

Te Karere

Rai Valley Area School News



Wednesday 10th April 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

Term 1 is always the term you feel you are able to ease into things. In reality, this term has been full on from the word go and the last few weeks have been no exception.

Last week, our secondary students spent a week on at the Area Schools' Tournament at Collingwood Area School. While the results weren't as we would like them, I am proud of the manner in which our students competed. A big "thank you" should go out to Lisa Roeske, Siobhan Skinner and Stephanie Stuart for their roles in ensuring our students had a fun and safe week.

Our primary school has also been busy learning about the sacrifices made in the wars that ANZAC day commemorates. Part of this involved some of primary students learning about ANZAC day from local historian, Faye Leov, down at the Rai Cenotaph, and also a visit from John Orchard who represented the Marlborough Museum. Students from both primary and secondary will give readings at the official Rai Valley ANZAC memorial service on the 25th.

This week has also seen us finally celebrate Gumboot Day. Thank you to everyone who supported the cause by wearing their gumboots, and/or donating money. We raised a nice sum to pass on to the "I Am Hope" charity.

Finally, I'd like to wish all students, staff, our families and friends, a very safe and enjoyable break. See you next term. Just a reminder that the first Monday back is a Teacher Only Day and we will see students on Tuesday 30th April.

Nāku noa nā

Maree Furness

Becoming a Trustee

Te Noho hei Kaitiaki

Expectations of a Trustee

Our Board of Trustee Elections are being held on the 7th June 2019 here are the Key dates for the elections:

2019 Board of Trustee elections

In May nominations will be called to become members of our Board of Trustees. Key dates are as follows.

By Friday 10th May Nomination forms will be posted to all persons on the school's caregiver roll.

Friday 24th May NOMINATIONS CLOSE – 24th May at noon. An election will then be held if the number of nominations exceed vacancies. For our school, the number of vacancies is

5.

Wednesday 29th May Voting papers will be sent by post to all on the school caregiver roll.

Friday 7th June Voting closes at 12 noon.

Thursday 13th June Votes are counted, and our school advised of the results.

Friday 14th June New Board takes office

We look forward to all our parents/ caregivers being involved in the process.

School trustees have a very important role in making sure every child achieves their potential at school.

The **board of trustees** is a Crown entity. It is the employer of all **school** staff and sets the **school's** overall strategic direction. The **school's** principal is the **board's** 'chief executive' and manages the **school** operations in line with the **board's** policies.

Every state and state-integrated *school* in New Zealand has a *board of trustees*. Boards bring families, communities and *schools* together to work for a quality education for our children. The *board of trustees* is a Crown entity. It is the employer of all *school* staff and sets the *school's* overall strategic direction.

Junior Syndicate News

Eleven weeks gone and boy have we been busy! Life and learning in the Primary Syndicate has been full-on.

If your children are looking tired, that's not surprising. Brains are full of new knowledge, new experiences and great learning opportunities.

Sporting events across the Pelorus Cluster of schools have taken place with great participation by everyone. Thanks to Linkwater School who hosted the swimming. We introduced a nautical adventure to Anakiwa to celebrate and investigate National Sea Week early in March. Mrs Upsall also took her class to Momorangi Bay for camp.

Rai School swimming sports were held mid-March also. Fundamental Skills were undertaken just before the swimming sports...Tired just thinking about it all!

Well done to all those students who participate fully in every event and practice the Rai Way values everytime.

Goal setting interviews were held across the syndicate and in fact the whole school in the later part of February. These are invaluable to help track the progress of our students and for them to take some further ownership of their own learning.

Early next term we will re-visit the goals, with student discussions, to ensure we are supporting them to meet these goals by our reporting time at the end of term two.

Thanks to Miss McKinlay for helping me with the Reading Together programme. This helps adults and children form a good bond around that reading practice that happens at home. Well done to those students that joined our programme and are still making good progress. In addition to this programme I ran a Counting Together programme to encourage learning through games for maths. This is on-going and several families have received sets of games to have at home during the holidays. Renee helps with this by issuing the sets through the library so we can keep track of them.

Have a great holiday with your children. Read heaps if you can, count whenever possible and rest and enjoy the change of routine. Remember Teacher Only Day tomorrow, Friday, and Teacher Only Day on the first Monday back, so we will see you all on Tuesday 30 April.

