

# Te Karere

## Rai Valley Area School News



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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.



Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Kia ora koutou

28 school days until the first NCEA examination, year is racing by!

Next week, some of our Year 11 students are sitting the NCEA algebra exam. They have been working hard with Mrs Skinner during lunchtime and after school tutorials.

It has been a busy few weeks with a number of outside the classroom events. Today the Year 6's have gone to Te Pākeka/Maud Island for an overnight visit. We are very privileged to be able to visit the predator free reserve for rare and endangered native species.

Since the last newsletter, the primary school have very busy. They have participated in the Pelorus Cluster Cross Country competition. Congratulations to Jackson Jenner and Brooke Swan who were both placed first in their age groups. Last week, the Pelorus Cluster Speech Competitions for the finalists from year 5 to 8 were held in Havelock. Jackson Jenner and Weston Maisey were both awarded first place for their year levels. This is a great achievement as the competition was very strong. This week the Year 5 & 6 class participated in the "Big Sing" in Blenheim on Tuesday .

Last week I was fortunate to be able to watch our netball girls play at the South Island Secondary Schools Tournament. I was really impressed by the sportsmanship and the positive attitudes displayed. The improvement in their play over the week was outstanding. The entry of teams into tournaments like this take a considerable commitment from coaches. A huge thanks to Jolene Holmes, Steph Stuart and Leigh McKinlay for their contributions to the team.

Over the next few weeks there will be some changes on the school grounds. In the next school holidays, the climber will be installed in the sand pit area. This will mean that the sand pit will shift back to where it was a long time ago. Last week we added some adventure type play equipment. The Pooley family kindly supplied the rope and Kelvin installed a slackline down between the trees. Over the weekend the Billingsley's with Amy Jenner and Greg Thompson installed the tractor tyres that were kindly donated by Sam Thompson. This is to give a greater range of break activities for the primary students and are proving very popular.



During Term 2 and 3, Staff have been upskilling around digital technologies with Martin Hughes who is working with a number of Marlborough schools. Our next training day is Tuesday 24th September. Martin has kindly agreed to run a community session in the evening from 6.30pm in the library. The focus of the evening will be giving parents information and an opportunity for discussion on screens and digital devices for our young people. There will be a notice home early next week with more information.

Recently we have had several incidents that make it timely to remind parents around some school procedures. If you are dropping your child off late (after 8.50am) could you please remember to sign your child in and if you are picking them up early can you please sign them out through the office. If for any reason your child is not going to be on the bus, this must be communicated through the boomerang book or a phone message to Pauline.

Upcoming highlights include the Years 1-8 participation in national clean up week on Friday 13th September, Marlborough Girls College Jazz band visiting on Friday 20th September and the Senior School ball on Thursday 26th September.

Noho ora mai  
Maree

## TERM 3 – EVENTS Calendar

Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September & Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Maud Island trip
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Whole School Assembly
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September to 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Maori Language Week / Clean-Up Week
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Whole School Assembly
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>LAST DAY of Term 3.</b>
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>TERM 4 - SCHOOL PHOTOS - first day back at school – 9.00am</b>
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Whole School Assembly
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>Pet Day – indoor entries</b>
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	<b>Pet Day – outdoor entries</b>
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Labour Day – school closed
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Marlborough Anniversary – school closed
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Prizegiving</b>
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>School finishes for the year</b>

## Board of Trustee Meetings

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm  
 Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm  
 Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm

**You are welcome to attend these meetings.**



# Secondary News

## **Parents and Caregivers of Y11, 12 and 13 students**

After this week, there are only 27 days left at school for Y11, 12 and 13 students.

Here are some tips to support your sons and daughters to do their very best over the remaining days and throughout the exams in November.

*What our students do between now and the end of the exams will make all the difference to their results.*

- Avoid any unnecessary absences between now and the exams.
- Encourage your young person to attend tutorials and do regular home learning.
- Encourage your young person to practice past exam papers (we are happy to print these off).
- Ensure they have a dedicated place to study.
- Help them to manage their time effectively so they make time for their studies.
- Develop a study timetable with them and help them use it (I will send one home). Put this on display along with their exam timetable.
- Encourage self care by getting plenty of sleep, eating a balanced diet, drinking water and exercising.
- Help them to stay calm and positive while studying and encourage regular breaks.
- Help them to see that they are worth investing study time in themselves during this short period of their life.
- Contact teachers should you have any concerns or you would like more information on helping your son or daughter.

