

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 22nd July 2020

Kia ora koutou

Welcome to Term 3. This is a very important term for Year's 11 and 12 students. By the end of this term the bulk of the NCEA credits should have been gained and students should be preparing for external examinations.

This year our school moved to School Doc's. This is a system where all school policies and procedures are managed externally. School Doc's is used in over 1100 schools in New Zealand and where legislation changes occur is automatically updated to reflect this. Each school has the opportunity to adopt various policies to meet their individual circumstances. One of the changes for our school as a result of this is the need to have a parent code of conduct. The Board of Trustees has asked that a copy goes out to all families, and will go out in boomerang books on Friday. The full copy of School Doc's is on our website,
User name rai
Password 7156

At the end of last term, John Parsons spoke to our students about keeping themselves safe in a digital world. This is very topical at present, particular for our secondary school. I would encourage parents to continue to have in depth conversations with their young people about their device use and what they are sharing on line. It is really important that they understand that a digital footprint is there permanently to be discovered, regardless of them deleting their history. As part of living in the 2020's we are seeing a lot more investigations and police involvement in schools about inappropriate use of devices. It is really important that our students keep themselves safe.

Sadly, our Board Chair has recently resigned. This role is extremely important in our school but is a role that is usually invisible to our school community. We thank Jess for her amazing contribution and wish her well for the future. The Board will elect a new chairperson at their next meeting on 30th July.

Noho ora mai
Maree Furness



A Note from the Board

Bringing you relevant news from our monthly meetings

In the last meeting we reviewed and analysed data around our student's learning from home during lockdown, and if they had fallen behind. We were pleased to see that children's learning was maintained during the lockdown period, and almost all children were still tracking along as expected for this school year. This is testament to the great work our teaching staff did, and their rapid adjustment from classroom teaching to online teaching, no small feat! Thank you to our staff for all their amazing work. And to the students and parents – well done for also adjusting to home learning, again no small feat! And of course a huge thank you and well done to Ms Furness for her strong leadership, and for steadily navigating all of us through this turbulent time. We are pleased to see the positive community response and adjustment, and are satisfied our children's' learning has been maintained.

The Board is currently submitting the Five Year property plan to the Ministry of Education. The next five years will see the planned upgrade of the block of Primary school rooms, for children in Years 0-6. We are looking forward to the modernization and expansion of this area – it will be wonderful for our children to have an even better environment for learning.

Along with funding for a learning support coordinator came funding from the Ministry of Education for a new learning support office. The Board has taken this opportunity to restructure the Principals' and Senior Management offices, and you can expect to see some construction work starting soon near the existing reception area.

The Uniform Committee continues to work hard on bringing together a new look for our school, and we are working on finding the best accessible, affordable, and attractive options.

We are pleased to see the launch of school docs on our website, an online portal for all of our schools policies and procedures. As mentioned in the Mays newsletter - our Parents, Caregiver and Visitor Code of Conduct is coming out in the Boomerang Books this week. Please sign and return these forms. Should you have any questions - please discuss directly with Parent Board Representatives - Gabrielle , Justin, Jamie, Tony and Tania.

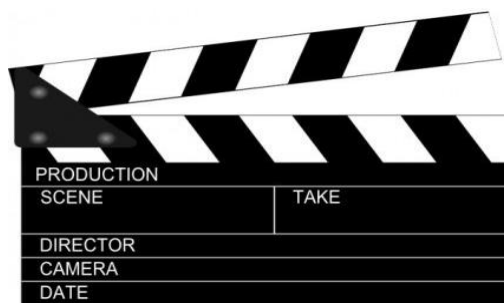
That's all for July!

Gabrielle for the Board.

TERM 3 – EVENTS Calendar

Thursday 30 th July	Whole School Assembly
Tuesday 4 th August	Primary Syndicate Cross Country Run – Period 5.
Tuesday 11 th August	Marlborough School Cross Country for selected Year 5-8, in Blenheim
Tuesday 11 th August	NCEA Information Evening in the Library 6.30pm – 7.30pm
Thursday 20 th August	Local Primary Schools visit – Science / Tech afternoon. Lunchtime to 2.30pm. More details to follow.
Friday 28 th August	Pelorus Cluster Cross Country at Canvastown
Thursday 3 rd September	Celebration of students and their learning / Open Evening 6.00pm – 7.30pm
Friday 4th September	SCHOOL CLOSED – Teacher Only Day – Professional Development
Monday 7 th September	School Photos – 9am onwards, more details to follow.
Thursday 10 th & Friday 11 th September	Maud Island Trip – 8 children. Wilderness Adventure with Mrs Nightingale
Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th September	Primary Syndicate Production
Thursday 17 th September	MCAT Level One Maths Algebra exam
Thursday 24 th September	Rainbow Ski Trip – Years 4 – 12.
End of Term 3	Friday 25th September
Beginning of Term 4	Monday 12th October

Primary Syndicate Production Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th September



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 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.





