



Rai Valley Area School

Newsletter



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Newsletter

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Tumuaki's Report



Kia ora Kotou

We are over halfway through term 2 and as usual this is a term where coughs, colds and illness start to affect our students and staff. The effects of whooping cough have continued to affect some of our students and staff. Once diagnosed the antibiotics are effective after 2-3 days of treatment. Whooping cough has an incubation period of up to 21 days and is still occurring on the West Coast and Nelson /Marlborough.

Sadly at the beginning of the term we learnt that the Graeme Dingle Foundation was winding up. Kiwi Can and Career Navigator have both been programmes that have added huge value for the students of our school and will be really missed. Our thoughts are with the Graeme Dingle Staff and Board as they navigate the next few weeks.

The three remaining weeks are set to be really busy. Matariki is celebrated on Friday 20th June this year. Our school will be celebrating Matariki on Wednesday as a school and community event.

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Our People:

Principal: Maree Furness

Deputy Principal: Dan Waldie

Assistant Principal: Karen Davies

Secondary Senco: Eli Briasco

Primary Senco: AmyWaldie

Learning Support Coordinator:
Theresa Shepherd

Executive Officer: Christine McDonald

Receptionist: Pauline Agnew

Caretaker: Shane Dearman

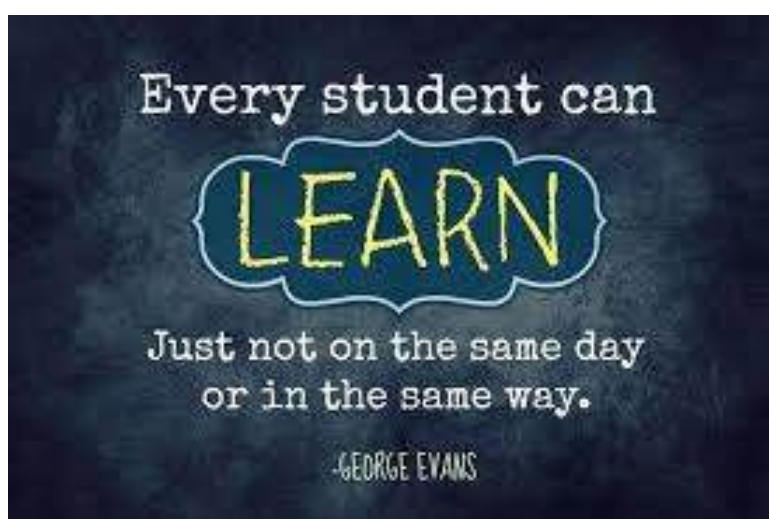
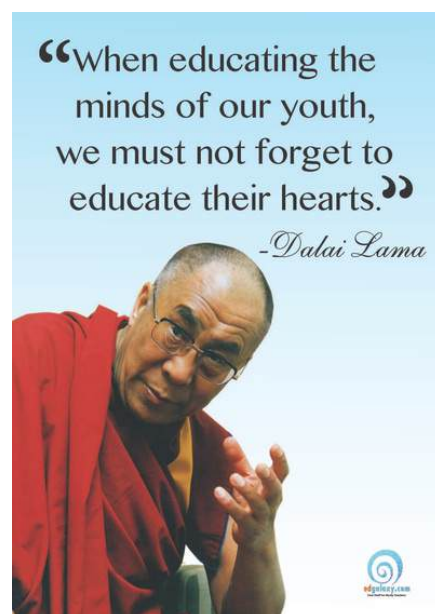
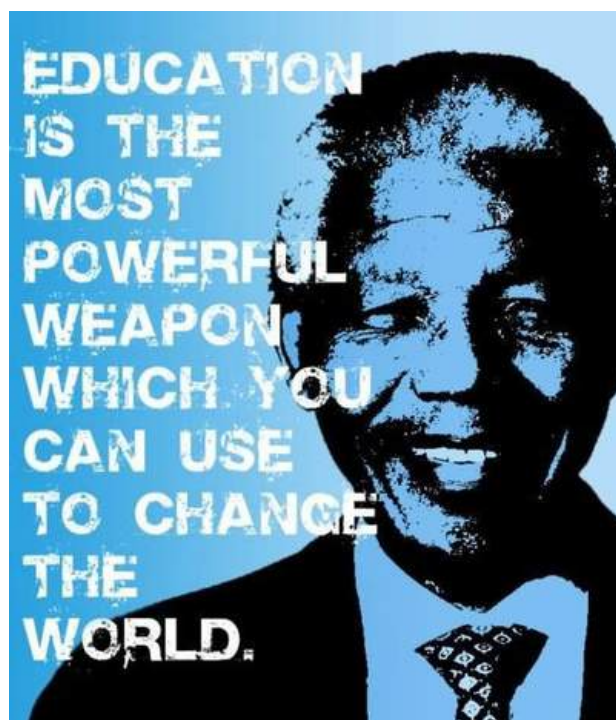
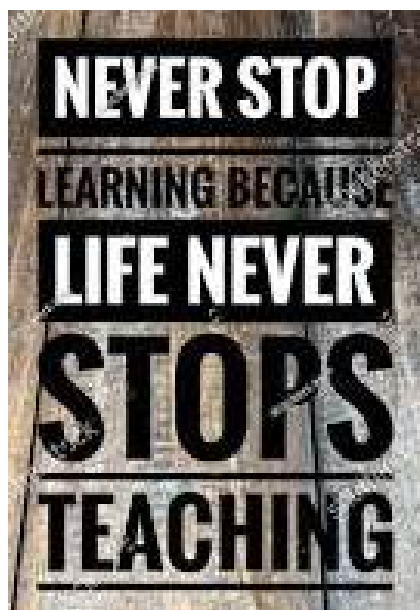
Tumuaki's Report continued

