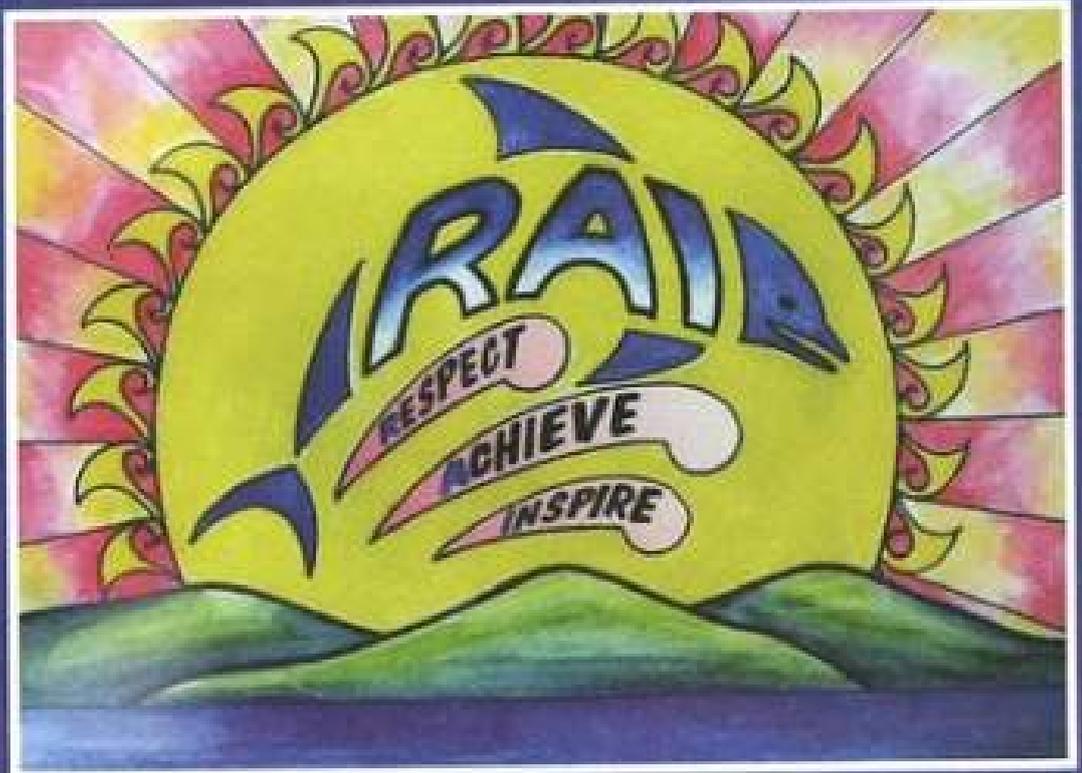


Rai Valley Area School

Newsletter



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Tumuaki's Report



Kia ora Koutou

This term seems to have been particularly busy. There was much excitement last week when the toilet renovations were completed and students were able to use the refurbished bathrooms. Bex Nicol has moved into Room 15 with her home based childcare. It is lovely to see the pre-schoolers around school and hopefully next term Bex will open her Nurture preschool on site.

Recent weeks have had a swimming focus. The Years 1-3 had a great day at the Linkwater participating in the Pelorus Cluster sports. The following week the Years 4-8 students went to Stadium 2000 for the second of the Pelorus Cluster days and then finally we had the Rai Valley swimming sports last week. It seems that each year the Rai swimming day is getting colder. While the water was warm it was certainly on the chilly side. Thank you to all our parents who supported these events.

The Year 5-8 camp this year was at Curious Cove. This is the first time that we have been there in recent years. Our students really enjoyed the camp and a huge thanks to Mrs Massey and Mrs Waldie for their support and organising.

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Deputy Principal: Dan Waldie

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Learning Support Coordinator:
Theresa Shepherd

Executive Officer: Christine McDonald

Receptionist: Pauline Agnew

Caretaker: Shane Dearman

Tumuaki's Report continued

Attendance continues to be a Ministry focus. In this newsletter Mr Waldie has written an attendance update, explaining how we will be reporting attendance to parents regularly.

Last week our seniors entered the Nelson Volleyball Competition with mixed results but the experience of game time in a tournament setting. There is a team of primary students playing Rippa Rugby in Blenheim on Thursdays and a team playing football on Wednesdays. The focus for secondary school is all about Tournament, which is at Tapawera next week. Students have been training hard. A number of our students are young but I am sure they are going to have a great week. Many thanks to our staff who are supporting them. We wish everyone a great and successful week.

In the last 2 weeks we have been involved in Tournament fundraising. The first fundraiser was the Rai Show which was an amazing day and I am very proud of our students' efforts and grateful for our parents' support. Last week was the Mussel Festival. Unfortunately the weather was not great so the bouncy castle was not inflated until later in the day. The girls who did the facepainting were very busy throughout the day. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Waldie who had a long day supporting our students.