THE RAIWAY CORNER


We follow our school values of
Respect, Achieve and Inspire.

Our focus will continue to be being responsible for our own learning. This is demonstrated in many ways and is important in helping the students achieve to the best of their abilities.



We will be moving onto our new topic of safe and respectful use of devices. This will cover many different aspects and we will also be revisiting our cyber safety agreement. This is to protect the students and ourselves as we have so many more devices now available.

Thank you for your continued support with our school values.



Learning Support News

Dyslexia

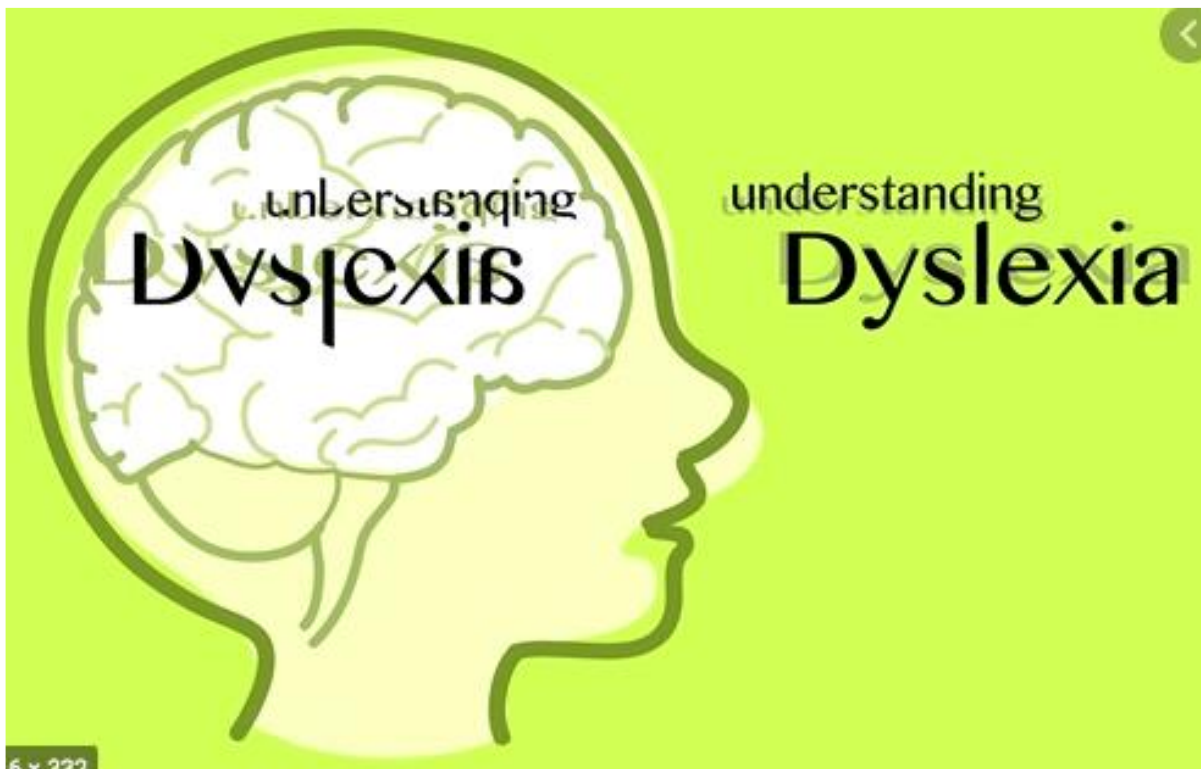
As a Learning Support Coordinator I have been doing a lot of learning about dyslexia. This is one of the target areas the Ministry of Education want Learning Support Coordinators to focus on because research has shown that as many as 10% of all students have dyslexia.

New Zealand teachers work hard to cater for the different learning needs of their students but many children with dyslexia, who are otherwise intelligent, creative and imaginative can still sometimes struggle with basic literacy. No one likes to continually try and fail, and that is what is happening for some students. This can make them angry and resentful.