Our seniors have several career related events coming up. There is a Future of Work Expo in Blenheim for all Year 10 to 13 students on Wednesday 11th June. This is followed by a group of Year 12 and 13's visiting Nelson Hospital for a seminar on hospital related careers and then a visit by Rural Health students who are training in health related Careers.

The Year 7 and 8's have the upcoming annual hearing and vision test on Thursday 19th June. The Life Education Bus is visiting our school on the Monday and Tuesday of the last week of school. This is a highlight for our junior students. Also in the last week of term is the Pelorus Cross Country hosted by Canvastown on Thursday 26th June.

Finally the Board of Trustees Tri-Yearly elections will be held in September. Our Board has an extremely important role in the governance of the school. I would encourage you all to think about standing for this election to enable our Board to be a reflection of our community. If you have any questions please contact a current Board member or myself.

Nga mihi nui
Maree



Secondary News

Kia ora,

We are now over halfway through the term, and while things are starting to cool down weather-wise, they are heating up for our NCEA students as they approach the crucial stages of their assessments.

Our Year 10s, along with a selected group of Year 11s, have just completed the first round of the Common Assessment Activities (CAAs) for 2025. Results are expected to be released within the next 5–6 weeks. For those who are successful, these results will contribute toward their Level 1 Literacy and Numeracy qualifications.

Report writing is also underway. Reports for Year 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, and 13 whānau will be released at the end of the term. Year 10 students will receive their reports in the early weeks of Term 3, allowing us to incorporate any additional information from the CAA results.

In the next few weeks, we will be gearing up for Matariki at Rai Valley. Keep an eye and ear out for the exciting events we have planned—especially if you're keen to challenge our students in a friendly game of ki-o-rahi. It's time the adults took back the trophy!

In other extra-curricular news, we are finalising logistics to send five of our Year 10 students on the Spirit of Adventure. A significant number of our students are also training for the National Area Schools Tournament in Invercargill, so keep an eye out for fundraising activities related to this.

We are also in the planning stages of our biennial “Big City” trip to Wellington for our senior students (Years 11–13).

As always, our students are busy—and they're keeping us busy too!
Stay safe.

