



Rai Valley Area School

Newsletter



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Newsletter

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Tumuaki's Report



Kia ora Koutou

Welcome back to term 2. This term is already flying. At the beginning of the term some of our students proudly represented our school at the annual ANZAC Day commemorations. At the end of week 2 a number of our students have begun their winter sports competition.

In most codes the early games are grading games and as a result there are some mixed results at this stage of the season.

At the beginning of May a number of our students trialed to make the Top of the South Team tournament to go to Nationals in Whangārei at the end of June.

Congratulations to our 8 students who all made the teams to attend Nationals. The next month will be dedicated to serious fundraising to help cover costs.

Mrs Waldie took a team to Nelson to take part in the Nelson schools year 7 & 8. Lit Quiz. This was something new for our Year 7's and a great experience. The Years 5-8 took part in the Marlborough Schools Kia o Rahi tournament. We have a secondary team entered in the Nelson Tournament in the first week of June.

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Tumuaki's Report continued

This term we are fortunate to have Nelson Football coming in fortnightly to work with our Year 1-8 students.

Our term one attendance data shows that 66% of our students were attending regularly (over 90% of the time). This is down from our 76% in 2025. As we move into winter and sickness becomes more common please let Pauline in the office know if your child is not going to be in school and the reason why.

In recent weeks there have been some glitches with the attendance emails. The week 1 issues were school issues while the week 2 issues were with the provider.

Thank you for your patience and please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any questions.

Upcoming events of note are:

The NZQA Common Assessment Activities for Literacy and Numeracy between the 18th and 27th May.

Kings Birthday Monday 1st June.

The Pelorus Cluster Cross Country that is scheduled for the 5th of June at Canvastown.

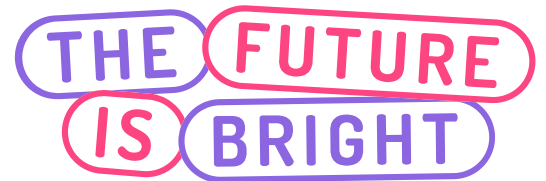
The Future of Work Expo in Blenheim for some of our secondary student on the 10th of June.

Teacher Only Day Monday 15th June.

Matariki Community Celebrations 24th June.

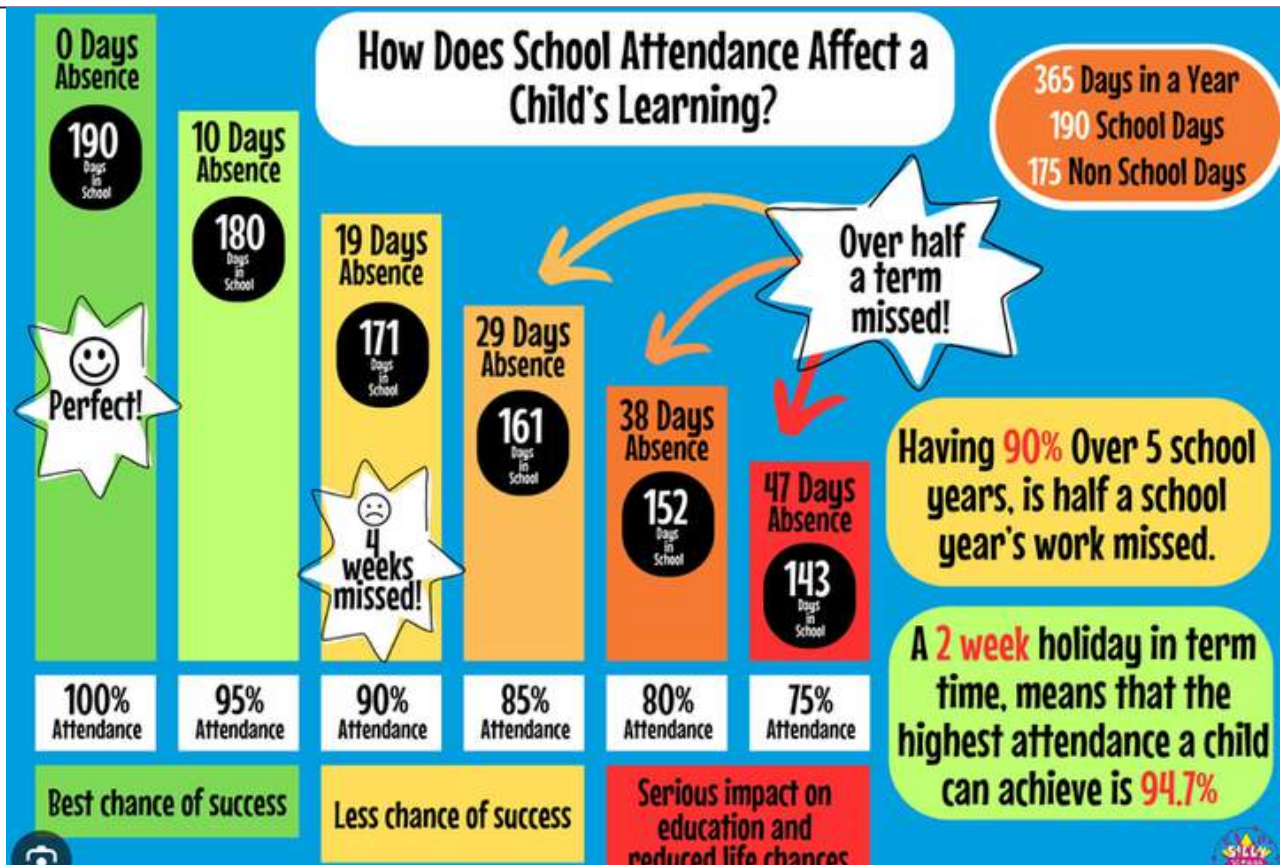
Area Schools Nationals Sunday 28th June until 3rd July.

Term end Friday 3rd July.



Nga mihi nui

Maree



Secondary News

Kia ora,

Well, that's not how I expected this week to end.

