

Te Karere

Rai Valley Area School News



Wednesday 20th March 2019

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**If you have questions, concerns
or compliments please let us
know - we value your
feedback.**

Please note that all up to date
information on events etc. is
available on our school app and on
our website.

Kia ora koutou

It is with much sadness we acknowledge the events in Christchurch last Friday.

Although we are a long way away, these events have touched some of the lives of our children and staff. Included in this newsletter is the information and advice that we have received from The Ministry of Education to be shared with families. I am also asking parents to be particularly vigilant in the next few weeks when their child is using the internet as there have been several incidents of young children watching Disney movies and suddenly being confronted with violent and inappropriate material.

On a more positive note the last few weeks have been particularly busy. There have been a number of swimming sport competitions. Our school swimming sports held recently were very successful. I would like to thank all the parents who were able to join us for the day.

The Year 5 and 6 students had a very successful camp at Momorangi last week and I would like to thank all parents who were able to support us. I would also like to acknowledge the teachers who have worked particularly hard and given up a lot of extra time to make these trips happen. Our focus now that these busy weeks are over is for our children to settle back into focussed learning in the classroom.

The secondary school is focussed on fundraising for the Area Schools Tournament in Collingwood at the beginning of April. Thank you to those who have bought raffle tickets or sausages at the A&P show. This fundraising makes a big difference to the cost for families. Thank you to Mrs Stuart and her team for their hard work in recent weekends.



At the A&P Show we were delighted to receive a very generous donation of \$500.00 form Harcourts. Such generosity is amazing and really appreciated.

This is the year of Board of Trustee elections. The election date has been set for June 7th. I would encourage you all to think about being a Trustee, particularly in this time of major educational change. If you have an questions around being a Trustee please do not hesitate to talk to me or any of the current Trustee's.

Noho ora mai



**Haley and Elin Kiddey with Mrs Davies
enjoying the
“Reading Together Programme”**

Awesome!

Secondary News

Special Assessment Conditions (SAC)

Students may be entitled to special assessment conditions in order to reach their personal best in assessments in NCEA exams and in-school assessments. For example a student may benefit from having a reader or writer, or even both. There are different supports available. Should you wish to know more please contact me (siobhan.skinner@rai.school.nz) or go to NZQA's website (www.nzqa.govt.nz) and in the search box enter 'SAC parents'. There is a lot of information on what can applied for and what help and support is available.

NZ Enduro - Saturday 9th March 2019

Start of the race.....



The organisers of the 2019 Enduro Race put a special effort into making the start of the race a lot of fun (notice the bubbles in the background). This was to make up for the fact that it was raining and conditions were muddy.

Well done to Mrs Stuart and her team of helpers: Rose, Bryce, Katie, Aria and Leah for standing in the rain for a few hours from the early hours, with a smile on their faces and a great sense of humour, while directing traffic and helping people park. Here they are at the Brick Oven after the event, about to have some kai.



Havelock Mussel Festival

It was lovely to see so many of our students at the Havelock Mussel Festival. Well done to Mrs Stuart, Renee, Zoe, Katie and Rose for running the kids' activities. Face painting and crafts proved very popular and I hear many of our students won prizes in the colouring-in competition. Congratulations to you all.

Outward Bound Scholarship



We are very excited to have learned recently that Outward Bound are giving us an annual full scholarship for one of our students to do the 3 week Mind, Body and Soul course (cost approx \$4,500). The course runs this year during the last week of Term 3 and over the following two weeks of the holidays. Students should speak to Mrs Skinner if they are interested in being considered for the course.

RYDA 2019 (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness).

A big thank-you to Mr MacDonald for taking a van load of students through to the RYDA 2019 event in Renwick recently. We were thrilled to have this feedback sent to us about our young people following the event:

"Your students were a credit to your school both in their behaviour and the manner in which they engaged with the presenters and our volunteers. We were impressed with their attentiveness, and trust that our potentially life-saving messages will stand them in good stead for the future".

Defence Careers Experience

Students wishing to apply for the Defence Forces Career Experience can check out the information below.



Location: Burnham Military Camp

Date: 14th - 18th April 2019 (1st week of the holidays at the end of Term 1)

Involves: living on camp, eating at the mess, experiencing a life in a day as a soldier, visiting workshops, finding out about trades, taking part in challenges

How to apply: go to the Defence Careers Experience Facebook Page (Southern) and click on the link, apply online.

Swimming Sports 2019



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Rai Swimming Sports 2019



The day started with some ominous looking clouds, but as so often this summer they promised plenty but failed to deliver anything threatening on the rain front. Instead, once the cloud cover broke the sun was out and it was swimming sports as we've always known it: spray, sun, sausages, sunscreen, and of course, swimming.

