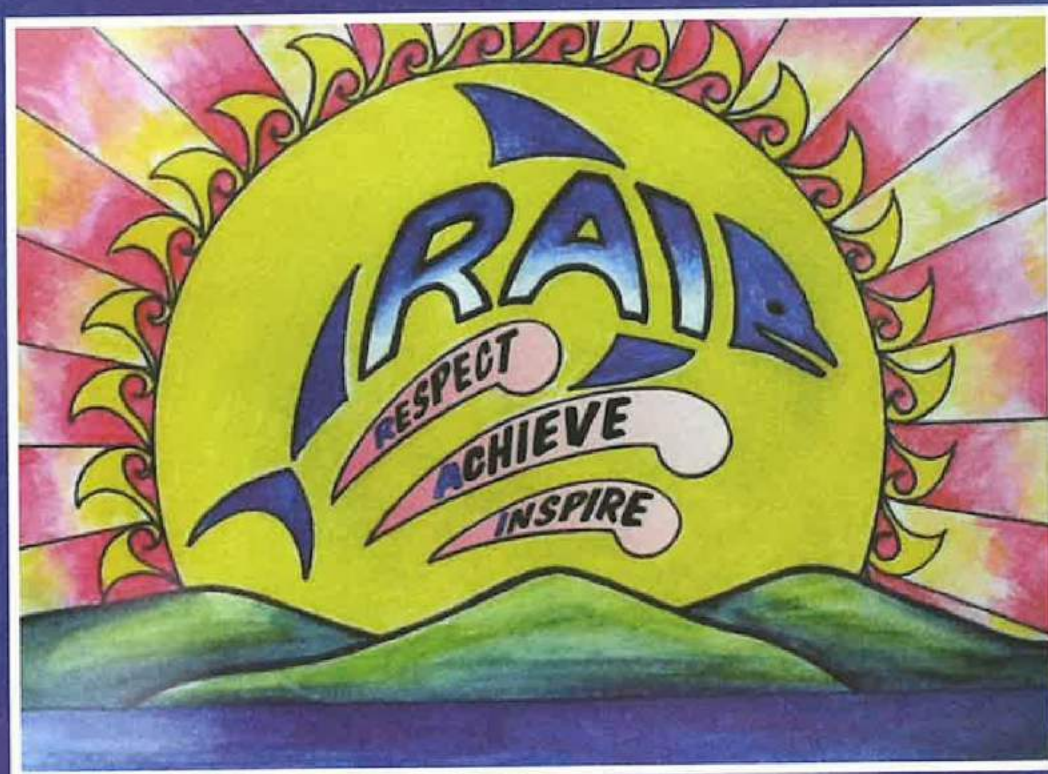




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Newsletter



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Newsletter

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Tumuaki's Report

Kia ora koutou,
This Is the last week of what has been a really busy term. We have had a lot to celebrate within and outside



the classroom. In recent weeks our Year 1-8 students attended the Pelorus Athletes that was held in Blenheim at Athletic Park. Apart from finally being able to have an Athletics day the change of venue was a real success. Thank you to Havelock School for all your work in organising the day and Congratulations RaiValley on your 3rd place.

The Year 1-8 students of the school, we have had our first round of goal-setting interviews in our 3-way parent conferences. If you have been unable to attend, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher to make a time to catch up.

In the last couple of weeks, we have had external visits to our school. SADD(Students Against Dangerous Driving presented to our senior students and the Duffy Book Theatre performed for our Year 1-8. Secondary has been equally busy with Tournament dominating much of the last few weeks.

Congratulations to all our students who attended the tournament for your commitment, sportsmanship, and behaviour.

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Secondary Senco: Eli Briasco

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Caretaker: Shane Dearman



Tumuaki's Report con't



It was really great to see how well you competed this year. The tournament is not possible without a huge commitment from our staff. Thank you to Eli Briasco and Sarah Hayman for your coaching as well as to Theresa Neal, Dan Waldie, and Dave MacDonald for the huge support throughout the week.

Congratulations to the following students, who were selected for tournament teams: Tessa Zillwood (basketball, volleyball, football, playball, touch) Keegan Quirk (basketball, volleyball) Bella Hickson (volleyball) Oliver Hope (football) Amy Billingsley (football) Oli Pearse (playball) and Kaden Lawrence (playball).