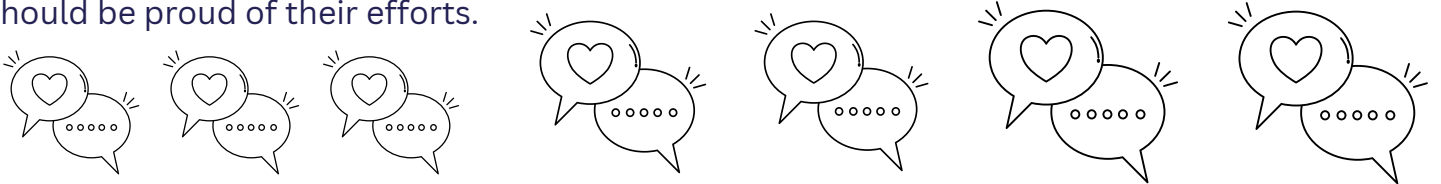
At the time of writing this, I am sitting in the office of what is essentially a "ghost school" as we continue with various contingency plans—to which we have added flat tyres alongside flooded roads, drenched paddocks, and potentially strong winds.

Closing the school is not a decision we take lightly, so thank you for your cooperation and support when we have days like this. Days like these remind us of how important it is to stay in contact and connected. With this in mind, it is always a good idea to not only check in with neighbours and whānau, but also with the school to make sure all emergency contact details are up to date (every opportunity is a teaching opportunity!).

Thankfully the system appears to have worked and we have no "free-range" children at school; the last batch left 30 minutes ago.

Looking back to the start of the term, we have had numerous events already take place. We had the Area Schools National Trials in Murchison; we took eight students along and we brought back eight students who have all made it into the team to go to Nationals in the Far North. This is a major achievement for our school, which is by no means the largest, and it shows that we are producing students who are competing at the highest possible levels (especially in Kī-o-rahi, where all of our trialists for that discipline made the team).

We also had our Year 12 and 13 students take part in the "Loves Me Not" programme, run by the NZ Police and SASH. This workshop looks at how we can keep ourselves safe in relationships and provides our students with strategies to help them step in when they notice their friends struggling. It is an intense and incredibly emotive day, but all of our students should be proud of their efforts.



Additionally, we had the Literacy Quiz in Nelson, which is highly competitive and involves many schools from across the region. Most of our students were competing in this for the first time and now have invaluable experience of what they need to do next year.

Furthermore, we have numerous students off at Whenua Iti engaging in programmes including adventure tourism, emergency services, and leadership—all invaluable opportunities to experience education outside of the classroom.

Netball season has started, which means that Ms Furness' office is now a hive of activity as she marshals our students and ensures that they are prepared for the weekend and ready to hit the court with passion, pace, and precision.

With "sport" and "competition" in mind, now is a good time to remind our whānau that we need to be taking care of ourselves at all times. I am unsure what the root cause is (scientists suspect the wind stimulates more oxygen to be absorbed, leading to more energy?), but we are seeing an increase in students throughout the school engaging in rough games.

We appreciate and understand that these are often just innocent and part of developing relationships; however, as a school, we have a responsibility to ensure that students are safe.

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As such, staff are focusing on preventing games such as "tackle" or "wrestling," particularly during break and lunch. Please be aware that we are engaging in positive behavior reinforcement at school, but we may occasionally make contact with you at home to help us reinforce these expectations. We appreciate your support in this area.

If today proves anything, it is that summer is over. Now is the ideal time to dust off the rain jackets, de-web the gumboots, and make sure that students are coming to school prepared not only for learning but also for the weather. We appreciate that colder weather means more layers, but we still expect that within the school—and especially the classrooms—uniform is worn. Non-uniform items such as hoodies or "colourful" jackets should be removed; the classrooms are warm enough that we don't yet need survival blankets!

Rai Valley is fortunate that we are no longer reliant on Shane waking up at 2am to shovel coal and dismantle school desks to fire up the boilers; all classrooms now have heat pumps. A reminder also that gumboots, if worn, must be left outside the classroom.

There are many events coming up over the next few weeks, so keep an eye on our Facebook page where updates on some exciting opportunities will be posted.

As always, thank you for your support. Stay safe and stay dry.

Ngā mihi



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Whole School News

Knowing if your child is well enough to go to school

Going to school every day is important for all school aged tamariki (children). It helps build their confidence and social skills, and will help them to achieve their education and life ambitions. This information helps you decide when it is okay to send your child to school, when you should keep your child at home and when you should contact a health professional for advice.



Send me to school if...

If your child has any mild symptoms but is well enough to go to school, support them to go and let their teacher know.

Examples include:

- A happy energised child who has mild respiratory symptoms (cough, headache or runny nose), with no fever.
- Their usual hay fever and allergy symptoms (sneezing, stuffy nose or an itchy face), or skin problems that are not infectious, such as eczema or insect bites.
- They test negative for COVID-19 and they do not have any of the symptoms of concern.

What if my child is feeling anxious?

Anxiety is a normal response to situations that are new or stressful. Children can feel anxious about school for many different reasons relating to their learning, relationships or things happening outside of school.

Try and find out what is worrying your child and work together with your child's school to understand and support them to attend school.



Keep me home if...

You should keep your child home from school if they are:

- Too sick to learn and need time to rest and recover.
- Have symptoms of concern including fever, vomiting, diarrhoea, sore throat, skin infections such as school sores, a new rash or difficulty breathing.
- Have tested positive for COVID-19. More information on symptoms, testing and when it is safe to return to school can be found by scanning the QR code.
- Have an infectious illness and have been advised to stay home by their local public health team or their healthcare provider.

Remember to let the school know.

DAYS MISSED = YEARS LOST

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



Call the Doctor if...

If you ever feel worried about your child's health, contact your doctor or healthcare provider.

You can also call Healthline on 0800 611 116 anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for free health advice, treatment and information on what to do next. Interpreter support is available.

The guidance provided on the Health NZ website also contains information and links to other urgent and non-urgent healthcare providers or services that can offer health advice and care that you need.



Learn more from the guidance provided by Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora by scanning the QR code.



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July 'Amazing Race' Day Camp:

From 13th-17th July, we have a day camp for 7 - 13 year old's. The theme is 'Amazing Race' - so each day we will be competing to the finish line in fun team challenges to see who takes it out. This is along with our classic Bridge Valley activities such as Archery, Luge, Rock Climbing and more. We'd love to see you here!

