

Te Karere

Rai Valley Area School News



Wednesday 5th August 2020

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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

This week we were fortunate to have great weather for our Primary School Cross Country. Congratulations to everyone who competed. It is great to see our young people rising to the challenge. From this event some students will be selected to compete in the Marlborough Cross Country in Blenheim on Tuesday 11th August. We wish all our School representatives well. The Pelorus Cross Country is on Friday 28th August, weather permitting.

Next week Secondary are running an NCEA evening, Tuesday 11th August, 6.30pm. While this is very relevant for parents of Year's 11-13, it would also be worthwhile for parents who will have students studying NCEA in the next 3-4 years or for those who are interested in what happens now that we don't have school certificate

Our best wishes go to Brooke and Alec Swan who are competing in New Zealand Secondary Schools Competition in Hamilton in two weeks' time. It takes a huge commitment to get to this level of competition and we are very proud to have Brook and Alec representing our School and wish them well.

Organisation has begun for Pet Day. Unfortunately we are still unable to have calves on site, but this year students will be able to use their calves for the pet day diary. Hopefully next year will see calves fully involved again.

Ngā mihi nui

Maree Furness
Tumuaki



A Note from the Board

Bringing you relevant news from our monthly meetings

This month brings some big changes for the Board of Trustees. Many of you will have got to know Jess Patterson over the past year and a half. She has done an excellent job as the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees. At the same time, she has been studying full time to become an accountant. With the recent offer of a full-time accounting position, combined with some ongoing health challenges, Jess has made the difficult decision to step down from her role as Chair, and her position on the Board. We are sad to see her go, and wish to thank her for all the hours of hard work she has put in. We will greatly miss her financial acumen and thoroughness. We are thankful to have had her input and expertise while she has led us as a Board. We wish her all the best in her next adventure. Haere ra, Jess!

While we waited for the next scheduled Board meeting to elect a new permanent chair, Tania Billingsley stepped in as interim Chair. She did a wonderful job of tiding us over until we could next meet. We are now pleased to be able to announce that last week we unanimously elected Tony O'Donnell as our new Chairman of the Board. We welcome his business and management expertise, and are looking forward to moving forward under his thoughtful and experienced leadership.

We now have one vacancy for a Parent Trustee, and will move forward with selection of a suitable candidate. If you would like to be considered for this role, please contact a Board representative, or come along to our next Board Meeting – Thursday the 27th of August at 6:30pm in the library.

“Rai Valley Area School Board of Trustees Casual vacancy for an elected trustee.

A casual vacancy has occurred on the board of trustees for an elected parent representative. The Board has resolved under section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancy by selection. If ten percent or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the Board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held. Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the Board to hold a by-election should write to:

**Chairperson Board of Trustees, Rai Valley Area School,
6700 State Highway 6, Rai Valley, 7192. By: 2nd September, 2020.”**

We are thrilled to announce that after much consultation between students, parents, teachers, and Board members – a new school uniform has finally been chosen! Students in Years 7-13 may continue wearing clothing items from the previous uniform for the next twelve months as a transitional phase-in period, after which time all items of clothing worn must be in line with the new uniform policy. Parents have the option of a few different suppliers including Posties, The Warehouse, and Mainland Uniforms – amongst others. More details regarding the uniform policy will be available in the next newsletter.

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

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.



TERM 3 – EVENTS Calendar

Thursday 13 th August	Whole School Assembly
Tuesday 11 th August	Marlborough School Cross Country for selected Year's 5-8, in Blenheim
Tuesday 11 th August	NCEA Information Evening in the Library 6.30pm – 7.30pm
Wednesday 19 th August	Newsletter Published
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.
Monday 7 th September	Keep New Zealand Beautiful – Clean Up Day
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

Learning Support News Pause Prompt Praise

Reading is often the subject parents are most anxious that their children succeed in. After all, if you can read, every other subject is open to you. Even maths is easier if you can read the text book problems! In our effort to help our children, however, sometimes we can actually help them develop some bad habits. The Pause Prompt Praise method can help overcome these. As your child reads to you, try to relax and make the experience enjoyable for both of you. You can communicate your anxiety by your body language, perhaps leaning in too close, taking hold of the book instead of letting them hold it, your facial expression and of course your words.

