

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 11th March 2020

Kia ora koutou

This week my newsletter reflects a number of recent conversations around safety.

On Monday I shared information from the Ministry of Education for schools around coronavirus on Facebook. I will continue to do this if there is additional information that would be useful to our community. This is a potentially fast-changing situation and at this point, all we can do is to follow Ministry advice and school policy.

Several weeks ago, I asked teachers to revisit with our students the usual practices around handwashing and coughing into their elbow and the like. These are normal practices as we come into the usual winter cold and flu season. As a school, we have good supplies of tissues and hand sanitizer. I would like to stress though that if your child is unwell or is coughing and sneezing they should stay at home until they are well.

A number of our staff have completed professional development to renew their First Aid Certificates in the last three weeks. All school trips need to have at least one staff member with a current first-aid certificate.

In the next few weeks, our school will begin a programme of *"Keeping ourselves Safe."* It is a whole-school programme with content that is sorted for different age groups. This programme was developed between schools and the New Zealand Police. It is regularly delivered in schools throughout New Zealand and some sessions including Josh the school community constable. We will send you further information nearer the time.

This summer has not been a good summer for anything pool or swimming related. We have finally had the pool pumps fixed after many delays. The School will refund your full deposit when you return your pool keys as many of you have been unable to use them as you would normally have done.



This week we have moved swimming sports for Year's 1 to 10 into November. The Year 11's and 12's will hold their competition separately in-class time.

The year 1-8 trip to Anakiwa on Monday, that was part of sea week has been cancelled due to the weather as well.

Key upcoming events.

- The Primary syndicate will be holding goal-setting meetings next Monday and Tuesday.
- Secondary Area School's Tournament in Reefton in the week of the 22nd March.
- Rai will be hosting the Pelorus Cluster Top Team Competition on Tuesday 24th March weather permitting.

Ngā mihi nui

Maree Furness
Tumuaki

TERM 1 – EVENTS Calendar

Monday 16 ^h March to Tuesday 17 th March	Goal Setting – Student and Parent Interviews
Thursday 13 th March	Whole School Assembly
Sunday 22 nd March to Friday 27 th March	Area School Tournament at Reefton
Tuesday 24 th March	Pelorus Cluster Top Team event at Rai
Friday 27 th March	Years 1 – 8 - Teacher Only Day - Pelorus Cluster
Thursday 9 th April	Whole School Assembly
Thursday 9th April	LAST DAY OF TERM
Monday 27th April	ANZAC Day (observed)
Tuesday 28th April	TERM 2 BEGINS

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 kid's lunchbox and sunhat.

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.



Marlborough Community Referral Network Co-ordinator – Aimee McIntyre



At the Rai Valley A&P Show last weekend, Aimee McIntyre (Harcourts Real Estate Agency) presented a cheque of \$500.00 to the School. This was made possible from the sale of a section, through the Marlborough Community Referral Network. A huge thank you for this money, it is much appreciated.

Important Notice

The Havelock and Springlands Medical Centres are screening patients who arrive for appointments. You will just be asked a couple of questions before you can enter the building.

This is a safety pre-caution for everyone, to try to mitigate the chances of coronavirus being spread. It is protection for vulnerable patients in the waiting room, as well as staff. It is not a lockdown- that would be no one in or out. Please do go for your usual appointments.

Thanks

Primary School News

Stories from Room 3.

On Friday I was coming home from school on the bus. The bus driver dropped me off and I went inside.

My Mum's dog, Biscuit, was standing on the couch barking and wagging her tail at me. I put my bag down. Biscuit finally stopped barking at me. She started to race around the house with my kitten, Storm. Biscuit chased Storm out the door and Storm jumped over the fence.

Mickayla Wooldridge

It was early morning before I woke up to the dog barking. So I got up, looked through the window and saw it was a cat going down the footpath.

The cat heard the dog barking and got scared and ran. My dog stood there for a while before getting bored. He walked away to go get something to eat and drink.

After eating he walked back to the window and saw the mailman and then started rapidly barking again. The mailman just stood there before walking away. The dog continued barking.

My dad came out and told him off and finally I could get back to sleep again. Then the dog started again. Maybe I wouldn't get back to sleep.

I walked into the living room to see the dog barking continuously at a bird that had landed in the backyard. I let the dog out and he went zooming out the door towards the bird.

