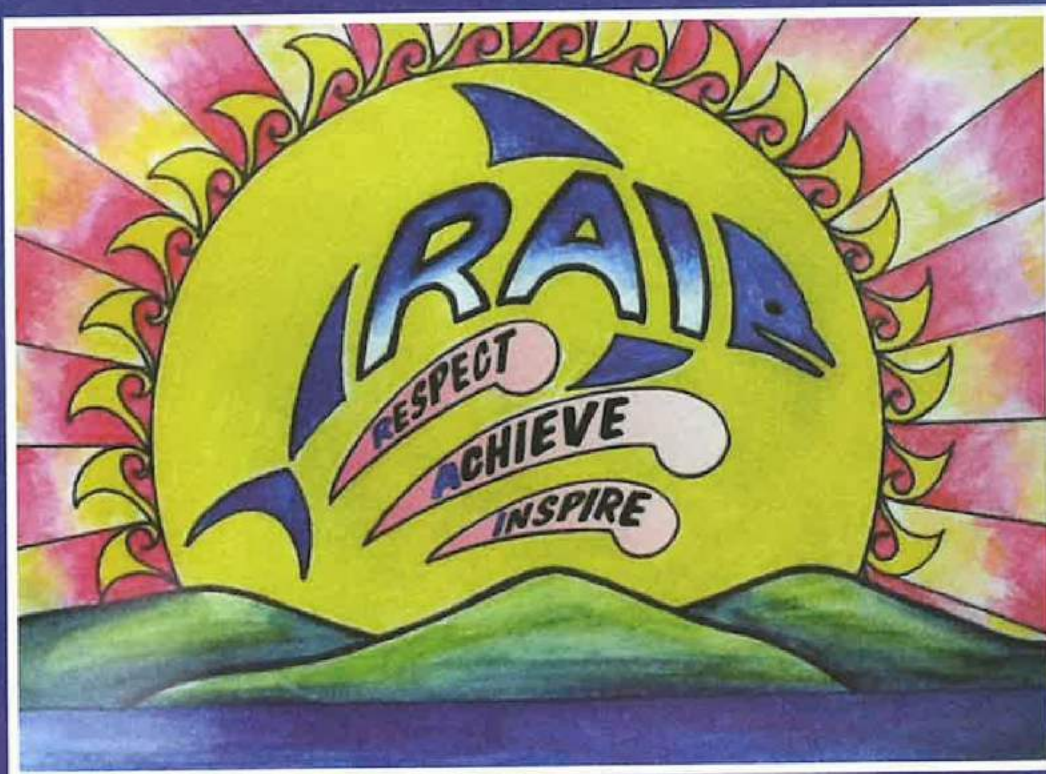




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# Newsletter



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# Newsletter

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## Tumuaki's Report



Kia ora koutou,

The Winter term has certainly started with a chill. Term 2 will be a busy term both inside and outside of the classroom.

This weekend we have four students in Murchison at the Area School trails. We wish Bella Hickson, Tessa Zillwood, Oliver Hope, and Keegan Quirk all the best for these.

Seeing the growing numbers of our students involved with regular winter sports has been pleasing. Thank you to our parents and coaches who are supporting this growth. On the sporting front, some of our students will be in the Marlborough Schools Little Rippa rugby tournament, Kia o Rahi tournament, and gymnastics tournament. Pelorus Cross Country is scheduled before the end of June. Also at the end of June, there is the Jumping June Skip-Off that will involve many students.

## **Our Details:**

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## **Our People:**

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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





Next week, on Tuesday 21st May, we are holding an NCEA Information evening for parents. If you have a student who is currently in secondary it would be great if you could attend as there have been several changes in NCEA. This will be an opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

The following week will be the first round of the external NZQA Common Assessment Activities for some Year 10 and 11 students. These assessments in numeracy, reading, and writing will go towards their NCEA level 1 credits.