PAUSE is about giving ownership of the reading task to the child. Don't comment if they make a mistake. Wait, and see if they notice. If they wait for you to help on a hard word, just say, "You try it" in an encouraging tone. If every time they get stuck they know you will tell them the word, they are learning to rely on you instead of themselves.

PROMPT is about giving a little prod to help them look for clues. Parents often rely on 'sounding out' but this should only be used after they have looked for other clues, for example, is there a clue in the meaning of the rest of the sentence, or in the picture? So your prompt could be, "Read the whole sentence again from the beginning and think what would make sense", or, "Read the rest of the sentence and think what would make sense", or "Look at the picture and see if that gives you a clue about what that word is."

PRAISE of course is about telling your child you are pleased with the effort they are making and is hugely important. Even if they still get that hard word wrong, you can say, "Well done for having a go at fixing it by yourself". Learning to read isn't easy for many children and requires a lot of hard work and perseverance. Tell them you're proud of them.

Finally a quick word about the level of difficulty of the books they read. If a text is too easy, perhaps one they have read lots of times, you can still have fun reading it together, perhaps trying different voices, working on fluency and expression. If a text is really too hard, and they are making mistakes on every other word, don't persevere, just offer to read it to them the first time through, and then, if you've time, read it together a second time. But try and make it enjoyable for both of you.

Coordinator, Debby Upsall

PET DAY 2020

Key Dates for 2020

Thursday 30th July 11:50am	- Initial Pet Day Community Meeting
Tuesday 20th October	- RVAS Indoor exhibits
Wednesday 21st October	- RVAS Outdoor activities
Friday 30th October	- Group Day at Rai Valley.

The Pet Day Schedule

Please find a copy of this year's Pet Schedule enclosed. There are few small changes from the last year, and some good feedback on entries from 2019. Copies will also be available on our website and Facebook page shortly.

Animal Entries are now online.

This year we will be trailing using a digital entry form for all our animal categories. A link will soon be available on the school website and Facebook page. For those that need it, a paper entry form will also still be on offer.

Calves

Some good news regarding calves. While we won't be having any calves at our Pet Day again this year, the Student Council has advocated for a calf competition this year. This means that students can enter a calf for 2020 but will not be bringing it to school. Details on how this competition will run are in the Pet Day Schedule.

Any queries or offer of help, please do get in touch: michael.wilson@rai.school.nz

Secondary News

Peter Brown Memorial 2020 Marlborough Motocross Club

Thank you to all students who helped fundraise at this popular event. As flag marshals, it's our responsibility to ensure the safety of riders if they fall off as they land a jump. It's a very important role and many of our students are experienced marshals. We have been flag marshalling for three years at several events each year. We have raised several thousand dollars, contributing to our own sports events, camps and equipment.

We were treated to some awesome riding by all riders including the world-famous motocross rider – Josh Coppins. He was great to watch, and there were spills, crashes and injuries as riders gave it their all! The senior feature race was fantastic to watch and a young rider from Tauranga proved too good on the day... taking out the first-place prize money.

We got wet and muddy, along with the riders. Riders were very hard to identify from another... everyone looked the same! It didn't matter what colours they were wearing, from bright fluoro to white, everyone by the end of the race was brown from the wet, muddy race!

Thanks to Chris Parnwell Motorcycles who is kindly shouting a free morning tea for all 2019 and 2020 flag marshals. This is in recognition of our students' efforts and regular contribution to the Marlborough Motocross events.