Finally congratulations to Year 1 and 2 on achieving 100% attendance last week.

Nga mihi nui
Maree

Caught Being Good



Congratulations to
Theo Alvarez Year 1, Danni Harper Year 1,
Mai Dunbar Year 2, Haven Marshall Year 2,
Benji Bond Year 4, Kaiden Denby Year 4,
Kelci Abraham Year 5, Khloe Dunbar Year 5,
Georgie Prattley Year 6, Madison Couper Year 7



Secondary News

Kia ora whānau,

We have had a very busy few weeks at Rai Valley and it does not look like letting up just yet (which is a good thing, I am told!). With only three weeks left of the term, we are well into the swing of wrapping up our summer sports season.

We recently held our school swimming sports (photos included in this newsletter), which featured a "mini" triathlon that was very strongly supported. Our students have also been actively involved in Pelorus Swimming, Ripper Rugby, and 5-a-side football.

Meanwhile, our senior students (Years 9–13) are in their final week of intensive training for the Top of the South Area School Tournament, held in Tapawera and Nelson. For those new to the school, this is a fantastic event where Rai Valley competes against other "Top of the South" area schools: Collingwood, Tapawera, Murchison, Reefton, Karamea, and South Westland. Our students will compete in a range of events, from paintball, ultimate frisbee, and paddleboarding to cooking challenges and traditional pursuits like netball, volleyball, football, and kī-o-rahi. These tournaments are always hotly contested. At the end of the week, one school will be crowned overall champions, while high-performing students will be put forward to trial for the chance to represent Te Wai Pounamu at the Area School Nationals!

We also have a number of students signed up for the Spirit of Adventure. They will be looking for ways to fundraise for this trip, so please keep an eye on future newsletters for updates on how you can help.

Later in this newsletter, you will find information regarding how we report to parents; in this edition, the focus is on attendance.

As always, thank you for all your support.

Stay safe,
Ngā mihi

Dan Waldie
Deputy Principal - Secondary



Up & Coming Key School Dates for 2026

Monday 23rd - 27th March 2026	T1 W9	Area School Tournament in Tapawera
Thursday 26th March 2026	T1 W9	Duffy Theatre 1.30pm in Rai Valley
Tuesday 31st March 2026	T1 W10	Vision Testing
Thursday 2nd April 2026	T1 W10	Last day of Term 1
Monday 20th April 2026	T2 W1	First day of Term 2

TOTSAS TOURNAMENT PROGRAMME 2026 hosted by TAPAWERA

RVAS Tournament team 2026

photo of some of the 2025 team



This is the timetable for the teams week.
 Feel free to go along to Saxtons,
 Tapawera Area School or Tahunanui
 Beach to support our students if you can.

Sunday

Time	Activity	Numbers	Location
3:30 pm	Arrival	Everyone	School Gym
4 pm Approx.	Host Family pick up	Everyone	School Gym
6 pm	Staff Dinner	All staff	At school

Monday

Time	Activity	Numbers	Location
8:15am	Morning Briefing	Staff	Meeting Room
8:45am	Mihi Whakatau	Everyone	Court/Gym
10am-1pm	Girls Football	8	Back Field
	Boys Touch	8	Rugby Field
	Tech Challenge	2	Workshop
	Quiz	2	Hall
1 to 1:30pm	Lunch		
1:30 pm – 4.30pm	Boys Football	8	Back Field
	Girls Touch	8	Rugby Field
	Art Challenge	2	Art Room
	Cooking Challenge	2 1B 1G	Cooking Room
4pm to Finish	Cooking challenge judging	Everyone	Gym
	Dinner at School	Everyone	Quad Area

Tuesday

Time	Activity	Numbers	Location
8:15am	Morning Briefing	Staff	Meeting Room
9am-12	Boys Volleyball	8	Saxton
	Girls Basketball	8	Saxton
	Paddleboarding	4 2B/2G	Tahunanui
12pm	Lunch		
12:00 – 3:00	Girls Volleyball	8	Saxton
	Boys Basketball	8	Saxton
	Target Shooting. (Small bore)	4 2B 2G	Saxton
5.00pm	Home Time	Everyone	
5:30pm	Staff challenge/dinner	All staff	Rugby club rooms

TOTSAS TOURNAMENT PROGRAMME 2026 hosted by TAPAWERA

Wednesday

Time	Activity	Numbers	Location
8:15 am	Morning Briefing		Meeting Room
9 am -12 pm	Paintballing	4B 4G	Armageddon
	Art Challenge	2	Art Room
	Adventure race	5B 5G	Schoolfield/Shedwood
Rolling lunch	Lunch	Everyone	
12 -3 pm	Badminton	4 2B /2G	Gym
	Mixed Playball	8 4B/4G	Field
	Indoor bowls	4 2B 2G	Shedwood hall
	Art challenge and	2	Art Room
	Art challenge judging		
3 pm	Home Time	Everyone	
5:30	Staff dinner	All staff	Wakefield hotel

