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# Newsletter

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### Tumuaki's Report



Kia ora Koutou

It is great to see the days becoming a little longer and a little warmer. We are over half way through the term with a very busy few weeks ahead.

In the last couple of weeks we have farewelled Tessa and Elliott. Both are taking part in international school exchanges. Tessa left a couple of weeks ago for Peru and we will see her back at the end of November with a lot of exciting stories to tell. Elliott has gone to Canada on a year long exchange and hopefully we will catch up when he returns.

The year 7 and 8's who travelled to Collingwood a couple of weeks ago had an amazing time. It was a great opportunity to play some competitive sport in an Area School environment. We look forward to hosting Collingwood next year.

Winter sport is coming to a close. The netball season has finished and Rugby and football are about to finish. A huge thank you to the parents and caregivers who have regularly transported their young people throughout the season. Our year 5&6 netballers had a great season. For many this was their first season playing and each week they improved.

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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

A huge thank you to Kimberly Morrison for her coaching and support throughout the season. Both Secondary teams improved throughout the season. The Gold team only lost 2 games throughout the season and ended the season as runners up in Collegiate 8. Thank you to Sarah Linton for all her work in coaching throughout the season.

The remaining few weeks will be busy for both primary and secondary students. Our primary students have school production on 11th September and Maud Island on the Monday and Tuesday of the last week of school. The senior students have the next round of CAA's for NCEA literacy and numeracy as well as their NCEA derived grade examinations in the coming up in 2 weeks time. In the last week of school the Year 11-13's are going to Wellington for a city camp.

The Board of Trustee elections are currently underway with the final day being the 10th September. At this stage we only have a 17% return rate. I would encourage everyone to have their say as this will support the direction of our school in the next 3 years.

Nga mihi nui Maree





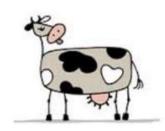








Pet Day 2025 Meeting Monday 1st September 3pm in the library. All welcome



This term can't decide whether it wants to go really fast or really slow, often changing its pace on an almost hourly basis. What we do know is that the second round of Common Assessment Activities (Level 1 Literacy and Numeracy) is next week. Year 10 students who are working towards these will have received some guidelines in their reports to help them prepare.

School photos are also coming up, so now is the time to dust off the best uniform and polish those Skechers or Converses.

The following week, from 8 September onwards, is the NCEA Derived Grade Exam week. These exams are essential marker points for both students and teachers, as they not only give us an indication of where gaps in learning (as well as strengths) lie, but also contribute to the Derived Grade process. This process is in place to safeguard student achievement if they are unable to attend the external examinations at the end of the year. Attendance at the Derived Grade exams is mandatory.

The week after that, our seniors will be off to Wellington on camp. We have now finalised the itinerary and will send out the information ASAP (apologies for the delay — we were waiting on confirmation around transport and activities).

That will bring us to the end of term, when we can all take a deep breath before diving into Term 4 — and hopefully, some sunshine.

Dan Waldie
Deputy Principal - Secondary







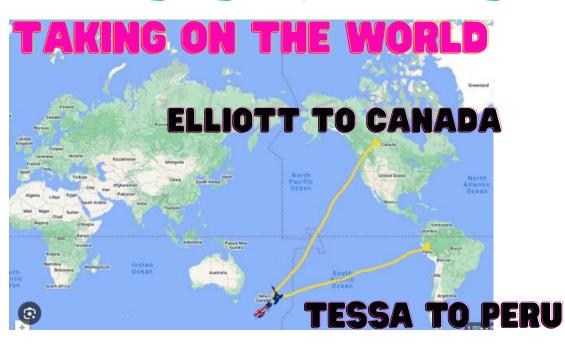


# R.V.A.S. STUDENTS









On Thursday 14th of August, I'll be heading to Peru for three months on a student exchange! This is such an amazing opportunity to experience a new culture, improve my Spanish, and learn about life in another part of the world. I'm incredibly grateful for all of the support I've received from my family, friends, and community to make this dream possible. I can't wait to bring back everything I've learnt and share my experiences when I return. You can follow me on Instagram - tesszillwood





We wish Elliott all the best as he departs for a one year high school exchange in Nova Scotia Canada. It's fantastic to see kids from Rai Valley taking the opportunity to experience new cultures and what the wider world has to offer. We look forward to hearing from Elliott while he is overseas. Elliott will return to RVAS in Term 3 2026.

Don't forget to follow us on Instagram











#### Farewell Lawrence

# Lawrence you are amazing!



Lawrence Stewart has achieved so much in the time he has been at Rai Valley Area School.

He has developed his communication with others and has gained serious skills in the kitchen while going to Trades on Fridays to study Hospitality.

RDA has been amazing for him too.

We wish him all the best heading down South. Good luck Lawrence.

