



Rai Valley Area School

Newsletter



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Newsletter

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Tumuaki's Report



I heard this week there are 37 days until Christmas!! This year has absolutely raced by.

Our NCEA students are well through their external examinations, with another week to go. Currently we are on track for some really pleasing NCEA achievement results from our year 11 - 13 students.

Last week our Kaitiaki Club joined other Pelorus schools in Havelock for a day of planting and environmental education.

Although there are only three and a half weeks to go, the next few weeks are full on.

The Year 9 and 10 students are going to Lake Rotoiti with the Tapawera students for their annual camp. It is a great experience for our students to have the opportunity to meet and work with students from another school.

There is a Teacher Only Day on Friday 28th November, for Year 1 - 8 classes. The Primary teachers will be going to the second day of professional development for the new mathematics curriculum. If you require supervision for your child please let their teacher or Pauline know. School lunches will not be provided that day.

The annual Pelorus Supreme Team sports day will be held in Rai Valley on Thursday 4th December.

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Tumuaki's Report continued

This is another great opportunity for our students to mix with children from other schools and work together.

Our school prizegiving will be held on Thursday 11th December at 6.30pm. Hopefully it will be a fine evening and we will be able to hold it outside. If not it will be in the hall, everyone is welcome to come along. The last day of term is Friday 12th December.

In the middle of the year the school received its allocation of 5 Year property money. After repairs and maintenance, this allocation will be spent in two key areas, upgrading the decking in the primary and hall areas, as well modernising the school toilets. We hope that some of the work will begin during the Christmas break.

Attendance continues to be a national focus. Our attendance stats for term 2 and 3 were a concern but explainable with the outbreak of whooping cough in term 2 and flu in term 3. Family holidays continue to impact our overall figures. The Ministry requires the Board of Trustees to have an attendance plan that will be implemented at the beginning of Term 1 2026.

Congratulations to Year 4 who are sitting on 98% attendance this term

Nga mihi nui

Maree



HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

**FOR KIDS
AGES 7-13**

**22-23 December 2025
14-16 January 2026**

SAXTON FIELD

 SANDY@NELSONSUBURBS.CO.NZ

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER GO TO
WWW.NELSONSUBURBS.CO.NZ**

The poster features two circular images: the top one shows a group of children and adults celebrating on a field, and the bottom one shows a soccer game in progress. The background is blue with white splashes at the bottom.

Secondary News

Kia ora,

The seniors have now been on study leave for several weeks, and the school feels noticeably quieter – a change that brings both its benefits and its challenges. On one hand, our “senior” Year 10s have a chance to take a little more ownership of the school; on the other, the duty teacher now needs to explore every corner of the grounds, as hide-and-seek suddenly seems far easier to pull off.

So far, the exams appear to have gone very well. I’ve caught up with a number of students, and the general feeling coming out of each exam is positive. Many have said they felt well prepared, which is reassuring for us as teachers.

As we move into the final weeks of the term and enjoy the steadier weather and warmer days, the school is shifting into summer mode. Our pool is now open for class-time use, and there are more opportunities to take learning outdoors. With this in mind, a gentle reminder that hats are helpful at all year levels. Sunscreen is also a great idea – we provide it at intervals, but if students are swimming earlier in the day, starting off sun smart is important. Bringing a water bottle is another good habit at this time of year.

Year 9 and 10 Camp is also fast approaching. We will be heading to Lake Rotoiti, along with Tapawera Area School, for some (hopefully) warmer-weather activities. Last year’s camp was held in October and saw our students encamped under tarpaulins, waking up to frozen boots and socks – and even a fresh fall of snow for the Year 10s – what I would describe as “character-building” conditions. (In my defence, it was only one night; the rest of the time was spent snug and warm in the lodge, with hot food and cosy bedding readily available.)

The Pelorus Cluster “Top Team” event is scheduled for Thursday 4 December. This is when we welcome the schools from our wider Pelorus community for a day of team building, friendly competition, and plenty of running around. This event simply wouldn’t be possible without the support of our community. If you’re willing to help, please contact me or the school office and we’ll assign you an activity. You’re also very welcome to come along and watch – though you may end up getting wet!

Looking towards the end of the year, school will finish on 12 December, with our prizegiving held on the afternoon of Thursday 11 December.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support. Stay safe out there.

Ngā mihi nui,

Dan Waldie



NCEA EXAMS for RAI VALLEY 2025...left to go.