Many races were tightly contested as were final results. Congratulations to everyone who got in the pool and earned a point for their houses and to those that took home trophies at the end of the day.

Overall, the house competition this year was also tight, and the winner of this year's swimming sports will be announced at the next whole school assembly.

Also, a big thank you to all staff for their efforts and support and to Mrs Stuart for organizing and running such a great event.

Trophy Winners 2019

Year	Boys	Girls
1-2	Sinclair Couper	Georgia Patterson
3	Josh Todd	No entries
4	Oliver Hope	Elin Kiddey
5	Jackson Jenner	Bella Hickson
6	Hamish Pratt	Lily Thompson
7	Neco Wilson	Stella Mant
8	Ash Martin	Brooke Swan
9-10	Anton Cory	Maddy Fisher
11-13	Cyrus Jope	Leah Wearing

Primary News

We have had a busy few weeks:

Congratulations to all our students who participated in the school swimming sports. It was great to see students demonstrating their skills in the pool and getting into the team spirit by wearing their house colours. Thank you to all parents who were able to attend, and an extra thank you to all parents who were able to help with our sausage sizzle fundraiser.



Once again we extend our thanks - this time to those parents who were able to attend our syndicate day out at Anakiwa to celebrate our learning as part of Sea Week. We really appreciate your input into what was a fantastic day:



Special thanks to Emma Thame for sharing her photos of the day.

Sea Week

Last Tuesday was Sea Week. We went to Anakiwa to swim and jump off the wharf for the day. We took fishing rods, swimming togs, and lunch.

When we got there we got told there was a scavenger hunt going to happen. I was in a team with Katie's family. We all ran fast to try and get first but we ended up fourth, but that was ok.

After it was time for wharf jumping. I jumped off five times, till I got cold. Then I got ready for fishing. I got bites on my rod but no fish.

Then it was time for an end of the day beach race. We got told it was time to go home. Goodbye for now Anakiwa.

Kayla



ANAKIWA.

I went to Anakiwa. I jumped off the wharf. I went fishing. I ate a sausage. Swimming was fun. I had a life jacket on because it was deep.

Declan 8/3/19

ANAKIWA.

I went to Anakiwa. I went fishing. It was a big beach with sand we also tried to catch crabs. We jumped off the wharf. The sea is blue.

Darcy 8/3/19

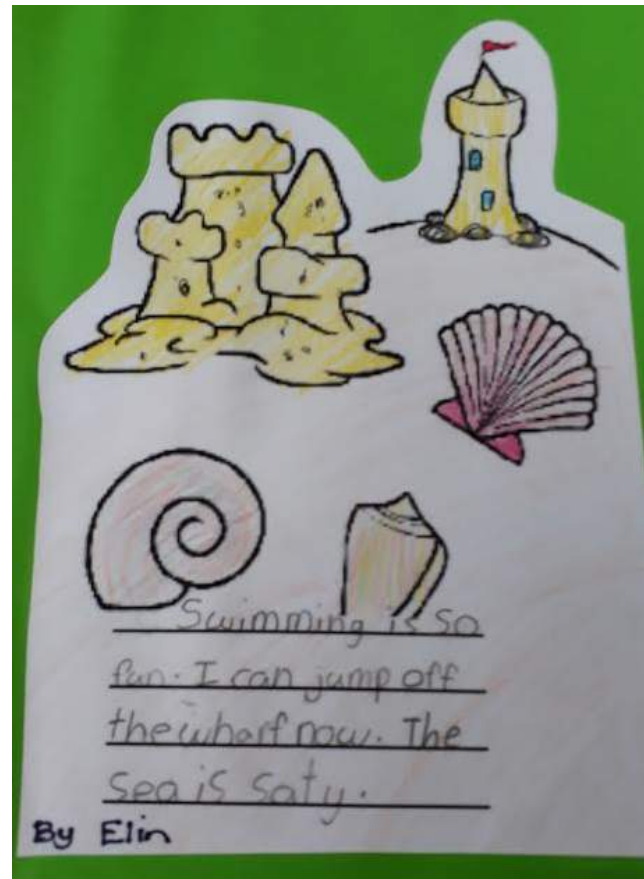
The first time I went to the sea, I drank the water and started crying because of the salt.

The fifth time I went to the sea I swam for about three hours until I got out, but when I did my chest started hurting. I've never wanted to swim in the sea again.

One time I pushed my sister off a wharf. Why do people always scream while they fall? She was soaked! We had bacon that night.

The last time we went fishing my mum foul hooked a three inch long fish in the eye.