I have learned that there are many different types of dyslexia, and that there is no 'quick fix' but that teachers can make a difference by the way they work with their students.

Here at Rai Valley we are trying to make our teaching programmes more accessible for our students with dyslexia, we are including more phonics work in the junior classes to try and pick up phonological dyslexia difficulties early, and we are providing a lot of individual support to those students struggling with literacy.

If you'd like to know more, or have concerns about your child, please feel free to call in to school for a chat with me. There's no sign of my planned office yet, but if you ask Pauline in the main office, she'll know where I can be found.



Debby Upsall
Learning Support Coordinator

Secondary News

NCEA Open Evening - Tuesday 11th August 6.30pm - 7.30pm (week 4)

We invite all Year 11 and 12 parents along, as well as any Y9 & 10 parents who are keen to find out more about the NCEA system. We will be including details of the changes made to the qualifications this year following the impact of COVID19 on learning. The plan is for our students to run this evening (in the library). Refreshments will be provided.

Celebration of Students and their Learning - Thursday 3rd September 6pm - 7.30pm

Following the success of this event last year, we are making this an annual event.

Classrooms will be open for tours and fun hands-on activities. Students will be running the evening and activities. We will start with a short talk, followed by time to roam the classrooms. At 7.15pm we will all meet up for kai and a chat. Further details will be made available closer to the event.

This is an ideal opportunity to celebrate our wonderful young people and share their learning with you. We look forward to seeing you all at this event.

Year 11 NCEA Level 1 MCAT Algebra Exam - Thursday September 17th

The Year 11 students have their first NCEA external exam in week 9. I refer to this exam as being 'the odd one out' as it takes place well before the end of year exams. (All other external exams take place after the students leave school).

In preparation for this exam I am offering after school tutorials every Thursday leading up to the exam.

Whenua Iti Outdoor (WIO) Education Centre Courses

Huge congratulations to Katie Roeske and Aria Shallcrass who recently completed courses at WIO. Katie obtained 21 NCEA credits for her Environmental Science course and Aria gained 11 NCEA credits on the shorter Manaaki Tapoi Course.

Katie's studies included completing investigations into animal species and plant species, as well as researching and explaining harvesting and processing of a native freshwater fish and a native marine fish species for kai.

Aria's studies included learning about and explaining kaitiakitanga relating to the way Maori interact with the natural environment, team communication and explaining the importance of Maori place names, using te reo Maori greetings and farewells in tourism.



Here is Aria with her group of new friends at Whenua Iti.

Ngā mihi ki a koe,
Siobhan

Primary News

Welcome back everyone to our new term, Term 3, 2020.

The holiday seemed to go super-fast, but it was great to have fine weather as we returned to school on Monday. This will be a busy term for us as we get back into a couple of sporting events, mainly cross country and our production called "Shhhhh! Please we're busy reading." This will be staged in our hall on Wednesday 16th, for a matinee and Thursday 17th September for an evening performance. Please mark this on your calendar and keep an eye out for more regular notices.

For all students who have a major part, I would like to have an after school meeting maybe next week or the one after, with parents, to explain the expectations and rehearsal schedule. I may seek a little bit of help, mostly with your own child. This will help with understanding their involvement. A note will come home in your child's boomerang book.

We have another few children who have started here at Rai this week, in the primary syndicate and they are: Cara Harrison and Aiden Mackness in Room 12 and Kaytie Mulholland in Room 3, so welcome to you all.

There are 8 students going to Maud Island for our annual wilderness experience on 10-11 Sept. These students have been notified and Mrs Nightingale will be in touch soon also.

Cross Country is coming up very soon for our syndicate and **all students will be involved**. Regular running will happen during class PE time. Muddy bodies may come home so that is the cause. If possible, students could have an old towel in their school bag to help with the clean up before they go back into class.

This week has started really well and we had a visit from an NZ author, who writes the farm series about her life growing up. Lots of kids had lots of fun. We will also be using her ideas and discussions about how to write a picture book during our class literacy lessons.

May the sunshine on us again for the weekend and everyone can get out and about.

Regards,
Karen Davies
Head of Primary Syndicate



Have You Filled A Bucket Today?

The Primary Syndicate had Harold and Genevieve visit us in the Life Education Bus last term. We hope your children were able to talk about their learning with you. Room 12 learnt about kindness through the story '*Have You Filled A Bucket Today?*' by Carol McCloud.

