



Rai Valley Area School

Newsletter



Rai Valley Area School
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Newsletter

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Tumuaki's Report



Kia ora Koutou

Welcome to the final newsletter for the term. This has been a really busy term inside and outside the classroom.

Congratulations to our Senior students who had a great week at Tournament. They finished 4th overall 3 points behind 3rd place. (SWAS) This is a great opportunity for our students to socialise with young people from other schools as well as an opportunity to play competitive sport. Many thanks to parents and staff who supported our students. Congratulations to the students who have made the trials for the TOSI team to compete in the Area School Nationals at Whangārei at the end of term 2.

While there have been lots of extra curricular activities this term, next term will have a more academic focus. The National Common Assessment Activities for Reading, Writing and Maths will be held at the end of May.

Year 3-10 students will be undertaking the new National Assessment in Reading, writing and maths also towards the end of May. Thai year ANZACThai will be the first time our student will undertake this type of assessment.

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Caretaker: Shane Dearman

Tumuaki's Report continued

At the beginning of term 2 we welcome Sam Morris to our staff. Initially Sam will be working 2 days a week in the Years 1-8 area. She will be focussing on working with individuals and small groups for reading. In term 3 this will be extended to include writing support. It is great to have Sam, who is a very experienced teacher join us.

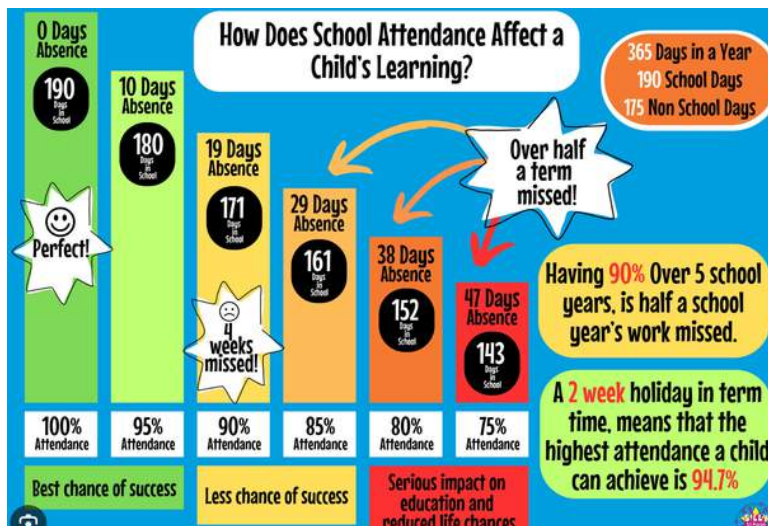
Attendance continues to be a focus for the Ministry of Education, last week you will have received the first of the weekly summaries for attendance. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office or your child's form teacher.

This year ANZAC day falls on a Saturday. Monday 27th of April will be a public holiday. In current times acknowledging the past has never seemed more important.

Sadly, at the end of this term we farewell the Ready family. In the two years they have been in our school the students have engaged in a wide range of school activities inside and outside the classroom. I also wish to acknowledge Purity's contribution in the short time that she has been on the Board of Trustees. We wish them all well for their new adventure in Timaru.

Finally, I hope everyone is able to take some time to re charge and enjoy the last break before winter.

Nga mihi nui
Maree



DUFFY THEATRE



Secondary News

As I type this, we are only one hour away from having made it through Term 1 of 2026.

It has been a term packed with challenges, but also some fantastic opportunities and experiences. Top of the list was the privilege I had of watching a significant proportion of our students participating in the **Top of the South Island Area Schools Tournament**. As one of the smallest area schools at the tournament, we not only held our own in most disciplines but also took a significant number of first places. As a community, we should be exceptionally proud of our students and the adults who went above and beyond to make the whole experience a success (we also won "Best Dressed" school at the formal dance!).

We have also had the Year 5–8 camp, numerous sporting events, and general days of community building, such as Musselfest and the Rai Show.

Looking forward to Term 2, we have even more events on the horizon, including **ANZAC Day, LitQuiz in Nelson, EPro8, Spirit of Adventure, and Matariki**. More details will follow next term, but in advance of this, I encourage you to get out and start training for Kī-o-Rahi!