Monday 17th November	T4 W7	NZQA NCEA Exam - L2 BIOLOGY PM
Tuesday 18th November	T4 W7	NZQA NCEA Exam - L2 HISTORY AM
Tuesday 18th November	T4 W7	NZQA NCEA Exam - L2 AG SCIENCE PM
Wednesday 19th November	T4 W7	NZQA NCEA Exam - L2 CLASSICS PM
Thursday 20th November	T4 W7	NZQA NCEA Exam - L2 MEDIA STUDIES AM
Tuesday 25th November	T4 W8	NZQA NCEA Exam - L1 CHEM & BIO AM
Wednesday 26th November	T4 W8	NZQA NCEA Exam - L1 HEALTH PM

Secondary News

Year 9 Explore Clay Art at the Suter Art Gallery Nelson

Last month, our Year 9 students were introduced to both functional pottery and artistic clay work during an inspiring visit to the Suter Art Gallery in Nelson.

The Suter Gallery, founded by the Suter family in 1898 under the Suter Art Society Act 1897, officially opened its doors in 1899. Bishop Andrew Burn Suter was a significant figure in Nelson, dedicated to fostering both the arts and the community's cultural life. He and his wife, Amelia, were passionate art lovers, and following Bishop Suter's death, Amelia donated much of their private art collection to help establish the gallery that bears their name.

During the visit, students learned from **Education Team Leader Esther McNaughton** and explored the exhibition **Fire and Earth: Ko Wai Au?** before getting hands-on with clay to create their own unique pieces. The workshop was both fun and educational, allowing students to express their creativity while gaining insight into ceramic art.

To finish the experience, the group enjoyed a well-earned treat at the Suter Gallery Café with its stunning view over the Mahitahi river— sipping smoothies and hot chocolates, whilst conversing about their impressions. A quick trip to Glenduan beach on the way back was much appreciated.

We thank Jamie Knight for being the driver and parent helper for this trip.
Ms.Wiesner



Fire and Earth: Ko Wai Au?
Education Kit



Vicki Charles Song of Symbols Earthenware

Educational Unit Developed and Compiled by Esther McNaughton, Suter Educator



Education services and programmes at The Suter are supported by the Ministry of Education through Enriching Local Curriculum (ELC).



Secondary News



PRIMARY NEWS

Greetings everyone.

This is the second-to-last newsletter you will get with my name on the bottom. It has been a pleasure to share news and achievements with you from the primary syndicate over the last 8 years.

This week has seen the opening of the school swimming pool. It was not announced openly, at the beginning of the week, but as Shane has managed to get the water quality just right we had advised students on Friday last. Most primary students had a quick dip on Tuesday afternoon. They can bring their togs daily now and classes will be timetabled for swimming. A change into swimming clothes/togs and a towel will be requested for swimming each day. This PE activity is part of primary students' Health and PE curriculum so participation is always encouraged. If your child has an issue with swimming regularly please speak with their class teacher.

On Tuesday 11 November, two students from RVAS represented us at the Marlborough Schools Athletics event in Blenheim. Annie Jones entered three events and was placed 4th in the 100m sprint final. Tyler Payton entered all but one event and was placed 1st in the Year 8 Boys long jump. This is a huge event with a lot of students from all Marlborough schools so well done to Annie and Tyler.

Thursday mornings, while the library is used for senior exams, in primary, we are still having assemblies in Room 12. There is singing practice for the end of year prize-giving and certificates of achievement awarded. As parents or caregivers, you are most welcome to attend.

For your calendar, Rai will be hosting the last Pelorus Cluster event here at school on THURSDAY 4th December. It is the SUPREME TEAM event and it will run all day. A sausage sizzle, drinks and ice-blocks will be available and more information will come via a Boomerang Book notice soon.

We are collecting End-of-Year prize giving trophies. If you haven't already returned yours please do so asap, so we have the opportunity to engrave winners for this year and they can be presented on the night, complete with engraving. Pet day trophies are still at the engravers and will be given back out as soon as they are engraved and returned to us.

Several students received certificates today for great and 'over and above' work progress and attitude to learning in the classrooms.

These were:

Rm 14 - Charlotte Payton - Always helping her classmates

- Madison Hansen - Trying her best and doing extra well in writing

Rm 13 - Mercy Ready - Amazing work in Maths

- Willow Kennett - Outstanding growth in Maths

- Bjorn Prattley - Being an awesome role model in Room 13

- Conrad Horton - Excellent growth across all learning areas.

Rm 12 - Imogen Staples - Amazing independent maths work.

- Dawn Ready - Always being willing to help others.