To register visit <https://www.bridgevalley.co.nz/holiday-camps> or email us at holidaycamps@bridgevalley.co.nz

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Up & Coming Key School Dates for 2026

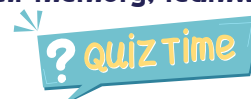
Monday 11th May	T2 W4	SexWISE Year 9-13
Thursday 14th May	T2 W4	BOT Meeting
Monday 18th May	T2 W5	CAA's start
Monday 18th May	T2 W5	READING CAA
Wednesday 20th May	T2 W5	WRITING CAA
Tuesday 26th May	T2 W6	NUMERACY CAA
Wednesday 27th May	T2 W6	Senior Ki-O-Rahi Tournament @ Nayland College
Friday 29th May	T2 W6	Fundraising BBQ Ronga Valley @ the Smalls
Monday 1st June	T2 W7	KINGS BIRTHDAY - NO SCHOOL
Tuesday 2nd June	T2 W7	Primary Author visit in the library - RUTH PAUL
Friday 5th June	T2 W7	Pelorus Cluster X-Country @ Canvastown
Wednesday 10th June	T2 W8	Future of Work - Blenheim Y10-13
Monday 15th June	T2 W9	TEACHER ONLY DAY - WHOLE SCHOOL
Wednesday 24th June	T2 W11	Matariki Celebrations at school & Community vs School Ki-O-Rahi game
Thursday 25th June	T2 W10	BOT Meeting
Friday 3rd July	T2 W11	End of Term 2
Monday 20th July	T3 W1	Start of Term 3

Kids' Lit Quiz 2026 @ Broadgreen Intermediate



Last week, two teams of our dedicated Year 6–8 students traveled to Nelson to represent our school at the Kids' Lit Quiz Marlborough and Nelson Heat.

Known as the "Sport of Reading," the competition was fierce. Our students went head-to-head with nearly 40 other schools in a high-energy environment that tested their memory, teamwork, and love of books.



The quiz consisted of 100 grueling questions divided into 10 secret themes. These themes aren't revealed until the day, so our teams had to be prepared for anything—from classic mythology and nursery rhymes to contemporary graphic novels and award-winning fiction.

Our students displayed great sportsmanship and a deep well of literary knowledge. Several are already looking forward to next year's competition and have started to challenge themselves further with their reading.

Our 2026 Teams

PRIMARY NEWS

TERM 2

Kia ora! Welcome to Term 2! We are already well underway this term with a lot going on. SMART testing has now begun in our Year 3-8 classes. This is a new assessment this year and is mostly done online. These tests have been quite challenging so far and we have had mixed results. This seems to be common throughout the country. We hope to see some good growth this year in this area as teachers and tamariki become more familiar with the procedures.

It has been great to have Sam Morris and her whānau on board with us here at school. Sam has begun working with individuals and small groups for reading with the goal to accelerate literacy learning in tamariki that need extra support. Sam is with us on a Monday and Tuesday if you would like to pop in and say hi.

Already this term we have had students competing in a Marlborough Ki-o-rahi tournament at Redwoodtown School and the KidsLitQuiz at Broadgreen Intermediate. Our intermediate grade netball team played their first game on Saturday and many other children are involved in rugby teams both in Blenheim and Nelson this term. It is awesome to see our tamariki compete against bigger schools and giving everything a go.

We would like to wish a warm welcome to our new primary RVAS pupils Jasper Morrison (Room 14) and Elsie Cherry (Room 4). We hope you are enjoying your time here so far.

Finally, lost property. We have a lot of mystery items that seem to belong to noone! Please try and name your child's clothing items or pop in and check out the lost property in the primary area. It multiplies daily!



Ki o rahi tournament at redwoodtown school- combined Havelock and Rai teams

ROOM 12

TERM 2

Kia ora koutou,

What's happening in the Year 3-6 Room?

We have had a busy start to the term! We started off by learning all about ANZAC Day. We read a lot of stories about the ANZACs, made a poppy wreath and did some artwork and writing based on the story ANZAC Ted by Belinda Landsberry. On ANZAC Day Pyper Knight and Charlotte Payton represented our class beautifully when they recited a poem together at the Rai Valley Community Memorial Service.

Last week some Year 5 students participated in the Ki o rahi tournament in Blenheim. We combined with Havelock School to make two teams. This was a fun day out and everyone played hard.

We have been lucky enough to have the Nelson Football lads out again this year to teach us drills and play some fun games with us. These sessions are so valuable for learning new skills from people passionate about the game and letting out all our energy!

In Mathematics this term we have had a big focus on multiplication. We have been learning about making, drawing and imaging multiplication problems as well as mastering basic facts in rocket maths.

This term we are learning about forces in science. We conducted an experiment about friction and mass where we raced down a ramp on a board to see if size made us go faster. It was a bit of a flop! So we are back to the drawing board to see how we can make it better next time!

We have also been lucky enough to have our school councillor, Trish in our class to deliver the Zones of Regulation programme. We will be learning all about tools to regulate our emotions to help us feel better when we are sad, angry, anxious etc. We do this through lots of music and movement.

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ROOM 12



ROOM 14

TERM 2

Kia ora koutou,

What's Happening in the Year 1 & 2 Room?

We started the term by becoming mini-chefs and making our very own ANZAC biscuits. While we were busy mixing and rolling, we learned that baking is all about following a process and working together as a team. We discovered the history of these biscuits and why they were sent to soldiers long ago. It was a lesson in following instructions and **mahi tahi** (working together). The best part?

"The best part was mixing the flour." Danni.

"The best part about baking was eating the sugar!!" Theo.

And eating them, obviously.

Friday Football

This term, every second Friday morning is all about football. It's been foggy as anything out there, but we don't mind. It's cold, it's misty, but it's heaps of fun. The kids are getting stuck in and learning new skills.

"Like football because it is fun when we get to kick the ball around."

Louie.

"I like that we get to have a game after the training." Haven.

Finally

A big welcome to Jasper Morrison, who joined our class whānau this term. He's settled in, and we're excited to have him here in room 14.

Ngā Mihi

Haley

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ROOM 14



WELCOME SAM MORRIS



HI, MY NAME IS SAM MORRIS. I HAVE STARTED TEACHING LITERACY TWO DAYS A WEEK AT RAI VALLEY THIS TERM. MY FAMILY AND I HAVE RECENTLY RELOCATED TO CANVASTOWN FROM WHAKATANE WHERE I TAUGHT AT A LARGE COUNTRY SCHOOL. I HAVE A ONE-YEAR-OLD SON, HARVEY, AND A DAUGHTER, MCKENNA, WHO IS ABOUT TO TURN FIVE. THEY HAVE BOTH SETTLED HAPPILY INTO RAI VALLEY PRESCHOOL, AND MCKENNA WILL BE STARTING IN ROOM 4 VERY SOON.