Thursday

Time	Activity	Numbers	Location
8:15 am	Morning Briefing	Staff	Meeting Room
9 am-12	Girls Netball	8	Courts
	Boys Ultimate	8	Field
	Wearable Art	2-4	Art Room
	Challenge		
12 pm	Lunch		
12:30 – 3:30 pm	Ki O Rahi	9-10	Back Field
	Golf	2	Golden Downs
	Wearable art	2-4	Art Room
	Pickleball	2B 2G	Richmond Tennis Club
4 pm to 5:30 pm	Wearable ARTS JUDGING/Parade Skit	Everyone	Gym
5:30 pm – 6:15 pm	Staff Dinner		Outside Library
5.30 pm to 7pm	Children can get ready	for social	
7-10 pm	Social	Everyone	Shedwood Hall
7:30 pm	Selection Meeting	1 staff Member	School Staffroom

Friday

Time	Activity	Numbers	Location
8:15 am	Morning Briefing	Staff	Meeting Room
9 am	Naming of Teams	Everyone	Gym
9:30 am	Poroporoake	Everyone	Gym

Heading Home

Primary News

What a busy term we have had so far in Primary! Thank you to all of the families who attended our Whānau evening all the way back in Week 3. It was great to see everyone and have a bit of fun together. We hope to do this again next term.

In Week 4 the Year 5-8 students attended camp at Curious Cove in the Queen Charlotte Sound. We had a mixed bag of weather but fun was had by all. It was great to see students get involved with kayaking, snorkeling, jumping off the jetty, confidence building and team work. A huge thank you to our parents/ whānau helpers, Purity, Sam, Lily and Renee. Without your support, we could not make these experiences possible for our tamariki. Also, a big thank you to Amy Waldie for all of her work around this.

We have also had three lots of swimming sports this term: Pelorus Cluster Junior Swim Sports in Linkwater, Pelorus Cluster Senior Swim Sports in Blenheim and our own RVAS swimming sports. It is always a highlight to see our students participating in activities together, some friendly rivalry and fun. I particularly enjoyed watching the triathlon this year. With the weather cooling down, we will be wrapping up our swimming programme for the term.

Attendance continues to be a current target of the Ministry of Education. If your child has five or more days off during a term, please do not be surprised by an email from your child's teacher, this is a requirement from the Ministry of Education. Please remember to inform Pauline in the office via phone, email or on our school's website if your child will be absent that day.

Summer sports have also started off with a bang. We have combined with four other Pelorus Cluster schools to ensure our students have more opportunities to play sports. This term we are running teams for Summer Football on a Wednesday night in Blenheim and Rippa Rugby on a Thursday night in Blenheim.

Finally, our new junior block of toilets is back up and running and looking great! Pop in and have a squiz if you would like!

**Special General Meeting for the
Rai Valley Community Library Incorporated
is to be held**

4pm Friday 27th March at the library
This meeting is being held to approve
our new constitution and decide to
reregister as an Incorporated Society.

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME

Primary News



ROOM 14 YEAR 1-2

Kia ora,

It has been a busy and successful term so far, for Room 14. We have just wrapped up a fantastic swimming block where students demonstrated great perseverance. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow in the water, and we are so proud of their "can-do" attitude! Next, our PE focus is shifting toward large-ball skills to support out-of-school activities like ripper rugby and football.

What we're busy with in class

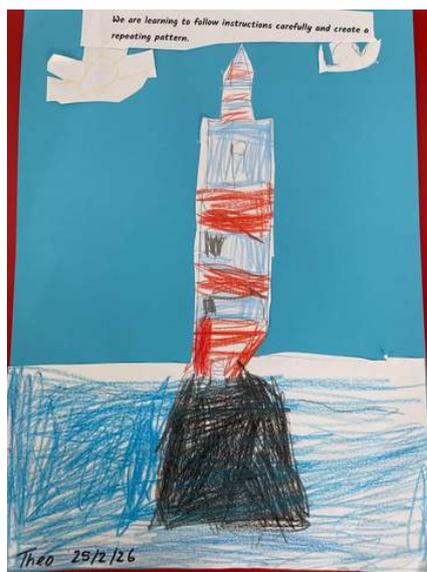
Ngā mihi nui,
Haley Kiddey.



THE SQUIRREL WAS TRYING TO ASK THE BIRD TO HELP HIM FIND THE LEAVES, THE WIND HAD BLOWN THEM OFF THE TREE.
DANNI.



THIS IS MY LIGHTHOUSE. I HAVE MADE A PATTERN RED WHITE RED WHITE RED WHITE, PATTERNS REPEAT!
HAVEN.



WE MADE A LIGHTHOUSE WE HAD TO CUT IT OUT AND COLOUR IT IN, WE WERE MAKING A PATTERN.
THEO.



THIS IS ME AT SWIMMING SPORTS.
LOUIE.