Well done everyone.

Touch Rugby is in full-swing with the weekly Tournament each Wednesday for seniors -



Primary News

Thanks to Mrs Linton and the Junior teams, on Thursdays, at Lansdowne Park in Blenheim.
Thanks to Mrs Massey for all the organising and transporting you do with these 4 teams.
Have a great weekend everyone.

Ngā Mihi

Karen Davies

Head of Primary Syndicate and AP



MARLBOROUGH BOYS AND GIRLS AGRICULTURAL

GROUP DAY 2025 RESULTS

Lambs

Senior Ringcraft/Best Pet
2nd Annie Jones (Rai Valley)



Middle Ringcraft/Best Pet
2nd Kiera Fenton (Rai Valley)

Senior Ringcraft/Best Pet
2nd Catherine Partridge (Rai Valley)

Dairy Heavy
3rd Catherine Partridge (Rai Valley)

Rabbits

Middle Best Fur/Fibre
1st Ellie Thompson (Rai Valley)



Middle Care and Attention/Best Pet
1st Ellie Thompson (Rai Valley)
3rd Madison Couper (Rai Valley)

Middle Fattest Rabbit
2nd Ellie Thompson (Rai Valley)

Rabbit Trophy Champion Rabbit
Ellie Thompson (Rai Valley)

Khloe Dunbar - 2nd Place
Certificate for Natural Material
Picture



Calves

**Kerry Leslie Trophy - For Care/Attention
and Stockmanship of a Lamb,Calf or
Goat by a child during the course of Group
Day**

Louie Thompson (Rai Valley)



Goats
Open Ringcraft/ Best Pet
3rd Sinclair Couper (Rai Valley)

Open Best Feral
2nd Madison Couper (Rai Valley)

Open Best Fibre
2nd Sinclair Couper (Rai Valley)



Primary News

Marine Learning Day – Motuweka Estuary

Our Kaitiaki Club had an amazing time at the Marine Learning Day in Havelock on Monday 10th November! They explored the Motuweka Estuary through kayaking, planting, and hands-on science activities. Highlights included kayaking, testing water samples for eDNA, discovering native and invasive plant species, and learning from local kaitiaki and environmental experts. It was a fantastic day of learning, teamwork, and connection to our local environment — our tamariki came away inspired to be true kaitiaki of our moana and whenua!



READNZ Author visit : Melanie Drewery.

Kia ora e te whānau,

The primary syndicate had the privilege of a visit from the well known local author Melanie Drewery. She is the author of some really well known children's picture books, such as the Nanny Mihi series. Titles including Nanny Mihi and the Rainbow (2001), Nanny Mihi's Christmas (2006), Nanny Mihi and the Bellbird (2018), and many more. This series is about Nanny Mihi and her grandchildren, often these stories connect with nature and incorporate Māori culture. We were lucky enough to have Melanie read some of these picture books to us, she even shared the inspiration behind the writing of some of these books.

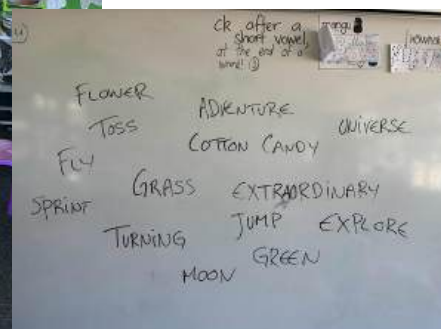
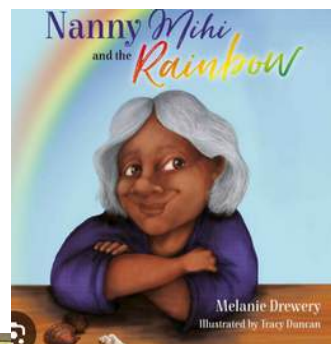
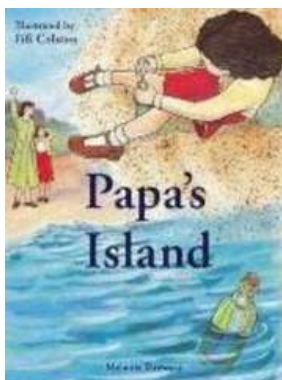
Melanie shared her love for writing with us. Passing on a wealth of knowledge and giving our tamariki simple ways to support their already amazing writing skills. The students played a fun writing game, choosing two new words to incorporate into their story every two minutes. They thoroughly enjoyed this and it led to some fantastic pieces of writing being produced, well done tamariki mā!