As part of our lead-up tournament, we were very fortunate to have Matau Mike Elkington from Ngati Koata work with our students on Kapa Haka and Waiata. This was a great day for everyone. As part of our final assembly, this term we gave out several Principal awards for students who have modelled our school values exceptionally well in our school. Congratulations to the end of term 1's recipients: lunch monitors - Leah Jones, Elin Kiddey, Ivy Kiddey and Imogen Staples, Mason Church for excellent effort at maths, Declan Knight for his amazing progress in class, reading at the cenotaph and helping younger students and Pyper Knight for her amazing work. Congratulations and enjoy your free chicken and chips.

I also awarded \$200 each to the 4 students who had gained an overall Merit endorsement in NCEA. Congratulations to Bayley Hickson, Lily Kiddey, and Ella Jenner who gained a Merit endorsement at NCEA level 1, and Zoe Luscombe who gained a Merit endorsement at NCEA level 2.

This year ANZAC day falls within the school holidays but my thoughts will be with you on the 25th as we acknowledge this important time in our history.

Noho ora mai
Maree

RVAS SWIMMING SPORTS THROPY WINNERS





While we have been chipping away at school here, 20 senior students have been away at TOSI Area Schools Tournament. More news from the secondary syndicate and their results further in newsletter.

Last Thursday the Primary Syndicate went to Blenheim's Athletic Park to participate in the Pelorus Cluster Athletics. It was a great day, weather wise and the event as a whole. We were placed 3rd overall. There are a set of photos of this event as well.

Celebrating student achievement is always high on our priority. Bjorn Prattley has shared some of his writing he is working on with me and he is making good progress. Tai Mackness has shared, here in the newsletter, a great piece of artwork he completed in the class under the guidance of Mrs Massey.

Earlier this week the Primary Syndicate teachers shared their time with parents to discuss the progress of your children. If you did not have this opportunity you can still contact your child's teacher to make another time. We send written reports home at the end of Term 2 and 4.

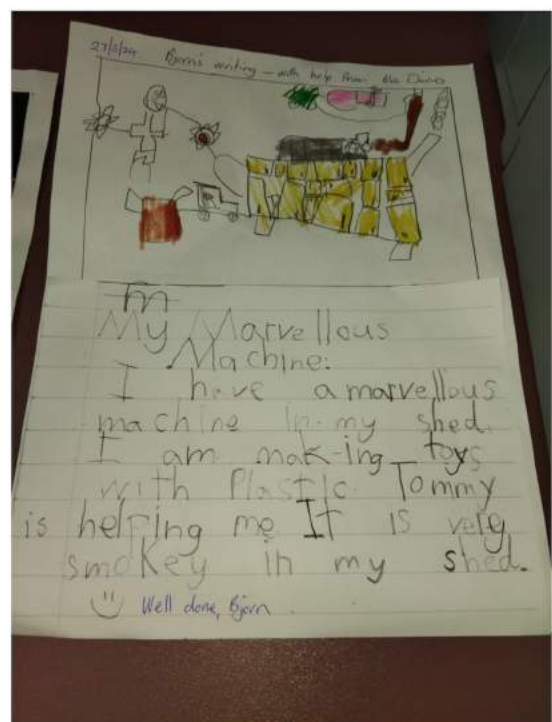
Easter is upon us with an extra school day off on Tuesday. This will then leave just 8 school days left until the end of the term. ANZAC Day will be celebrated on the Thursday in the second week of the holidays.

Before the end of the term I will try and get an 'events calendar' up on Facebook and in the final newsletter of the term so people are aware of upcoming events for Term 2. We are sent lots of advertising and opportunities for participation in lots of different things. It is quite a juggle to select what is also valuable learning and experiences for our students. We simply can not choose everything, but hope to offer a wide variety of activities for learning.

In assembly we talked today about 'safe play'. Playing in the playground is always promoted, but in a safe way. As teachers our concerns are always around playing that becomes too rough or dangerous. Children don't always see this in their eyes. Adults always see it differently. A friendly discussion with your children around this would be beneficial.

From the team here in primary, we wish you a happy Easter and will see you all back on Wednesday 3rd April.

Karen Davies
Head of Primary



School News



DUFFY BOOKS IN HOMES

presents....
The Duffy Theatre group put on a show which inspired us to hold a **WHEN I GROW UP** dress up day to celebrate their visit.



Congratulations to **Annie Jones** for her efforts in the Marlborough Primary Swimming Sports held on the 26th March in Blenheim



Curious Cove

Idyllic Marlborough Sounds Holiday Venue

Curious Cove, also known as Kiwi Ranch have once again offered 3 slots for students to attend over the holidays.

Hunter O'Donnell and Olivia Harrison have 2 spots on the senior camp for 4 nights and Aiden Mackness has a spot on the junior camp.

We are fortunate that the Lions group from Havelock support these as well and make the payment on behalf of the children.