Damien



Sea Life
Sting rays
Sharks
Dolphins
splashing through
the sea,
baby sea creatures
swimming around
the sea floor
safe and sound,
The crayfish crawl
The seaweed sways
and the kina
are safe today.

Bayley

Important Notice

Advice from the Ministry of Education following Friday's attacks

Netsafe has received a number of reports of online content relating to the attacks in Christchurch and has asked us to disseminate the following advisory to schools.

Footage of the attacks has been deemed objectionable under New Zealand law which means that possessing or distributing the footage is an offence. Anyone who finds footage of the attacks online should report it to Netsafe at [netsafe.org.nz/report](https://www.netsafe.org.nz/report) but they should not keep copies or share it. Netsafe encourages schools to speak with students about what to do if they come across the footage and about the fact that sharing the footage with this classification is against the law. The footage of the Christchurch attacks is disturbing and will be harmful for people to see. If students have viewed the video and are struggling with what they have seen, it's likely they will require additional support. Agencies which can provide free support include [Youthline](https://www.youthline.org.nz), [Need to Talk](https://www.needtotalk.org.nz) and [Kidsline](https://www.kidsline.org.nz).

While the content is online there is some risk that children or young people may come across it. Netsafe encourages schools and parents to proactively discuss with young people what they should do if they come across distressing content online. Further information is available at [netsafe.org.nz/upsetting-content](https://www.netsafe.org.nz/upsetting-content)

If parents or schools have questions relating to this incident or other distressing online content they can contact Netsafe for free and confidential advice at [netsafe.org.nz](https://www.netsafe.org.nz) or call 0508 NETSAFE.

Contact details for additional support.

Helping children deal with trauma – Ministry of Health website

<https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/healthy-living/emergency-management/managing-stress-emergency/helping-children>

Oranga Tamariki's website

<https://www.orangatamariki.govt.nz/caring-for-someone/support-and-training/talking-about-traumatic-events/>

Children's Commissioner NZ Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/childrenscommnz/posts/2099610073454960?>



LIBRARY NEWS



Everyone has enjoyed reading books about our oceans and the creatures that inhabit them for SEA WEEK

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

A Scholastic Book Club advertisement for Issue 2, Term 1, 2019. The ad features a red background with the text 'Closes 28/3/19' and 'Book Club'. It highlights several items: 'HOW TO BE A SPY' (a book and a watch pack), 'ERASER SWEETS' (a book and a set of eraser sweets), and 'ANH DO NINJA KID 3' (a book). The ad also includes a 'SAVE \$16.99' offer and a '\$10' price tag for the Ninja Kid book. The ad is decorated with colorful illustrations of the featured items and characters.

AUTUMN FUNDRAISER with SPRING BULBS

Fundraising for RAI VALLEY AREA SCHOOL playground extensions.



ORDERS DUE NO LATER THAN 20th MARCH 2019 TO RENEE JOPE



Youth Lab – Havelock Vision 2020

In December 2018, Havelock Vision 2020 and Sport Tasman ran a Youth Lab in Havelock to survey people between the ages of 11-18 years of age. The aim of the survey was to find out what Youth wanted to do in their local area. The lab was followed up by a visit to Rai Valley School.

Thirty-two Youth participated in the survey. The results of the survey found that the 4 main ideas for activities were Zorb Ball Activities, Outdoor Movie night, Go karts/Wind karts and Kayaking. These were the most popular activities, but other ideas submitted were video making, horse riding, paintball, paddle boarding, mountain biking, cooking, flip out, laser tag and rock climbing. 53% of participants wanted the activity to run all year round.

Havelock Vision 2020 and Sport Tasman have taken these results on board and are looking at ways to get these activities up and running in the Pelorus area. If you would like more information or have any further suggestion on activities, please email havelockv2020@gmail.com.

Important Information

As of Monday 18th March 2019 the New Zealand Post Boxes will be moving from RD1 Farm Source Store, across the road to 6786 State Highway 6, Rai Valley (the “Old” Post Office – next to the Brick Oven).

Enquiries can be made to Olive Templeman – text preferable 027 643 9366, otherwise voicemail message on 03 5716 217.

Havelock Lions are holding the last of their summer markets outside the Town Hall this Saturday (although there will be one more at the Kaituna Ridges Ramble on 13th April)

So come along this Saturday and enjoy a variety of stalls, plus a sausage from the barbecue.

Market is open from 9am -1pm. There are still sites available (\$5_ - email janc.cameron@xtra.co or ring 574 2558.