Health is also on this term's calendar. This week we have SEX-WISE presenting to our senior students, as well as Pink Shirt Day on Friday. The Hauora health team will be in for a day presenting several workshops on a range of topics e.g. nutrition, oral health, and vaping/smoking. The Life Education Trust will be visiting in the final days of the term. Just a reminder that our school has a policy of students opting into any sex-related programmes, so please ensure the permission slips are signed and returned.

There are also several career-related events happening. The Year 12 students who are working with Career Navigator will have the opportunity to visit Picton and the aquaculture industry in a few weeks.

Fourteen of our Year 12 and 13 are working through an 8-week course for their Learner driver's license with REAP this term. In June our Year 10 to 13 students will be attending a Future Work Day in Blenheim that is being presented by the Graeme Dingle Foundation.

Finally, some of you may be aware that the Ministry of Education is collecting Daily school Attendance. To ensure that our data is as accurate as possible could you please contact the school before 9.30 am

Noho ora mai  
Maree

**The view above Rai  
Valley on Saturday  
11th May 2024**







Welcome back to Term 2 and a much colder, but more colourful (when the mist clears and the sun emerges) landscape.

Term 2 for Seniors is a critical time for many. Our senior students will have received or made significant progress towards the first of their internal standards, some may even be in the final process of revising ready for externally assessed standards.

As such this term, students will need to be much more focused and prepared to work, revise and check in with their teachers, ensuring that they are meeting deadlines and managing their workloads effectively; both in school and after school.

Term 2 is also the time when winter illnesses come to the fore, and it is a suitable time to remind our students that if they are feeling unwell, then they should consider remaining at home and resting and recuperating (if they can) With all of this in mind we would appreciate your help by checking in with your children, asking them if they need any support and reminding them that, we as teachers, are here to help them if they reach out and ask for help.

Term 2 also marks the official mandate from the government around mobile phones. These regulations apply to all state schools and kura. Rai Valley has had a mobile phone policy in force for some time and I would like to take the opportunity to remind you of the expectations.

**Students with mobile phones are to expected to:**

**Leave their phones at home**

**or**

**Hand their phones into the office, where they will be individually labelled and locked in a secure cabinet for the day (they are returned at the end of the day).**

If you need to contact your child/children at any point during the day, please call the main school office and we will assist you in contacting them.

There are many activities and opportunities on the horizon this term, including a whole school hauora/health day, cluster speeches (for Primary through to Year 7/8) as well as an NCEA/NZQA evening and Reports/Parent Teacher conferencing (for Years 11-13)- details of which will be released soon.

As always stay safe, and thank you for your support

nga mihi

Dan Waldie (Head of Secondary)







Welcome back everyone to Term 2. And just a bit of a brisk start today...Friday, 3 degrees at Pelorus at 7.40am! Children having a few extra layers of clothing on can only be a good thing. As the day warms up and the layers come off, getting them back to you is also a mission for us. Please ensure your children's name is clearly labeled on their clothes.

As I sit in the staffroom looking at our whiteboard, where we write all our events, there is plenty to keep us extra busy and lots of activities to enhance classroom learning. Notes in this newsletter and ones that come home via the boomerang book will keep you informed. Please ask your child's class teacher if you are unsure. And download the Skool app for your phone as another way of keeping in the "Loop".

We have some changes to how the primary students receive school lunches. This means 2 x hot meals per week and this seems much better for their palette. Other days are supplied as usual.

Next Friday is PINK Shirt Day as we support positive actions around bullying. This will be celebrated throughout the country. A gold coin donation and Pink shirt for the day.

As well as my teaching responsibilities throughout the primary syndicate, as some of you will know, I teach in the Hard Tech room, for Years 7,8 and 9. In the photo attached this shows the deck chairs the Year 9's have made with me over last term and just finished off and sent home today. They have all done a stirring job and I hope they get to enjoy sitting on them.

Cheers everyone.

Mrs Davies  
Head of Primary Syndicate  
RVAS.