Ngā mihi nui,
Dan Waldie



ki o rahi



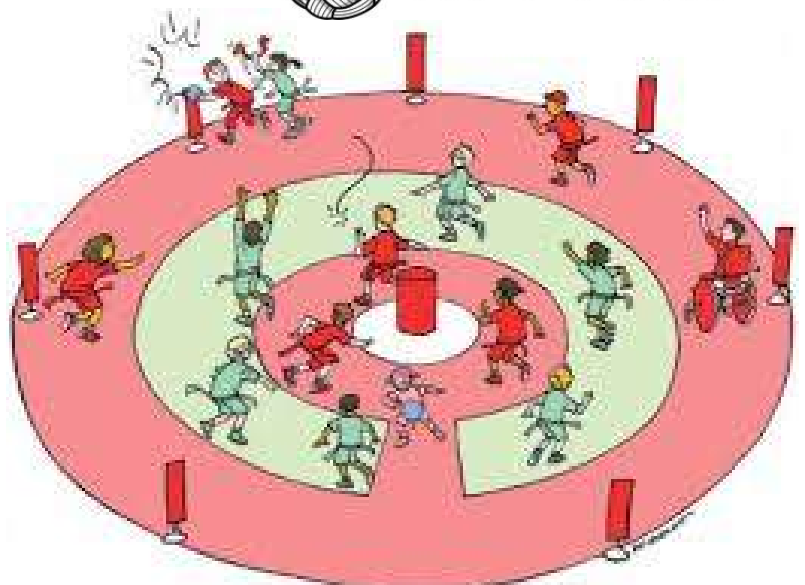
**SPIRIT OF
ADVENTURE
TRUST**

TE WAKA HIRINGA TANGATA

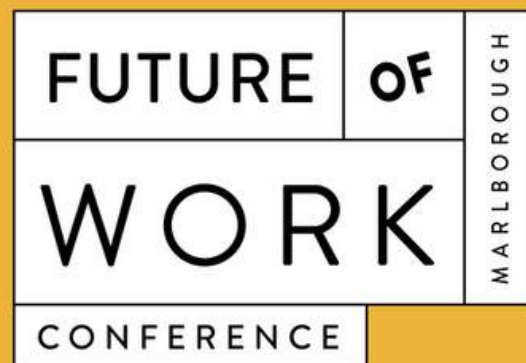
NZQA
New Zealand Qualifications Authority

NCEA

NATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT



Come and see us at
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Wednesday 11th June

Open session for young people + whānau from

3.00-6.00pm

Marlborough Events Centre



**Opening young people's eyes to exciting
future career + study pathways!**

Watch www.bit.ly/FOW2025WHANAU for more info



Greetings everyone,

It is hard to believe we are at the end of week 6, with just 3 weeks until the end of the term. There are a few exciting things ahead of us here in the Primary though.

Wed 4th June was the second round of the Football coaching from the Team from Nelson. Everyone had a great time and practised their football skills even though they didn't make it to the grass field and had to use the hall. Look out for a few photos somewhere in this newsletter.

A farewell to the Kiwi Can leaders is happening on Friday 13th June with a shared morning tea. A note has come home with the request of a healthy snack from each primary family, for sharing, with them at 11 am that day.

Matariki Weekend will soon be here also. Look out for the information about this whole school event that will be happening on Wednesday 18th June. Friday the 20th is the public holiday.

On the Tuesday before, 17th June, the 3 primary teachers in our syndicate will be conducting parent/teacher conferences starting at 1.30pm in the afternoon. If you look at the Skool Loop app, you will be able to book an appointment time. Each time slot is 10 mins, but will give you a chance to discuss your child's progress or concerns. Hopefully we will have mid-year reports ready also. If this is not possible at that meeting they will be ready by the end of the term.

Along with supporting teaching and learning in the primary syndicate, I do teach in the hard tech room for Year 7,8 and 9s. Lots of projects are taking shape and will be finished by the end of the term. Watch out for a great photo of his 'Bug Hotel' made by Declan Knight.

Sam Baxter was back in on Friday, helping us with our Production...Pirates vs Mermaids. I am in the process of making several mermaid skirts and tops for most of the girls. Any Op-Shop shopping for striped t-shirts for pirates would be well received.

Pelorus Cross Country, at Canvastown, provided that it dries out, is scheduled for Thursday 26th June. A permission slip and transport request will come next week.

Thank you for your continued support for our tamariki.

Regards,

Karen Davies

Head of Primary and AP.



Whole School News

Student Absence / Buses / After School Arrangements / Students arrive late / Parent deliver or collect students

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) or personally to the office.

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. Pauline



Declan knight and his bug hotel



Safety for Students is important

Please be aware of vehicles at school and especially at these busy times of before and after school.



At the end of school, students need to wait within the school gate for the parent / caregiver to collect them.

If it is raining, the students can stand on the veranda by the office or be inside the office.

Year 9's successfully cooked the mushrooms today and made a creamy mushroom pasta



Whole School News



Artwork by
Rawiri Wearing-
Holmes

Artwork by
Gareth
Woodley



Artwork by Erin MacKenzie



RVAS warmly invites community members to this year's Matariki celebration!

