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## Newsletter

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**Tumuaki's Report** 



#### Kia ora Kotou

Welcome to the final newsletter for Term 1. Unfortunately, last Friday the Board of Trustees made the decision to close the school due to flooding .When the Opouri floods our bus drivers are unable to get out. The flooding was short and by mid afternoon the waters were receding.

This week I am with the Tournament team in Hari Hari. Monday was extremely wet but Wednesday was an amazing picture card morning starting at 4 degrees and snow on the surrounding hills. We are now looking forward to sunshine to finish the week. I am very proud of our students who are consistently giving their best. The girls had an amazing first two days. On Monday they came second to Collingwood in extra time in a penalty shoot out in football, and on Tuesday they won the touch and volleyball. Wednesday has been less successful.

The girls success was a direct result of the coaching from Eli Briasco and Shane Dearman over the last couple of years and the girls hard work.

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### Tumuaki's Report con't



Thank you to our parents who attend the primary evening to see some of the new approaches to literacy teaching and the new maths curriculum. These changes are a new approach so it was an opportunity for our teachers to share what your children are learning.

Several weeks ago our students took part in the Pelorus Cluster athletics in Blenheim. Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding efforts.

2nd	Dawn Ready RV) OVERALL GIRLS	32pts
3rd	Tyler Payton (RV),, Bjorn Prattley (RV) OVERALL BOYS	28pts
2nd	Dawn Ready (RV) OVERALL	32pts
2nd	Miley Thompson (RV),) Year 1 & 2	24pts
1st	Mercy Ready (RV), Bjorn Prattley (RV) Year 3 & 4	28pts
1st	Dawn Ready (RV) Year 5 & 6 GIRLS	
3rd	Ellie Thompson (RV) Year 5 & 6 GIRLS	
3rd	Olivia Harrison (RV), Year 7 & 8 GIRLS	
2nd	Tyler Payton (RV), Year 7 & 8 BOYS	28pts

## Congratulations!

Attendance this term is looking positive. Our Kamar attendance is 92%. Thank you for your work in updating the office if your child is going to be absent. The Year 6 class currently has the best attendance at 95.7% closely followed by Year's 2 and 3 at 95.2%. Last week when I checked on the whole school attendance we have 22 students who have 100% attendance for this term.

ANZAC Day again falls during the school holidays while our students will be with their families, several staff and students will be representing our school. In our current times it is more important than ever to remember the huge sacrifices made by many in our past.

I hope that you all have a relaxing and enjoyable term break. Nga mihi nui Maree

#### **Secondary News**



### We made it through the term!

The start of the year always brings with it change and challenges, but we can all be really proud of the way we have started the year. Currently our akonga are representing us admirably at tournament (I have no doubt you will hear much more about this). Our Seniors are by now well entrenched into their courses, with some promising results already on the near horizon.

Our Year 10s are working their way towards the Literacy and Numeracy assessments, we anticipate having a whanau evening early next term so you can come in and hear about these important tests and ask questions.

Term 2 always brings new challenges, so now is a good time to reinforce a few expectations and remind ourselves of our responsibilities to be courteous on the school buses, ensure our mobile phones are away for the day and that our uniform is worn with pride. It is also a good time to remind our akonga that energy drinks (including bringing coffee into school) are not allowed.

As at the start, by the time you read this it will be the holidays, so I wish you all well,. If you can, grab the opportunity to enjoy the last of the sunshine.

Nga mihi Dan Waldie A.P.



#### 2025 TOTSA school Tournament Team

Kaya Luscombe, Ana Harrison, Iri Ready, Tessa Zillwood, Amy Billingsley, Bayley Hickson, Lily Kiddey, Elin Kiddey, Devon McCullough, Bill Partridge, Leah Jones, Cooper Knight, Bella Hickson, Cody Aldridge, Keegan Quirk, Jackson Jenner, Elliott Hatcher, Bayley Fenton, Uriah Ready, Oliver Hope, Eli Briasco (Coach - Teacher)

#### **Primary News**



Greetings everyone,

Well, we have all made it to the end of the term and a busy one it has been.

