

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 20th November 2019

Kia ora koutou

Last week our year 7 and 8 students attended Whenua Iti for the day. This trip turned into an interesting adventure with the slip at Hira and the road closure. The last student finally got home at 8pm. A huge thanks to the parents who provided transport and to Miss Nancarrow who went above and beyond.

Next week is very full-on. Unfortunately, we cannot always organise when our guests are able to visit. On Monday 25th November Jenny Tebbutt is going to work with staff to continue professional development around how we can grow our knowledge about meeting the learning needs of all our students. She will work with some of our students during the day and will meet with parents who wish to attend the evening.

On Tuesday 26th, Paul Johnstone will hold a meeting with staff after school and meet with parents in the evening to talk about our PB4L programme and restorative justice. For both these sessions we will provide a snack as well as childcare. If you are coming and need childcare can you please put a note in the boomerang book.

On Monday 25th November the Years 4 to 6 are going to visit a replica of Captain Cooks Endeavour in Picton. This is an opportunity that is available to all schools in Marlborough and as a result, the number has been very limited.

The year 9 and 10 students have school camp at Whenua Iti from Wednesday to Friday. They should have a wonderful time.

The end of the year is looming quickly. I look forward to seeing you all at prizegiving on Tuesday 10th December at 6.30 pm

Ngā mihi nui

Maree Furness
Tumuaki





TERM 4 – EVENTS Calendar

Monday 25 th November	Jenny Tebbutt – Learning abilities – Parents Evening 6.00 – 8.00pm in the library. Playground structure begins. Rooms 13 & 15 – Tuia 250 (Endeavour Trip) at Picton
Tuesday 26 th November	Restorative Practices – Paul Johnstone 6.00 – 7.30pm
Wednesday 27 th – Friday 29 th November	Year 9 & 10 School Camp -Whenua Iti
Thursday 28 th November	Whole School Assembly
Saturday 7 th December	LEO Club - Trip to Natureland - Nelson
Monday 9 th December	Reports given out.
Tuesday 10th December	Prizegiving – 6.30pm
Wednesday 11th December	Last day of School – 2.50pm

New Year 2020

Monday 27th January	Teacher Only Day – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 28 th January	Years 11-13 Students Only
Wednesday 29 th January	All Students

Playgroup – at Rai Valley Area School

Welcome to come along and join in with the activities.

Ages 5 and under.

Held in Room 14 on school grounds.

Tea and coffee provided. Bring a kids lunchbox.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday at 9.00am to 12.00 noon.

Facebook Rai Valley Playgroup.

For further information please contact Kelsey Knight 03 5716353; Vicky Thompson 03 5716 212.



Board of Trustees News

Bringing you relevant news from our monthly meetings

This month we discussed the installation of the new playground equipment. This will be getting installed from November 25, where the Kids Edible Gardens currently are. The old sandpit will be converted into the Kids Edible Gardens. We are all looking forward to this exciting new climbing frame!

The Board decided to contribute financially towards two students, Alec Swan selected for the NZ swim team to Australia, and Kade Martin and his trip to Japan. Congratulations to you both and all the best for your exciting trips.

After much discussion and research, the Board is delighted to announce that we will be opting into the Governments' new Donations Replacement Scheme for the 2020 school year. The school will receive an extra payment of \$150 per child each year. In exchange for this, the school will waive the right to ask for any donations during the year. This includes the previous \$50/\$75 lump sum per child/family, \$5 fuel donation for trips, \$1-2 here and there for class activities and events. We feel this will be a win-win for both the school with a boost to the budget, and for parents who will have more money left in their wallets for their children (or for parental chocolate - both are a good option).

Parents are still required to purchase their children's stationery and uniforms, and donations can still be requested for overnight trips such as school camps and tournaments. Fundraising is still allowed – e.g. the sale of sausages to raise money for the school. For more details, please check out the detailed information sheet:

<http://www.education.govt.nz/assets/Documents/School/donations/MOE-Donations-Scheme-Info-A3-FA-Web-18-OCT.pdf>

That's all for October!
Gabrielle for the Board.