The bird saw him coming and flew into the air. My dog sat where the bird had been and looked up. Then he got back up and walked inside, sadly.

Kaden Lawrence

It was a clear, chilly night as the moon was filling the sky with light. When I got home the sheep were out and munching at all the delicious vegetables in the garden so I put them back in their paddock.

Out of nowhere, I saw a huge black shadow creeping towards me. "Grr woof!" It was a giant, brown, ferocious, angry dog. I thought, "What am I going to do?"

I was running for my life behind the hedge. My heart was pounding. I reached a gate and leapt over it like my life depended on it. I finally got to the house and locked all the doors and called the SPCA for help.

I heard the van come up the driveway and take the dog away. That was the last time I saw that dog.

Ella Jenner



Junior Pelorus Netball Trials - Thursday 26th March - Havelock Netball Courts - 3.30pm

Inviting all players, boys or girls, Year 5/6 and 7/8 new and old, to register and trial for the upcoming season of netball.

Also wanting to invite all Future Fern players Year 1/2 and 3/4 to register for the upcoming season.

If you can't make it on the 26th but would like to register please contact Sonya Ferguson 027 877 6703.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!!

BOARD MEMBERS - We are still wanting your nominations for Appointed and Elected Board members. Here is the link to register for [Elected](#) or [Appointed](#) Board Members.

DELEGATES - Please don't forget to register your delegates. Thanks to the clubs and schools that have already done this if not here is the link to register your delegates <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/117817>

SAVE THE DATE – *Please save the date for our AGM, Monday the 23rd of March 6.30pm at Lansdowne Park. We are looking forward to seeing you all there*

Ngā mihi nui, Raramai Nicklin, Marlborough Netball Administrator, 021 556 486

NETBALL – PREMIERSHIP SEASON – STADIUM 2000 in BLENHEIM

We are hosting the Good Oil Tactix Vs Pulse game here in Marlborough on Sunday the 15th of March. They have a great deal to kick off the first ANZ game.

A Free T-Shirt

To kick off the ANZ Premiership season we have 500 T-Shirts to give away to children's ticket holders at our first home game in Blenheim. T-Shirts will be provided on entry, one per child's ticket, first 500 through the door.

So, get your tickets today and come along and support your local team The Good Oil Tactix, Sunday 15 March, @ Stadium 2000

<https://premier.ticketek.co.nz/shows/show.aspx?sh=TACTIX2020>

T&Cs on ANZ Premiership Website

Get your tickets today!!!!

Ngā mihi nui, Raramai Nicklin, Marlborough Netball Administrator, 021 556 486

Junior Table Tennis

The Marlborough Table Tennis Association is again running junior table tennis starting Tuesday 28th April 2020, which will run during Terms 2 and 3.

4pm – 5pm Beginners and developing players. 5pm - Two player teams competition, any gender,

A and B grades. Blenheim Indoor Sports Centre 50 Batty's Road.

To register phone Debbie , 021 1632 140, 5786822, or e-mail deb_e_j@hotmail.com

NETBALL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2020

Date: 22 April 2020

Time: 10 am - 3 pm

Where: Lansdowne park (Netball Courts)

Cost: \$20 per player incl. Lunch

Marlborough netball is partnering up with Oscar to give your child an unforgettable holiday experience. The day will be filled with fun activities e.g. Netball Skills, Team building Games, Bouncy Castles and Konga (Dance Fitness). Include all age groups.

Click here to Register:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/117903>



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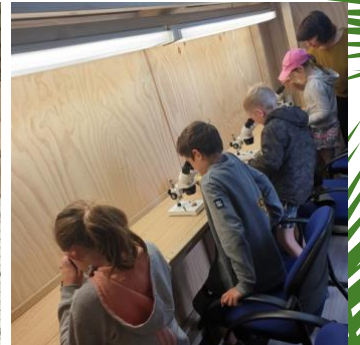
Hours:	Tuesday	9.00 am – 6.00pm
	Wednesday	9.00am – 5.00pm
	Thursday	9.00am – 7.00pm
	Friday	9.00am – 4.00pm
	Saturday	9.00am – 1.00pm (every second Saturday)

Ring today to make your appointment!