Health & PE Teacher, Mrs Stuart



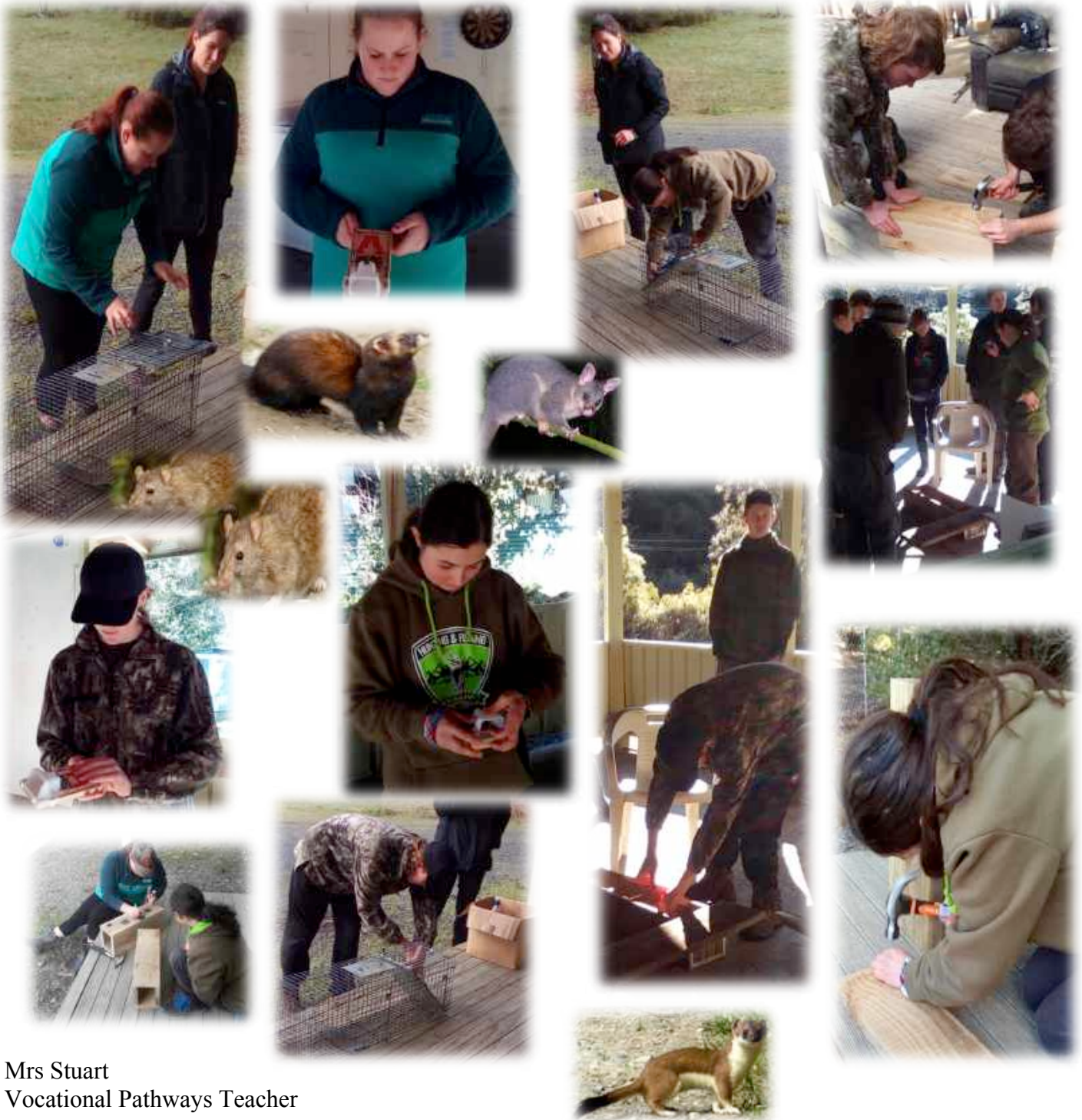
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Predator Course

Rose, Katie and Cody attended the Predator Course in the Lee Valley, Brightwater for two days. Students from Tapawera, Collingwood and Murchison Area Schools also attended. With Miriam, a new tutor from Wellington, and Susi from DOC, the students learnt about DOC's responsibilities for predator control in the Golden Bay area and the opportunities within the department including working as a trapper. Trapping included live capture cages, leg hold possum traps, Victor and DOC 200 kill traps.