Dress warm.



Collingwood turned on a cracker of a day for our inaugural Y7/8 sports exchange on the 14th of August. Students participated in football, netball, basketball, kī-o-rahi and playball. This was a great experience for students aspiring to be involved in future TOSI tournaments, and also a fantastic opportunity to make connections with students at another area school in the top of the south. Thank you Te Kura o Aorere / Collingwood Area School for hosting us.



### **Primary News**



Greetings everyone,

I have spent the last couple of days, at the invitation from Maree, attending the NZ Area Schools Conference. It has been very enlightening, future-focused and collegial.

Education Minister Erica Stanford spoke to us before we departed on Friday, singing the praises of the work we do at area schools.

Last Tuesday I sent home a reasonably lengthy news update for this halfway mark of the term, which means I don't have a lot to add today.

School photos are on Thursday next week, clean and correct uniform and sports uniform, if you require one would be appreciated.

Production for Primary students is not far away now. Sam Baxter will be here next Friday and the stage will be built on Wednesday 3rd September. It will feel more exciting each time we practice after that.

Those students going to Maud Island in the last week of the term, with Mrs Massey, will have lots of information coming their way now. As she would have said, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

Below you will see the results from the syndicate speeches that were held last Tuesday. Everyone did really well. It is not an easy feat to stand and speak in front of a crowd of people, so well done. Trophies for these are awarded at the end of the year prize giving.

Pet Day info will come soon along with the meeting date for interested people being on Monday 1st Sept.

Regards, Karen Davies Head of Primary/AP



# School Speeches



Year 5/6
First place: Scarlett Morrison
Second Place: Harriet Leov
Third Place: Jeorgie Prattley



First place: Bjorn Prattley
Second Place: Mercy Ready
Third Place: Tommy Massey





Year 1/2
First place: Joy Harrison
Second Place: Andrew Ready
Third Place: Charlotte Payton

Year 7/8
First place: Sophie Thompson
Second Place: William Waldie
Third Place: Olivia Harrison

### **Primary News**

# Scholastic Book Fair 2025 25TH AUGUST - 4TH SEPTEMBER IN THE LIBRARY

OPEN LUNCHTIMES AND AFTER SCHOOL LATE NIGHT THURSDAY 28TH AUGUST 6-8PM





Term 3 Week 6
Felix Leov
Tommy Massey
Willow Kennett
Pyper Knight
Tawhiti Lepper



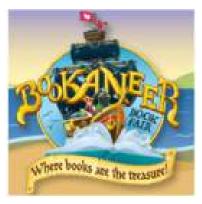
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Olivia Harrison Amy Ready Khloe Dunbar Mercy Ready Tai Mackness





Term 3 Week 4
Felix Leov
Louie Thompson
Harley Partridge
Scarlett Denize
Mylee Thompson
Anna Alvarez



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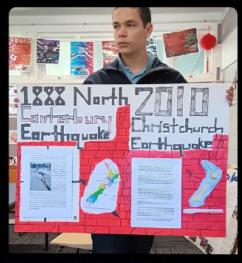


### School Sports: Netball





Farewell lunch for Tessa, Term 3



Year 10 Social Studies



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Some interesting projects in Secondary

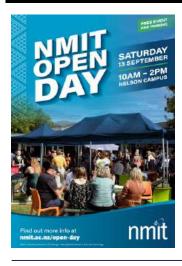
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### Year 7 & 8 Hardtech











#### Whole School News

School Photos are happening this
Thursday the 28th of August from 9am onwards. If you are wanting a family photo done of your students please contact the office on 03 5716 016 or email the office on office@rai.school.nz
We look forward to seeing all of the Secondary students in their correct uniform.

Photos get taken and orders forms will be sent home next week.