Ph: 03 5741327 Email: legendshair@xtra.co.nz



The last weekend of February was full of adventure for our Conservation Kids. We started off visiting the Tui Nature Reserve Koru Native Wildlife Centre. Where we meet the amazing team who talked to the kids all about the Green geko, the Giant weta and the stunning green Kakariki !! We even got to be the first kids to test out their new microscopes which was really neat!! but the most impressive part was the GIANT WETAS!!



After that a few of us headed to Anakiwa for a beach clean up to do our part in the Massive Marlborough Clean up for part of Sea Week. The kids did not actually find much rubbish which is a great thing!!



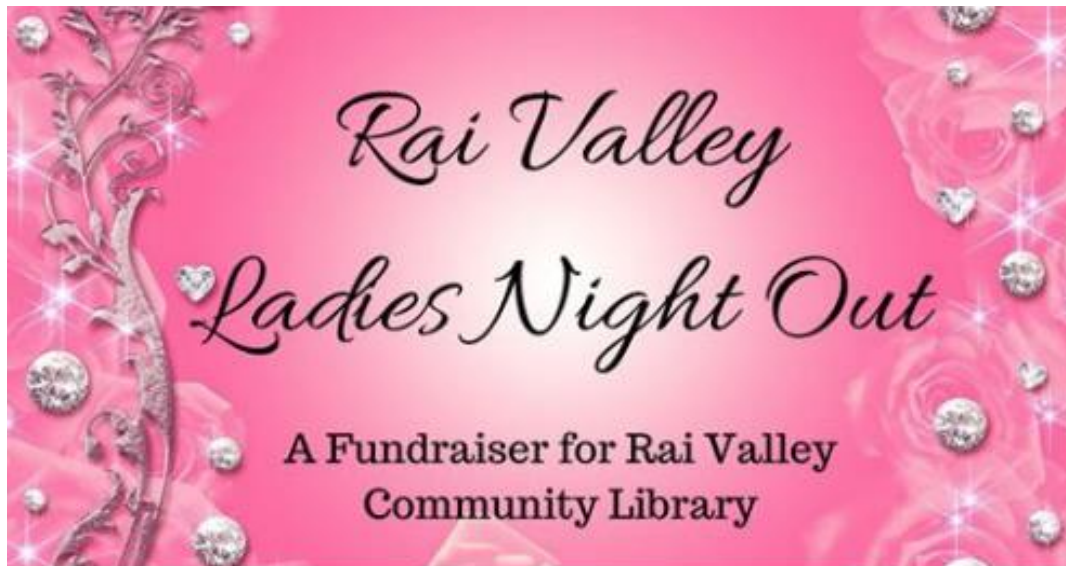
After the clean up 4 of our Conservation kids headed over to Davies Bay for the night on a wee mini tramp to do their Curious Camper Medal !! The kids helped to put up their own tents, cook tea and they each drew a map of the camp site. The kids had a great night roasting marshmallows and playing with glowsticks. The following day we walked back out - it was a great weekend!



We are running a raffle to help raise funds for our annual snow trip later this year and also a special trip to Wellington. You can win one of 3 awesome camping sets!

If you would like to buy a ticket or two there are some for sale at the Brick Oven and Pelorus Bridge Cafe.

If you want to keep up to date with our up and coming adventures either check out our Rai Valley Conservation Club Members Page on Facebook or contact
Antonia O'Donnell
email: toni_rowe@hotmail.com



On Friday 13th March the Library Committee is hosting a Ladies Night.

THIS FRIDAY at 7pm come on down.

Ladies, you and your friends are invited to the Rai Valley Fundraiser for the Community Library.

We are having a Mobile Bra Boutique come to us, help the ladies get fitted in their right fit and right style of bras to raise funds for what our community can benefit from. An Informative, fun evening

Specials! Spot prizes!

It is a gold coin donation at the door, a free glass of beverage and heaps of fun. And remember to invite your friends to this fun-filled event so they don't miss out....

If you haven't as yet don't forget to invite your friends. If a friend cannot attend they can still place an order or arrange their own fitting by contacting KAMNI RAJU-RUSSELL - INTIMOBRA FIT SPECIALIST - Email: kamni.raju-russell@ntimo.com.au - Mobile: 0274853991

Here is the Invitation link to share with your friends

<https://intimo.fit/eti>

Don't forget that all of your guests that RSVP will be in the running to win a \$250 voucher.