Students had to build their own trap box, set a trap line and deal with any pests caught. They also learnt how to set up monitoring of pests using ink track pads. It was a good experience for students, and they made new friends at the course. Photos show some of the practical experiences they shared.



Mrs Stuart
Vocational Pathways Teacher

NCEA and the development of study skills

In Year 10, all students are working towards different NCEA Level 1 standards including building and carpentry; Te Reo Maori and whakairo (carving); and ICT. As students are beginning to develop the necessary study skills they will need next year, these standards are providing a foundation for Year 11.

Having a Year 10 and 11 combination class on Fridays allows our practical hands-on students to discuss and exchange ideas to create more complex projects. Some future projects they are starting this term include a cupboard for horse tack, a uniquely-designed bench seat and a dog box for the back of ute. In Year 11, all technology students have achieved the necessary Level one credits and are now progressing with Level two unit standards. Some of these units involve at least

60 hours of study and practical application, including assessment time. Students are working well, learning how to use the power tools correctly and safely.



Across the Year levels, we have been exploring different materials and joints used in carpentry and building. For example, we have practised stopped housing joints, mitre and dowel joints in Year 10 and 11.

Year 9 students are learning how to use basic workshop tools safely and correctly while investigating a range of different materials and creating projects based on Māori carving designs (whakairo).

All projects will be on display at Pet Day including carvings from clay, wood and bone; bird houses and complex storage boxes.

Images below are examples of trialling and practising with clay prototypes before carving in bone from previous Year 9 and 10's. We look forward to seeing how clay prototypes from this term on display at Pet Day, as there are some interesting designs and finishes applied.



Primary School News

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS 2020

On Tuesday 4th August we had our annual cross country. It was an amazing afternoon with some fantastic results. There was some great team spirit, lots of support and encouragement and a great afternoon for all.

YEAR 1 BOYS

- 1st – Jake Thompson
- 2nd – William Sharpe
- 3rd – Aiden Mackness

YEAR 1 GIRLS

- 1st – Harriet Leov
- 2nd – Keira Fenton
- 3rd – Madison Couper



YEAR 2 BOYS

- 1st – Archie Nightingale
- 2nd – Van Bidois
- 3rd – Tiaan de Kock



YEAR 3 BOYS

- 1st – Sam Hope
- 2nd – Harrison Fenton
- 3rd – Tyler Payton

YEAR 3 GIRLS

- 1st – Kylie Stapleton-Taylor
- 2nd – Olivia Harrison
- 3rd – Catherine Partridge