Join our students and staff for a day of connection and culture—learn to weave Harakeke flowers, enjoy a shared lunch at 1 PM, and take part in or cheer on a game of Ki-o-Rahi.

To help us plan catering, please email renee@rai.school.nz and let us know you're coming.

Matariki 2025

Wednesday 18th June

Haka-off

Weaving

Hot Chocolate and Star biscuits

House Kī-o-Rahi

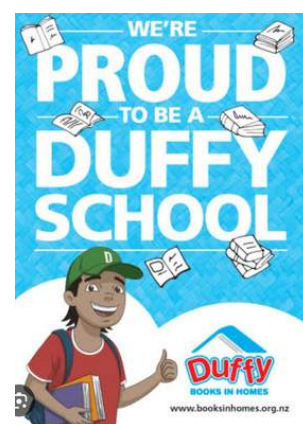
Sausage sizzle with Māori bread

The Grudge Match
Kī-o-Rahi
Students vs Community/Teacher

Whole School News

Up & Coming Key School Dates for 2025

Wednesday 11th June	T2 W7	Future of Work - Blenheim
Thursday 12th June	T2 W7	Jumping June - SKIPPING event
Friday 13th June	T2 W7	Last day of KIWI CAN
Monday 16th - Tuesday 17th June	T2 W8	Life Education - Primary
Wednesday 18th June	T2 W8	Whole School MATARIKI
Thursday 19th June	T2 W8	Hearing & Vision Year 7/8
Thursday 19th June	T2 W8	Hospital Careers Seminar Y12/13
Friday 20th June MATARIKI	T2 W8	NO SCHOOL
Thursday 26th June	T2 W9	Voices of Hope
Thursday 26th June	T2 W9	Pelorus Cluster Cross Country - Canvastown
Friday 27th June	T2 W9	End of Term 2
Monday 14th July	T3 W1	Start of Term 3



CAUGHT BEING GOOD



Imogen Staples Year 6
Madison Couper Year 6
John Jr Harper Year 2
Mai Dunbar Year 1
Jack Massey Year 1

Whole School News

Matariki 2025 at Rai Valley Area School

Wednesday 18th June

You're Invited to join our students and staff for a special celebration of community and culture. Starting at 9 am in the library.

Activities Include:

Harakeke flower weaving workshop

Hot chocolate with star biscuits at 10.20 am.

Shared lunch at 1:00 pm (sausages and Māori bread)

Ki-o-Rahi – play or cheer from the sidelines!

To help us plan for catering, please RSVP by emailing renee@rai.school.nz.

We look forward to seeing you there!

1.30 pm Kī-o-Rahi The Grudge Match

Pelorus



VS

Community/Teachers



Bridge Valley Holiday Programme

Hey kids! We have some fun coming up these school holidays at Bridge Valley. From 7th-11th July, we are hosting day camps with a Virtual Reality theme! These camps are for ages 7-13, and include the following:
Bus ride to and from camp each day (stops from Nelson to Brightwater)

A tasty lunch and snacks

\$2 canteen each day

Activities such as rock climbing, archery, mini golf, luge, kayaking, and more.

Virtual Reality themed outdoor games

Check out our website to register or to find out more.

www.bridgevalley.co.nz

(03) 541 8465

Kind regards,

Caitlin Clementson

Holiday Programme Coordinator



SLOWING THE FLOODWAVE INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP

**How to reduce flood peaks and erosion
What solutions might work in your catchment?**



Join us to continue discussing nature-based solutions with river enthusiast Jon Tunncliffe, University of Auckland.

TUES 17 JUNE

7-8:30pm
Supper provided
Okaramio Hall

WED 18 JUNE

11am - 12:30pm
Light lunch provided
Millers Rest, Rai Valley

Contact heather@heathercollins.co.nz

To learn more
visit:



Community News

MATARIKI WEEKEND & JULY HOLIDAY CAMP PROGRAMME @ CURIOUS COVE



Enrolments are now open for our camps over Matariki weekend and the July school holidays.

This year we are running a Junior Special camp the first week of the July holidays and in the second week, we are running our popular Fishing Camp. The special part of the Junior camp is an extended age group (8 - 11 yrs) and the specialty camps (Fishing and Fire & Ice Camp over Matariki weekend) are for limited numbers for those keen on those areas.