Happy Holidays,

Karen Davies
and the
Primary Syndicate Team





Some students from RM 13 enjoying the ANZAC biscuits they had just made. Realising that soldiers in war time had very little in the way of nice food, they thought their own baking was yummy, a little dry, but yummy!



On Friday 5th April, Mrs Faye Leov, spoke to some students from Rai Valley about life in Rai around World War I and World War II time. The students were wearing uniforms supplied by Mr Orchard from Brayshaw Park. He had given a talk to all student earlier in the day. After this we put out the crosses remembering the soldiers, on the bank in front of the cenotaph ready for the ANZAC Day Service.



Welcome to the Rai Staff Ms Bellerby



We would like to welcome Anna Bellerby to our staff. Anna is an experienced teacher with an interest in different learning styles and will be working with some students who benefit from extra support. Anna will be splitting her talents between our school, two days a week, and relieving at other schools. We are very grateful she has made herself available and look forward to her supporting the learning of our young people.

Anna has 3 adult children and when not teaching Anna enjoys gardening, music, literature, art and craft, Shakespeare, and has an interest in developing countries.



Students Literacy

If humans didn't exist
then plastic wouldn't have been invented.

If plastic wasn't invented
then there wouldn't be plastic everywhere.

If there wasn't plastic everywhere
then more turtles would live.

If more turtles lived
then they would take up the entire ocean.

If they take up the entire ocean
then they would merge into a super turtle.

If they became a super turtle
then it would eat everything.

If it ate everything
then humans wouldn't exist.



Damien

If the sun doesn't rise
then it will be dark.

If it was dark
then you wouldn't be able to see.

If you couldn't see
then you could get a torch.

If you got a torch
then you could play spot light.

If you played spot light
then you might be tired.

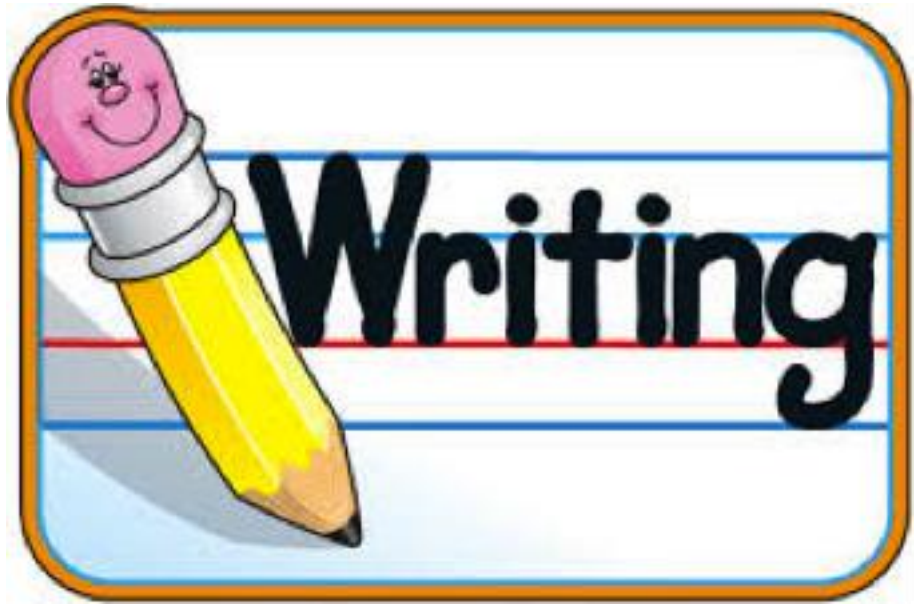
If you are tired
then you could go to bed.

If you went to bed
then you could sleep.

If you went to sleep
then you could wake up.

If you couldn't see
then OPEN YOUR EYES!