Uniform & Winter Prep

Term 2 is a winter term, so now is the time to get out the winter uniform and make sure it still fits. We will have a specific focus early next term on ensuring that all students—in particular those from Year 9 upwards—are in the appropriate uniform at all times, including on the bus. We have some second-hand uniform items available and are always willing to help, so please feel free to contact the office. As a reminder, **hoodies are not part of the school uniform**. If worn to school, they must be removed before form time and stay off until the student has left the bus at the end of the day. In colder weather, we encourage students to wear a school jacket and/or polar fleece.

A surprising number of our older students (Year 11 upwards) seem to forget to wash their uniform until Monday morning! If an unexpected event occurs and your child is out of uniform, please contact the form teacher or the office directly so we can assist by lending out spare items. At no stage do we expect a student to attend school wearing clothing that contains images or language that could be seen as offensive.

Mobile Phones

We have seen an improvement in students managing their mobile phone use, but now is the perfect time to reiterate that **mobile phones are not to be used at school**. If contact needs to be made, this must be facilitated through the office. Students in Years 11–13 may keep their phones in their bags; all other year groups should hand their phones into the office for safekeeping.

If you need any assistance or would like to discuss uniform or phone policies further, please contact me directly.

I will end by wishing you all a safe and enjoyable break. As always, stay safe.

**Ngā mihi,
Dan Waldie**

PRIMARY NEWS

OUR FARM

THIS IS OUR FARM. WE HAVE A KITCHEN, AND WE HAVE A COW SHED. WE HAVE 10 SHEEP, 4 BIG COWS, 13 CALVES, 2 GOATS, AND WE HAVE 5 CHICKENS AND 8 CATS. WE LIKE LEGO BECAUSE IT IS FUN!



Year 3 and 4 Summer Football combined with Havelock

TERM 1 REPORT

It has been a very busy term for us this term in primary. We have had swimming sports, camp and lots of new learning in between! Children have worked hard to learn new routines and expectations and get to know their teachers and classmates. It has been great to see new friendships blossom and see some amazing growth in learning.

At the end of this term we farewell Mercy and Andrew Ready and their whānau. We wish them all the best on their new journey.

As we prepare for a well earned holiday here are some reflections from our junior tamariki about our term!

Pyper Knight "I like doing writing and Maths and even doing the test today."

Charlotte Payton: "I enjoyed doing swimming and Maths with Mrs Moore."

Benji Bond: "I enjoy Reading, Writing and Maths with Mrs Massey"

Tawhiti Lepper: "I enjoy Maths and Reading."

Conrad Wallace: "I enjoyed going to camp, swimming sports and I enjoy my new teacher."

Bjorn Prattley: "I enjoyed swimming sports, having a new teacher and school camp."

Anna Alvarez: "I like writing."

Tommy Massey: "I like helping people when they need help and helping them with their work."

Andrew Ready: "I have liked doing Art with Mrs Davies because it's been really fun."

Kaiden Denby: "I like playing some games and doing the art with Mrs Davies."

Lewis Flintoff- Retter: "I like learning with Mrs Massey."

Khloe Dunbar: "I have enjoyed doing art, PE and swimming."

DUFFY ROLE MODEL ASSEMBLY

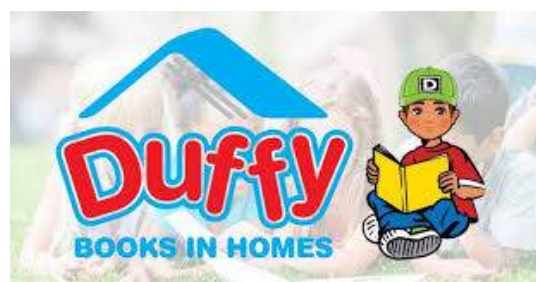
Thank you to Nathan Gray for visiting our school as a Duffy Role Model. He spoke of his adventures along the Great Wall of China and how it took 2 days by train from Beijing just to get to the start of the Great Wall. His books he has written and the other wonderful places he has gone around the world.