We have been noticing how it feels to have something kind done for us and how it feels to give kindness. Here are some of our ideas about how we can be kind to one-another:



Year 10's with an Act of Kindness:

As part of their learning with Mrs Marshall, the Year 10 students made pencil cases for the Year 1 and 2 students. They asked the students about the colours and animals they liked and 'tailor-made' the pencil cases to suit their younger peers. They prepared food and games to share when they presented the pencil cases. The Year 1 and 2 students felt pretty happy!

Here's what some of them have to say:



To Zoe,

Thank you for the pencil case. I like it because it has a unicorn.

From Imagen



To Penny,

Thank you for making a pencil case for me. I like that you made it.

From Ivy

To Penny,

Thank you for my pencil case. I like the seekret pocket.

From Harriet



To Vincent,

Thank you for the pencil case. The pencil case was awesome because there was a dinosaur.

You're awesome.

From Jason Woodley



To Anton,

Thank you for the pencil case. I love it so much because there is a deer on it and a scope on the gun.

The food was yummy too.

From Archie



Our BFG



First Mr Davies brought some clothes.

We folded the card in half and laid out the clothes.

Next Mrs Davies cut the parts off the shirt, the pants and the jacket.

She found an old "manky hanky" in the pocket!

Mrs Kiddey helped draw, cut and staple him together.

Then we put some stuffing in him as we finished stapling.

After that we put the clothes on and pulled them all tight with a belt.

We stuck on the hairy sheep wool for the whiskers and in his ears.

Last of all we painted his skin and face.

He is on our classroom wall and he looks great.

Come and have a look sometime.

Collaborative writing by Room 13 using Time Sequence Words.

Yesterday our class made a BFG. First we drew around him. Then we put his clothes on. Next we painted his body. Then we put his nose on. After that Mrs Davies put him on the wall.

Sophie Thompson



Pet Day 2020

Key Dates for 2020

Thursday 30th July 11:50am

Tuesday 20th October

Wednesday, 21st October

Friday 30th October

Initial Pet Day Community Meeting

RVAS Indoor exhibits

RVAS Outdoor activities

Group Day at Rai Valley.



Kia ora, all parents and caregivers

Time flies, as the saying goes and the Pet Day season is underway. First and foremost, please note the dates above and I warmly invite you all to our initial Pet Day meeting at 11:50am on the 30th of July. Excitingly, this year we not only have our annual Pet Day to discuss, but also the hosting of Group Day. Now, more than ever, we'd love the help and support of our fabulous community. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by emailing me at michael.wilson@rai.school.nz

Below are some general details around our Pet Day with further information, such as the Schedule to follow in the coming weeks.

Calves

Unfortunately, it was decided at the Group Day AGM that calves would again be out this year. This is in following the lead of the A&P Show and also in support of our local farmers and farms.

Lambs

Lambs continue to be a big class and we expect this to continue. Please remember the lambs do need to be born after 1st of August to be eligible.

Goats

Goat entries also continue to grow. In light of this, at the Group Day AGM, it was suggested that the classes will no longer be open in some categories. More information on this will be provided in our Pet Schedule which will be coming out shortly.

Chickens

This was a big success last year and we hope more people will get involved this time round. The cost this year of ordering the chicks (they come in groups of 4) is \$30. More information will be provided in the coming weeks. Orders will need to be in before September the 1st to avoid disappointment.

General

To help make the day as enjoyable and safe as possible for everyone (both human and non-human) we also ask that the following entry conditions are observed:

1. Any students entering dogs need to have someone supporting them that can control the dog.
2. All dogs need to be registered and inoculated against parvo virus.
3. No cats are entered

For those new to Pet Days, or Pet Days at our school the following is a brief overview.

The indoor crafts (that are created at home and at school) need to be in the hall by **12:40** on the first day. We invite the community members in after school to be the judges for the various activities. There are cups which the children can earn points towards. We have adult and pre-school sections as well as our school categories.

A schedule will be given out soon showing what events your child can enter. In an upcoming newsletter there will also be information on which events primary students will be doing at school and which ones they may like to do at home.

In the evening of the 20th of October (Tuesday) we will have an open night so that working parents and whanau can come and see the exhibits. The hall is also open for viewing the following day 21st, at the steward's discretion.

The second day, Wednesday 21st of October, is devoted to the animals. We normally have animal sections in the following categories: lambs, goats, rabbits, chickens, horses, dogs, birds, and small pets. The Young Farmers Competition is also a highlight for many from years 7 and up.

The first four categories can go forward to the Marlborough Boys' and Girls' Group Day and also the Marlborough A & P Show and are judged accordingly. The other animals are judged using our school criteria. There are sashes and cups to be won in all animal sections.