When: 19:00 to 21:30 Friday 13 March

Where: Rai Valley Area School Library 6700 Main Road, Rai Valley

Thank you for supporting the Rai Valley Community Library Inc.

Kind regards

Renee Jope



www.kaitunaridgesramble.kiwi.nz



KAITUNA RIDGES RAMBLE

Saturday 4th April 2020

A fantastic 12km Walk / MTB / Run around the ridgeline of the Kaituna Ridges Farm at the base of the Pelorus Sound.

This challenging track will take you through large areas of native bush, and along steep hillsides clothed in pasture which offer extensive views of both the Pelorus & Queen Charlotte Sounds.

Full details on this fundraising event can be found on our website.

MARKET DAY & FAMILY FUN

Lions Club Havelock Market Day, Food Stall, Bouncy Castles, Pony Rides, Coffee Cart, Marlborough Sounds Massage, plus more!!

Visit our website for full details on this event

www.kaitunaridgesramble.kiwi.nz

Like us on Facebook to receive information & updates



Kaituna Ridges Ramble is a Community Fundraiser for Pelorus Community Preschool – Kohungahunga o Te Hoiere.

Proudly supported by Pelorus Area Health Trust's Community Grant Scheme.



Pre-register for the Kaituna Ridges Ramble on Eventbrite



Elements Nature Based Play programmes are an option in Marlborough!

Are you looking to give your children a different experience in the next school holidays? Have your children active & imaginative in the great outdoors. Think huts, ropes, tools, water play, mud and paint! We have a great mix of planned experiences and play throughout our days. The April school holidays include multi-day or 1 day programmes such as "Magic & Spells", "Neverland & Pirates" or "Huts n Hideouts".

For more info email elementsprogrammes@gmail.com. Holiday bookings are through

<https://elements.aimyplus.com> putting 'Elements NZ' as the 'school'. See facebook for what we get up to:

<https://www.facebook.com/elementsprogrammes/>

Bridge Valley Holiday Camps

Our next children's camps are coming up in April, and we can't wait! With all of our fun activities, exciting wide games, great leaders, and safe environment, camp is something that anyone will enjoy. On top of that, our theme for next camp is Virtual Reality, so we will be including all of our favourite video game characters, and you'll even get to have a turn in the gamers lounge throughout the week!

Junior (Ages 8-11)

14th - 17th April

Intermediate (Ages 11-13)

20th - 24th April

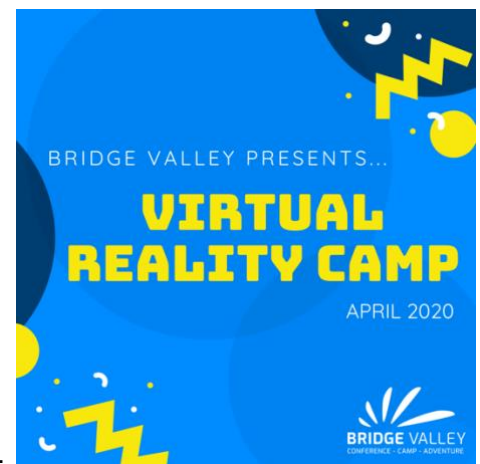
Registrations are open now on our website, under the camps tab.

Contact Caitlin at holidaycamps@bridgevalley.co.nz if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Caitlin Clementson

Holiday Programme Coordinator



EASTER FAIR

Saturday 11th April 2020

At the Okiwi Bay Community Centre

2.00pm till 4.30pm



Raffles

Yummy Food

Chocolate Wheel

Home Baking

White Elephant

Fizzy

Fishing

Clown

Ball Toss

Have a go at Hole in 1

All proceeds go to the Community Centre for ongoing repairs and maintenance

News from PAHT

\$2 SALE, Medical Centre Enrolments and Patient Portal

Barn Sale – The Havelock Charity Shop needs to move out of the Barn part of the building this month.

As there is a lot of wonderful goods in there that need to go, we have decided to have a

RIDICULOUSLY CHEAP SALE.

From now until March 24th grab yourself a bargain in clothes, shoes, kitchenware, kids' stuff, paintings, entertainment, nic-nacs.etc

ALL \$2 each

The shop is open Mon-Sat 10 -3. It will be open on Sunday 15th March as well.