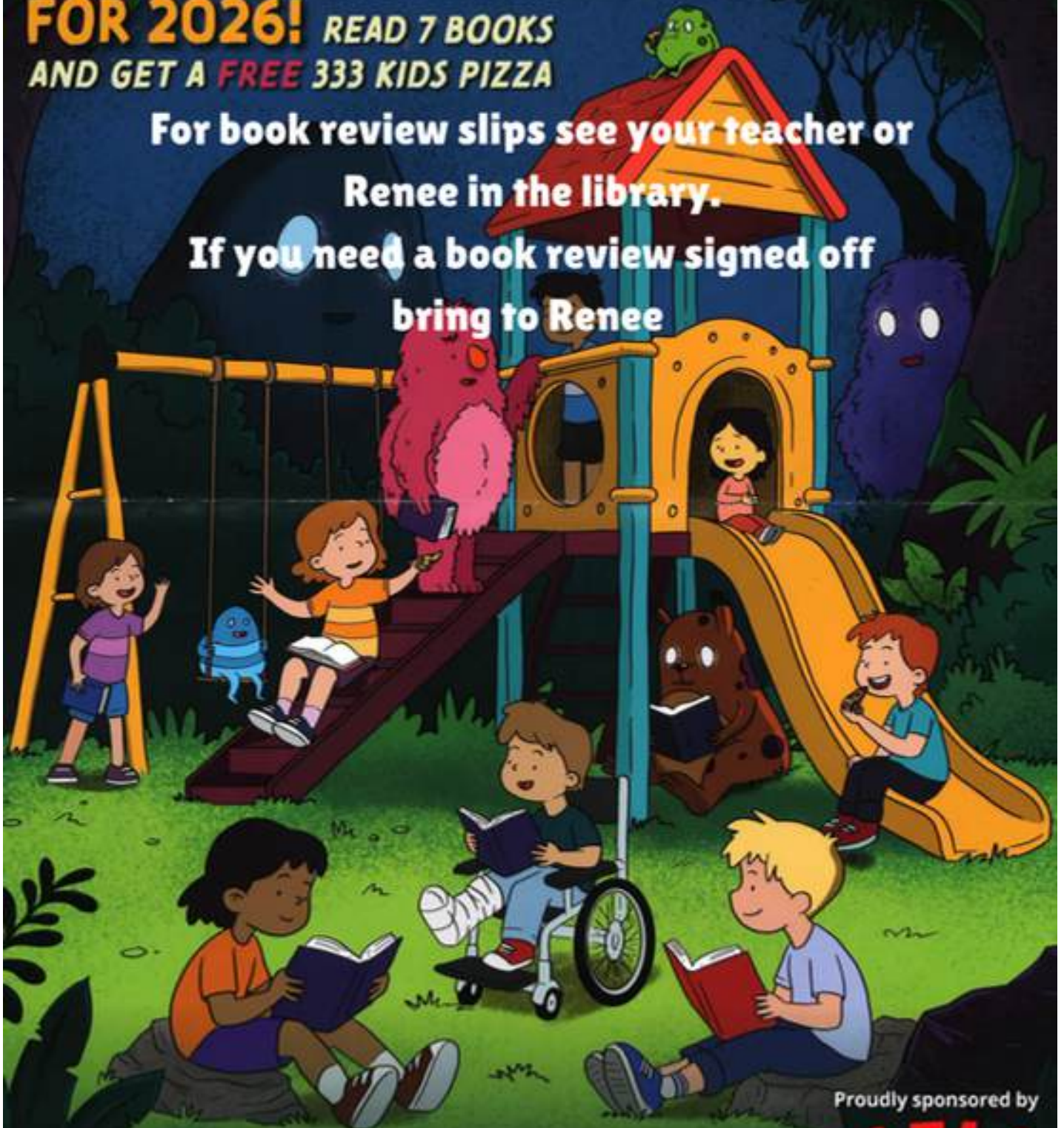
AS A FAMILY, WE LOVE THE OUTDOORS AND HAVE REALLY ENJOYED EXPLORING THE BEAUTIFUL LOCAL AREA SINCE ARRIVING – EVEN WITH ALL THE FOG! I'M REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO GETTING TO KNOW THE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES, AND WORKING ON SUPPORTING EACH CHILD'S CONFIDENCE AND GROWTH IN LITERACY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

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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!

Hunter Unfiltered

What made you smile today? Funny cat videos

What is your favourite game? Minecraft,

Is there life after death? I can't say

If you could be any fictional character who would it be? Captain Jack Sparrow

If you were a captain of a pirate ship what would be the name of your ship? The invincible

What's a superstition that you believe in? I think god is a capybara in the sky

Would you rather have time or more money and why? Time so I can do things



Secondary News

ROCK CLIMBING YEAR 11

Our Year 11 students recently traded the classroom for the climbing gym, putting their physical and mental resilience to the test. The students traveled to Woodbourne Airforce base to utilize their indoor rock wall. This trip served as a practical exploration of Te Whare Tapa Whā, proving that well-being is about much more than just breaking a sweat!



Saturday Sport News

Saturday Netball Update

Second week of Winter sports.

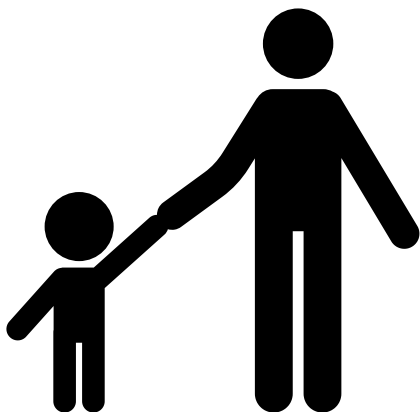
If you have any photos of any Winter sports happening involving RVAS students, please email: theresa.neal@rai.school.nz with a little blurb.



CONGRATULATIONS

Mia Dunbar Year 2, Jack Massey Year 2, Louie Thompson Year 2, Anna Alvarez Year 3, Scarlett Denize Year 3, John Harper Jnr Year 3, Pyper Knight Year 4, Tommy Massey Year 4, Willow Kennett Year 4, Jack Burrow Year 6

WELL DONE ON ALL YOUR BEING A GOOD PERSON THINGS



IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!

If you are picking up your students during the school day, please come to the office and sign them out.