Nathan grew up in Wellington and discovered travelling the world when he did a student exchange to South Africa when he was 17/18. He has an International Relations Degree in Law and helped Cipan, 2 hours from Japan set up their Laws for their country. He has lived in Alaska and spent 3 months with no sunshine, hitch-hiked around most of the world, and experienced sand storms in the Gobi Desert, where he ate snake, scorpions, noodles and rice. He told us how over a million people died building the Great Wall of China. He has written 5 books - the library now has a copy of his book titled "PAPATUANUKU'S BREATH" his self published book about our environment.

POWER OF THE THUMB AND THE KINDNESS OF OTHERS CAN DO AMAZING THINGS



Duffy Dress up Day



Secondary News

NELSON MARITIME DAY



Last week I had the pleasure of taking 3 students to a Maritime day in Nelson. This was arranged by Aquaculture NZ, Seafood NZ and NMIT.

We boarded the Haulashore Ferry and alongside The Gleam we were able to explore the back side of the Port Nelson wharf. We stopped outside Sealords, as we had been invited to watch divers at work on the underside of NZ's biggest fishing boat, Sealords Tokatu.

We heard from Skippers and other seafarers in the Aquaculture and Fishing industries on career pathways and employment opportunities.

We got to step onshore at Haulashore Island where other professionals in the industries were able to talk to students, have a quiz and answer questions.

After lunch we went to Talleys, where we were hosted by some longtime employees who talked about what it was like working for a company that no longer just works with seafood. Students then got the chance to go on-board the Talleys vessel, the Amatal Enterprise. These sorts of experiences for the students are so valuable to opening their eyes to all the employment opportunities they don't know existed. I definitely learnt about some new things too.

Renee Jope



FV TOKATU



SPECIES CAUGHT:

- Squid
- Southern Blue Whiting
- Hoki
- Mackinlay
- Brama
- Long
- Orange Roughy

PRODUCTS:
All formats



Whole School News



Te Tāhuhu o
te Mātauranga
Ministry of Education

Kia ora koutou,

We are delighted to share that **RAI VALLEY AREA SCHOOL** are participating in the Ikura | Manaakitia te whare tangata – period products in schools initiative.

Ikura (periods) are a fact of life for half the population. Through this initiative, the Ministry of Education is providing period products (pads, tampons and liners) to support students in managing their ikura. There is enough product to support a student's full menstrual cycle and we would like to encourage students to take product home with them during school term and school holidays. Students can access product **WITH PAULINE IN THE OFFICE**

The initiative also has a range of resources available for young people to learn about ikura and help reduce the stigma around it. There are also resources for teachers and whānau to help build confidence in talking to young people about periods.

We hope that providing access to period products will help to reduce barriers to accessing education.

For more information on the initiative, please visit: Ministry of Education – Ikura initiative.
Ngā mihi,

MAREE FURNESS
PRINCIPAL

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!

SHANES CORNER

Bumblebees don't want to sting you.

In fact, they'll raise a leg in warning rather than attack.

They're the gentle giants of the garden.

Leave them be!
They're not interested in you.

Tournament News

The Top of the South Island Tournament (TOSI) was a highly successful and enjoyable event, bringing together talented players from across the & area Schools for a competitive and memorable experience. The tournament highlighted an impressive standard of play, with teams demonstrating strong technical skills, teamwork, and excellent sportsmanship throughout each match/event. It provided a valuable opportunity for students to test themselves against new opponents while representing their schools with pride and determination.