The highlight of this week I think has been the visitor for the Duffy Books Role Model assembly on Monday afternoon. Linda Vagana, retired Silver Ferns defender visited the primary students to talk about the importance of reading and learning and how it shaped her life and career as a World-class netballer. All students were presented with their free books. Perfect timing for holiday reading.

At assembly on Thursday, I presented to the students the new production we will all be working on in Term 2-3 for a performance in the last week of term 3. It is called Pirates versus Mermaids. It is a British production and we are excited to see lots of our students on stage having fun. Sam Baxter, who runs the Marlborough Youth Theatre group, will be coming out fortnightly to help with the direction of this production. Teachers will be in support of singing and learning lines and I will cover most of the set, costumes, and background stuff. Over the holidays, finding any mermaid or pirate costumes that we could use would be a great task. Let me know in the new

term if you have any.

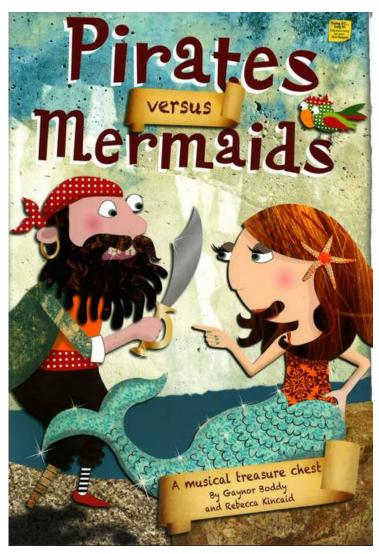
Kiwi Can will resume on the first Friday back, then Sam Baxter will come on the following week and continue alternate weeks with Kiwi Can.

Attendance in the primary syndicate has been good this term. Please remember to call the office if your child is going to be away. New rules from the Ministry of Education require us to keep more diligent records of who is absent from school. You may be contacted if your child is absent for more than 5 days per term.

I hope you all have a restful term break. Easter Holidays in the middle and ANZAC Day/weekend at the end.

Monday 28th April, will be the first morning back to school. Hope the weather is favourable for the holidays too.

Cheers, Karen Davies HOP Syndicate and AP. Rai Valley Area School



### **Secondary News**



### **2025 TOSI Tournament Report**

The 2025 TOSI Area Schools Tournament wrapped up on the last day of Term 1, and the RVAS team headed home with tired bodies, but a lot of fond memories from an action-packed week in Hari Hari.

The team achieved some outstanding results, including first or second placings in the following events:

Girls' touch: 1st Girls' volleyball: 1st

Art challenge (Lily and Iri): 1st E sports (Elliott and Devon): 2nd

Kī-o-rahi: 2nd

Boys' basketball: 2nd Girls' football: 2nd

A huge congratulations to the following students who were named in tournament teams:

Tessa Zillwood (basketball, football, volleyball, kī-o-rahi, touch)

Keegan Quirk (basketball, volleyball, kī-o-rahi, touch, ultimate frisbee)

Amy Billingsley (football, basketball, touch)

Jackson Jenner (volleyball, playball, ultimate frisbee)

Elin Kiddey (football, touch)

Bella Hickson (volleyball)

Oliver Hope (football)

Kaya Luscombe (volleyball)

All eight students will be travelling to Rangiora next month to trial for a place at Nationals.

Finally, a massive thank you to all staff who supported our students in Hari Hari, and in the weeks leading up to the event.

Eli Briasco

### Final TOTSAS Tournament results

School	Total points	Placing	
SWAS A	201	1st	
Tapawera AS	184	2nd	
Collingwood AS	179	3rd	
Karamea AS	175	4th	
Murchison AS	173	5th	
Rai Valley AS	171	6th	
SWAS B	158	7th	
Reefton AS	153	8th	



















#### **TOSI Tournament 2025**

What an absolutely fantastic week! It's wonderful to see the great sportsmanship and the positive connections made between students from different schools. Even though we didn't top the league overall, there were some significant wins and strong performances!



















Congratulations to the girls' teams for their victories in Volleyball and Touch Rugby, and their impressive second place in Football which went to penalties. The boys also deserve recognition for their hard-fought second place in Basketball. Elliott and Devon came second place in E-Sports. The final field match was Ki O Rahi and the team came second.