A few key take aways:

- Keep your pencil moving, get your ideas down and worry about editing later.
- The draft is just the bones
- Mix a combination of 'real-life' with 'made up stuff' to create an interesting piece of writing, and have fun!

I'll leave you with some photos of Melanie's visit, and a published piece of writing from one of our wonderful primary students who has a creative flare for writing, Imagen Knight (10). Well done Immy, you should be so proud of your story!

Ngā mihi nui ki a koe,
Aimee Ballantyne





One Dog's Adventure

One day, there was a dog who was going on an adventure with its owner. It found a piece of cotton candy on the grass.

"Ooh! I want to eat this!" the dog said.

So the dog ate the grotty piece of cotton candy. It tasted extraordinary... and tasted funny.

As I was turning, I saw a bigger dog. It was bigger than me.

"Oh no!" I said. I barked to say hi.

The dog started growling. He looked at me, and I gulped. The big dog picked me up with its mouth and tossed me. I was in the sky. I could fly! My owner saw the dog. When I got tossed into the sky, the dog jumped away and didn't come back.

As I explored the world from up above,

"Whoa! I can see everything!" I barked.

I fell. My owner caught me. Luckily, I was saved. I smelled the green fabric on my owner's jersey. I just wished I could be in the soft jersey forever... not the owner, the jersey.

We went home. Then I barked at the owner to give me food. Once I got food, I was tired, because being a dog is hard work.

As I curled up in my bed while staring into the universe, I also saw the moon.

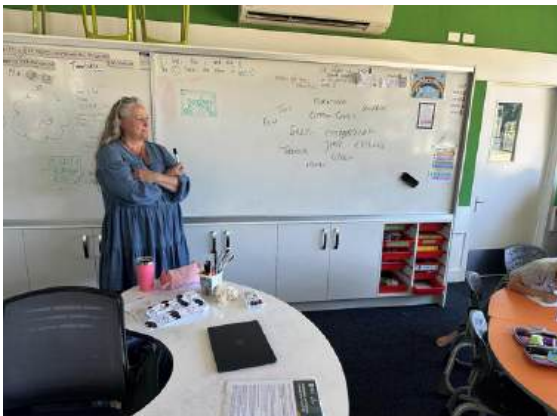
"What a lovely moon!" I said.

In my dream, I was sprinting through a field of flowers. It felt nice... until I woke up. Just another normal day.

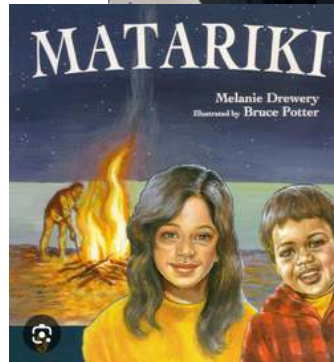
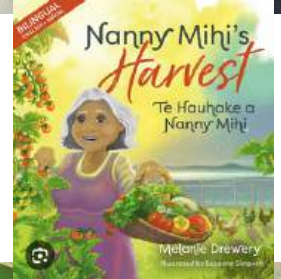
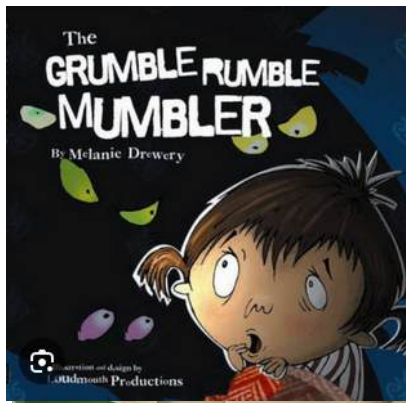
"Hello, world..." I said quietly, because my owner was not awake yet. I wake my owner up by licking them.

The end.

By Immy Knight (10) Term 4, 2025



READNZ Author visit continued



CAUGHT BEING GOOD & DUFFY CHAMPION AWARD

Thank you to Duffy Books In Homes for another year of books for our Year 1 - 8 students 3 times this year. 6 books a year per child, for some homes that is 18 new books for their home libraries.



Duffy Champion winner Scarlett Morrison was selected by nominations from Primary staff for anyone at school.

Willow Kennett Year 3,
Tommy Massey Year 3, Mercy Ready Year 4



Summer Holiday Camps at Bridge Valley!

These summer holidays, we have four exciting weeks of camp, packed with fun, friendship, and adventure! Each camp is designed for different age groups and includes activities such as luge, rock climbing, the aquapark, epic games, and more! Don't miss out, spaces fill fast!