Visit our website (www.curiouscove.org) for more details and to complete an online enrolment to secure a place. You will receive a confirmation email with further details, including what to bring, departure times, etc.

Matariki Weekend - Fire & Ice

Fri 20th - Sun 22nd June 2025

Ages 10 to 14 years

Cost = \$150

**Payment is due on enrolment
to our account at Westpac :**

July Junior Special Camp 2025

Mon 30th June - Fri 4th July 2025

Ages 8 to 11 years

Cost = \$225

**A/c Name - Teapot Valley
Christian Camp A/c No - 03
0751 0103553 000**

**Please use your child's name
and camp attending (eg:
Fire/Jun/Fish) as reference.**

July Fishing Camp 2025

Mon 7th - Wed 9th July 2025

Ages 10 - 14 yrs

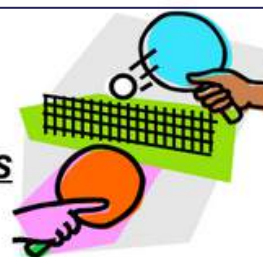
Cost = \$125

**Tony & Jane Ross
Camp Managers**

[CLICK HERE TO ENROL](#)

Mitchell Sports Power **MARLBOROUGH PRIMARY / INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS** **TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025**

To be held on **Sunday 22nd June 2025**



VENUE: Simcox Stadium, Blenheim Indoor Sports Centre, 50 Batty's Road.

STARTING TIME: 9.00 am

ENTRY FEES: \$5.00 TOTAL for both events and may be paid on the day.

ELIGIBILITY: ALL PRIMARY AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL CHILDREN UP TO AND INCLUDING YEAR 8.

EQUIPMENT: Bring your **BAT**. A limited number will be available to loan if you do not have one. Please advise me with your entry if one is required. Also please bring your **GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP** as always !! and a **SMILE!!**

MATCHES: All matches will be the best of **FIVE SETS TO 11**, however depending on entries, plate events may be best of **THREE SETS TO 11**.

ENTRIES CLOSE Tuesday 17th June 2025

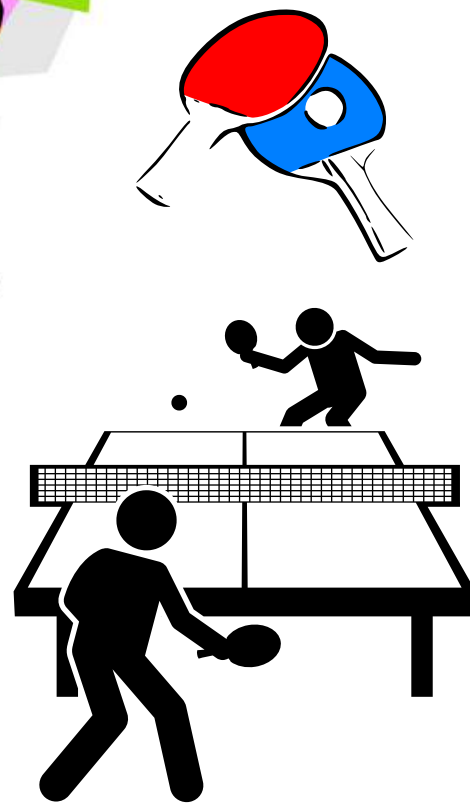
Debbie Stratford, 15 Wai Iti Avenue, Blenheim.

They can be given to Debbie at table tennis on Tuesdays

or left at Mitchell Sports Power, 15 Queen St, Blenheim,

Phone entries accepted. 0211632140 or email deb_e_j@hotmail.com

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BELONG TO A CLUB TO ENTER.



ENTRY FORM

Mitchell Sports MARLBOROUGH PRIMARY / INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS **TABLE TENNIS CHAMPS 2025**

NAME **AGE** **YEAR**

SCHOOL **PHONE NO.**

Do you require a bat?

Please indicate which events you wish to enter, remember for \$5 you can enter in both events. If you do not have a partner, we will try to match you up with one.

BOYS SINGLES

GIRLS SINGLES

BOYS DOUBLES PARTNERS NAME

GIRLS DOUBLES PARTNERS NAME

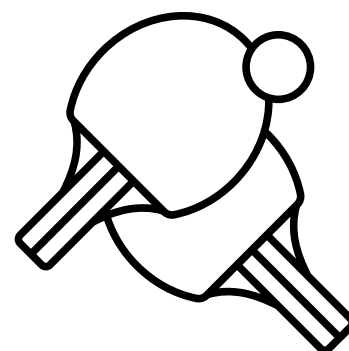
Plate events will be run in the singles and doubles events for those losing in the first and second rounds.