A standout feature of this year's tournament was just how close the competition was between all seven area schools. Every game was fiercely contested, and results often came down to small margins, reflecting the even level of talent across the teams. In the end, the host school, Tapawera, took out the tournament title, with Rai Valley taking the 4th position this year (getting better every year!). See below for overall results

Tapawera (215 points)
Collingwood (212)
South Westland (195)
Rai Valley (192)
Murchison (190)
Reefton (185)
Karamea (184)



Events like TOSI play an important role in developing young athletes, encouraging growth in confidence, resilience, and teamwork. The tournament allowed students to challenge themselves, celebrate their successes, and continue building their skills in a meaningful and enjoyable setting. We are proud to see a number of our students be selected for TOSI trials held in Murchison on the 3rd/4th May

Congratulations to the students who were selected for the TOSI trials and the paper teams (PT):

Jackson Jenner - Ki-O-Rahi, Volleyball, Ultimate Frisbee (PT), Playball (PT)
Elin Kiddy - Football, Ki-O-Rahi, Touch (PT)
Amy Billingsley - Football, Ki-O-Rahi, Basketball, Volleyball, Touch (PT), Playball (PT)
Bella Hickson - Volleyball, Touch (PT)
Oliver Hope - Football, Ultimate Frisbee (PT)
Josh Johnson - Rugby, Touch (PT)
Cody Aldridge - Ki-O-Rahi
Bayley Fenton - Ultimate Frisbee (PT)

Their selection reflects their hard work, dedication, and strong performances throughout the tournament, and they should be proud of their achievements.

Looking ahead - TOSI 2027 will be held in Karamea, 5th - 9th April. Planning has already begun!

Tournament News



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CONGRATS!



well done!



Tournament News



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Secondary News

Year 9 and 10

In our Year 9 and 10 classes, we have specific expectations so everyone can have the opportunity to extend themselves and learn, preparing us for Year 11 and NCEA. For us, it looks like regularly going to school (90% or higher attendance) and trying our best (applying a positive mindset), and respecting ourselves and others' right to learn (be prepared for learning, following instructions, engaging in learning tasks and limiting social interacting until break times).

In our Health class, we are learning about why fixed mindsets have an impact on how we face challenging situations and how this can impact us, both at school, and in our personal lives. As we explore the difference between fixed and positive mindsets, we are going to learn a range of strategies to help us build resilience and develop a 'can-do' attitude.



A growth (positive) mindset approaches life with optimism, seeing challenges as opportunities for growth and fostering resilience, health, and success. A fixed (negative) mindset focuses on problems, risks, and obstacles, often leading to increased stress, burnout, and limited personal development.

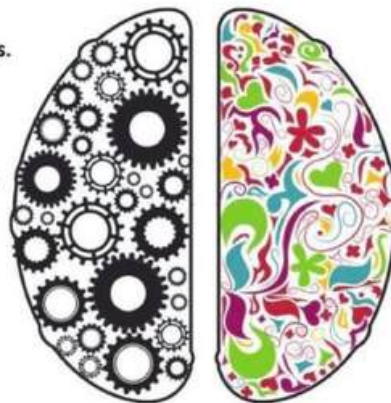
Later in the term, as part of developing a growth mindset towards life-long learning, we are going to be focusing on improving our attendance. Research has established that there is a strong relationship between attendance and student attainment (Gottfried, 2010; Ministry of Education, 2019a). We will be learning that regular attendance, alongside higher levels of educational achievement can mean better health, higher incomes, better job stability, and more participation in communities.

In Hard Technology, we are learning how to use the scroll saw, and how to applying a quality finish to our projects. We are using a range of techniques to create a project featuring timber, photos and embellishments for our chosen person (stakeholder). Next term, we will be focussing on using the battery and power tools, including palm sanders and Dremels™.

Health and safety poster by H.F., Year 9

Fixed Mindset

I can't do this.
I keep making terrible mistakes.
I should quit.
This work is too hard.



Growth Mindset

I keep trying and don't give up.
I can learn from my mistakes. Mistakes make me human.
I can ask for help to get me through this.
I'm learning how to do hard things.



FUNDRAISING WITH BULBS 2026

Get the garden you've always dreamed of, while helping us achieve what we've dreamed of!

All Bulbs are supplied by Bulbs Direct - a small family run business, growing the finest quality Bulbs. They're passionate about bulbs. We're making a massive 30% on all sales collected, so your support is greatly appreciated. Planting instructions will be included with each order.

Please return this form with payment no later than:

24th April 2026

You will receive delivery on:

Approx Mid May, Renee Joze will contact those who order



HAPPY GARDENING!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

ORDER FORM 2026

Name:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Bulb Variety

Price

Quantity

Sub Total

DAFFODILS

Mixed Daffodils

One of the Spring must haves! - Easy to grow, great for cut flowers - flowering around 40cm high.