Christmas Day Camp

17 - 19 December for ages 7-13

Day adventures full of activities and Christmas-themed games!

'Under the Sea' January Camps

Ultimate Camp: Ages 11-13 on the 12 - 16 January

Junior Camp: Ages 8-11 on the 20 - 23 January

Dive into a week of ocean-themed games, challenges, and unforgettable memories!



Summer Bible Camp

27 - 30 January for ages 8 - 13

Grow in faith, make new friends, and experience the best of summer at Bridge Valley!



THE ROOM FILLED WITH CHOCOLATE



There once was a wonderful room filled with chocolate. It had chocolate couches, toys, beds, clothes, bags and more. But one day someone with dark magic who hates happiness locked it up for good. At least that's what other people thought, until a happy boy with powerful magic was born.

As he grew up, he got stronger and was able to help the village. By the time the boy was 15, he could do more than just help his village. He could help his whole state, by catching the dark wizard that locked that wonderful room filled with chocolate away.

When the boy found out about the dark wizard, he wanted to catch him straight away, but everyone in his village warned him that if he made a mistake, even a small one, he would be frozen by the dark wizard and be struck with powerful magic to be found dead. The boy gulped at this and was scared but he knew he had to do what was right for his whole state. So the boy set out to find him, still scared to be burnt to death. But just then there was a big fat boom!! Earth was crumbling apart and everyone was dying. Even the wonderful magical young boy but he was dying with a smile on his face because the dark wizard was lying dead on the floor. But just before the young boy closed his eyes to die in peace, he saw the room of chocolate still standing and finally died peacefully.

Written by Aurora Young



DUFFY Books In Homes News

The Summer Reading Offer for parents. The last day for orders is Wednesday 19 November.

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Speed up the summer reading action with this \$5 Book Offer exclusive to Duffy schools!

2025 **DUFFY SUMMER READING**

\$5 PARENT OFFER



RECOMMENDED
5-6 YEARS



701. Dusty the Digger
Dusty the Digger takes action and saves the day!
\$24.99
\$5.00



702. Madia Lim's Mischievous Milly
There's a new baby to take care of on the farm!
\$24.99
\$5.00



703. The Stinky Wonky Donkey
Wonky Donkey plays a Dad joke on Dinky.
\$22.99
\$5.00



704. Flit the Fantail and the Flying Flop
Flit's first flight is a floppy, floppy, fail. Can he get safely back to his nest?
\$24.99
\$5.00



705. Hot, Cross Bunny
Basil is a sweet bunny... unless he doesn't get his way!
\$24.99
\$5.00



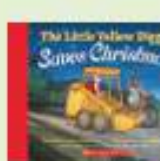
706. Nanas with No Manners
These naughty nanas have a thing or two to learn!
\$24.99
\$5.00



707. Stink-o-saurus
Read and sing-along to this hilarious tale of a very stinky dinosaur!
\$24.99
\$5.00



708. Stink-o-saurus Saves Christmas
Christmas is in trouble... but Stan has a plan to 'waft in' and save the day!
\$24.99
\$5.00



709. The Little Yellow Digger Saves Christmas
Our favourite digger rescues Santa and his truck full of presents.
\$24.99
\$5.00



710. Jingle Bells, What's That Smell?
Santa needs his smelliest reindeer to fart his sleigh into the sky.
\$24.99
\$5.00



711. When Grandpa Wore a Tutu
Grandpa was a dairy farmer who milked cows while dreaming of dancing ballet!
\$24.99
\$5.00



712. Sun Shower
The Clouds scheme a meeting with Sun and Rain, resulting in a beautiful union... a rainbow!
\$24.99
\$5.00



713. The Day the Banana Went Bad
When Banana is thrown into the 'reject' bin with the other mis-shapes fruit and veg, he decides that enough is enough!
\$17.99
\$5.00



714. Guess What We Are Doing Today?
Mr Luke's students share their wild ideas!
\$24.99
\$5.00

RECOMMENDED
7-9 YEARS



715. Weirdo
The Dio family is going on a road trip!
\$16.99
\$5.00



716. Let the Games Begin!
Meet the real Dread Overlord Spelargh!
\$17.99
\$5.00



717. Elite Spy Training
Are you ready to go undercover? Find out if you have what it takes to become a spy.
\$10.99
\$5.00