Bring On Better Brushing

2 minutes

2 times a day

Use fluoride toothpaste

Spit but don't rinse

Help children to brush properly

Brush all tooth surfaces including
inner and outer surfaces by
angling your toothbrush

Use a soft toothbrush

Visit: www.nmdhb.govt.nz/tips-to-keep-your-family-smiling

NELSON MARLBOROUGH COMMUNITY ORAL HEALTH SERVICE

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Pelorus Junior Netball Trials/Sign Up Day

I would like to let you know that the netball trial/sign up day will be on the 2nd April at the Havelock domain at 3.30pm.

If you have any students that would like to play but cannot make the 2nd of April then please email me or contact me on 027 552 7727.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Cheers

Rachel Hackett

Junior Co-ordinator

Marlborough Netball fees for 2019



GRADE	FEE
Premier	\$2,281
Senior Grades	\$1,369
Social	\$1,116
College	\$1,116 +(Stadium fees \$693)
Intermediate - Yr 7 & 8	\$784
Future Ferns - Yr 5 & 6	\$684
Junior Netball Programme	
Year 3 & 4 - Individual cost	38
Year 1 & 2 - Individual cost	32

**Rai Valley Area School
Length of School day and Year
2019**

Term	Start Date	End Date
One	Tuesday 29 th January	Friday 12 th April
Two	Monday 29 th April	Friday 5 th July
Three	Monday 22 nd July	Friday 27 th September
Four	Monday 14 th October	TBA

Length of Day	
Form Time	8.45am-9.00am
Period One	9.00am – 9.50am
Period Two	9.50am – 10.40am
INTERVAL	10.40am – 11.00am
Period Three	11.00am – 11.50am
Period Four	11.50am – 12.40pm
LUNCH (sit-down)	12.40am – 12.50am
LUNCH	12.50pm – 1.20pm
Period Five	1.20pm – 2.05pm
Period Six	2.05pm – 2.50pm

2019 Holidays	
Teacher Only Day NO SCHOOL	Monday 28 th January
Waitangi Day	Wednesday 6 th February
Teacher Only Day PRIMARY ONLY Yr 1-8 (Secondary Yr9-13 to Attend as Normal)	Friday 12th April
Good Friday	Friday 19 th April (In Holidays)
Easter Monday	Monday 22 nd April (In Holidays)
Easter Tuesday	Tuesday 23 rd April (In Holidays)
Anzac Day	Thursday 25 th April (In Holidays)
Teacher Only Day NO SCHOOL	Monday 29th April
Queen's Birthday	Monday 3 rd June
Labour Day	Monday 28 th October
Marlborough Anniversary Day	Monday 4 th November



NZTA : SAFE ROADS : SH6 NELSON TO BLENHEIM

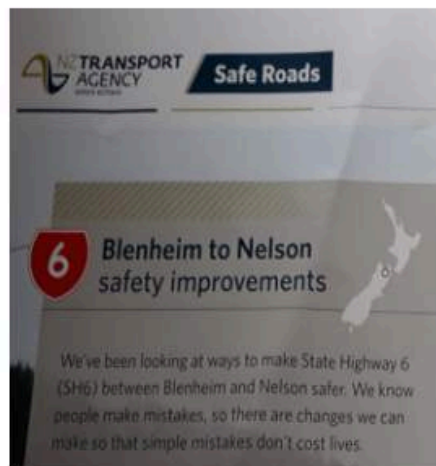
Last Friday between 3pm & 6pm, community members had the opportunity to give feedback about SH6 Nelson to Blenheim. Our school sits in the middle of this, so I took myself down to the fire station to voice a few things I think are important for our students and wider community.

I said we had concerns about the speed motorists travel passed the school (I was told at this meeting their figures show that the average speed recorded from the camera is actually 100km which is shocking!). I brought up about how the road narrows at Alfred Stream – this brings students closer to vehicles travelling on SH6, how we needed some safe spot for students to be able to cross SH6 heading into the village from school (if they need to cross as the subdivision etc are on the other side of the road) and about how we have a lack of safe passage for cyclists and walkers coming to school beyond the approx. 1km stretch of footpath that is supplied in the village. This becomes an issue for students as the bus travel criteria set by the Ministry of Education is Year 1-8 you have to be 3.2km from school for bus pick up and from Year 9-13 this extends out to 4.8km from school for bus pick up. From both directions this leaves a lack of safe space for students who can't be dropped at school by parents and have to travel by bike or feet.

The hosts of the Community feedback meeting on Friday suggested I put this in our newsletter and encourage parents and community to jump online and use the interactive map to give your own feedback.

So please voice your opinions to them via the below links in the pictures and maybe we will see some change come our way to make the roads safer for our children and anyone else who travels in these dangerous areas.

Renee Jope



Have your say and help us get it right



If you can't make it to a community drop-in, you can go online to view the designs and use our interactive map to give feedback www.nzta.govt.nz/b2n



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