Mixed Daffodils x 10 Bulb

\$13

Mixed Daffodils x 100 Bulbs

\$100

Double Mixed Daffodils

A stunning hand mixed selection of our Double flowering Daffodils - twice the petals for twice the beauty.

Double Mixed Daffodils x 10 Bulbs

\$16

Double Mixed Daffodils x 100 Bulbs

\$120

Yellow Mixed Daffodils

A lovely selection of yellow blooming varieties... singles and doubles!

Yellow Mixed Daffodils x 10 Bulbs

\$13

Yellow Mixed Daffodils x 100 Bulbs

\$100

King Alfred Daffodils

An oldie but a goodie - large, striking yellow trumpet variety. Very hardy, and great for Naturalising. Flowering around 40cm high.

King Alfred Daffodils x 5 Bulbs

\$7.50

King Alfred Daffodils x 25 Bulbs

\$32

Earlicheer x 5 Bulbs

A lovely Jonquil type variety - heavenly scented. 8 double flowering bunched up, ivory white blooms per strong stem. 40cm height.

\$7.50

TULIPS

Mixed Tulips

A premium, hand picked selection of top quality Tulip bulbs. These stunners will flower mid to late Spring, growing to a height of 40-50cm.

Mixed Tulips x 10 Bulbs

\$10

Mixed Tulips x 50 Bulbs

\$40

Peony Tulip Mix x 30 Bulbs

A stunning mixture of Peony type Tulips - Peony Tulips have double the petals for double the beauty. They flower relatively late in the season.

\$25

Candyfloss Mix x 30 Bulbs

A lovely pink and white mix - Dynasty, and White Dream. Incredibly hardy and popular varieties. Flowering on 40cm to 50cm stems, mid season.

\$25

Parrot Mix x 30 Bulbs

Parrot tulips are cup-shaped, fringed, twisted and ruffled tulips decorated with vivid, flame-like splashes, stripes or feathery markings. Their blooms are big and impressive... nearly 12.5cm across!

\$25

Order form continues to next page with more bulb varieties ...

Fundraising News

... Order form 2026 continued from first page

Bulb Variety	Price	Quantity	Sub Total
TULIPS CONT'D			
Foxtrot x 5 Bulbs A stunning Peony type Tulip - bowl-shaped blossoms with petals ranging from deep rose to light pink to glistening white. Early to mid season flowering, 40cm.	\$6		
London x 5 Bulbs Tough and reliable. A dark scarlet red variety - large blooms, and strong stems. London is a must-have for your cutting garden! Early/Mid season flowering. 45-60cm tall.	\$6		
Strong Gold x 5 Bulbs Features large, cup-shaped, bright yellow blooms. A sunny addition to the spring garden. Flowering mid season on sturdy 45cm stems.	\$6		
White Dream x 5 Bulbs Features crisp white flowers, contrasting well with the strong dark foliage. Flowering mid-season on 35cm stems.	\$6		
FREESIAS			
Mixed Double/Single Freesia x 25 Bulbs This outstanding strain of Giant flowering Freesias produce HUGE, heavenly scented blooms in a stunning array of colours - 30cm to 50cm high.	\$15		
RANUNCULUS			
Mixed Ranunculus x 25 Bulbs This prolific flowering variety will add a stunning depth of colour to your garden. Simply stunning. Flowering around 40cm.	\$13		
MISCELLANEOUS			
Mixed Anemone x 25 Bulbs Another prolific flowering variety, these beautiful Anemones look much like poppies. They will add loads of colour to your garden. Flowering on 40cm stems.	\$11		
Mixed Dutch Iris x 10 Bulbs A stunning hand selected mix of large flowering Dutch Irises - a great cut flower, as it will last for a couple of weeks in a vase. Flowering around 60cm tall.	\$8		
Gladioli Nanus Mix x 10 Bulbs Spring flowering mini Gladioli - a lovely random selection of varieties. Gladioli Nanus make an excellent cut flower, and are incredibly easy to grow in any sunny, well drained position.	\$10		
Mixed Ixia x 10 Bulbs Ixias are amongst the showiest of Spring flowering plants. They flower profusely on wiry, 80-100cm stems, creating an incredible display.	\$7		
Bluebells x 5 Bulbs A splendid display of Blue spikes above slender green leaves, they look best planted in bold clumps and under taller trees.	\$7.50		
Rain Lilies Candida Showy, delicate white crocus like flowers with strong yellow stamens. Clump forming variety, which will remain evergreen - the perfect edging plant.	Rain Lilies Candida x 5 Bulbs	\$7	
	Rain Lilies Candida x 25 Bulbs	\$30	
Bulb Fertilizer 1kg Our Bloomin' good Bulb Fertilizer has been specifically formulated for NZ soils to give your Bulbs the jump start they require. Bulbs are heavy feeders, and this mix will keep them blooming perfectly for years to come.	\$10		
TOTAL			