At other times throughout the year there are camps for young leaders also. When we see these again we will offer these to other students.

This is a wonderful experience for them and we hope they have a great time.



**The Swimming Pool is now closed for the season.
Please return your keys to Renee Jope or the school office**



Primary News : Pelorus Cluster Athletics



AWESOME EFFORT RAI VALLEY





Kia ora koutou, just a quick check in this newsletter.

I have just returned from the first few days of tournament and am delighted to report that our students are representing the school in an incredibly positive light. They remain competitive across all areas, but more importantly have shown whanaungatanga as they support each other.

When I left they were all exhausted from another 12 hour day of sports, but were still in great sports and looking forward to the next days events (and the social!)

There will be a much more through update in the next newsletter.

As we approach the end of term 1 now it is an excellent time to remind you of a few of our expectations.

- Secondary Students are expected to wear appropriate uniform during school hours and if for any reason they do not have correct uniform on a particular day, then can see me or their form teacher for a uniform pass.
- I would appreciate if you could help us reinforce the school's mobile phone policy. Students who bring phones into school need to hand it in to the office at the start of the day for safe keeping, it will be secured for the day and will be available to be picked up at the end of the day. Currently we only have a handful of students who are handing their phones in. In order to ascertain if this is accurate we will be carrying out a mobile phone audit next term so will appreciate your support when this comes around.
- If your child/children need to be contacted during the day then this should be through the school office, this allows us to fulfill our obligations around safeguarding as well as ensuring any messages get through in a timely manner.

I hope we all have a restful Easter and End of Term break

nga mihi nui

Dan Waldie



TOSI Tournament 2024 News



After an exhausting week of competition in Murchison, the RVAS TOSI Tournament team returned home last Thursday with their heads held high.

Given the young average age of the team, this year's tournament was always going to be a challenge. However, a willingness among every member to work together and support each other throughout the week allowed the team to achieve some outstanding results each day.

Overall, the team finished in sixth place, well ahead of Reefton Area School and just two points behind Collingwood Area School in fifth. Among the many highlights were the following podium finishes:



- Ki-o-rahi: 3rd place**
- Technology Challenge: 2nd place**
- Girls' volleyball: 3rd place**
- Boys' playball: 2nd place**
- Golf: 2nd place**
- Wearable arts: 3rd place**
- Boys' bowls: 1st place**
- Kayaking: 2nd place**
- Orienteering: 2nd place**



Congratulations to the following students, who were selected in tournament teams:



- Tessa Zillwood (basketball, volleyball, football, playball, touch)**
- Keegan Quirk (basketball, volleyball)**
- Bella Hickson (volleyball)**
- Oliver Hope (football)**
- Amy Billingsley (football)**
- Oli Pearse (playball)**
- Kaden Lawrence (playball)**



We wish Tessa, Keegan, Bella, Oliver and Amy all the best for their upcoming Nationals trials in Murchison. (Touch and playball are not played at Nationals.)

On a personal note, I am incredibly proud of the resilience, perseverance, pride and kotahitanga that all 20 students demonstrated throughout their time away. A huge thank you to all staff who supported our students in Murchison, and in the weeks leading up to the event.



Eli Briasco



TOSI Tournament 2024 News



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Saturday Netball 2024

Saxton Fields, Nelson

We are currently gathering interest for netball teams this year.

If your child is interested, please get in touch with Ms Furness or Mrs Massey as soon as possible.

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Junior Table Tennis

The Marlborough Table Tennis Association is again running junior table tennis starting Tuesday 30th 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 e-mail deb_e_j@hotmail.com





Respect Manaakitanga

Means treating
people, things
and places as
important.

The Kiwi Can Corner

Respect / Manaakitanga



This week in Kiwi Can we are putting our learning about respectful communication into action – practising using our active listening skills to complete challenges!

Some ideas to kōrero about at home...

- What do you think respectful communication is? Why might it be important?
- What are some ways we use our respectful communication skills here at home?
- Why is it important to use respectful communication when you are wanting to achieve a goal for our group or team?
- If your team or group wins a game – what could you say to show respect for the other team?
What about if you lose? What could you say to the winning team and your team-mates to show respect?



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This week we're diving into learning more about respectful communication. Younger ākonga (learners) will be exploring ideas around respect and active listening. Our older Kiwi Can kids will be developing their understanding further by learning to use respectful communication to work towards a common goal.

Conversation starters to try out at home:

- If you are "actively listening", what does this look like? What will your ears, eyes, brain and body be doing?
- How does active listening help us show respect?
- How do you think your teacher feels when you are actively listening?
- What does a successful team look like? What are the clues that tell us they are using respectful communication? How does this make a difference?