Prize Giving 2019

It's almost that time of year where we get to celebrate some of the many achievements and successes of our school.

This year's prize-giving is on Tuesday the 10th of December at 6:30pm in the school hall.

The event will be followed by tea and coffee served in the library.
Parents and whanau are asked to please bring a plate of food to share.

**Please note: Student Reports will be given out at the end of prize-giving.
Those not attending will be mailed out.**

We would love to see as many members of our community there as possible to join in celebrating the myriad of our students' successes in 2019.

If you have any queries, please get in contact with me at the school.

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Secondary News

End of Year

The Year 9 and 10 students are enjoying being the senior students at school now that the senior secondary students have left. The Year 10's are focussing on preparing for Year 11 by getting into good working habits. We are helping students focus on their work, avoid distracting others and ensuring homework is completed.

NCEA assessments are underway which means many students will start Year 11 with some credits, this is highly motivating.

A reminder that if a student is away from school, for any reason, it is their responsibility to catch up on missed work. Should they require extra support from their teacher they can talk to the teacher concerned and book a time to see them eg before school, interval, lunchtime or after school. Teachers are more than happy to provide extra assistance (this also applies in general if a student wants more support).

Senior students last day

We farewelled our Year 11, 12 and 13 students on their last day at school. The Year 9 and 10 students made yummy pizzas and garlic bread.

Most Year 11, 12 and 13 students have been in to attend tutorials and finish off work. We are very proud of their efforts and positive attitude.



LEO Club

At our last LEO get together, we made lamingtons and Anzac biscuits. We wish Kade a wonderful trip to Japan and we look forward to seeing photos and hearing about Japanese culture. We can't wait to hear how the baking goes.

A huge thanks to Olive MacLeod for helping us and being a great taster of all the cooking. We hope you will continue to visit us.



Year 9 &10 Camp

Gear lists have gone out and request for food donations (this reduces overall camp costs). Thank you for these items. Next week we will send out a note with leaving and return times.

Ngā mihi ki a koe,
Siobhan

Primary School News

Greetings everyone,

This is already week 6 and the end is just around the corner. Even tonight on TV an educational physiologist was talking about 'Mad-vember'. That time when lives seem to be going mad with tired children, Christmas upon us and a list that seems to get bigger each day. Roll on the holidays. Her advice, shorten the list!! Great idea perhaps just a bit harder to do. Anyway, we still have a few weeks of school with lots of activities still to take place.

One main event that has just happened was Pelorus Cluster Athletics last Wednesday at Havelock. We were lucky with the weather and many of our students did themselves and our school proud with great sporting efforts reaping many successful placings. Overall we were placed third. Thank you to all the parents who came along to support their children and those who helped with transport and equipment when we were down at the domain.

Teachers are busy writing reports for you. The format will look a little different this end of year, as we have focussed on comments you made to us last year, to give you an overview of your child's learning and progress for this year. Some advice for what you can do at home to help further learning and some children will have additional comments from our wonderful support teachers, Mrs Bellerby and Mrs Moore.

Please keep paying attention to notices in your child's boomerang book as we keep you informed of details and events that are still to come.

Karen Davies
Head of Primary

ATHLETICS DAY: ROOM 12 WRITING



On Athletics Day there was running, long jump, throwing and relays. My favourite sport was long jump because you run and jump.

Yesterday it was Athletics Day and we learnt more things.
We threw tennis balls at the gate. It was fun because we got to do that. Next we did running.
Finally it was over.

Yesterday I went to exciting, sunny Athletics Day. I loved the big long jump best because I got my school six points.

Archie Nightingale

Athletics

My foot was just behind the starting line. Butterflies sped around my tummy.
“On your marks!” My foot met the line.
“Get set!” I move my arms by my side.
“Go!” My back foot comes forward and I take off.
Adrenalin kicks in as I take the lead.

I keep my spot in the lead, whizzing past all the people cheering for their school. Halfway to the finish line my knee started to ache. I started dropping my pace. I could hear the other girls behind me, so I started to pick up my pace again. I sprinted over the finish line puffing. I walked over to the lady that tells you the scores.