School students are encouraged to complete a Pet Diary to enter their pet.

Diaries are compulsory for the Marlborough Group Day.

Pet Diaries will be available to interested students soon.

This will help to keep track of what is needed to make sure that your animal is on top form for show day! As always, pre-schoolers are welcome to join us with their pet.

If your child is keen to rear a lamb, or goat, but don't have a farm, then why not ask the local farmers to see if they can lend them an animal.

We would also love to also hear from any volunteers for judging, help with food, organisation, and we are always in need of any generous flower and/or vegetable donations for the 21st.

If you have any questions about our Pet Day, please *do* get in touch.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our initial pet day meeting.

Michael Wilson
Pet Day Coordinator
michael.wilson@rai.school.nz



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ELECTIONS

Want to work at the 2020 General Election?

Across the country we need over 20,000 staff to work for us, both on the day and in the weeks before and after at headquarters. We want to ensure that we have paid staff that represent our communities.

We would like to encourage people in your community to register their interest in working for us here: <https://elections.nz/jobs/work-at-the-2020-general-election/>

Once registered you will be advised via email of vacancies as they come up. Thank you.

ENROL NOW

Enrol, check or update

Also, please remind whanau and friends to check their enrolment details – which can be done here: <https://enrol.vote.nz/app/enrol/#/check-online> , and of course to vote on (or before) Saturday 19 September!

Enrolling before the day will help us with Social distancing.

Junior Badminton

Junior Badminton is starting for Term 3 on Mondays from 5.30-7pm at St Mary's Hall, corner Hodson & Francis Streets. Come along to learn about badminton and have fun. \$5 a night. Please wear non-marking shoes and bring a drink bottle. For more info phone Anna or Mike 03 579-1954 or see our website at: www.sporty.co.nz/blenheimbadminton

Many thanks
Anna Reed

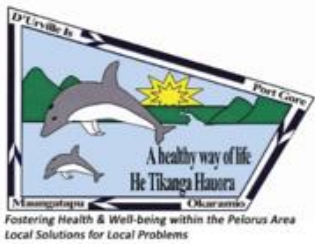
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Pelorus Area Health Trust

Havelock Medical Centre

is taking new enrolments. If you are new to the area or have no doctor, you can now enrol at Havelock Medical Centre.

There is now a registrar coming to the Havelock Medical Centre every second Thursday. Carla is now taking appointments on those days; which means with 2 doctors available there are 36 appointment slots open every second Thursday.

PAHT AGM

The AGM is on Saturday 22nd August at 2pm at the Havelock Pavilion. All welcome to attend. There will be an afternoon tea followed by the AGM with guest speaker and community donations.

Agendas are available from the Charity Shop or the PAHT website.

Havelock Police receive 2 new defibrilators

PAHT and the Havelock Lions together have donated 2 new defibs to the Havelock Police. They will keep them in their cars to be used when they are first responders.



Senior Constable Nigel Young and Constable Spencer Kingi receive the defibs from PAHT Trustees Noeline Bryant and Val Seatter along with Lions Club President Deb Healy, Secretary Ian Cameron and Project co-coordinator Dave Farrant.

www.PelorusAreaHealthTrust.co.nz

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



NEWS LETTER

ISSUE 11, JULY 2020

WELCOME BACK ALL AFTER OUR WEE BREAK DUE TO LOCK DOWN.

Firstly we are super excited to share with you all our wonderful news on joining the Conservation Kids NZ wider family, becoming their first extended branch. You will have noticed our new logo and renamed to Conservation Kids NZ - Pelorus to better represent our area. We are very excited for this new partnership and can not wait to do some larger events involving both branches this summer.

HUMPBACK WHALE COUNT - JUNE

At the start of June a small group of our conservation member's from both Pelorus and Blenheim went to volunteer at the Kaikoura Ocean Research Institute's Great Whale Count. Everyone learnt how to keep an keen eye out for Humpback Whales from the top of the Kaikoura Peninsular. We also learnt how to tell the difference between sperm whales and humpback whales when spotting them. We seen 6 whales that morning and lots of dolphin's as well, We even spotted some more whales the next morning from the shore line. It was a fantastic opportunity and we are looking forward to attending again next year!!



OUR AWESOME WHALE SPOTTER'S. LORNA, HUNTER, MARCUS AND MEIKA



LEARNING HOW TO SPOT THE WHALES



MARCUS & MEIKA WHALE SPOTTING



HUNTER & MARCUS WHALE SPOTTING



MARCUS TRYING THE BIG BINOCULAR



THANK YOU HOOKPOD !!