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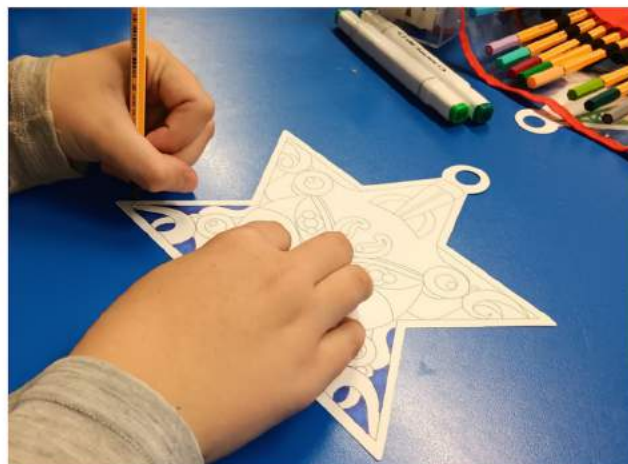




## ANZAC DAY art



## Years 10s making support material for Matariki Day.







## HUHU WILL EAT IT?

The year 9 Enviro class had a closer look at the life cycle of the Huhu beetle, *Prionoplus Reticularis*. Georgie Pratt decided to taste a huhu grub, what courage! We always welcome whānau members' contributions, so thank you to the Kiddey family for bringing us a bucket of wood with many grubs infesting it!



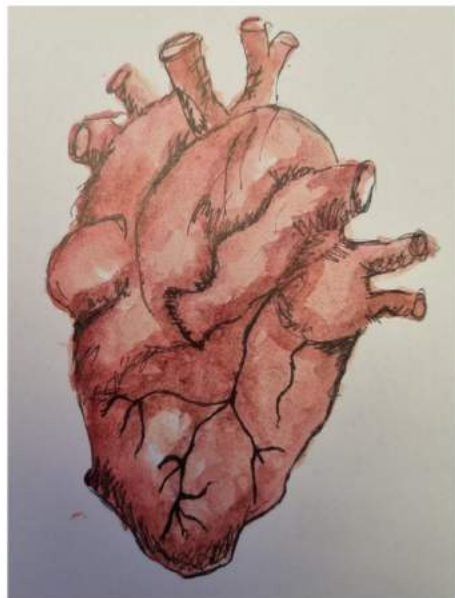
The Huhu beetle or longhorn beetle pic taken from Wikipedia.Com







### Watercolour Techniques Year 9 Art with Ms. Wiesner



"Heart of a Warrior" by Elin Kiddey



Elin Kiddey "A Childhood Dream"



A Calm Ocean by Bayley Fenton



Erin Mackenzie "Blue Ocean, White Horizon"



Artwork by Lawrence Stewart







The Year 9 Enviro class did a unit on edible flowers and healing herbs.



Student Absentee / Buses / After School Arrangements /  
Students arrive late / Parent deliver or collect students - May 2024

Could you please notify Pauline, when required as soon as possible, at the school office regarding above issues with a reason, either by phone (03 5716 016) and leave a message or by email ([office@rai.school.nz](mailto:office@rai.school.nz)) or personally to the office or by a written note (boomerang book).

This allows up-to-date recorded information for emergencies.

If students are late at school or leaving during school hours:  
Parents need to sign in or out at the school office.

Thank you in advance.







## Up & Coming Key School Dates for 2024

Monday May 13th	T2W3	Tournament Trials - Murchison
Wednesday 15th May	T2W3	SEXWISE - Y9-13
Friday 17th May	T2W3	Pink Shirt Day - School wide mufti
Tuesday 21st May	T2W4	NCEA Information Evening
Monday 27th May	T2W5	CAA Reading - Secondary
Tuesday 28th May	T2W5	CAA Numeracy - Secondary
Thursday 30th May	T2W5	CAA Writing - Secondary
Monday 3rd June	T2W6	King's Birthday - NO SCHOOL
Thursday 6th June	T2W6	Hauora Health Day
Thursday 6th June	T2W6	Pelorus Cluster Speeches - Waitaria Bay
Friday 7th June	T2W6	Pelorus Cluster TEACHER ONLY DAY Y1-8 ONLY
Wednesday 12th June	T2W7	Future of Work - Blenheim Y10-13
Friday 14th June	T2W7	Gymnastics - Primary
Monday 17th June	T2W8	Secondary TEACHER ONLY DAY Y7-13 ONLY
Thursday 20th June	T2W8	Marae visit - Primary
Wednesday 26th June	T2W9	Jumping June Skip Off
Thursday 27th June	T2W9	RVAS Matariki Celebration
Friday 28th June	T2W9	Matariki - NO SCHOOL
Wednesday 3rd July	T2W10	Primary School Dance 5-7pm
Thursday/Friday 4th-5th July	T2W10	Life Education Bus onsite
<b>Friday 5th July</b>	T2W10	<b>Term 2 ENDS</b>
<b>Monday 22nd July</b>	<b>T3W1</b>	<b>TERM 3 BEGINS - Whole school 8.45am</b>