Please make payment to: [Ral Valley Area School](mailto:RalValleyAreaSchool@ralvalley.school.nz) 12-3165-03348666-000 Ref: BULBS2026

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Orders can be scanned to renee@rai.school.nz

Or take a photo and message it to me

Or drop it in my letterbox

(24 Carluke Road - please message me on 0277750083
so I know to go check it)

Delivery of orders will be sorted by Renee with
each customer when they turn up.

Please pay to RAI VALLEY AREA SCHOOL
12-3165-0348666-000 ref:BULBS 2026

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR
SCHOOLS FUNDRAISING EFFORTS.**



FUNDRAISING WITH BEAUTIFUL SPRING BULBS!

SPRING
BULBS
2026

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DAFFODIL
Mixed



DAFFODIL
Double Mixed



DAFFODIL
Yellow Mixed



DAFFODIL
King Alfred



DAFFODIL
Early Orbit



DAFFODIL
Early Cheer



TULIP
Mixed



TULIP
Peony Mix



TULIP
Candyfloss Mix



TULIP
Parrot Mix



TULIP
Foxtrot



TULIP
London



TULIP
Strong Gold



TULIP
White Dream



RANUNCULUS
Mixed



ANEMONE
Mixed



DUTCH IRIS
Mixed



GLADIOLI NANUS
Mixed



FREESIA
Mixed



IXIA
Mixed



SCILLA
Spanish Bluebells



RAIN LILIES
Candida



BULB FERTILIZER
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Whole School News

BRAZILIAN JUJITZU



In the weekend, I went to Blenheim and Brazilian jujitsu competition. I got bronze for Gi and Gold for No Gi. My BJJ Nelson Club came 2nd and we competed against many clubs from the South Island I've been doing this for nearly 8 years.
Olivia Harrison



Up & Coming Key School Dates for 2026

Thursday 2nd April	T1 W10	Last day of Term 1
Monday 27th April	T2 W2	ANZAC Day NO SCHOOL
Friday 1st May	T2 W2	Kids Lit Quiz Y7/8
Monday 20th April	T2 W1	First day of Term 2
Monday 4th May	T2 W3	TOSI Trials
Thursday 14th May	T2 W4	BOT Meeting
Monday 25th May	T2 W6	CAA's start
Friday 5th June	T2 W7	Pelorus Cluster X-Country @ Canvastown
Wednesday 10th June	T2 W8	Future of Work - Blenheim
Thursday 25th June	T2 W10	BOT Meeting
Wednesday 1st July	T2 W11	Matariki Celebrations
Friday 3rd July	T2 W11	End of Term 2
Monday 20th July	T3 W1	Start of Term 3

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF CLICK CLACK CONTAINERS THAT HAVE COME BACK FROM TOURNAMENT, PLEASE COLLECT FROM SCHOOL IF THEY ARE YOURS.





End of Season

Please return keys 

The Summer Swimming Season is coming to an end. Please return pool keys to Renee at the end of the term. Thank you for your support.