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What a great way to start the year! We've thoroughly enjoyed learning about respect with your tamariki – watching them build on their existing understanding and absorb and apply their new learning in our sessions.

Together we've explored ideas of **respect for ourselves, respect for others and respectful communication.**

Why not carry the learning on at home these holidays?

- What is the kindest thing anyone has done for you? What did you do to thank them?
- What is an act of kindness you can do these school holidays?
- Could you draw a picture of yourself showing some of your strengths?
- Could you make a card or draw a picture to give a family member showing what you respect and admire about them?



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Up & Coming Key School Dates for 2024

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| Friday 12th April | T1W11 | Term 1 ENDS |
| Thursday 25th April (in holidays) | Holidays | ANZAC Day |
| Monday 29th April | T2W1 | TERM 2 BEGINS - Whole school 8.45am |
| Monday 3rd June | T2W6 | King's Birthday |
| Friday 28th June | T2W9 | Matariki |
| Friday 5th July | T2W10 | Term 2 ENDS |

DROP FOR YOUTH MARLBOROUGH 2024



Drop for Youth is back! And this year we're aiming to throw lots of Marlburians from planes (with parachutes of course!)

Drop for Youth is a charity fundraiser, where daring droppers sign up to take part in a tandem skydive and raise funds for Graeme Dingle Foundation Marlborough. We're daring people to get outside of their comfort zone, just like our young people do through our programmes!



- ✓ helping young people across Marlborough
- ✓ challenging yourself to overcome an obstacle
- ✓ ticking skydiving off your bucket list!

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So how about it - will you join the daring droppers?!

Find out more - and register at
www.bit.ly/DropForYouth2024





Not sure what to do with the kids over the school holidays?

We can help!

WGRT are holding a couple of camps in Whakatū Nelson and Reefton!

April 15-16 Whakatū Nelson

April 26-27 Reefton

WGRT Rugby Camps run from 9-3 each day and your registration of \$60 includes morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea AND some cool WGRT gear! Not mention TONS of FUN! We welcome kids 8-18 of any ability and no rugby experience required.

Each wāhine/girl that participates in a WGRT Camp can expect to be welcomed to a supportive environment where she will make new friends and teammates. She will learn basic aspects of the game of rugby that will develop as her skills do, while also learning more about herself. She will gain independence and find her inner strength through her participation in a team sport. We will work on goal setting and how to apply their growth both on and off the field.

We are a child safe organisation and all team members have been safely recruited to work with children. These caring and qualified coaches will lead structured and fun days where girls build confidence and learn the game in a safe and inclusive environment. Coaching staff will demonstrate how fuelling the mind and body helps us grow, and the coaches will empower the girls to reach their potential through sport. Girls will benefit from seeing and receiving guidance and instruction from other female players that have played in various levels of the game. If they can see it, they can be it!

Whakatū Nelson- <https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/864854552247...>

Thanks 😊

Noho ora mai, Stay well

Kelly Mahuika

Activator Programme Administrator

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Curious Cove Holiday Camps

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Junior Camp (8 – 10 yrs) Mon 22nd – Fri 26th April

Cost is \$225 per person

Full details and the enrolment form can be found on our website (www.curiouscove.org)

Many thanks,, Jane Ross
Camp Manager
Curious Cove (TVCC Trust)



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YEARS 3-4

16th & 17th April

YEARS 5-6

23rd & 24th April

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TIME: 10:00am - 2:00pm

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WHEN: 5 Thursday sessions
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TIME: 3.45–4.30pm

WHERE: A&P Park

COST: \$25

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www.marlboroughfootball.co.nz

> Program info > FANTAILS Girls Only Skills Sessions
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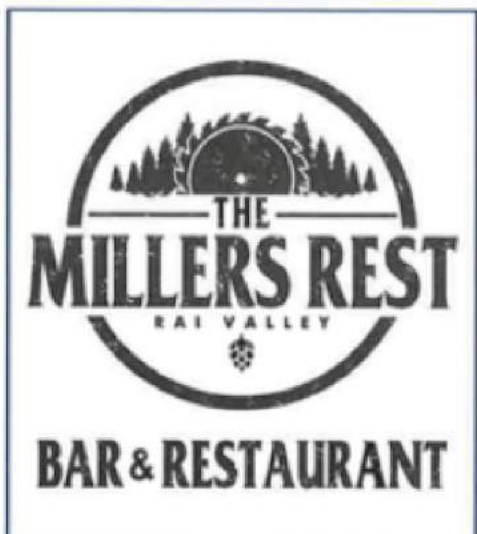
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