If your students are leaving with you and not on the buses we need to know that too.

This is part of our Health & Safety procedures, but a lot of parents are just skipping the office. PLEASE COME AND SEE US

Lest We Forget



Thank you to Scarlett Morrison, Cooper Knight, Pyper Knight, Charlotte Payton,

<http://www.linguascope.com>

This year, our school is subscribed to linguascope again.

This means that every student can access basic language skills in French, Spanish, German, Italian, English, Russian, Mandarin, Chinese, Arabic, Georgian, Portuguese, Brazilian Portuguese, Polish, Welsh, Scottish, Scottish Gaelic, Maori and Jerrais.

Currently, the years 6,7 and 8 class is learning German reading and conversation about leisure activities.

However, if you are a student at a different year level, you may also come and ask myself or Renee for the password. Students will benefit from bringing their own headphones along, so that others are not disturbed when they work on their pronunciation or listening skills.

Students can access the platform at school or at home at any time, but please respect that the password is not to be shared with anyone else.

Enjoy widening your horizons!

Ms.Wiesner

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News from the Board of Trustees

The 2026 school year is well underway, and we have been busy behind the scenes adapting to changes within the curriculum and attendance management. Attendance is a major focus in NZ schools, as we know that turning up to school regularly has a positive impact on the learning and development of our children. You will have been receiving weekly attendance reports regarding your tamariki, and we encourage you to understand how your children's school attendance is tracking.

Recently, we said goodbye to Purity Ready and her family. Purity has been a member of our Board since the last elections and contributed immensely. We now need to fill that position with a new member. If you would like to know more about what we do and our role at Rai Valley Area School, please reach out.

Soon, we will welcome new school zone speed signs and a reduction of the posted speed limit to 30km/h before and after school. This is something we have pursued for many years to improve the safety of our students, and it is great to finally see this result!

We feel our school is well-resourced and has a great team of staff that nurture and encourage our students to feel welcome and ready for learning. It is fantastic to see the uptake and involvement in regular sports by many of our children as we head into the winter months.

We will continue to help lead our school with pride and strong leadership.

Until next time...

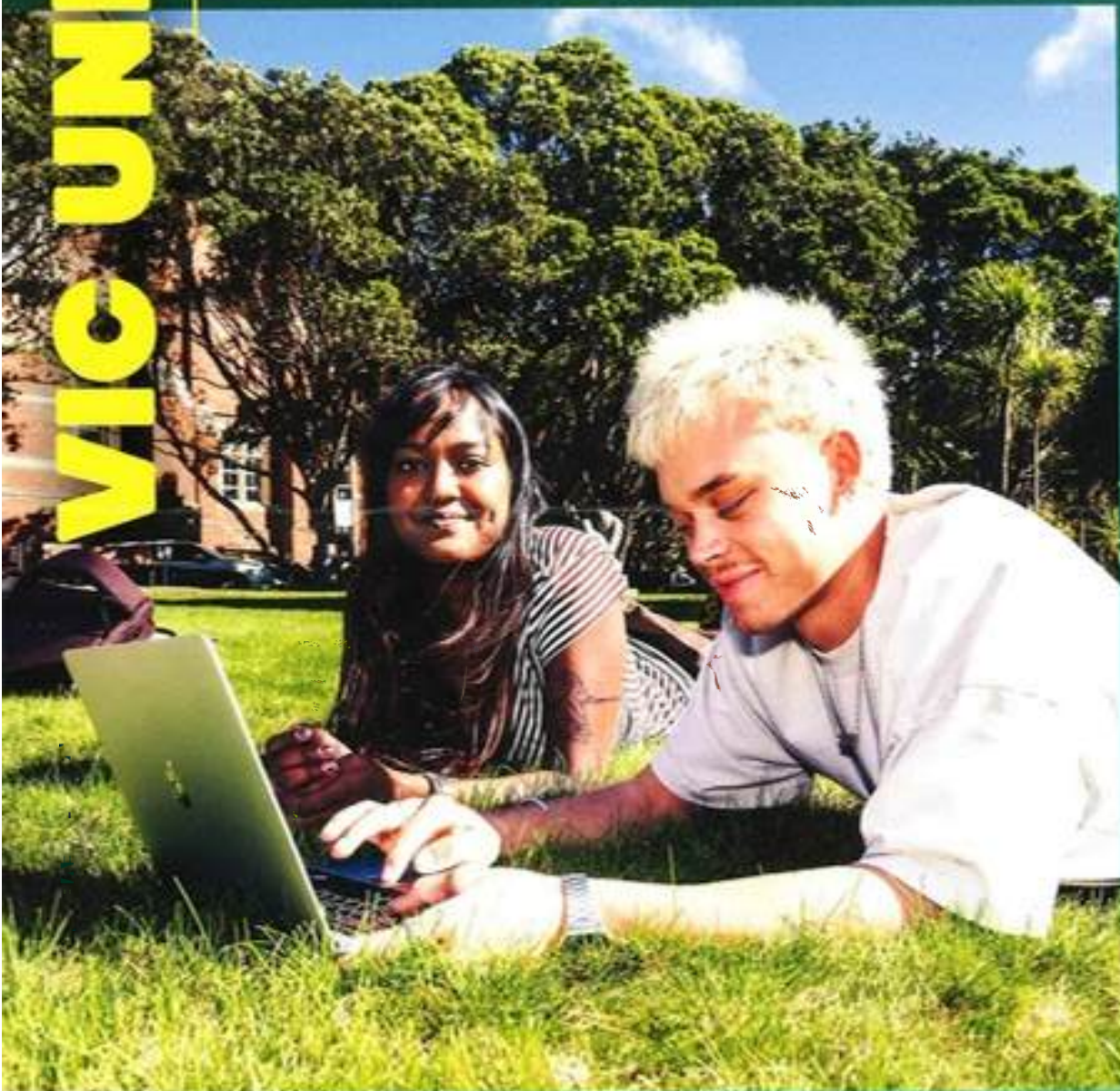
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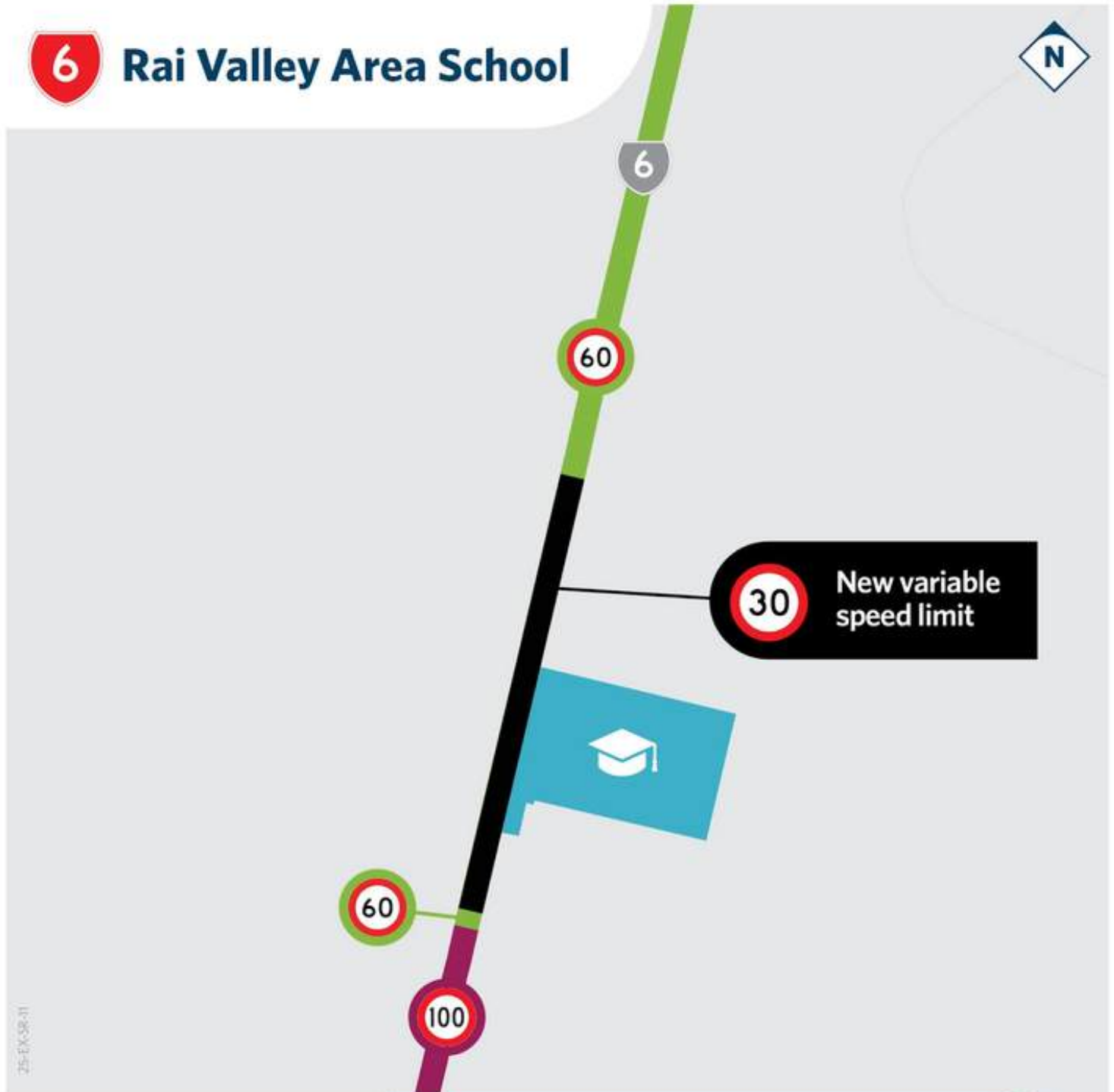
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Safe speeds around schools Ngā tere haumaruru tata ki ngā kura