PRIZES AND CERTIFICATES FOR ALL EVENT WINNERS & RUNNERS-UP.

Table Tennis Tournament.

'Mitchell Sports Power' Marlborough Primary/Intermediate Schools table tennis tournament Sunday 22nd June, 9am start, Simcox Stadium.

Open to all children up to and including Year 8. You do **NOT** have to belong to a club to enter. Separate boys' and girls' events, lots of prizes. Entries are available here, or from Mitchell Sports Power, 15 Queen St. Info phone Debbie 0211632140 e-mail deb_e_j@hotmail.com





MOI STEAMS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

STEAMS Holiday programmes by Ministry of Inspiration at
Nelson Intermediate- 7-11 July



MON-TUES and THURS-FRI

Drag race CO2 cars:

Given a basic block of wood, students must design and build a car that is powered by a CO2 cartridge. MON-TUES is designed for 9-11 year olds while THURS-FRI is designed for age 12+.

This is sure to be a FUN workshop!

Aluminium Flowers and Engineering Challenges

This workshop is designed for youth to use soda cans to create art, primarily flowers but it could be lots of different things! Students will also be challenged to think on their feet while outwitting others in engineering/thought challenges.

WED

Robocup Jr.!!!

Robocup Jr is for those youth who are creative story tellers, builders, engineers, and/or coders. In teams of 4, youth will write a script, design and build a set, design and build costumes, and code robots to perform their skit! This is a fun creative day!

TBA-Cooking and Science



Tickets here:

<https://events.humanitix.com/july-holiday-programme-nelson-intermediate>

https://mcusercontent.com/a24661e5495609e4f0357f331/files/c34c51f5-d0b5-2cd8-a14f-81196190028e/STEAMS_Holiday_programmes.01.pdf

Community News



Pop in sessions to help you understand the road rules in preparation to sit the Learner Licence test

Location: REAP Marlborough Corner of Kinross & Stuart St Blenheim

Tuesday July 1st - Thursday July 3rd 2025

Tuesday July 8th - Thursday July 10th 2025

Time: 10.00 am - 2.00 pm

Please make all enquires to
REAP Marlborough Office

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NO COST



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Enquiries: ace@reapmarlborough.co.nz
www.reapmarlborough.co.nz



School holiday special

**Driving Lessons
\$45 per lesson**

Subsidised lessons

Maximum of 3 lessons per person

Bookings essential

Location: REAP Marlborough
65 Seymour St Blenheim



Phone 03 578 7848
Enquiries: ace@reapmarlborough.co.nz
www.reapmarlborough.co.nz

Havelock  Lions Club

Shortest Day Market

Inside Havelock Town Hall

Saturday 14 June

9 am to 1 pm

Sausage Sizzle



Crafts

and much more...

Books



HAVELOCK



Foundation/Revalidation First Aid

Start date: Saturday 12th July 25

Time: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm

Location: Havelock School Hall

This is a NZQA recognised course aimed at all those who need skills for life in their everyday environments. It is appropriate for anyone who wants first aid skills for home, work or recreation, or who needs a certificate that fulfills their legal workplace requirements. If you are doing the Revalidation first aid. Please bring your current first aid certificate or a photo of it as the tutor needs to see it

Phone 03 578 7848

Enquiries: ace@reapmarlborough.co.nz

www.reapmarlborough.co.nz



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Ph 021 894 411
Listed Operator



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A solid course preparing for a successful outcome for a Restricted licence.