YEAR 4 BOYS

- 1st – Joshua Todd
- 2nd – Marno de Kock
- 3rd – Hunter Morrison





YEAR 5 BOYS

- 1st – Bayley Fenton
- 2nd – Cody Aldridge
- 3rd – Oliver Hope

YEAR 5 GIRLS

- 1st – Madalyn Sharpe
- 2nd – Elin Kiddey
- 3rd – Amy Billingsley

YEAR 6 BOYS

- 1st – Jackson Jenner
- 2nd – Bill Partridge
- 3rd – Cooper Knight

YEAR 6 GIRLS

- 1st – Holly Mant
- 2nd – Ana Harrison
- 3rd – Tasmyn Thame

YEAR 7 BOYS

- 1st – Weston Maisey
- 2nd – Hamish Pratt

YEAR 7 GIRLS

- 1st – Ayla Lawrence
- 2nd – Terra Rossiter
- 3rd – Kaya Luscombe

YEAR 8 BOYS

- 1st – Neco Wilson
- 2nd – Dylan Aldridge
- 3rd – Kaden Lawrence

YEAR 8 GIRLS

- 1st – Ella Jenner
- 2nd – Lily Kiddey
- 3rd – Stella Mant



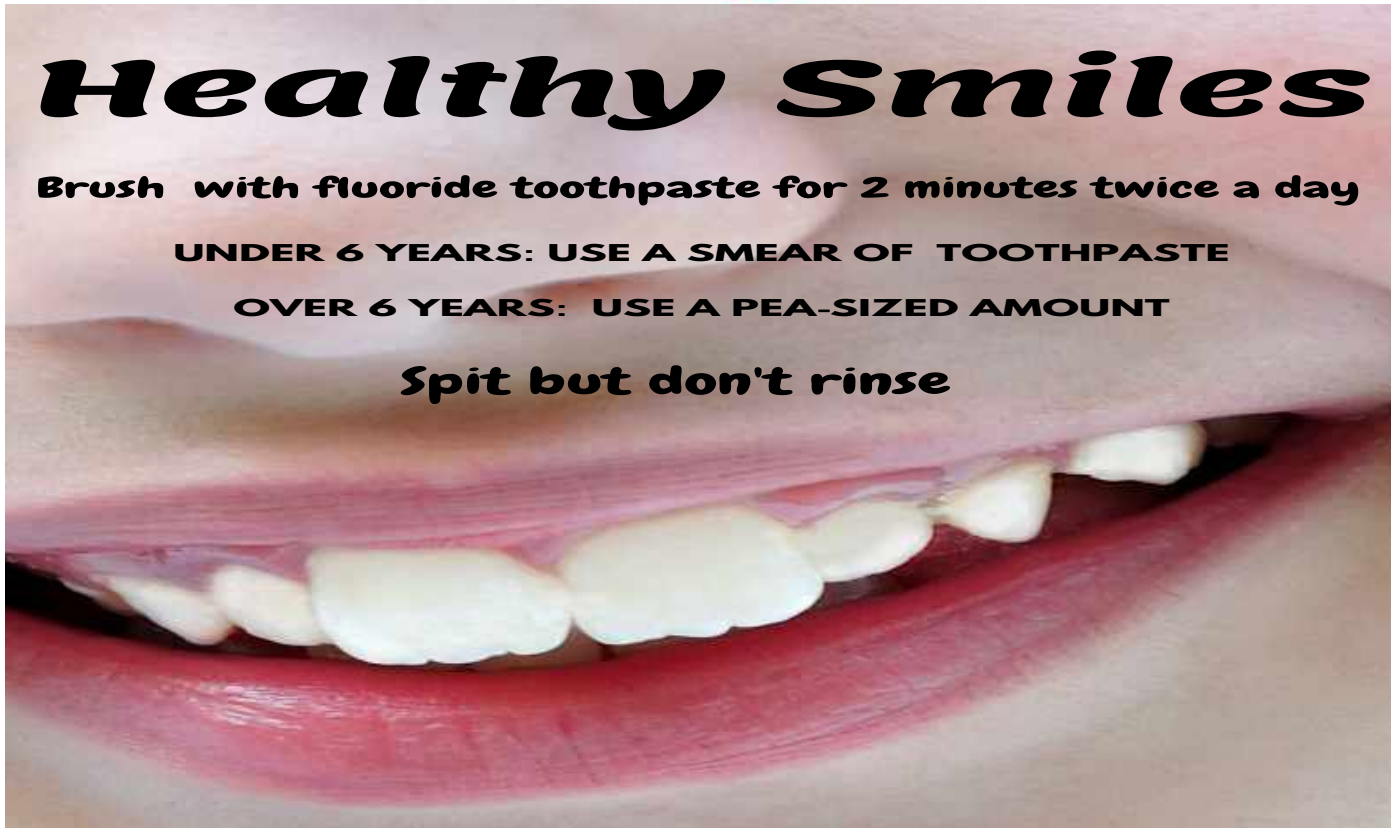
Healthy Smiles

Brush with fluoride toothpaste for 2 minutes twice a day

UNDER 6 YEARS: USE A SMEAR OF TOOTHPASTE

OVER 6 YEARS: USE A PEA-SIZED AMOUNT

Spit but don't rinse



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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.