It truly highlights the power of teamwork and dedication. And a big shoutout to Mr. Briasco, Miss Hayman (even though she couldn't be there), Shane, and all the other helpers who played a crucial role. Their support and guidance are clearly invaluable. It's a tournament to be proud of, focusing on more than just winning. Well done to everyone involved!

Theresa Shepherd









### **Primary News**





Leonardo de Vinci By Tai Mackness



Mona Lisa By Rose Roeske

### **Up & Coming Key School Dates for 2025**

Friday 11th April	T1 W10	End of term 1
GOOD FRIDAY 18th April		IN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
EASTER MONDAY 21st April	) 	IN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
ANZAC DAY Friday 25th April		IN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Monday 28th April	T2 W1	Start of Term 2
Friday 2nd May	T2 W1	Kids Lit Quiz
Wednesday 14th May	T2 W3	The Trades Collective visit Y9-13 in library 1.50pm
26th - 30th May	T2 W5	Literacy, Numeracy & Writing CAA's
Monday 2nd June KING'S BIRTHDAY	T2 W6	NO SCHOOL
Wednesday 11th June	T2 W7	Future of Work - Blenheim
Thursday 19th June	T2 W8	Whole School MATARIKI
Friday 20th June MATARIKI	T2 W8	NO SCHOOL
Friday 27th June	T2 W9	End of Term 2
Monday 14th July	T3 W1	Start of Term 3

#### **Secondary News**

# Year 7–10 Students Turn Detective in Forensic Science

#### Week!

This week, our curious Year 7–10 students swapped their school uniforms for detective hats as they delved into the fascinating world of Forensic Science!

Guided by Mr Mac, (resident mystery mastermind), students explored a range of real forensic techniques. They learned how to lift and compare fingerprints, used chromatography to identify pen inks, examined hair samples under a microscope, and even analysed handwriting for clues.

The week culminated in an exciting hands-on challenge: a staged crime scene!

Working in teams as forensic scientists, students had to piece together evidence to solve the mystery. Their ability to collaborate, pay close attention to detail, and think critically was impressive – and they had a whole lot of fun along the way!

Well done to our budding forensic experts and thank you so much to all our 'suspects' who were interrogated continually for two days.

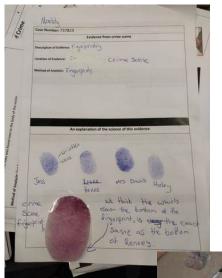


















## who dunnit????

#### Suspects:

Name:



Name:



Relationship to victim:

Work Colleague/Librarian

Relationship to victim:

Work Colleague/ Primary Teacher

Name:

Haley Kiddey



Name:

Karen Davies



Relationship to victim:

Work Colleague/ Primary Teacher

Relationship to victim:

Work Colleague/Head of Primary







Alfie Waldie Year 3 Harriet Leov Year 6 Jack Massey Year 1 Willow Kennett Year 3 Ellie Thompson year 5 Imagen Knight Year 6

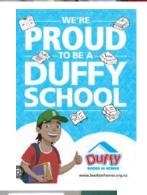


## DUFFY ROLE MODEL ASSEMBLY GUEST LINDA VAGANA













### Rai Valley School immersed in Te Hoiere

Rai Valley School's kaitiaki group immersed themselves in all things Te Hoiere with a snorkel trip at Pelorus Bridge recently. Children, parents and teachers joined with Tasman Bay Guardians for freshwater activities in the morning followed by a float down the awa in the afternoon. The day was largely funded through the Department of Conservation's Ngā Awa River Restoration Programme.











#### **School News**



In our Year 11 Vocational Pathways class, we had to plan a fun event for the primary children. It was our first assessment and the purpose of this task was for us to work as a team. We had to use effective, positive communication to plan, organise and set up the event. It took several periods to complete our plan. We planned to take Years 1 to 6 outside and play some fun games, including running an obstacle course. We decided to each take a group of our own and teach some new games.

We all worked together well as a team with a bit of help from Ms Stuart.