ON THE WEEKEND I GOT STUNG BY A BEE ON MY FOOT. MY MUM PUT STING GOES ON IT. IT MADE A LUMP ON MY FOOT AND I STILL HAVE IT.
MIA.



ON THE WEEKEND I WENT DIVING AND I SAW A SAND SHARK, BUT MY DAD DIDN'T SEE IT. WE CAUGHT TWO KAHAWAI, THEN ME AND TOM CAUGHT ONE TOGETHER, MUM WAS DRIVING, DAD HAD TO SCOOP IT UP WITH A NET. WE HAD SAUSAGES AND BACON ON THE BOAT. ON THE WAY HOME IT WAS CHOPPY.
JACK.

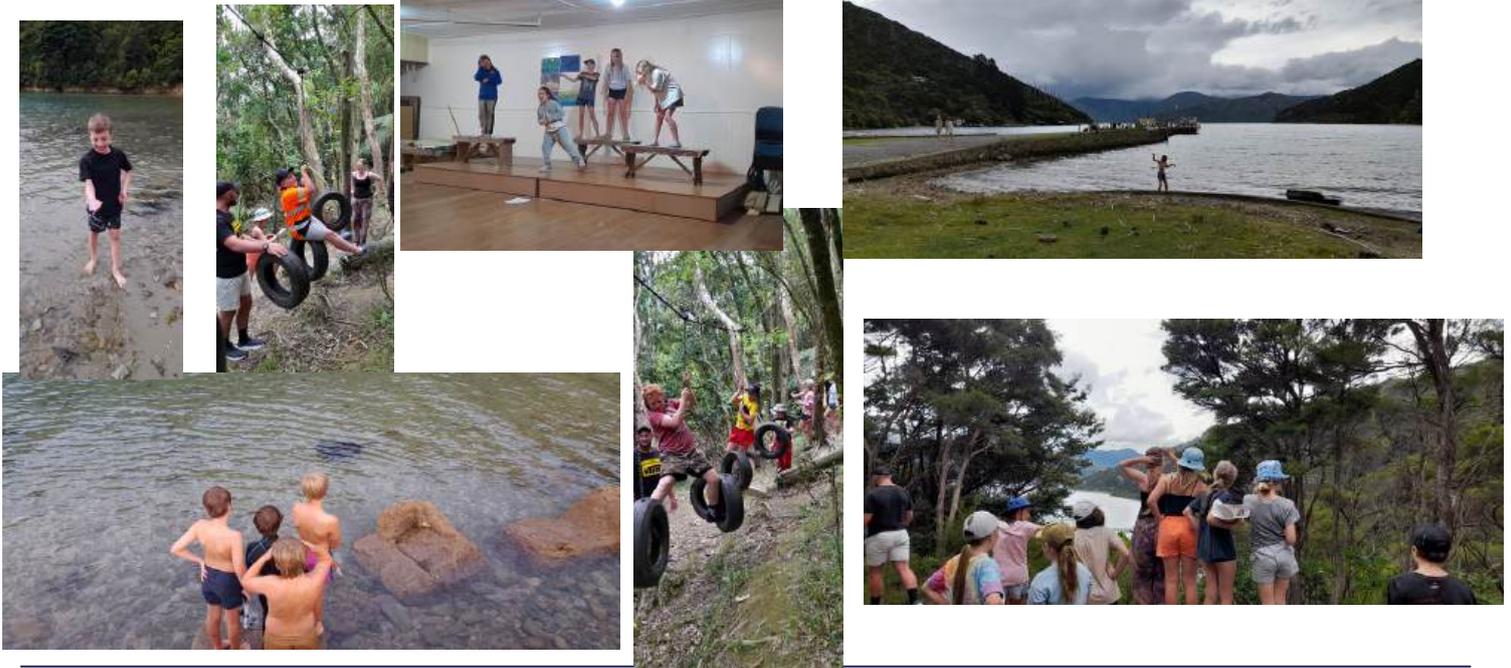
Primary News

On Wednesday the 25th February we departed Rai Valley for Curious Cove. We traveled by van to Waikawa Bay and then took a boat to Curious Cove. Over a couple of days we did a lot of stuff. We did blind trails, obstacle courses, team work activities, glow worm walks, and lots of swimming and jumping off the wharf.

My favourite thing to do was jumping off the wharf and bush walks and diving looking for kina.

We had very yummy dinners and breakfasts, we chased pigs, then we departed from camp Friday morning back to Waikawa Bay and even got to fish off the boat.

By Lincoln



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



I'M RUNNING LATE

MY KID IS OFF THE BUS

MY KID IS OFF
SICK

CALL THE OFFICE

Hello, Declan Knight here.

I am interviewing staff and friends for my Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award.

Every time a newsletter comes out, I will produce an interview with someone unfiltered!

Mr Waldie Unfiltered

Have you ever farted in a lift?

Yes.