“First for Eden Moss,” she said.

Eden

Long Jump

Flying through the air like an airplane, hitting the ground with a thud. It was my turn next. I was sprinting as fast as I could, then lift off. I landed on my feet. We had another go. And I beat my record. We had one more go before the horn for the next activity. I did not get far but I tried my best. It was fun and I had a good time. And Rai Valley came 3rd.

Ben

Yesterday it was Athletics Day so Mum and I drove to big Havelock to do the race sprints.

Then we ate our delicious lunch.

Then we did fast running. I came second and third because I ran fast.

Yesterday it was athletics so Mum and I ate a sausage together.
It was windy, but it was very cold as well.
Mum gave me a jersey to make me warm!
On one of the races I came first.

Lucia Pooley



Year 7 & 8 Whenua Iti Trip



Whenua Iti

The trembling fear in Lily's eyes showed that she needed help. So I walked over the slippery log to give her some positive words of encouragement and to help her up the imposing ladder onto the log. She let go of the climbing staple and clenched her hand to mine, not letting go. As we slowly stumbled across the log I told Lily to just look at me and keep walking.

It was very challenging for both of us because I was walking backwards while holding her hand. We both struggled but got through it together.

Ella

It was a breezy morning when we left school to go to Whenua Iti. We got there at 10.00 and we played games on the ground before hitting the ropes.

The first game we played on the ground was called "Chicken or Hero." There would be a tagger who would call out someone. The person who had been called out would either say 'hero' or 'chicken'. Chicken means everyone runs and hero is where you run by yourself.

The first rope was a practice, so we got used to High ones. We did three ropes in one day. They were all super fun. I had a great day all together.

Kayla

My trip to Whenua Iti

When it was my go on the flying kioere my legs were shaking. I was sitting on the seat while I got ready. Then Catherine told me to come up. I put on my harness and she clipped me to it. I had to shout out, "Tuggers are you ready?" and they all shouted, "Yes." hey walked down the hill and off I went, flying up. My heart was beating fast. I do not think it should beat that fast. When I was coming down I was gripping on to the rope. I do not think I let go until I hit the ground.

I went back up again, not so scared but still very frightened. I can not wait for next year because it was so much fun.

Lily

High Ropes

My tight fitting harness was uncomfortably stable and ready to go but was I? Absolutely not!

"I am not going to do this not in a million years." I thought to myself, "I could just pull a sickie or something. I can't risk my life in a little harness. I can't, can't, can't. I won't go through with this no! no! no!"

It just kept on repeating in my head like an old video tape, over and over again. I got the courage to step on the ladder. The hot grease covered metal burned my hands but I refused to let my tight grip slip. Rising higher and higher, still trembling with fear, while shaking and breathing heavily. I had made it to the top but instead of being a brave person I lunged my arm and shaky legs around the splintery hard wooden pole and stayed there like a koala.

Time passed and I had to move at some point. Deciding whether or not to move and where I started with heaving my shaking led over a thick strong weir rope and took one big nervous step onto the first wooden plank. I started yelling at the top of my lungs, saying, "Let me down! Or I'm going to die!" One or the other anyway but no, I stayed on that death trap!

I stood still for a while worrying about the worst-case scenario that might happen and slowly losing my grip on my rope. Moving from one plank by another my twitchy fingers tightened even tighter than before. Reaching the end I realised that all I had to do was fall! It probably looked like I was trying to commit suicide but I had finished and I'm very proud I pushed myself to do it.

Stella

Group Day 2019: More Results.



Since the last newsletter we have had more results come in regarding indoor placings for some of our students. Congratulations to the following students who indoor exhibits were awarded the following places:

Junior Years 1-3

1st place - Hunter O'Donnell for Recycled item

Middle Years 4-6

3rd place - Elin Kiddey for A&P Poster

3rd place - Amy Billingsley for Natural material picture

1st place - Lorna O'Donnell for Decorated boot.

Senior Years 7-8

3rd place - Danny Roeske - Recycled item.

3rd place - Danny Roeske - Natural material picture.