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## **AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

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**STAND UP TO BULLYING**

# **PINK SHIRT DAY**

**FRIDAY 17 MAY 2024**



**DRESS IN PINK TO WIN COOL PRIZES !**





## Resilience *Taikaha*

Means coping  
with challenges  
and bouncing back.

## THE KIWI CAN CORNER

### Resilience / Taikaha



This week in Kiwi Can we are beginning on our module learning more about **understanding emotions**. We are discovering more about emotions and feelings, and how to identify a range of emotions in ourselves and others. We're also exploring the idea of "Zones of Regulation" – where being "in the green zone" has us calm, happy and ready to learn.

Ideas to carry on the learning at home:

- How *many* different emotions can you name? Can you think of more than 10?! Can you pull a face, or draw a picture, showing what each looks like?
- How might being "in the green zone" help us face challenges with resilience?
- Imagine that someone in your class is having trouble learning something new. If that person had a *negative* attitude, what might they say or do in that situation? What about if they were showing *resilience* instead?
- If you lost your sports game (or board game) – what could you do to cope with the disappointment?



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As we develop our understanding of emotions, we are working on understanding how *others* feel. Our older tamariki are also exploring the idea of "emotional triggers" that cause us (and others) to behave in certain ways.

Some conversation starters for this week...

- What are some *clues* that help us understand what others might be feeling? (Think about body language, facial expressions, what they say...)
- Imagine someone is sitting by themselves at lunchtime. What are all the different things they could be feeling? How could you tell? What might you choose to do?
- Can you name three things it's not ok for someone to do when they are mad? Can you name three things it is ok (or good) to do when angry?
- An "emotional trigger" is when something happens and it makes you feel a certain emotion instantly. Can you think of an example of something that always makes you feel calm? nervous? excited?



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### Reduced services at Marlborough District Libraries

**Due to a planned system outage Marlborough District Libraries - Blenheim and Picton will be offering limited services on Thursday 16 May.**

**Affecting many libraries across the country, the Kōtui Library Management System server is undergoing maintenance, which means from 8pm on Wednesday 15 to early Friday morning access to library systems is limited.**

**For the customer, this means a library card must be presented to borrow a book from the one counter in each library set up to manage this. The library app, and other digital resources that require library sign in, will be unavailable including catalogue searches.**

**“Although our key library services are limited, our physical libraries have chosen to remain open in order to accommodate all the other services our libraries offer,” said Libraries Manager, Glenn Webster. “For example, the APNK computer and WIFI will still be available and those groups with bookings in our meeting rooms will be honoured including our regular Thursday events like the JP Service in Blenheim and Company Café in Picton.”**

**Borrowers are asked to limit their returns if possible. Due dates, holds and membership dates will automatically extend, so no extra fines or expiries will be incurred.**

**Marlborough Art Gallery and CBD Café in the library at Te Kahu o Waipuna will not be affected by the outage. Council’s services and enquiries at Picton Library and Service Centre also remain unaffected.**

**For more information on the outage go to: [www.marlboroughlibraries.govt.nz](http://www.marlboroughlibraries.govt.nz)**

**ENDS**

### Junior Table Tennis

The Marlborough Table Tennis Association is again running junior table tennis starting Tuesday 30 th 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](mailto:deb_e_j@hotmail.com)





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