Neco



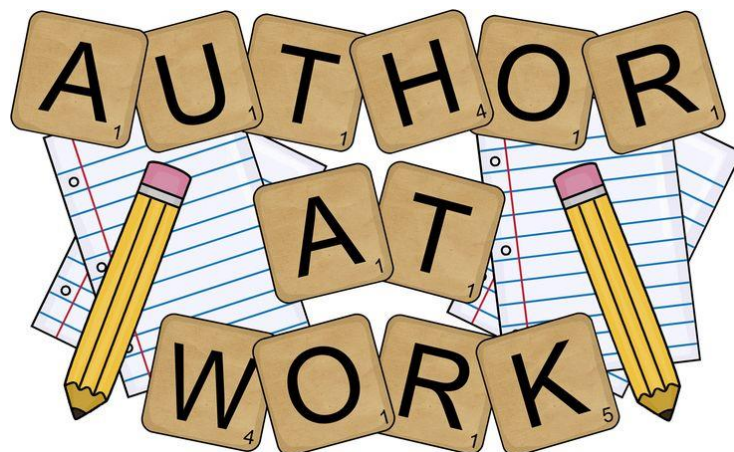
If the sun explodes
then it would be cold.

If it was cold
then people would wear a
jumper.

If people wore a jumper
then they wouldn't be cold.

If they weren't cold
then I wouldn't be cold either.

Lily





We are running a kids conservation club to try and help encourage the kids of the Rai/Pelorus region to get out doors and learn about our environment around us and to help motivate our kids to get out and about and active. Using the DOC Kiwi Guardian activities as a base for the activities we aim to plan one conservation based activity each month. We would love to share with you some of the adventures we have been on.

If you would like to join our adventures our next event will be held: Sunday 28th April 2pm

We will be building Tracking tunnels and Lizard Lounges
Follow us on Facebook to find out more

Momorangi Bay for the day

On 17th March we all headed out to Momorangi Bay for the day to explore and have some fun.

We started the fun by doing a Scavenger hunt bush walk. The kids had a list of things they needed to find along the way. They even found some big Wetas !!!!



After the bush walk we headed up the hill to the bay lookout !! check out the incredible views !!!



After all that walking we had worked up a hunger !! So we had a picnic lunch on the beach.

After all our bellies were full we headed out on to the mud flats to do our Citizen Scientist activity.

Everyone was split in to three groups, each group had a square meter section of the coast line to study. We had to look inside our section and write down all the things we could see, crabs, seaweed, shells, even fish !

After our coast line study it was time for some water fun!!! everyone got in and got wet !! swimming, kayaking, jumping off the walf !! exploring the sea life. Such a fantastic day !!!



**FREE
EVENT**

A joint venture between Te Hora Marae and Pelorus Community Preschool



TE HORA COMMUNITY OPEN DAY

Friday 12th April
Powhiri (Welcome) at 10am
followed by a range of fun activities—
bouncy castle, face painting, sausage
sizzle and more!