Start on 17th of June

4 sessions: June 17, 19, 22 & 24 ♦ 6pm - 8pm

1 practical driving session ♦ \$190

Enrol online at www.reapmarlborough.co.nz

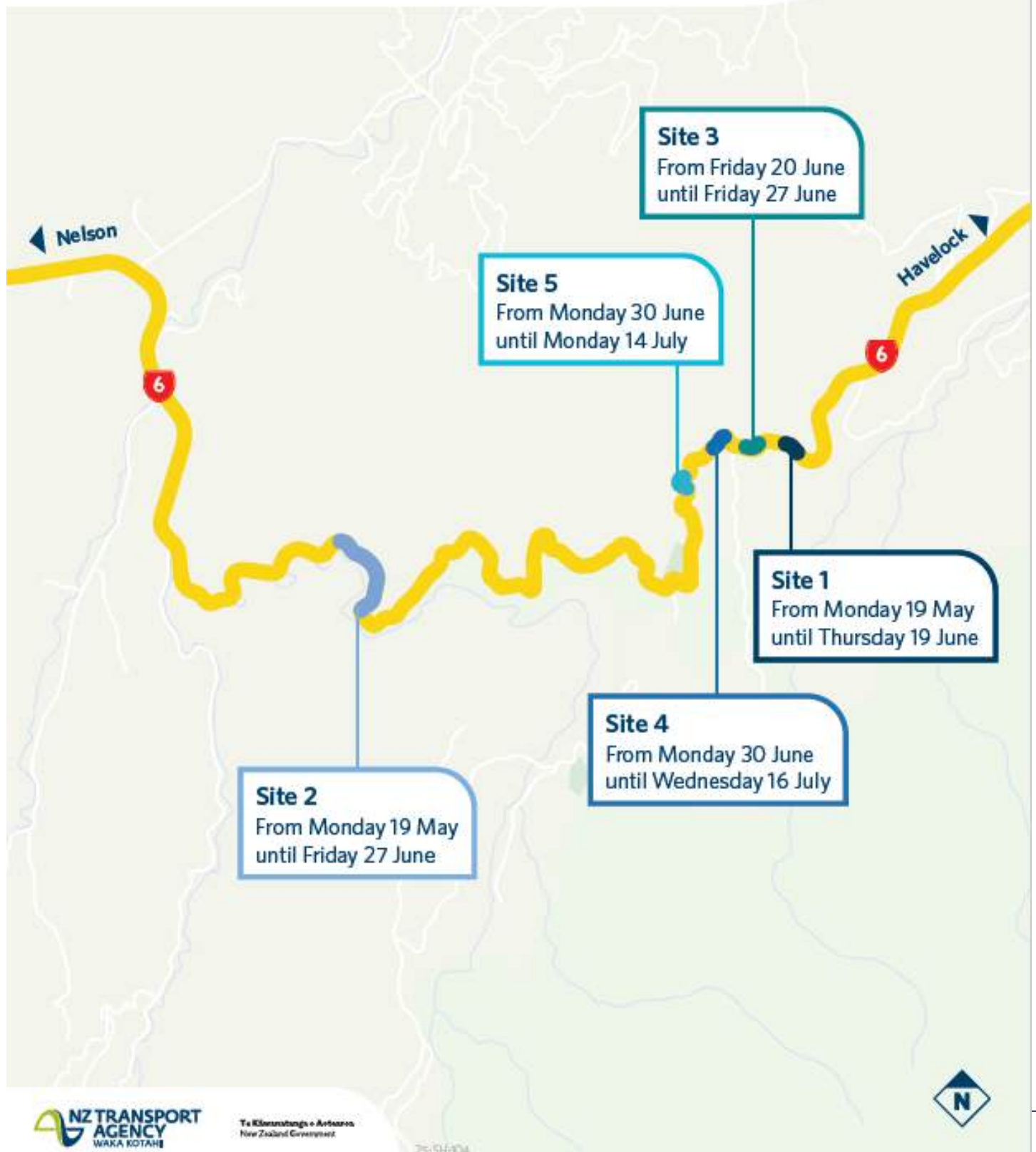
Enquires: 03 578 7848 or ace@reapmarlborough.co.nz



6 Whangamoia Saddle resilience work

Stage Two of the State Highway 6 Whangamoia Saddle resilience programme will be undertaken from Monday 19 May until late July.

Stop/go and a reduced temporary speed limit will be in place 24/7. Expect delays of up to 10 minutes at each site.





Spring INTO WINTER

FLU CLINIC

14 June 2025 from 1pm to 4pm

SHINGRIX
Aged 65 years ONLY (2 doses) *health criteria may apply for vaccines

Māori **FLU**
Aged 4 years+

COVID **Pasifika**
Aged 12 years+ (6 months gap)

Whānau **MMR**
Aged 12 months to 54 years

BOOSTRIX Location:
Aged 45 years+ My Space, Youth Centre
(entrance off Redwood St)

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