New variable speed limit - coming to your school soon

To help keep young New Zealanders safe, NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) is setting a new variable speed limit that targets the times when vulnerable children are most active around our schools.



What this means for your school

As required by the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024, a variable speed limit of 30km/h outside your school on the state highway has been approved by the Director of Land Transport.

We're working through the details for installation and will do our best to minimise disruption. Details will be shared via school communications channels once confirmed, such as timings for installation and if there will be any impact on travel around school.

When will the variable speed limit operate, and how will people know it's operating?

The variable speed limit will be active when students are travelling to and from school, at the beginning and end of each school day. The school and NZTA may also turn the signs on for activities such as late starts, or early finish times, or school functions, when there is similar risk to tamariki.

When operating, the variable speed limit will appear on a flashing electronic sign. If the sign is not turned on, the normal permanent speed limit applies.

Variable speed limits are legally enforceable.

Helping students understand the importance of safe speed limits

If you're a parent, caregiver or teacher wanting to help students understand why safe speeds are important around schools, there are several resources available in the **NZTA Education Portal**.

These include ideas for fun and interactive lessons you can do with tamariki in the classroom, in the courtyard or at home.

Scan the QR code to go to the Education Portal resource, **Safe speeds around schools**.



For any queries, please email schoolspeedmanagement@nzta.govt.nz

Safe speeds around schools

Ngā tere haumaruru tata ki ngā kura

30km/h variable speed limit



How was 30km/h chosen for the variable speed limit outside my school?

International best practice is that 30km/h is the safer speed on roads and streets where a high number of tamariki are present or where we are wanting to encourage more walking, biking or scootering to and from school.

This is because people who walk or ride bikes have a strong chance of surviving a crash and avoiding serious injury if the person driving is travelling at 30km/h or less. The risk of death or serious injury doubles between 30km/h and 40km/h, and doubles again at 50km/h.

The Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024 (the rule) requires that a variable speed limit of 30km/h be applied to the road outside the school gate of all category one schools unless the permanent speed limit on the road is already 30km/h or less.

Why didn't you permanently reduce the speed outside the school?

We need to balance safety around schools with the efficiency of traffic movements on the state highway. A variable speed limit makes the area outside the school safer for vehicle movements at school drop-off/pick-up times.

The rule sets out how we manage speed limits. The rule requires variable speed limits to be applied to the road outside the school gates of all schools.

I haven't seen a child walking or cycling along this road, so why do I need to slow down?

Conversations with the school and community have confirmed that there are students walking, cycling or scootering near the state highway outside the school, and/or parents and school buses dropping-off students where they must walk along or cross the state highway to reach the school.

Children are some of our most vulnerable road users because, compared with adults, they are generally less visible to other road users and less able to see the road over parked vehicles and other obstacles. They are also less likely to judge speed and distance accurately.