718. Bin Juice of Destiny
Can Farboy save Sparkletown from evil villains, Compost and Bin Juice?
\$16.99
\$5.00



719. Hypno Ninja!
Who stole Grandma's hypno ring and can Nelson stop the mayhem?
\$17.99
\$5.00



720. Happy to Help (Eventually)
Can Tom earn enough pocket money to buy the art box of his dreams?
\$20.99
\$5.00



721. Karen's Surprise
Karen's not happy to be a turkey in the school play!
\$14.99
\$5.00



722. Garden Time!
Hotdog and friends enter a gardening contest!
\$16.99
\$5.00



723. The Thunder Egg
Three friends go on a dangerous mission to return a dragon egg and restore peace.
\$17.99
\$5.00



724. Game On!
Can Jai and his friends stop the new school sabotaging the Roblox Cup?
\$17.99
\$5.00



725. Fuecoco, I Choose You!
Liko, Roy and friends set out on an airship with Captain Pikachu!
\$14.99
\$5.00



726. Ash Climbs the Ranks
Join Ash, Pikachu and friends on a action-packed adventure through Galar.
\$14.99
\$5.00



727. Total TV Dramas
Ella is chosen for a quiz team on a TV show!
\$16.99
\$5.00



728. Haunting of the Ghost Dragon
Can Drake and Bo find the orb and stop Zoltan before he opens the Dream Gate?
\$14.99
\$5.00

EVERYTHING IS \$5.00! Many of these books have huge savings for you!

DUFFY Books In Homes News

RECOMMENDED 10-12 YEARS



729. Ice Cold Suckerpunch
It is up to Brody to find out who stole the time capsule.
~~\$18.99~~
\$5.00



731. Farmer Freak-Out
Evil Zombie clones cause some trouble!
~~\$11.99~~
\$5.00



733. Quest for the Golden Apple
Phoenix ventures beyond the walls of her village.
~~\$19.99~~
\$5.00



735. Kristy and the Walking Disaster
Kristy has a crush on the coach!
~~\$17.99~~
\$5.00



737. The Haunted Mask
Carly Beth finds the perfect Halloween mask.
~~\$20.99~~
\$5.00



730. Hungry for More
Davy's views skyrocket when he lets Fans decide his next video...
~~\$16.99~~
\$5.00



732. Scooby-Doo! Creepy Stories
Scooby and the gang have four more spooky mysteries to solve.
~~\$18.99~~
\$5.00



734. Robot Battle
Ari and his friends are trapped in Brickman and must battle the robots to escape.
~~\$11.99~~
\$5.00



736. Dawn Raid
An insight into the dawn raids of the 1970s, as seen through the eyes of a young girl.
~~\$20.99~~
\$5.00



738. Squished
Avery has six siblings and just wants her own room!
~~\$21.99~~
\$5.00

ADVANCED TITLES FOR MATURE/OLDER READERS



739. The Peak
Nolan joins the world's most dangerous spy school.
~~\$20.99~~
\$5.00



741. To Trap a Thief
Mysterious emails send Harvey and Connor on strange missions to find a prize.
~~\$19.99~~
\$5.00



743. Winter of Fire
Can Elisha fulfil her vision of unity between the Queiled and the Chosen?
~~\$21.99~~
\$5.00



740. Koro's Star
A heart-warming, exciting, adventure story set in New Zealand in the 1960s.
~~\$20.99~~
\$5.00



742. Shooting Stars
When 15 year-old Egan's Mum doesn't return from a trip to get supplies, he heads to Auckland, but is unprepared for the tragedy that awaits.
~~\$21.99~~
\$5.00



744. Mockingjay
Katniss has survived but she's still not safe. The Capitol wants revenge.
~~\$24.99~~
\$5.00

\$5 SUMMER READING OFFER

INSTRUCTIONS TO PARENTS

Simply complete this form and return with your cash payment to your child's school by **Friday 14th November, 2025**