#### DES ELLERY PHOTOGRAPHY

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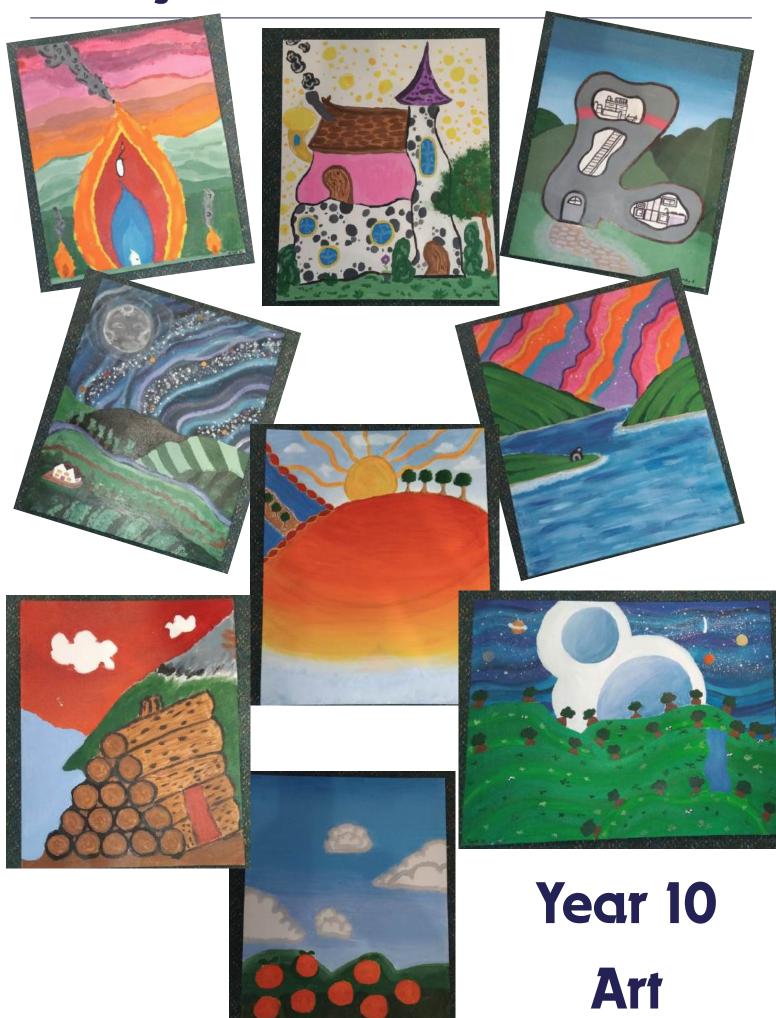
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Ensure your child is present for Portrait Session (no obligation to buy)



### Whole School News

### Up & Coming Key School Dates for 2025

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Monday 25th August	T3 W7	Scholastic Book Fair starts
Thursday 28th August	T3 W7	SCHOOL PHOTOS
Monday 1st September	T3 W8	CAA's 2nd 2025 round begins
Monday 1st September	T3 W8	CAA READING
Tuesday 2nd September	T3 W8	CAA NUMERACY
Thursday 4th September	T3 W8	CAA WRITING
Thursday 4th September	T3 W8	Scholastic Book Fair ends
Monday 8th - Thursday 11th September	T3 W9	Derived Grade EXAMS
Wednesday 10th September	T3 W9	Board of Trustees ELECTIONS close
Thursday 11th September	T3 W9	Primary Production
Monday 15th - Tuesday 16th September	T3 W10	Maud Island trip
Monday 15th September	T3 W10	Year 11- 13 Wellington City Camp
Friday 19th September	T3 W10	Last day Term 3
Monday 6th October	T4 W1	First day Term 4
Wednesday 15th October	T4 W2	Petday Indoor
Thursday 16th October	T4 W2	Petday Outdoor
Friday 17th October	T4 W2	TRADES Graduation - NMIT Nelson
Monday 27th October	T4 W4	LABOUR DAY - NO SCHOOL
Monday 3rd November	T4 W5	MARLBOROUGH - NO SCHOOL
Tuesday 4th November	T4 W5	NZQA NCEA Exams begin





#### SCHOOL CHICKEN ORDERS 2025

Baby chicks are back! Lambs, calves, daffodils and CHICKS...Spring is a great time of the year! Orders are now being taken for this year's one day old Brown Shaver chicks. When grown these will be laying machines! A wonderful way to get the kids out of the



house and teach the importance of compassion and dedication.

The approximate date for hatching is Mon 1st September.

- -Chicks are sold in units-each unit contains 4 chicks @ \$55 per unit.
- The price has gone up considerably this year, especially the air freight.
- \* I am looking for someone to collect the chicks from Nelson Airport and deliver them to schools for me as I will to too busy to get there this year if you are interested please get in touch with me via email or 0210611381 \*
- -Orders need to be in at the school office by Friday 29th August or emailed directly to Amber Templeman jason.amber.templeman@gmail.com
- \*no late entries will be accepted \*

many units bought as a reference

 -A care book will be provided, and children will be expected to complete a chick diary on raising their chickens.

ORDER FORM:		
Name		_
Who will be collecti	ng?	
School		_
Telephone	Cell	Email
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### **Community News**

Pelorus Area Health Trust and the Havelock Charity

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- · Fundraising/grant application knowledge.
- · Open communication and interpersonal skills.
- Knowledge of the charitable sector.
- Marketing Skills: Creative and clear advertising for PAHT.
- Strategic thinking: Ability to develop and implement long-term strategic plans.
- Problem-solving and analytical skills: Ability to identify and solve problems effectively.
- Organised with efficient time management.

Send Your CV and Cover Letter To secretary@pelorusareahealthtrust.co.nz

Applications Close Sunday 7th September at 6pm



### **Community News**



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