If you could only eat one food for the rest of your life, what food would it be?

Pizza.



If you were the captain of a pirate ship, what would you name it?

The Persistent Barnacle.

Cake or pie?

Pie.



What's a superstition that you believe in?

Bad luck to walk under a ladder.

what would be your death row meal?

Dodo steak ... or ...

Nice steak pie, beer-battered chips, onion gravy, and finish with trifle and pavlova.

What music would you want to play when you walk into a room?

The Darth Vader theme music



April is Autism Awareness Month



How can you show support for those in your home, work, and classroom?

Autism New Zealand is suggesting:

Wednesday, April 29th, at 10 am.

For an hour, turn down the lights, turn down the noise, take the opportunity to make your environment more accessible, and show support for the autistic community of New Zealand.

The Rai Valley boys and girls volleyball teams had a great day competing in the Nelson Division 2 competition on Friday. Both teams showed strong effort, teamwork, and determination against tough opposition. It was a valuable opportunity for players to develop their skills, improve communication on the court, and gain confidence during competitive matches. The teams learned a lot from playing different schools and styles, which helped highlight areas to keep improving. Overall, the tournament was a positive experience and a great way for the teams to prepare for the upcoming TOSI competition. The experience will help them continue building their skills and teamwork moving forward.



ATTENDANCE 2026

Kia ora koutou,

Attendance Update

One of our key priorities at Rai Valley Area School in 2026 is student attendance. You'll see this focus reflected in our conversations with you and our students, and it's a strong topic of discussion for our staff.

We want to highlight the significant impact of consistent attendance: If a student misses just one day of school every two weeks, they miss more than a whole year of learning by the time they turn 16. As parents and caregivers, you play a vital role alongside our school in helping your child build strong habits of regular attendance.

Your child is legally required to attend school every day. We share the responsibility to make sure they attend and are ready to learn from when they first start school.

Absence Notification

Please let the school know if your child will be away or expects to be away at any point during the school term. Acceptable reasons for being away include important events like a tangi or a medical procedure. Please note that family holidays or taking time off for extracurricular activities not organised by the school are generally not considered acceptable reasons for absence.

Health Guidance

Deciding if your child is well enough for school can be challenging. Health guidance to support your decision-making is available here: [Health Guidance for Going to School](https://www.healthnz.govt.nz/health-topics/keeping-healthy/healthy-homes-environments/going-to-school) (<https://www.healthnz.govt.nz/health-topics/keeping-healthy/healthy-homes-environments/going-to-school>).

If you are still unsure about sending your child to school, please get in touch with us, and we will work together to support them.

We are Here to Help

If you are struggling at home with getting your child to school, please talk with us. Our school is committed to supporting your child's attendance and engagement.

At Rai Valley Area School, we continue to build a culture that fosters attendance every day by ensuring:

Our staff have strong, positive relationships with our students and their families.

Our school culture recognises your child and your family for who you are, where you come from, and what you value.

Our school whānau does everything we can to make sure your child is at school and making progress in their learning.

Rai Valley Area School is a safe and welcoming environment for everyone in our community.

If you have any questions or worries about attendance, please contact us to discuss how we can best support your child.

Soon, you'll start receiving a weekly email from the school that shows your child's attendance rates.

This is part of our commitment to keeping you informed and working together on this key priority.

This email will align with the [Ministry of Education NZ](#) Stepped Attendance Response (STAR) framework defining four key attendance categories to manage student absence, ranging from good to serious concern. These categories use specific thresholds, generally based on absences per term, to guide consistent school responses:

Whole School News: "MOE Attendance Categories" Explained

Stepped Attendance Response – STAR

Responding to all absence



The Government's target is for **80% of students to attend regularly**, that is to attend school more than 90% of the time



In the weekly email you receive you will be able to see at what stage of the attendance response your child is sitting.

Regular Attendance: More than 90% attendance (absent for fewer than 5 days per term).

Irregular Absence: 80% to 90% attendance (absent for 5 to 9 days per term).

Moderate Absence: 70% to 80% attendance (absent for 10 to 14 days per term).

Chronic Absence: 70% or less attendance (absent for 15+ days per term).

Below is an explanation of the attendance codes used to show attendance for the week.