Your order will be sent to your child's school by Friday 5th December 2025

CHILD'S NAME

CLASS

SCHOOL

ITEM NO	TITLE ITEM	QTY	PRICE	TOTAL
701	Dusty the Digger		\$5	
702	Nadia Lim's Mischievous Milly		\$5	
703	The Stinky Wonky Donkey		\$5	
704	Fit the Fantail and the Flying Flop		\$5	
705	Hot, Cross Buns		\$5	
706	Nanas with No Manners		\$5	
707	Stink-o-saurus		\$5	
708	Stink-o-saurus Saves Christmas		\$5	
709	The Little Yellow Digger Saves Christmas		\$5	
710	Jingle Bells, What's That Smell?		\$5	
711	When Grandpa Wore a Tutu		\$5	
712	Sun Shower		\$5	
713	The Day the Banana Went Bad		\$5	
714	Guess What We Are Doing Today?		\$5	
715	Weird Holiday		\$5	
716	Let the Games Begin!		\$5	
717	Elite Spy Training		\$5	
718	Bin Juice of Destiny		\$5	
719	Hypno Ninja!		\$5	
720	Happy to Help (Eventually)		\$5	
721	Karen's Surprise		\$5	
722	Garden Timer!		\$5	
723	The Thunder Egg		\$5	
724	Game On!		\$5	
725	Fuacoco, I Choose You!		\$5	
726	Ash Climbs the Ranks		\$5	
727	Total TV Drama		\$5	
728	Haunting of the Ghost Dragon		\$5	
729	Ice Cold Suckerpunch		\$5	
730	Hungry for More		\$5	
731	Farmer Freak-Out		\$5	
732	Scooby-Doo! Creepy Stories		\$5	
733	Quest for the Golden Apple		\$5	
734	Robot Battle		\$5	
735	Kristy and the Walking Disaster		\$5	
736	Dawn Raid		\$5	
737	The Haunted Mask		\$5	
738	Squished		\$5	
739	The Peak		\$5	
740	Koro's Star		\$5	
741	To Trap a Thief		\$5	
742	Shooting Stars		\$5	
743	Winter of Fire		\$5	
744	Mockingjay		\$5	

Total Items @ \$5.00 =

Please note:

If we are unable to supply a title for any reason we will supply a Lucky Dip of two books of the appropriate level.

Due back at school Friday 14th November 2025

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Whole School News

Summer Fun @ Curious Cove

Summer Camps @ Curious Cove

Enrolments for our summer holiday camps are now open.

Visit our website (www.curiouscove.org) to complete an online enrolment.

Senior Camp (11 – 14 yrs) Mon 12th – Fri 16th Jan. Cost \$225

Junior Camp (8 – 10 yrs) Mon 19th – Fri 23rd Jan. Cost \$225



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Whole School News



Swimming season has started at school for students. They can now bring their togs for class swimming. **The pool is currently closed to community and parent use after school and on the weekends.** More information about keys will be available at the end of the term.

Up & Coming Key School Dates for 2025/2026

Monday 24th - Friday 28th November	T4 W8	Year 9/10 Camp Lake Rotoiti
Friday 28th November	T4 W8	TEACHER ONLY DAY Years 1-8
Thursday 4th December	T4 W9	Top Team - Pelorus Cluster @ Rai Valley
Wednesday 10th December	T4 W10	TEACHER ONLY DAY Years 9 & 10
Thursday 11th December	T4 W10	Prizegiving
Friday 12th December	T4 W10	Last day Term 4 2025
Wednesday 28th January		TEACHER ONLY DAY
Thursday 29th January		TEACHER ONLY DAY
Friday 30th January		TEACHER ONLY DAY
Monday 2nd February 2026	T1 W1	First day Term 1 2026 WHOLE SCHOOL

BLOOD & WATER
by Rawiri
Wearing-Holmes



SHAPE ART
by Oliver
Hope

School & Community News



Havelock Lions Club Cheese Rolls Delivery on 30th November

To order yours please ring Ian on 574-2558
with numbers and delivery details.
Order early to make sure you don't miss out!



Just \$12 for ten lip-smacking rolls - What a bargain!

World Famous in Havelock

Orders in by November 29th 2025

Bank Account for payment is :

Lions Club of Havelock Incorporated : 38-9026-0890209-00



Safety for Students is important

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

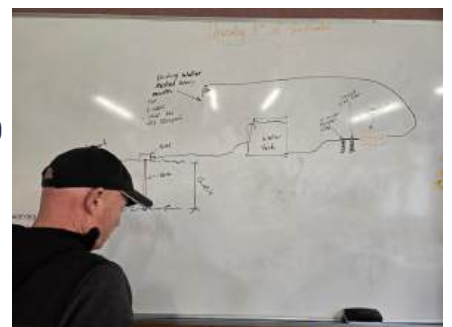
At the end of school, students need to
wait within the school gate for the
parent / caregiver to collect them.
If it is raining, the students can stand
on the veranda by the office or be
inside the office.

Rice is great if you're
really hungry and want
to eat two thousand of
something.

Mitch Hedberg

BrainyQuote

Shane teaching the
Year 9's about the
school water system



Primary News

Hi there,

As some of you wonderful people know, I'm opening a wee childcare centre at Rai Valley Area School – Rai Valley Nurture – which is set to open on 2nd March 2026, all going well!