HAVING A GO AT DRAWING ALBATROSS

WORLD ALBATROSS DAY

19TH JULY IS WORLD ALBATROSS DAY, SO WE DECIDED TO LEARN ALL ABOUT THE ALBATROSS

Our amazing group of kids learn't all about the NZ Albatross from a fantastic presentation put together for them by Tamzin Henderson a local wild life photographer. Tamzin was planning to deliver the presentation herself but was called away to a job at sea.

Coincidentally she was called away to do some photography work for Hookpod, a company dedicated to protect the Albatross from been caught in long line fishing. Our member's had a blast learning how to draw there very own albatross which we then made a thank you poster with to say thank you to Hookpod for protecting our Albatrosses.

The kids also had fun making their very own Albatross masks. Awesome work kids !! you all did a great job!!



UP & COMING EVENTS

Annual Snow Trip !!

Come join in some winter fun with our annual snow trip up Rainbow Ski field !!



Saturday 8th August

- Ski or Snowboard lessons for all kids
- Basic Snow Survival Skill course for kids 10yrs -
- Toboggan and snow fight fun for all

OPTIONS	PRICE
Basic Snow Survival Skills (Day)	\$15.00
Ski or Snowboarding Lessons (Kids)	\$55.00
Adults Day pass only	\$55.00
Adults Gear Hire	\$40.00
Shuttle Bus Seat	\$15.00 pp
Just come to Play	Free

Contact us via our Facebook page (Conservation Kids NZ - Pelorus) or contact Antonia O'Donnell to reserve your spot



JOIN OUR SNOW TRIP

It's not too late to join our snow trip, we still have a few spaces left. feel free to email us or contact us on our Facebook page for more info.

conservationkids@envirohub.co.nz

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Do you want to become a member of our conservation group? we would love to have you. Just come along and join in any of our events, keep an eye out on Facebook for our future events. We are working on a members database so we can email our news letters and event information as well - that should be out soon.



Find us on Facebook;
Conservation Kids NZ - Pelorus



www.envirohub.co.nz
conservationkids@envirohub.co.nz



Te Hoiere/Pelorus Project

Kia ora,

I am delighted to invite you to a Te Hoiere/Pelorus Project information evening and progress update on the **30/07/2020 at 7pm at the Havelock Town Hall**. Please see the attached Project Newsletter and Project Brochure for further information. Sharing this information with your pupils and their whanau would also be much appreciated, as we are trying to capture the entire community.

The project is gaining traction and I look forward to working with you and keeping you in the know in the coming months with the project developments. I am also looking forward to working with your school in collaboration with Anna Crowe to come up with a school's action plan for Te Hoiere Project, so watch this space 😊

But for now, please come along to hear more and ask questions to find out more about this exciting Project.

For any information, please contact Heli.Wade@marlborough.govt.nz

Ngā mihi,
Heli Wade
Te Hoiere Project Manager



⚡ **Snow & Grit - In collaboration with Sport Tasman, Rainbow Ski Area** ⚡

Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th August

1 day - Snowboarding/skiing Rainbow ski area

1 day - Outdoor Orienteering challenge

All meals, activities & transport provided

Dinner & briefing - Friday 14th August

⚡ \$60.00 per a person - \$30 deposit on sign up! ⚡

Sign up due Friday 7th August!

⚡ **A Contemporary and Krump Fusion Dance Show** ⚡

DM@youngkimi to register!

Show date: 12th Sept 2020 at MYT

Project runs from: July 29th - Sept 12th

Practice days/times: Weds & Fri @ 6-8pm at Myspace

Cost involved: \$70 for the project (4 hours a week over 7 weeks)

⚡ **Soundroom officially opened** ⚡

Monday 20th July - Saw the official opening of the Myspace Soundroom - it is available to be hired by music teachers for lessons, Music students for practice and recording. A massive thank you to NZ Lotteries and the Blue door who financially supported this amazing space. Shoutout to Sound Hire Solutions, Matt & Jo from Cutts Building and Michael Buckley.

Marlborough Youth Advisory Group 2020-2021

Applications closed - Sunday - Last minute applications accepted!

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP - Calling all young adults - 18 plus to come along, have a meal & hangout meet other young people from around the Marlborough area. **Each Thursday from 7-9pm! - Flick us a message to see whats on each week!**