Secondary News

Year 9 & 10 Hard Tech



Secondary News

Year 7 & 8 Art

THE BEACH
BY MADISON COUPER



AT THE BEACH BY HARRIET LEVO



DEPRESSION BY DAWN READY

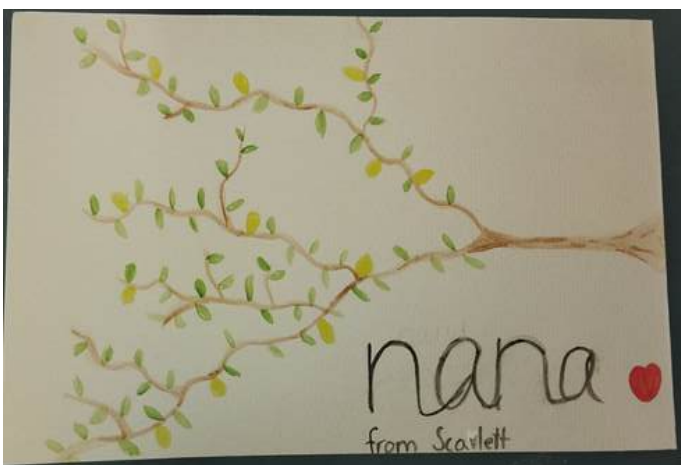


KERMIT THE FROG BY VAN BIDOIS

SHORELINE REFLECTIONS BY TAI MACKNESS



GREETINGS FROM THE LEMON TREE BY SCARLETT MORRISON



OCEAN ANIMALS BY JASON WOODLEY



Whole School News

Kia ora Everyone,

Just a friendly reminder to please have all your teams registered in Sporty by 20th April

If you need any help please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

Tina Lillie
Centre Manager
Marlborough Netball Centre



futureFERN COACHING WORKSHOPS

YEAR 1-4
Tuesday
22nd April
6pm

YEAR 5-6
Wednesday
23rd April
6pm

LANSDOWNE SPORTS HUB MAINROOM

Yr 1-4 gear bags will be given out at the workshop



CRAFTING YOUR COACHING INTERACTIVE NETBALL COACHING WORKSHOP

Led by Experienced Coach
Kate Carpenter, Mainland Netball

Join us for a fun, practical session!

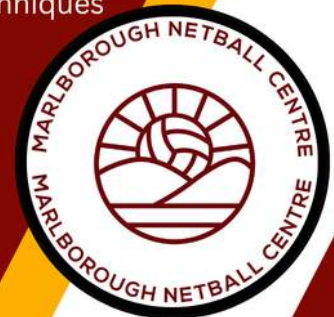
You'll learn how to:

- Build confident, capable players
- Use game-based learning techniques
- Develop key fundamental netball skills
- Support player growth & enjoyment

All coaches welcome
(With a focus on secondary school coaches)

Also Included by Well & Good
An overview on Strapping Techniques

28th April
6:00 PM
Lansdowne Hub



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.

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.



**SCHOOL HOLIDAY
PROGRAM APRIL 2026**

YEARS 3-4 14TH APRIL

YEARS 5-6 15TH APRIL

**COST: \$30.00 PER DAY
TIME: 10.00 AM - 2.00 PM
LOCATION: LANSDOWNE PARK**

**Fun netball activities & games
to suit all skill levels**

REGISTRATIONS THROUGH SPORTY

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/502887>

For more info
email: junior@marlboroughnetball.org.nz



**MARLBOROUGH
NETBALL
CENTRE**

Addiction 101

▶ Free workshop - Havelock

About the workshop

Addiction 101 is an interactive full-day workshop which will increase your knowledge of addiction and recovery, while giving you the confidence to manage situations and respond supportively.

You'll learn what can lead a person into addiction, what strategies can help them change, when to get professional help, and practical ways to look after yourself.

Our experienced facilitators bring a huge amount of professional and personal experience to the day, running interactive activities and stimulating conversations that bring the learning to life.

Participants receive a workbook full of Addiction 101 notes, additional reading, and a directory for support and assistance, plus access to an interactive e-learning to apply what you learn.



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“Attending the workshop is about gaining an understanding about where the person is coming from, and working alongside them.”