Enrolments at the Medical Centre – The Havelock Medical Centre has been fully open for enrolments since June/July 2019, and since that time there had been 750 new enrolments, at Havelock and Springlands. Those new to the area can have an immediate enrolment.

Those who wish to transfer from another Marlborough Practice will go on the waitlist for enrolment. This is because they do already have a doctor, so those without a doctor will be ahead of them. However currently that waitlist is only 3 weeks

Patient Portal – Springlands Medical Centre (and therefore Havelock Medical Centre) has signed up to the national patient portal system- Health 365. You can now manage your health online. With this service you can:

*Make appointments with your GP or nurse

*Order repeat prescriptions

*Access your medical records

*Track your lab/test results

*Access the consultation notes your doctor makes

*Get a list of scheduled events, e.g. due dates for check-ups, follow up care etc

To sign up, grab an enrolment form from Havelock Medical Centre or the Havelock Charity Shop. Fill it in and bring it to the medical centre. Note: If you only have one email address for a couple, you will need to sign confidentiality agreements. It is better to have separate email addresses.

Coronavirus is in NZ. Don't Panic, but

REMEMBER TO WASH YOUR HANDS REGULARY

Non-food rewards for tamariki

Praising children for achievements makes them feel good about themselves and is often the only reward they need.

Junk food or sugary rewards send the wrong message to our tamariki. Establish lifelong healthy habits by giving out non-food rewards. Here are some ideas:



At Home

Time with parents
Craft activity
Family dance party
Books
Playground / Picnic

School / Early Childhood

Teacher's assistant
Music choice during class
Game choice
Stickers/ Certificates
Pens, pencils, rubbers

Sports / Out of School Activities

Medals
Water bottles
Bubbles
Sport socks
Certificates / stickers

Nelson Marlborough Community Oral Health Service

Nelson (03) 539 5324 Stoke (03) 539 5321 Richmond (03) 539 5320

Motueka and Tasman Mobile 0800 833846 Blenheim and Marlborough Mobile 0800 833849



MARLBOROUGH MUDDY BUDDY

JOIN US for the Marlborough Muddy Buddy returning for its' 9th year! This year we have linked up with the Havelock Lions Club as our charity to assist them to raise funds for the use in your own community. The Lions are raising money to place defibrillators in the police cars in the local region. So we want to see as many participants as possible on the estuary on **Saturday 21 March 2020** to assist the Lions and make our community an even better place. **Come on you can do it!**

This ultimate mud-packed adventure fun run that is awaiting you, is for folk of all ages and abilities. Here's your chance to fulfil that inner wish and slither and slide around in the estuary mud like you have always wanted to! Make it a family outing, or get your mates and arrive in your fancy dress to have an awesome experience! Some exciting obstacles for you to clamber over and we guarantee that you and your buddy will enjoy the mud like never before.

To register go to:

<http://www.sporttasman.org.nz/marlboroughmuddybuddy/>

\$10 per person or \$35 per family if you register online - \$5 extra if you register on the day!

So get in early and register.

For further information contact Jane Miles on (03) 923 2317 jane.m@sporttasman.org.nz

Wanting to play rugby this season? Join Harlequins Rugby Club

To register for the 2020 season and become a part of the Harlequins Rugby Club family go to <https://www.sporty.co.nz/harlequinsblenheim> click on the Registrations tab and fill in the form or you can sign up at our annual Muster day, Sunday 8th of March at Lansdowne Park from 10am till 12pm.

You will be able to join in some fun games with our coaches, past and present players and we will even get the your parents involved. So, come along for a bit of fun and make sure you bring a friend. We have teams from Under 6s to Under 13s.

Like us on Facebook – Harlequins Rugby Club (Marlborough)
to keep up to date with what is happening in our Club.

Club JAB Contact Wendy Lindstrom 021954759 or wendy.lindstrom74@gmail.com



Weetbix Triathlon

Last Sunday in Nelson, Tasmyn Thame, Hunter Morrison and Kayla Gardiner (Archie Nightingale – absent from photo) participated in the Weetbix Triathlon.

It was an early start to the day and the weather was fine.

The students and families enjoyed the participation of the event. Awesome effort!

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