I took the Year 5 & 6 students through the obstacle course and a couple of games on the field. I also let them input on what some of the games we could play. They were a little more difficult than I thought. However, I still enjoyed my time. Next time, we could work some games to encourage more teamwork and positive communication for this group.

-Devon McCullough.

The Year 1 & 2 liked running around the obstacle course and under the net. They also really liked hiding under the rainbow parachute. Most of the games we played involved a lot of running around. One of the games I taught them how to play was 'Cut the Cake'. They listened really well and didn't complain, their teamwork was really good and so were their manners. I enjoyed my time playing with the little children and teaching them a new game.

-Rhyder Dearman

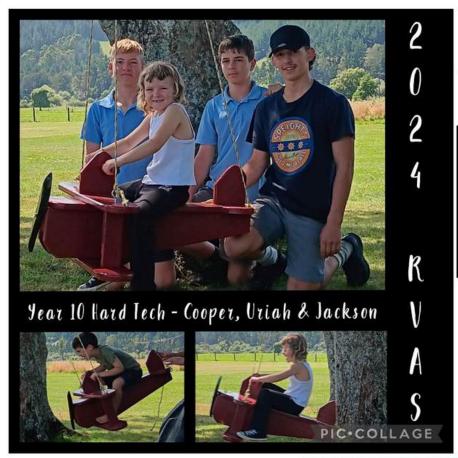
I took the Year 3 & 4 and played some games of their choice and some that we had planned. They were well-behaved, listened very well, moved to and from games and places where we played them. I taught them a new game called 'Cut the Cake', which they understood how to play quickly. They really liked Link Tag, Bullrush, and the obstacle course, which they were very good at. Our game ideas were perfect because it burnt off some energy and kept everyone busy. I used some games that involve teamwork and communication from me and the Year 3 & 4 students. I really enjoyed working with the children, as they were very polite and had good manners.

-Bella Hickson









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#### **School News**













### Year 9 class trip to the SPCA.

A big thank you goes to the awesome SPCA staff for sharing their time with us and explaining to us how the SPCA works. Michelle and her co-workers told us some very cool animal rescue stories and showed us around. One cat had swallowed some fishing hooks and had to have an operation to get these out!

We were able to interact with many of the animals and wanted to adopt some of them, but this was not the point of the visit. The kittens, cats and dogs appreciated the enrichment toys we had made for them during Social Studies class.

Thanks to Mrs. O'Donnell for coming along and taking photos!

If you would like to adopt an animal or support the SPCA in another way, such as we did by making enrichment toys, check out to their website, as they are currently clearing the shelters and have 50% adoption fees until the 13th of April!

https://www.spca.nz/

Ms.Wiesner, Hunter, Avani and Declan









#### **KIWI CAN News**





## **Respect** *Manaakitanga*

Means treating people, things and places as important.

#### The Kiwi Can Corner



#### Respect / Manaakitanga

In Kiwi Can we're moving on to exploring **respect for our community -** and how we can contribute to our community.

#### Why not tie this in with what you talk about at home this week?

- ★ How many <u>different</u> communities can you think of that you are a part of? (This could be things like class community, sports team, iwi, suburb, town, region etc). What are some ways <u>you</u> already contribute positively and show respect in each one?
- ★ Think about a couple of places you go to in our community. (It could be somewhere like the supermarket or the library). What are some things you can say and do to show respect?
- ★ What makes for a good community? Can you have a good school or a good community without <u>respect</u>? Why, or why not?
- ★ Whose responsibility is it to contribute to the community? Just some people – or everybody? Grown-ups – or kids too?



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#### The Kiwi Can Corner



#### Respect / Manaakitanga

In Kiwi Can we're diving into learning more about **respect for our environment**. We're learning about kaitiakitanga (guardianship) and how we can be kaitiaki (guardians) of New Zealand.

#### Some conversation starters to try out at home:

- \* What does it mean to show respect for our environment?
- \* "Kaitiaki" is a word in te reo Māori which means a person, group or being that acts as a guardian or protector. Who do <u>you</u> know (like people, animals, and groups) that act as guardians of their environment? What are some ways <u>our family</u> are good guardians or kaitiaki for <u>our</u> environment?
- ★ What is your favourite place outside or in nature? What makes it special? What is the one of the ways you help keep it special?
- ★ What are some things <u>you</u> have done recently to show respect to your school, your community or our environment?