Course Programme Term 2 May/June 2019

Kia whakamohio -To inform Kia whakamanawa -To encourage Kia whakaara -To inspire

<p>Introduction to Te Reo</p> <p>Where: REAP House When: Thursday 23 May (6 weeks) Time: 10.00am-12noon Tutor: Merehira Willis Cost: \$50.00</p> <p><i>An introductory Te Reo course covering basic Maori language skills and culture. A popular tutor. Course fills quickly so don't delay your booking</i></p> <p>Cultural Pathway</p>	<p>Introduction to Mandarin</p> <p>Where: REAP House When: Thursday 23 May (6 weeks) Time: 7.00pm-9.00pm Tutor: Mandy Li Cost: \$125.00</p> <p><i>Come along and learn how fascinating the Chinese culture is which goes back thousands of years. Mandarin Chinese is the most widely spoken language in the world.</i></p> <p>Tourism Pathway</p>	<p>Introduction to Italian</p> <p>Where: REAP House When: Monday 20 May (6 weeks) Time: 7.00pm-9.00pm Tutor: Barbara Rocco Cost: \$125.00</p> <p><i>To introduce students to conversation, basic grammar and the Italian culture in a fun, small group atmosphere with a brilliant tutor.</i></p> <p>Tourism Pathway</p>	<p>Introduction to Dutch</p> <p>Where: REAP House When: Tuesday 21 May (6 weeks) Time: 7.00pm-9.00pm Tutor: Marianne Govaerts Cost: \$125.00</p> <p><i>Take this opportunity to learn Dutch from Marianne who will have just returned from visiting her homeland and is excited to share her language and culture with you.</i></p> <p>Tourism Pathway</p>
<p>Introduction to Mahjong</p> <p>Where: REAP House When: Wednesday 22 May (6 weeks) Time: 1.00pm-3.00pm Tutor: Rosemary Coyle Cost: \$125.00</p> <p><i>Mahjong is a Chinese tile-based game using thinking and strategy skills. Participants will learn to unlock the mystique of Winds and Dragons as you enjoy building sets and runs to complete your hands. Tile sets and booklets provided.</i></p>	<p>AA Defensive Driving Course</p> <p>Where: REAP House When: 22, 24, 29 and 31 May Time: 6.00pm-7.30pm Tutor: Mike McCann Cost: \$150.00 includes manual and certificate</p> <p><i>A solid course preparing for a successful outcome for Learner and Restricted licence holders. This will reduce wait times by six months by completing this course. Bring your licence. Also included is a 45 minute drive with Mike.</i></p> <p>Driving related Pathway</p>	<p>Introduction to Creative Writing</p> <p>Where: REAP House When: Saturday 22 June Time: 9.30am-12.30pm Tutor: Niki Morrell Cost: \$50.00</p> <p><i>Learn how to pluck inspiration from nowhere, discover the most important literary form to master and start a beautiful friendship with your inner liar. You might surprise yourself in this course! Suitable for all levels. Past participants have just loved this course and have gone on to further their writing pursuits.</i></p>	<p>Making Face Creams and Balms</p> <p>Where: REAP House When: Tuesday 21 May Time: 10.00am-2.00pm Tutor: Michelle Kietzmann Cost: \$65.00</p> <p><i>A hands-on course to show you how to make your own beautiful face creams and balms using all natural ingredients. Interesting information, easy to follow recipes and lots of fun.</i></p>
<p>Work Place First Aid Course</p> <p>Where: Seddon Saturday 3 August Date: Rapauna Saturday 28 September Time: 9.00am-5.00pm Tutor: Nino Scott Triple One Care Cost: \$105 Full or \$72 Refresher (REAP Subsidy included)</p> <p><i>This is a NZQA recognized course aimed at all those who need skills for life in their everyday environments. It is appropriate for anyone who wants first aid skills for home, work or recreation, or who needs a certificate that fulfills their legal workplace requirements.</i></p>	<p>Chalk Paint Furniture</p> <p>Where: REAP House When: Thursday 11 July Time: 10.00am-2.00pm (please bring a shared lunch) Tutor: Vonny Paul Cost: \$80.00</p> <p><i>This is a hands on course to learn the process of painting and distressing wood furniture with chalk paint to get that authentic 'shabby chic' style. Bring along a small piece of furniture. Wax, brushes and paint provided, off white, duck egg blue and green. If you would like another colour, please bring your own.</i></p>	<p>Flax Weaving a Kete</p> <p>Where: Picton When: Weekend 29 and 30 June Time: 10.00am-4.00pm Tutor: Bev Maata-Hart Cost: \$100.00</p> <p><i>This is a 2 day course to make a kete with a plaited bottom. You need to bring at least 80 pieces of flax 1cm in width plus extra for handles prepared with muka ends. Dye will be supplied. Please bring: Stanley knife, spring pegs, old style table knife, little chopping board and a shared lunch.</i></p> <p>Maori arts Pathway</p>	<p>Parent-Infant Classes <i>The Heart of Parenting</i></p> <p>Where: Garden setting When: Wednesday 1 May (10 weeks) Time: 1.00pm-3.00pm Tutor: Lynn DeBoo & Yasmin Gee Cost: \$40.00 includes manual</p> <p><i>This class is designed to promote positive, respectful parent-infant relationships in a relaxed garden setting. For further information email earlychildhood@reapmailborough.co.nz</i></p>



April Holiday Programmes with MOI

Cooking, Art/Engineering, and Magic the Gathering holiday programmes offered by Ministry of Inspiration. Mon-Wed 15-17 April at Garin College. Cost is \$50 per day. Register through Eventbrite or click 'events' on Facebook.

Programme is designed for children aged 6-13. Magic the Gathering is for students aged 10+. All materials are provided for each course. STEAMS School students receive 10% off registration.

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