Siobhan Skinner



### **Teenage brain development and alcohol consumption**

Your teen's brain is still developing between the ages of 14-17. The longer they delay drinking the more chance they have to reach their full potential. Please find enclosed a leaflet with advice for parents/caregivers to help support your teen with regards to alcohol consumption.

### **Lost Property**

Please check the lost property container and ensure that your child/children's clothing is named, as this will enable clothing to be returned quickly to the owner and also save money. Thank you for your help.

# Primary School News

## The New Tightrope

On Thursday the Billingsleys put up a tightrope. My class and I went on the tightrope on Friday. Lots of people slipped off it. Sam was concentrating really hard, so were other people.

**Elin.**

The tightrope will take away lots of balance so go slow or you will fall! I can get halfway with one hand and then I would wobble but I did not fall off.

**Hunter M.**

They were very wobbly but three people were stable. Samara had very good balance. I was very wobbly but I still made it to the end of the tightrope.

**Rawiri.**

Two days ago I went on the tightrope and I fell off into the mud but I got back on again.

**Izzy.**

Georgie leaned with one hand on the tightrope. Amy's Mum and Dad made the tightrope.

**Declan.**



## Room 15's Big Day Out



On Tuesday Room 15 went to Blenheim to do the choir festival. Suzanne Prentice was singing with us and there were kids from Seddon, Ward, Mayfield, Springlands and Bohally Schools as well as Rai Valley.

We had a rehearsal in the morning and then all the other schools had to go back to school but we went to Pollard Park and played on the new playground and had lunch.

Then we walked through town to the swimming pool and on the way we saw a really old cannon and the war memorial clock tower. At the pool we had two hours to play!

Holly didn't have any togs so Amy went shopping with her! Now she has some lovely new togs.

By 4.30 we were starving and we all had Subway and a drink and cookie. Next we walked to the library where we browsed the books and had some quiet time - "No talking or moving!"

Finally it was back to the theatre and on stage ready for the big concert. It was very noisy up on stage and the lights were really bright. Some of the songs we did actions, that was fun.

Suzanne sometimes put the speaker in front of single students and the whole audience heard Sophie singing solo!

It was a late night, some of us didn't get home till after 10. A few of us didn't make it to school the next day!

Debby Upsall



## **Pelorus Cluster Cross Country**

Many thanks to all who came to Canvastown on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August to support the primary school in representing Rai Valley at the Pelorus Cluster Cross Country.

It was a glorious spring day and the ground was dry.

Congratulations to all who participated. You demonstrated the school value 'Achieve' by continuing to try your best the whole way. Very proud smiles at the finish line!

Rai Valley came 4<sup>th</sup> overall.





## R.V.A.S. BOOK FAIR 2019



Come along and visit our DINO-MITE Scholastic Book Fair  
– it's just like going to a book shop full of dinosaurs... and children.

**Closed Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> due to training outside of school.**

But come along and have a look. We are open until 4pm on school days with  
a late night for parents, grandparents - whom ever on

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 5pm - 7pm**

Book prices range from \$2 to \$30.

All sales go towards the library being able to purchase a percentage of the  
sales in books from the fair.

**Last day is Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September.**

Librarian Renee Jope|

## Rai Students Enjoying the New Playground Equipment

New equipment including a tight-rope, a new tyre swing and some tractor tyres have recently been added to the playground and are proving a bit hit with students. A special thank you to Amy Jenner, Gabrielle and Simon Pooley, Greg Thompson, Sam Thompson, and Tania and Kevin Billingsley for the donation and installation of the new equipment.



### **PELORUS SPORTING SUCCESS**

Well done to Archie Nightingale for his first rugby season with the Pelorus Rugby Club.

Also, well done to Mickayla Wooldridge for winning the Most Valuable Player Trophy at the Pelorus Netball Prizegiving!



### **SOS: Top Team 2019**

Calling all handy parents! If you are good with a hot glue gun, hammer, a creative thinker, a can-doer, or just keen as mustard, we need your help.