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Kia ora Everyone,

Just a friendly reminder of the below dates for registrations this season.

All senior and year 7/8 team registrations due by Friday 11th APRIL 2025.
Registrations for year 1-6 futureFERNS are due by 01 May. Please note this is a tight turn around for the first weeks draw so please be patient while it is completed. Any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

Tina Lillie
Centre Manager
Marlborough Netball Centre



#### Kiwi Ranch - Curious Cove

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April School Holiday Camps @ Curious Cove Enrolments are now open for our holiday camps in April.

This year we are running:

April Junior Special Camp (8 – 11 yrs) Mon 14th Fri 18th April, Cost \$225

April Fishing Camp (10 – 14 yrs) – Mon 21st – Wed 23rd April, Cost \$125

April Wilderness Experience Camp (10 – 14 yrs) – Wed 23rd – Fri 25th April, Cost \$125

Visit our website (www.curiouscove.org) for more information and to complete an online enrolment to secure a place.





#### MOI STEAMS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

STEAMS Holiday programmes by Ministry of Inspiration are designed for 7-13 year olds

(up to year 8) at Nelson Intermediate- 14/15 April and 16/17 April

Art and Engineering 14/15

Participants will spend their time learning about friction, propulsion, and inertia as they build and test various CARS (wind powered and motor powered) using simple materials. In addition, they will be participating in several short engineering challenges.

Art and Engineering 16/17

Participants will spend their time building robotic DINOSAURS! These will also have LED lights! In addition, they will be participating in several short engineering challenges.

Cooking and Science 14/15 and 16/17

Cooking participants in both classes will be creating an entrée, main, and dessert each day. These will be different for each 2-day programme set. Science topics covered are: acid/base indicators, micro-organisms, Maillard reaction, and more!

To sign up for the programme go here: https://events.humanitix.com/april-holiday-programme-nelson-intermediate

https://mcusercontent.com/a24661e5495609e4f0357f331/files/09e70cb2-bf0a-1f94-e2a1-e61d77b98505/April Holiday Programme.pdf









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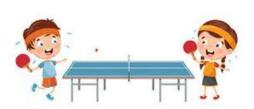
#### <u>Junior Table Tennis</u>

The Marlborough Table Tennis Association is again running junior table

tennis starting Tuesday 29 th April. It will run during term 2 and 3. 4pm – 5pm, Beginners and developing players. 5pm - Two player teams

competition, any gender, several grades depending on ability. Blenheim Indoor Sports Centre 50 Batty's Road.

To register phone Debbie 0211632140 e-mail deb\_e\_j@hotmail.com











Havelock Lions Club are offering partial scholarships for one lucky person aged between 13 and 26 who has lived in the Pelorus area or has a connection with the area to attend one of the following courses at Outward Bound:

- Classic. Duration 21 days (ages 18 -26)
- Mind Body and Soul. Duration 21 days (ages 16 -18)

For description of these courses: <a href="https://www.outwardbound.co.nz/courses/course-finder/teen-courses/">https://www.outwardbound.co.nz/courses/course-finder/teen-courses/</a>

No matter which course you undertake, it will:

- 1. Challenge you and push limits
- Help you reflect, discover what is important to you and will determine your future direction
- Help you learn about yourself from both success and failure and will take your confidence and motivation to the next level
- Help you discover what it takes to create effective relationships and be part of a successful team
- 5. Help you develop a stronger sense of personal responsibility in responses to real and challenging situations.

In addition, both courses provide an immersive experience that combines physical challenges with personal growth opportunities. Participants will engage in various activities designed to test their limits, foster self-discovery, and enhance leadership skills.

An application can be obtained from Ian Cameron (phone 574 2558 email <a href="mailto:ianc.cameron@xtra.co.nz">ianc.cameron@xtra.co.nz</a>). Applications close on 26 April and all candidates will be interviewed. You will be advised the result by 9th May..

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