Winning Boot: Lorna O'Donnell's winning boot entry – middle.



**Have fun with the Summer Reading Programme
at Marlborough District Library (Blenheim)**

**Join up and start from
Monday 9th December**

**Programme finishes
Friday 17th January 2020*

- Read Books
 - Earn Rewards
 - Fun Activities
- And it's Free!**



**Be quick - places are limited!
For ages 5 –12 years
Ask at the library for further
details or phone 520 7491**



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**EVERY FRIDAY
IN NOVEMBER**



**7PM-10PM
AGES 12+**

SPECIAL GUESTS



BEN SIGMUND
FORMER ALL WHITE &
PHOENIX PLAYER



SAM DEMPSTER
NELSON GIANTS
CAPTAIN



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SPORT TASMAN





Conservation Kids *Turns One!!*

What started as an idea has turned in to a wonderful adventure .

*Come join us to help
celebrate a successful
year of fun.*

Date: Sat 7th Dec 2019

Time: 10am

Place: Mill Flat, Pine Valle

**Bring: Picnic Lunch, Togs,
Sunscreen and Sun Hat.**

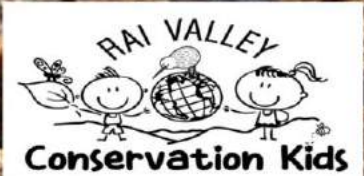
**RSVP: head to our
members FaceBook page
to let us know you are
joining in the fun.**



Bat Night

COME ALONG AND
LEARN ALL ABOUT
OUR LOCAL BAT.

WEDNESDAY 2ND NOV
6.00PM
PELORUS BRIDGE CAFE
\$\$ GOLD COIN
DONATION \$\$



Honey Bee Day

COME ALONG AND
LEARN ALL ABOUT HOW
THE HONEY BEE HELP
OUR ENVIRONMENT.
MAKE YOUR OWN
FLOWER PLANTER TO
ATTRACTED BEES TO
YOUR GARDEN

THURSDAY 28TH NOV
3.30PM
RAI VALLEY AREA SCHOOL
LIBRARY
\$\$ GOLD COIN DONATION \$\$



Christmas Family Night

FREE



5th December 2019 5:00 - 7:00pm

Bring the family along for a great night of fun!

- Santa's little helper workshops
- Gift wrapping station
- Meet Santa in store
- Light refreshments will be provided

For more information ask one of our team in store or visit www.bunnings.co.nz

What's Happening at Blenheim Store

- Christmas DIY's:
 - Make a festive light
 - Build and paint activity
 - Pool noodle reindeer
- Sausage Sizzle
- Icecream, candy floss, popcorn, coffee kart
- Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, Games
- Giveaways, Prizes to be won

BUNNINGS warehouse

LOWEST PRICES ARE JUST THE BEGINNING...

Bridge Valley Holiday Camps

Our overnight, week-long, children's holiday camps are coming up! Our camps are fun, safe, and exciting for all ages, and are a great way to spend a week of the Summer holidays.

Blast Day Camp (7-13 yrs): 18th - 20th December - Not overnight

Junior (8-11 yrs): 6th - 10th January

Intermediate (11-13 yrs): 13th - 17th January

Extreme (Junior: 9-11 yrs, Youth: 12-15 yrs): 21st - 24th January

Registrations are open online (www.bridgevalley.co.nz)

Email holidaycamps@bridgevalley.co.nz with any questions!

Thanks so much!

Kind regards, Caitlin Clementson, Holiday Programme Coordinator, Phone: 03 541 8465, www.bridgevalley.co.nz

HAVELOCK vision 2020
MAKING THE SPOTLIGHT ON HAVELOCK

Mountain Bike Skills Sessions

Ages 11 to 18



4 x 4 hour Skills sessions
Sessions run by Chris Mildon
www.mtbskillsclinics.co.nz
Newton's Farm 74 Readers Road Havelock
Great Value at \$150.00 for all 4 sessions (usually \$129.00 per session)
Sessions start Sunday 24th November
To enrol contact Susan 574 1443 or email havelockv2020v2020@gmail.com