Because Sports Tasman could not find a date that fitted with the Pelorus Cluster of schools this year, we are running the event ourselves on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

What this means is we need some help to design, test and make 12 fun, team building challenges that Pelorus Cluster students can take on.

That's where you come in.



We will be holding a meeting on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> September at 5:00pm. We need, mums, dads, aunts, uncles, grandparents, older siblings and whanau of all shapes and sizes to come lend their brains and brawn.

If you can make the meeting, please drop me a line at: [michael.wilson@rai.school.nz](mailto:michael.wilson@rai.school.nz)

Some kai will be serve



# Your Community News

## Carluka Hall

Annual General Meeting of Carluka Domain is to be held at Carluka Hall, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September, at 7.30pm. All welcome. Any queries, please contact Elizabeth Dellabosca, Phone 5716037.

## TEEBALL AND BASEBALL – played in Terms 4 and 1 at Saxton Field, Stoke, Nelson.

**TEEBALL:** Thursdays 4-5pm. Champion Green, Saxton Field. \$40 per person per season or \$25 per term. Register as a school team or an individual. All equipment provided. Qualified coaches provide quality instruction and fun games. Years 1 – 6. For more information call Rachel on 021 343 690 or register at [www.nelsonbaseball.org.nz](http://www.nelsonbaseball.org.nz)

**BASEBALL:** u11 and u13 baseball played Saturday 1pm at Champion Green, Saxton Field. One mid-week training. \$80 per person per season or \$55 for term 4 only. Register as an individual. All equipment provided. Own glove is encouraged but loan gloves are available. For more information call Rachel on 021 343 690 or register at [www.nelsonbaseball.org.nz](http://www.nelsonbaseball.org.nz)

If you require more information please don't hesitate to contact me.  
Rachel Knowles, Secretary, Nelson Heat Baseball , Phone 021 343 690



Bicycle—Scooter Decorating Competition



Great Prizes

Under 5, 5-8yrs, 9-12yrs

Judging at 12 noon, starts at 10.am

Name

Age

Rapaura
Tennis Club

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# Pet Day

Spring is definitely here which means Pet Day is getting ever closer.

In this edition of the newsletter parents will find a list of events primary classes plan to do at school. This can be useful to help avoid double ups. As always, the number of items will vary from class to class and will need to work in with and around normal curriculum. Also, it is important to note that while teachers try to stick to this plan, it can be subject to change.

The first 3 items on the list will be done as a syndicate on the day, as they require fresh flowers and adornments.

## Pet Day Primary Events

Events	Room 12 Ms McKinlay	Room 13 Mrs Davies	Room 15 Mrs Upsall	Room 3 Ms Nancarrow
<b>Section D: Floral &amp; Vegetable</b>				
Sand Saucer	✓	✓	✓	✓
Buttonhole	✓	✓	✓	✓
Arranged flowers in vase, jug, or jar	✓	✓	✓	✓
Potted Plant in a decorated container		✓		
Vegetable or Fruit Novelty				
Miniature Sand tray				
Natural Material Picture				
<b>Section E: Handwriting &amp; Computer</b>				
Handwriting	✓	✓	✓	✓
Handwritten Party Invitation		✓	✓	✓
Poster		✓	✓	✓
Poetry Writing		✓	✓	✓
Computer Designed Certificate	✓	✓	✓	
Computer Graphics & Design	✓	✓	✓	
Maths problem solving	✓	✓	✓	
<b>Section F: Creative Flair</b>				

Fabric Creation		✓ (Some students)		
Pet Animal Rock		✓	✓	
Decorated plastic bottle				
Jewellery		✓		
Junk Model: Recycled Robot			✓ We made vehicles	
Pet Pine Cone				
Decorated boot or shoe				
Christmas Tree Decoration	✓	✓		
Mask		✓	✓	
Decorated Wooden Spoon		✓		
Decorated hard boiled egg				
Artwork		✓		

## Adult Colouring Competition & Wood/Metal Work

Calling all Mums & Dads!

In the pet day schedule this year you may have noticed some new categories in the adult section. We really want to see more adult entries, so have included an adult colouring competition and a wood/metal work category.

A copy of the artwork to be coloured can be collected from the school (see Renee) or downloaded from the school's website.

So, what are you waiting for? Dust off the felts and sharpen those pencils.