Attendance Code Descriptions

Updated 1 April 2025



Present for ½ day calculations	Justified absence	Unjustified absence
<p>P Present Student is present in class. This includes supervised dual tuition with Te Kura.</p> <p>L Late to class Student is late to class. Schools set the threshold for lateness (e.g. 10 minutes) in their school policy.</p> <p>A Alternative provision Student is present in a Ministry-approved alternative provision, such as a teen parent unit, alternative education, secondary-tertiary program, health school or activity centre.</p> <p>V Unsupervised exam study ^S Student is present in an examination or unsupervised study where the student is on-site.</p>	<p>N Present but out of class Student is present but out of class due to an on-site school activity (cultural or sporting event), internal appointment, temporary removal from class, or time in the sickbay.</p> <p>Q Board approved offsite learning Student is present in Board-approved off-site learning, including courses, school-organised activities, and work experience.</p> <p>D Approved external appointment Student is present but has a medical appointment which is unable to be scheduled outside of school hours (e.g. doctor or dentist and includes travel time) or is participating in court proceedings.</p> <p>J Explained and approved Student is absent due to explained and approved reasons (e.g. family emergencies, bereavement, representing in national / cultural events, approved exemptions, or accompanying parents on overseas diplomatic / military postings).</p> <p>M Illness / Medical absence Student is absent due to illness or medical reasons, including mental health-related absences (e.g. anxiety).</p> <p>X Exam leave ^S Student is absent studying offsite preparing for exams. NOTE: Time allocated to this code is not included in Ministry attendance calculations.</p> <p>U Stood down or suspended Student is absent due to formal stand down or suspension. This code applies to the period of the stand-down or suspension, excluding the day it was imposed.</p>	<p>T Truant Student is absent without explanation or permission from a parent / caregiver (e.g. skipping class)</p> <p>E Explained but not approved Student is absent and the reason provided does not meet the school's policy for a justifiable absence (e.g. a parent states their child didn't want to attend sports day).</p> <p>G Holiday during term time Student is absent due to a holiday taken.</p> <p>? Unknown (temporary) Temporary code used when the reason for a student's absence is initially unknown. This will be updated once the reason is confirmed.</p>

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If you do not receive the email this may be because we do not have up-to-date contact information for you. If you think this may be the case then please contact the school office so we can update our records.
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Whole School News



Marlborough Primary Health

KIMI HAUORA WAIRAU | SEEKING WELLBEING IN MARLBOROUGH

We are excited to announce our Active Families' first School Holiday Programme; More More, Eat Well for 2026!

This time, we are moving to a new location at the Youth Trust (18 Kinross St, Blenheim).

Event Details

Dates: Tuesday 7th April & Thursday 9th April

Location: Youth Trust, 18 Kinross St, Blenheim

How to Register: Click here to register or scan the QR code on the poster below.

What to expect:

Day 1 (Tuesday – Nutrition & Whānau Goals):

Fun food games like Food Group Relay and Food Bingo

Making your own yoghurt and carrot cake bliss balls

Family goal-setting to help keep healthy habits at home

Day 2 (Thursday – Olympics Day!):

Exciting movement challenges for all ages (long jump, noodle javelin, balance beam, relays, and more)

Enjoying yoghurt snack bowls (with yoghurt you made on Tuesday!)

Checking in on family goals and celebrating achievements

This programme is designed for the whole whānau – kids and parents/caregivers joining in together.

Please bring:

Comfortable clothes and shoes to move in

A drink bottle

Lots of energy and enthusiasm!

We need a total of 10 families for this programme to proceed, so please share this information with other families -The more the merrier!

We can't wait to see you and your whānau there.

If you have any questions, feel free to reply to this email.

Ngā mihi,

Aleisha Smith

Active Families & Green Prescription Coordinator

If you are currently under our service, we would appreciate your feedback.

Please complete our feedback form here: <https://forms.office.com/r/RgJ1uU63HK>

If you know anyone who would benefit from increased physical activity and/or nutrition advice please get in touch for a Green Prescription referral form. Referral forms are to be sent to referrals@marlboroughpho.org.nz

Phone: 03 520 6200

Marlborough Community Health Hub, 22 Queen Street | PO Box 1091, BLENHEIM 7240

www.marlboroughpho.org.nz

www.facebook.com/MarlboroughPrimaryHealthOrganisation



Marlborough Primary Health

KIMI HAUORA WAIRAU | SEEKING WELLBEING IN MARLBOROUGH

Move More, Eat Well Family Program

Green Prescription
ACTIVE FAMILIES
Rongoā Kākāriki, whānau koru, whānau ora

Scan to register:



FREE to access

**1st Tues & Thurs of
School Holidays**

10am-12pm

For 4-14 years

greenprescription@marlboroughpho.org.nz



Marlborough Primary Health

KIMI HAUORA WAIRAU | SEEKING WELLBEING IN MARLBOROUGH

Havelock Lions Club

Annual **Book Fair**

(Books 'n' Bangers)

Havelock Town Hall

Easter Weekend 4th-6th April



Munch on one of our hot sausages while you browse

Saturday 4th April : 10 am to 4 pm

Sunday 5th April : 10 am to 4 pm

Monday 6th April : 10 am to 1 pm

*Good books to suit all tastes
and interests.*

**We've got a great range of
books on all sorts of hobbies**

**Winter's coming. Come and grab
some great fireside reading!**



RAI VALLEY AREA SCHOOL

2026 SWIMMING SPORTS



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2026 RVAS SENIOR TRIATHLON



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Whole School News

April Camps @ Curious Cove



Enrolments are now open for our camps in the April school holidays 2026.