I'm now looking for two full-time staff members:

One qualified and registered teacher (with a current first aid certificate)

One unqualified person who has experience working with children aged 0–5 years

I'm also looking for a couple of relievers to join our team.

If this sounds like you, please email me (Subject: Wanting to Work) along with your cover letter and CV to raivalleynurture@gmail.com.

For the lovely families out there with young children under 5 or 6, I'd love to hear from you too! If you're looking for childcare Monday–Thursday, 8:30am–3:00pm, please get in touch.

Email me (Subject: Childcare Options) at raivalleynurture@gmail.com.

Cheers,
Bex 🌱



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



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MY KID IS OFF
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Sat 13 Dec: 2pm
Sat 13 Dec: 6.30pm
Sun: 14 Dec 2pm

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Incredible Years Parenting Programme



**Community Health Hub -
22 Queen Street, Blenheim**



**Wednesday 4 March -
Wednesday 24 June 2026**

A two-week break occurs during
school holidays.



10am - 12:30pm

This course is suitable for parents/carers of children aged three-to-eight years.

Incredible Years is a free 14-week programme for parents and caregivers of children aged three-to-eight years old, to grow their positive parenting skills.

It provides practical help and support focused on:

- enhancing children's social skills
- child-led play
- using praise and enhancing positive behaviours
- establishing routines
- setting clear rules and boundaries.

The purpose of this course is to resource parents and caregivers with tools to understand their children's behaviour and development, promote positive parenting and healthy communication within the family.

If transport or childcare is a barrier, please let us know as we may be able to help with this.

If you would like any more information please contact Barnardos.



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Whangamoia Saddle - night closures

9 to 28 November 2025

8pm - 5:30am

Whangamoia Saddle will be closed for road resurfacing and maintenance work Sunday to Thursday nights, 8pm - 5:30am from 9 to 28 November.

There will be a short opening at Hira and Rai Valley at 12:30am for queued traffic.

No work on Friday or Saturday nights.

— Road closed

— Detour route via St Arnaud and SH63



NZ TRANSPORT AGENCY
WAKA KOTAHĪ

SH6 Rai Valley to Hira – night closures

What's happening, where and when?



This is to let you know that night time asphalt resurfacing and maintenance work on State Highway 6 between Rai Valley and Hira will begin soon. Night closures are required to enable work to be carried out efficiently and safely.

Where: SH6 Whangamoias, Rai Valley to Hira

Start: Sunday 9 November at 8pm

Finish: Friday 28 November at 5.30am



Work hours: 8pm to 5.30am.

Work nights: Sunday to Thursday nights. No work on Friday or Saturday nights.

What work will be taking place during this time?

While the closure is in place we will maximise efficiency by clearing watertables and culverts, repairing guardrails and attending to other general maintenance works.

This is part of the NZ Transport Agency, Waka Kotahi annual seasonal maintenance programme to protect our state highways.

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Kurt Lindsay 027 409 0605
kurt.lindsay@daylows.co.nz

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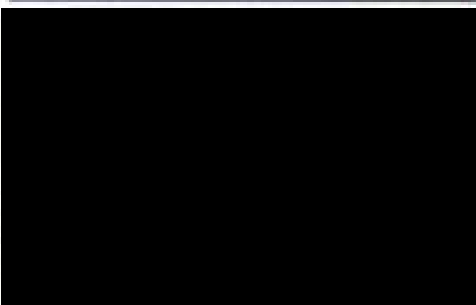
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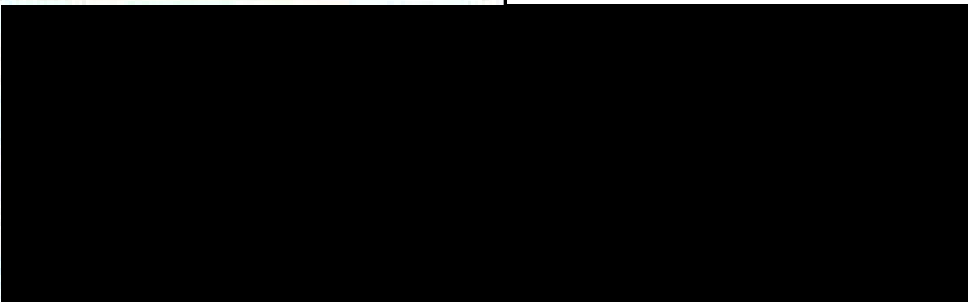
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