Lower speed limits around schools at pick-up and drop-off times help protect students walking, cycling and scootering.

How did you decide where to put the variable speed limit signs?

The rule requires variable speed limits be installed outside school gates. We have installed the signs approximately 150m either side of a school entrance on the state highway. In some cases, the signs are placed further away when this is more practical or enhances safety.

Will a variable speed limit operate out of normal school drop-off and pick-up times?

Yes, if required by the school to accommodate the movement of a high number of tamariki during school related events.

Are variable speed limits enforceable?

Yes, variable speed limits are enforceable speed limits.

Did you consult with the public on these changes?

While we have previously consulted with the public on proposed variable speed limits outside schools, most recently in November/December 2022, the rule specifically exempts schools from consultation and requires that variable speed limits are implemented on roads outside the school gate before 1 July 2026.



HAVELOCK WEEKLY STEADY AS YOU GO CLASSES

**New classes proposed for Thursday afternoon
Thursday 1.30 – 2.30pm, Havelock Pavillion**

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MBA REP BASKETBALL

U14 GIRLS & BOYS TRIALS



We're excited to open registrations for our U14 trials!

This year we will be selecting both U14 A and B teams for girls and boys, giving players the opportunity to develop and compete at the right level within a strong rep environment.

If your child is interested in trialling, please sign up using the form below:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/eHWAVAJiT9>

We look forward to seeing everyone on the court!

Oriana Houra

Marlborough Basketball Association

027 666 8642



TRIALS FORMAT

This year, trials for the U14 boys' and girls' teams will be held on Sunday 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st May. Attendance at all sessions is compulsory. If your child is unable to attend any of these dates, please let us know as soon as possible.

There is a \$50 rep trial fee to attend trials. If your child is selected into a team, this fee will not need to be paid again as it is included in the season costs.

The trial sessions will also be an opportunity for new players who are interested in competing at rep level to experience the environment. We will be covering key skills as well as offensive and defensive positioning throughout the sessions.

Reversible singlets are compulsory if selected for a team and are strongly recommended for trials as well. They are available for \$45 on the MBA Probrands store.

U14 TRIAL DATES

Time: 12.30pm-2.30pm

Dates: Sunday 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st of May
(4 consecutive Sunday's)

TOURNAMENT DATES

16th August 2026 (Buller) *Development teams

21st - 23rd August 2026 (Buller) *All teams

7th - 10th October 2026 (Otago) *A teams only

THE ESTIMATED COST WILL BE HANDED OUT AT
TRIALS.

MARLBOROUGH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION



The Woody Pig & Deer Hunt for 2026.

We are now getting closer to the big weekend for The Woody Pig & Deer Hunt for 2026. We have had a great response for entries so far but we would love to see you back in the mix for 2026!!!

If your keen to enter there is still time!!! See event info below:

EVENT DATES: 29TH-31ST MAY 2026

ENTRY FEES: Open \$70, Young Guns \$50 and Whippersnappers \$15

ENTRIES CLOSE: 11:59PM ON MAY 28TH 2026

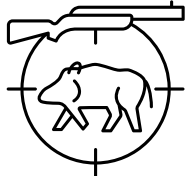
ENTRY LINK: [Woody Pig and Deer Hunt 2026 Tickets, Woodbourne Tavern & Motels, RENWICK | TryBooking New Zealand](#)

Whether you are chasing a heavier animal, defending last year's bragging rights, or just keen for a good mission with mates, we would love to have you back!

If you have already entered awesome and thank you! If not now is a great time to jump in.

Highlights:

- **Major Spot Prize: 2016 Mitsubishi Triton GLS 4x4 (Open 16+ category) and heaps of other big prizes across all categories - Side by side, quads, bikes, dog box, Bushnell & Hikmicro gear, Swandri/Hunting & Fishing Packs + CASH!!! Plus, Loads of spot prizes!**
- **Categories: open (16+ Pig and Deer), Young Guns (16 & under Pig and Goat), Whippersnappers (10 & Under Hare, Rabbit or Possum)**
- **Every whippersnapper's entry receives a goody bag and complimentary socks.**



Important Info:

- **Hunting starts at first light Friday 29th May 2026**
- **Weigh ins: Sunday 31st May 2026 11:00am - 2:00pm (we will run two weigh stations to speed things up - please have animals gutted and ready).**
- **See rules brochure attached.**

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Community News



To the communities of Havelock, Pelorus, Rai Valley, Linkwater and Pelorus Sounds,

Thank you for supporting the 2026 Havelock Mussel and Seafood Festival, which proved once again that our small community can deliver an excellent festival and draw people to our area from other provinces all around NZ.

The festival is designed to celebrate the wonderful seafood produced in the area and recognize the important part that Aquaculture and Fisheries play in our economy. One of the goals of the festival is to return profits to the community through a Grants application and selection process, if finances allow.

Although the festival was a success on many levels, it didn't bring in a surplus this year. So cash reserves were used to cover the shortfall. As a result, we are not able to offer grants this year.

However, the opportunities the festival provides for local groups to fundraise on the day via food stalls, campervan parking, accommodation & hospitality are of huge benefit to the community. This year we engaged even more community groups to help with the 'work on the ground'. This meant that around \$8,000 flowed into these 11 groups for the benefit of their organizations.

Another initiative this year was to contract our celebrity Chefs, Michael Van De Elzen and Ganesh Raj, to host a cooking challenge for local schools on the Friday afternoon prior to the festival. This was hugely popular and was a great way of giving back to the local community in a fun and educational way, providing an awesome opportunity for our young folk to work alongside and learn from NZ's leading food educators.

The festival would not be possible without the voluntary work of our committee or without the support of our many sponsors and I take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank all of them for their hard work. Our sponsors can be found on our website:

havelockmusselfestival.co.nz Take a look and be sure to support them when you can. You will also find many photos and videos from the 2026 event.

Jennie Johnson (HMSF Committee Secretary)
Office@havelockmusselfestival.co.nz

Marlborough Roads



VEHICLE SIZE RESTRICTIONS

We're working in your area

What: Vehicle size restrictions on Tennyson Inlet Road

Where: Approximately 1.2km from the start of Tennyson Inlet Road, prior to the Opouri Saddle

When: Road closures are in place from **Monday 13 April until mid-July on weekdays from 8am to 12pm and 12.30pm to 5pm**. Weather permitting and barring unforeseen circumstances.

Vehicle access restrictions are expected to be in place until end of June.