We are running 2 smaller specialty camps in the first week, with a Junior Special (extended age group) in the second week. Please note that the specialty camps are only for 2 days and are for those interested in those areas with limited vacancies available for each.

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.

Payment is due on enrolment to our account at Westpac :
A/c Name - Teapot Valley Christian Camp Trust
A/c No - 03 0751 0103553 000
Please use your child's name and camp attending (eg: Wild/Fish/Jun) as reference.

April Wilderness Camp 2026
Mon 6th - Wed 8th April 2026
Ages 11 to 14 years Cost \$135

April Fishing Camp 2026
Wed 8th - Fri 10th April 2026
Ages 10 - 14 years Cost \$135

April Junior Special Camp 2026
Mon 13th - Fri 17th April 2026
Ages 8 - 11 years Cost \$225



CLICK ON
PICTURE
TO ENROL

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.



Community News

Upcoming two-hour night closures on SH60 Tākaka Hill

Work to reduce the risk of future slips on State Highway 60 over Tākaka Hill will see two short night-time road closures at Goodall's Straight in the coming weeks.

From 2 am to 4 am on Tuesday, 17 March, there will be a two-hour road closure to allow a 100-tonne crane to lift drilling machinery into position above the road. About three weeks later, there will be another night-time two-hour road closure when the rig is removed from the site.

The closures are scheduled for the early hours of the morning when traffic volumes are at their lowest.

Over the weeks the drilling machinery is onsite at the Goodall's Straight site, crews will install a series of inclined drains up to 70 metres long to remove ground water. When ground water builds up too much, slip planes deep within the hill activate, compromising the stability of the highway, causing slumps and triggering slips.

While the drains are being installed, both lanes will remain open. Please allow extra time and take care when passing through the site.

Goodall's Straight is about 5.6 km uphill from the intersection of SH60 and Riwaka-Kaiteriteri Road. Last winter, when storms damaged multiple sites on Tākaka Hill, the road suffered both an underslip and an overslip at this very narrow section of highway.

Similar incline drains were installed during last year's recovery works. Monitoring has shown they significantly reduce ground water build up, including during heavy rainfall events when slip risks increase.

Works schedule:

- Tuesday, 17 March, 2 am to 4 am
- Two-hour road closure at Goodall's Straight for crane operation, about 5.6 km uphill from the intersection of SH60 and Riwaka-Kaiteriteri Rd.
- A second closure will occur about three weeks later (date TBC)
- Machinery will be working below the road for several weeks between the two night-time closures. Please allow extra time and take care when passing through the site.

Plan for a safe, enjoyable journey. Keep up to date with:

- [Traffic updates](#)
- [Facebook](#)
- [X](#)
- [Journey Planner](#)
- Phone: 0800 4 HIGHWAYS (0800 44 44 49)

Junior Table Tennis

The Marlborough Table Tennis Association is again running junior table

tennis starting Tuesday 21st April

It will run during term 2 and 3.

4pm - 5pm :Beginners and developing players

5pm - 6.15pm :Two player teams, Under 18, 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