Learning outcomes

After attending Addiction 101, participants will be able to:

- use Te Whare Tapa Whā to understand addiction and recovery
- recognise the impacts of addiction issues
- relate brain and body responses to addiction
- respond supportively to people experiencing addiction issues

Workshop details - Havelock

Date: Friday 29 May 2026, 9am - 4.30pm

Venue: Havelock Pavillion, Neil Street

Cost: FREE including morning and afternoon tea

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/AD101Havelock2026>

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Addiction 101... continued from previous notice

Workshop description: Addiction is often the elephant in the room for whānau and organisations. While NZ has moved a long way to destigmatise mental health, people with addiction are still often judged and misunderstood. The Addiction 101 workshop covers a variety of topics aimed at increasing knowledge and understanding, while working to shift stigma and discrimination. It is particularly useful for people working in social services or any role interacting with people, but also whānau who are impacted by someone else's substance use or behaviours.

Addiction 101 guides participants on how to;
Use Te Whare Tapa Whā to understand addiction and recovery
Recognise the impacts of addiction issues (substance use, gambling & gaming)
Understand brain and body responses to addiction
Respond supportively to people experiencing addiction issues
Get practical strategies for self-care when you are a support person
Learn about trauma, co-existing problems, recovery options, and when to get expert help.

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More information about the workshop is here.

Ngā mihi

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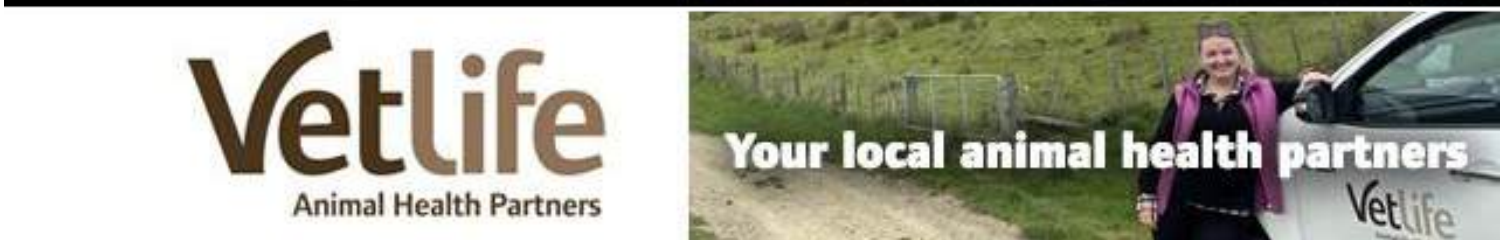
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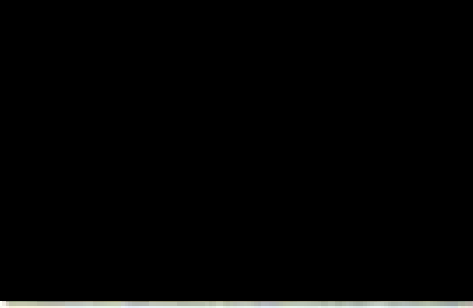
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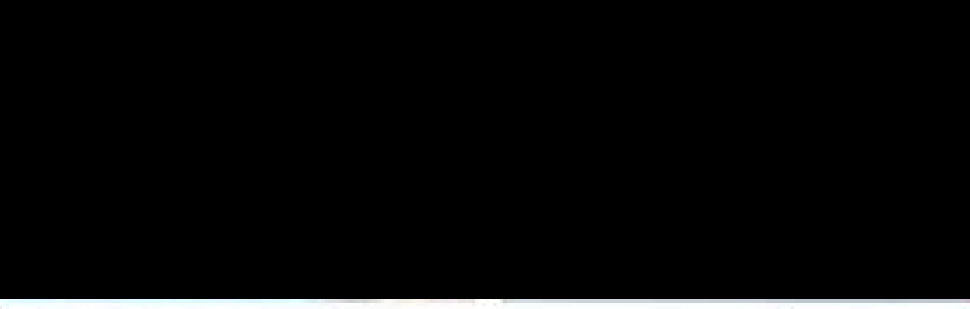
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