Vehicle Restrictions: Vehicles up to **12.6m in length**, can travel on Tennyson Inlet over the Opouri Saddle while these recovery works are in place.

Contact: Marlborough Roads Recovery Team 027 246 7300

Site Supervisor: Mark Frost | 027 491 8218

Zone Manager: Tim McGeever | 027 210 5770

Closure details: Overlength vehicle restrictions have been put in place at the Tennyson Inlet construction closure site, due to the narrowness of the road while a block wall is being constructed.

Vehicles over 12.6m in length are not permitted to travel through this section of road. This includes no heavy truck and trailer access. Ute's towing a trailer that are under 12.6m in length are able to travel.

If you are concerned about traveling with your vehicle through this section of road, please contact the recovery team to discuss access restrictions.

This vehicle restriction is expected to be in place until the end of June. Once the block wall has been built and the road width reinstated the size restriction will be removed.

Please note that the construction closures, approximately 1.2km from the start of Tennyson Inlet Road remain scheduled to be in place until mid-July.

The closures are required for the installation of a block wall and drainage improvements and are in place on Mondays to Fridays from 8am to 12pm and 12.30pm to 5pm.



COMMUNITY CALL: WE NEED YOU!

The Pelorus Area Health Trust Needs Volunteers

Many people know our charity shops in Havelock, but few realise what they truly support.

The Pelorus Area Health Trust (PAHT) exists for one purpose:

To help protect and support access to healthcare for our rural community. Without PAHT, the Pelorus area would have far fewer local health services and support initiatives.

WHY THIS MATTERS:

More than 4,000 people live in the Pelorus area, and many are already 30-60 minutes away from medical care.

Our Havelock Medical Centre currently operates only two days a week. Without local support, residents may have to travel to Blenheim or Nelson for basic services.

With rising fuel prices and long travel times, this can become a real barrier to healthcare, especially for elderly residents and families.



PELORUS AREA HEALTH TRUST

WHAT PAHT DOES:

The Trust works with the community to:

- Support local access to primary healthcare
- Help identify and respond to local health needs
- Assist community initiatives that improve health and wellbeing
- Support services that help people stay healthy and independent in the Pelorus area
- The community lounge: Harakeke, The soup run:

The charity shops help fund this work, but the Trust itself only exists because of volunteers.

HERE IS THE REALITY:

Without volunteers, PAHT cannot continue to operate. That means:

Fewer local health initiatives, less community support, long trips for basic healthcare and potentially losing an organisation that has supported the Pelorus community since 2007

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

We urgently need volunteers for:

Charity shop support, community initiatives Event and fundraising support, Trustees and governance roles Even a few hours a month can make a real difference.

THIS TRUST BELONGS TO THE COMMUNITY:

PAHT is not run by paid staff.

It exists because local people care enough to help. From trustees to shop volunteers, every role is filled by members of the community, for the community.

PLEASE DON'T WAIT! Because this isn't about us it's about you, your family, and our community.

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Saturday 16 May 2026 Seddon, Marlborough

The Tasman Schools Road Cycling Championships offer young cyclists an introduction to the sport of Cycling.

The courses for the U9 & U11 grades are flat. The Time Trial is 3.2 km and the Road Race is 9.0 km.

For the older grades the TT course is 4.3 km. The Road courses include tough hills. The distances are: U13 - 12.6 km, U15 - 21.0 km, U17 & U19 - 32.4 km.



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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>

**Scan QR
code to
register**



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.

Our experienced facilitators bring a huge amount of professional and personal experience to the day, running interactive activities and stimulating discussions that bring the learnings to life. Each participant receives a workbook full of reading material and a support directory, plus a certificate of attendance (we are a NZQA registered training provider). Access to an e-learning refresher is also provided after the workshop.

More information about the workshop is here.

Ngā mihi

Lynda Soper

Suicide Prevention/Postvention Coordinator
Mental Health & Addictions
Nelson Marlborough | Te Tau Ihu
Reg Social Worker

Addiction 101 – Havelock
Date: Friday 29 May 2026 (9-4.30pm)
Venue: Havelock Pavillion, Neil Street
Registration: Click [HERE](#) to register
Cost: FREE including morning and afternoon tea

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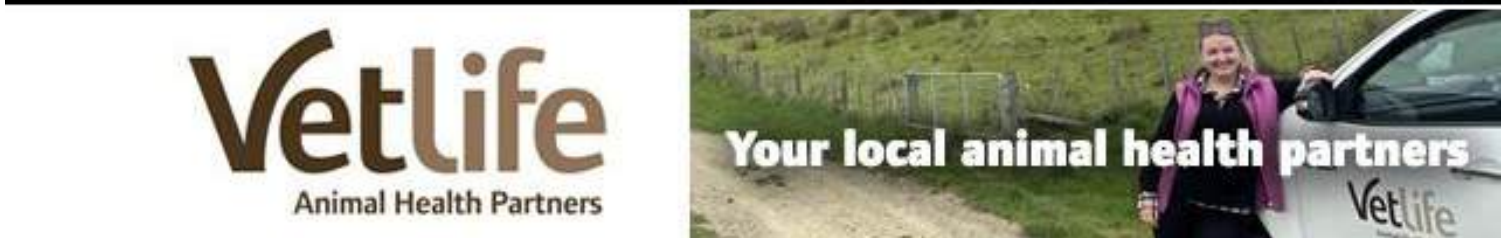
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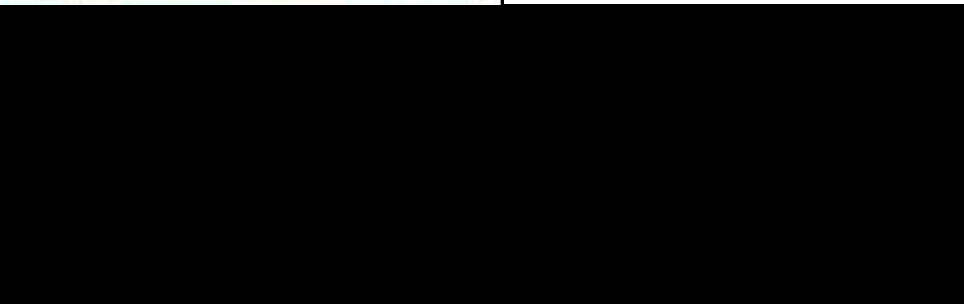
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