Student ART Work



"Fascinating Life of Jellyfish" by Scarlett Morrison Y7

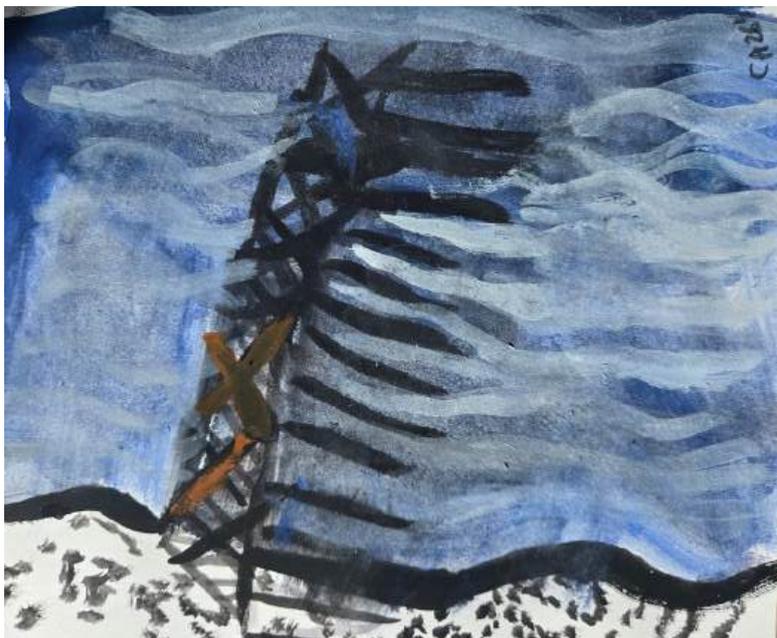
WATERCOLOUR ART



"Lillies" by Keira Wearing-Holmes Y9

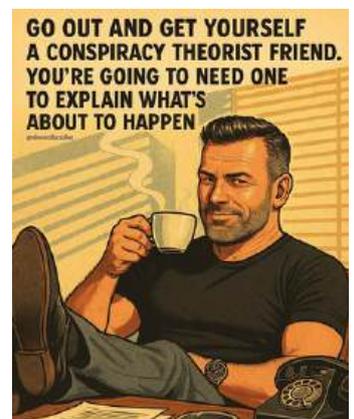


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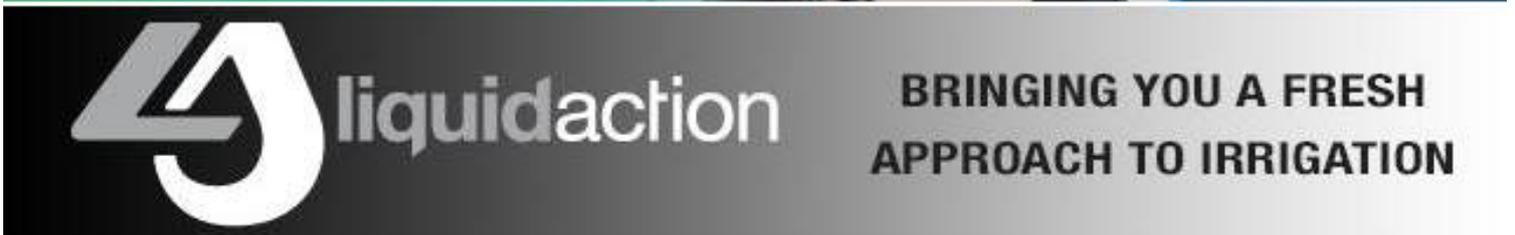
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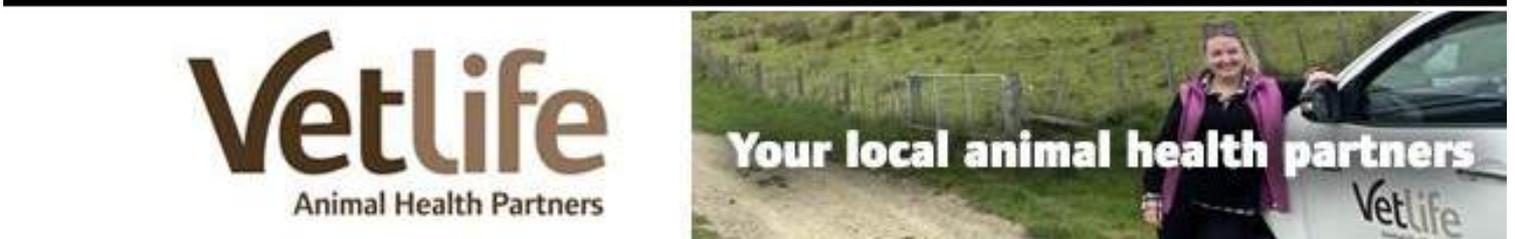
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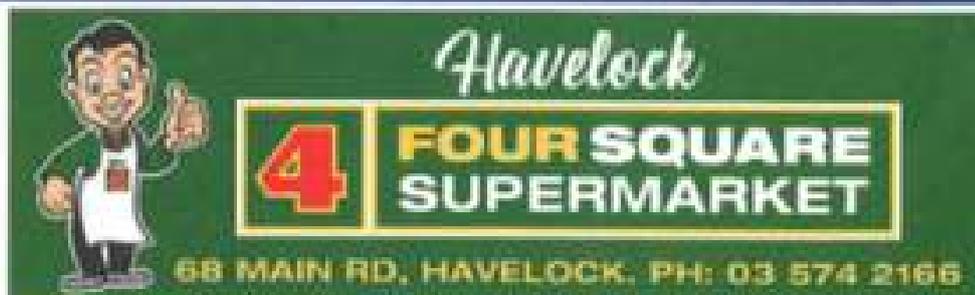
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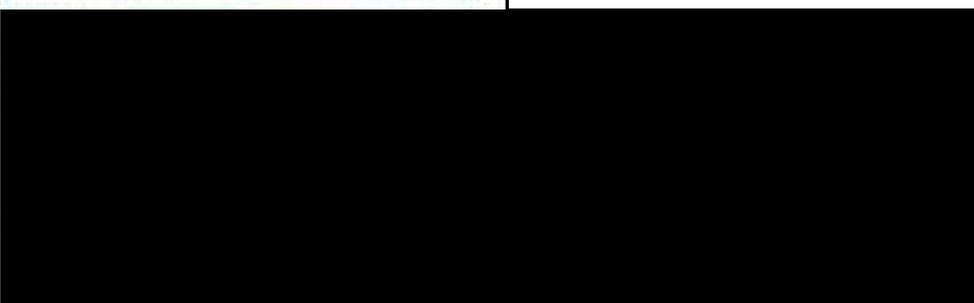
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