LESH GO TO THE SNOW!!

SNOW & GRIT

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY
15TH & 16TH AUGUST**

REGISTRATION:

\$60.00 PER PERSON!

1 DAY - SNOWBOARDING/SKIING UP RAINBOW SKI AREA

1 DAY - OUTDOOR ORIENTEERING CHALLENGE

ALL MEALS, ACTIVITIES & TRANSPORT PROVIDED

DINNER & BRIEFING - FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST



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TOYOTA**

Name:

Email:

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Category (please only select one):

○Year 1-3

○ Year 4-6

○ Intermediate (Year 7-8)

College

 **Blackout**

Book spine

○ Rural men and women

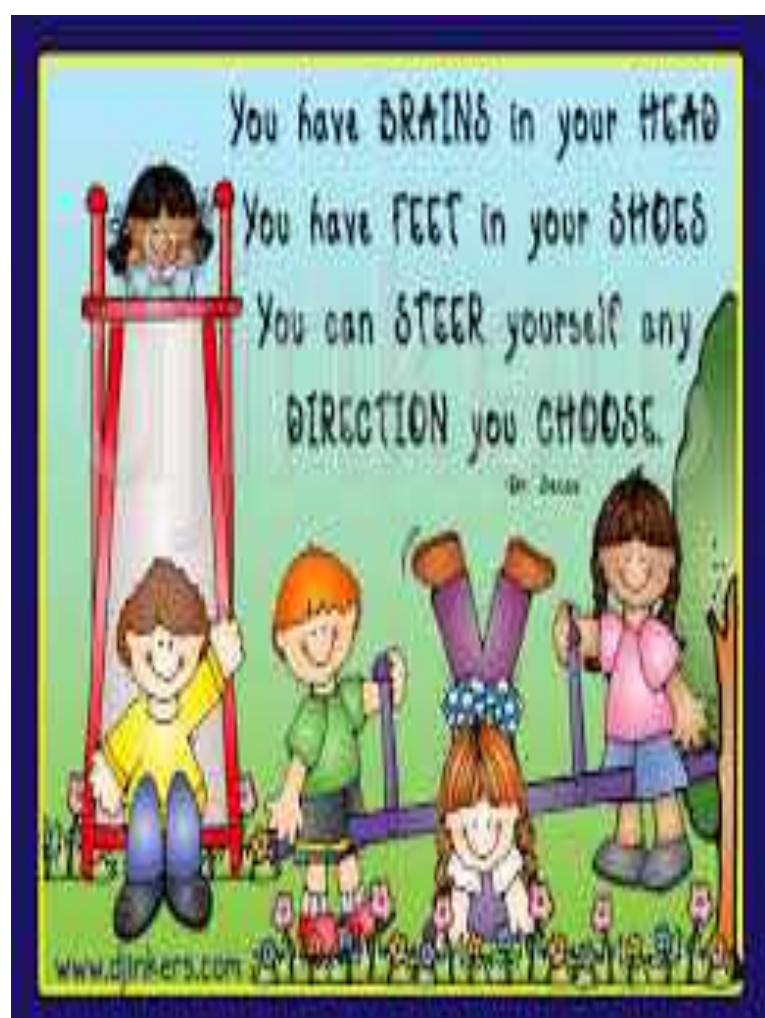
○ Marlborough

Open eg. lockdown, corporate



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It takes a big
heart
to help shape
little
minds.