

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 4th November 2020

Kia ora koutou

This is definitely the week of the wet. We are so fortunate that Group Day was held last Friday and not this week. This year was our turn to host Group Day, this is usually a once in 7-year event. A heartfelt thanks to staff and parents who went over and beyond to support this and in particular Mike Wilson for his organisation. I really want to acknowledge and thank the Show Ground's Committee for the use of their grounds. It was lovely to be able to have the extra space for parking and exhibits. It also meant our exam classes could continue without interruption.

The last day for NCEA students is Friday 13th November with examinations starting on Monday 16th November. I hope students will continue to attend the tutorials offered by teachers in the remaining weeks to ensure maximum success. A number of our Year 12 students already have their NCEA level 2, which is a credit to their hard work. Last week was the final session for the Year 12 Trades Academy students. Two of our students gained awards for top students in their class. This is an outstanding achievement. Trades Academy students come from Nelson and Tasman districts.

Congratulations to Katie Roeske for gaining the award for Environmental Studies and Rose Stuart for Hairdressing.

With the uncertainty of COVID there has been a lot of uncertainty around the upcoming Teacher Only Day. It has now been confirmed that all secondary teachers in New Zealand will be having a Teacher only day on 23rd November which will be focused on the upcoming NCEA changes. It is planned that all secondary teachers will work on the same information presentations in their school.

As we are an Area School this will mean that our primary staff will spend the day planning programmes for 2021.

We have five weeks of school left. Pelorus Cluster Athletics coaching is about to begin. Pelorus Athletics day is 27th November with Top Team being the following week on Thursday 3rd December. I look forward to seeing you all at prizegiving on Tuesday 8th December at 6.30 pm.

Noho ora mai
Maree Furness
Principal



TERM 4 – EVENTS Calendar

Friday 13th November	Years 11 – 13 - Study leave begins.
Monday 16th November	Exams begin.
Monday 23rd November	SCHOOL CLOSED – Teacher Only Day
Thursday 19th November	Whole School Assembly
Tuesday 24th November to Thursday 26th November	Adventure Development Course
Friday 27th November	Athletics Day
Tuesday 1st December	Room 3 – Whenua Iti
Tuesday 1st December	Years 9 & 10 Class Trip - MySpace
Thursday 3rd December	Pelorus Cluster Top Team
Thursday 3rd December	Whole School Assembly
Tuesday 8th December	Prizegiving – 6.30pm
Wednesday 9th December	Last day of School Year – Finish 2.50pm - holidays

Kids Edible Garden WANTED:

Any old gardening tools, shovels, forks, hoes, trowels that are no longer needed in your own garden, we would really appreciate them for the students to use in the KEG garden.

Please contact Renee or Haley at school.

We would also be interested in any surplus packets of seeds or seed trays.



Learning Support News

High Health Needs

There are many types of funding provided by the ministry to support our students. The School High Health Needs Fund or (SHHNF) is one of these.

The fund helps students who have significant health conditions by providing teacher aide allocation to support them to learn to manage their own care needs to the best of their ability as quickly as possible.

Eligibility criteria for funding:

1. The student has a high health need and needs a support person at school to supervise them, help with physical tasks or respond appropriately in a crisis situation.
2. The support is essential to allow the student to access their usual educational environments and is expected to maintain or improve the student's attendance at school and their ability to self-manage their condition.
3. The student has a high health need of such intensity, frequency or duration, that support is needed to:
 - reduce severe effects on personal physical health
 - prevent accidents or injury to the student
 - reduce the risk of infection.

Some examples SHHNF might cover:

- Support to help a child follow a toileting programme. This may include help with showering and changing clothes.
- A student has Type 1 Diabetes and needs support to learn to manage the condition independently.
- A student with severe allergies, if they need someone with them to make sure they don't come into contact with anything that could trigger an allergic reaction or to carry out emergency treatment if they go into anaphylactic shock.
- A student has seizures and needs to be taken to a quiet area to sleep afterwards while being supervised, needs to be given medication, needs help with toileting and showering after seizures.

Some examples SHHNF doesn't cover:

- students who need help with their learning needs
- students with high health needs as the result of an accident — ACC provides for these support needs
- students with a mental health condition whose behaviour needs to be managed for their safety and that of others
- administering medication in accordance with school policy

Debby Upsall
Learning Support Coordinator

Group Day 2020

Somehow the weather gods smiled, and we managed a fine day for this year's Group Day held at our very own Rai Valley Showgrounds and Carluke Hall. While numbers were down on previous years, there was still some fierce competition across both outdoor and indoor sections.

A special congratulations should go to Sami Hug whose goat won the Mohair Cup in the open section for best fibre.

Well done to everyone who managed to take a pet through to Group Day or who had indoor items in the event.

OUTDOOR RESULTS

Rabbits Junior Classes

2 nd	Honour Wallace-Horton	Care and Attention
3 rd =	Ivy Kiddey	Care and Attention
3 rd	Ivy Kiddey	Fattest Rabbit
2 nd	Tyler Payton	Best Fur/Fibre

Rabbits Senior Classes

3 rd	Weston Maisey Best Fur/Fibre
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Lambs – Middle Classes

3 rd	Tasmyn Thame	Ringcraft
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Goats Open Classes

2 nd	Sami Hug	Care and Attention
3 rd	Harriet Leov	Best Fibre
2 nd	Sami Hug	Best Dairy

INDOOR RESULTS

Decorated Boot/Shoe

3 rd	Meika O'Donnell (Junior Class)
3 rd	Hunter O'Donnell (Middle Class)

Handwritten invitation

3 rd	Elin Kiddey (Middle Class)
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A+P Poster

3 rd	Hunter Morrison (Middle Class)
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Pet Rock

1 st	Tasmyn Thame (Middle Class)
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On the day, the school provided the food and refreshments. Our main food stall which sold bacon baps, sausages and raffles tickets was a hit and was made possible by huge support from our wider community, especially those businesses listed below. Alongside our food stands many of our year 7&8 students organized and ran a range of stalls that offered food and novelties all proving to also be a big hit.

I would also like to personally thank Renee for help with registration and stalls, Haley Kiddey for help with the food stalls, Mrs Nightingale for organizing the student stalls, The Carluke Hall Committee for the use of the hall and showgrounds, Justin Morrison for the mowing, Mary Neal for the wonderful spread she put on for the judges; and Emma Thame who did a fantastic job with sponsorship and general organization as Group Day Manager.

Finally, a big thanks to the following businesses that supported our school. Please support them where you can.

Pak'n'save Blenheim
Renwick Meat Market
The Trout Hotel
New World, Blenheim
Kelly Coleman
Mandy Hargood

Havelock Four Square
Farm Source Rai Valley
Independent Machine Testing Ltd
Copper & Lace Imagery
Mary Neal
Leigh McKinley

Rai Valley Brick Oven
Bin Inn, Blenheim
Farmlands, Blenheim
Teresa Hug
Lynley Fox
Pelorus Bridge Cafe

Pet Day Results - Newsletter Correction

Regrettably Champion Rabbit was incorrectly reported in the last newsletter as going to Sami Hug. This should have read Summer Taylor. Apologies to those affected.

Secondary News

Years 9 & 10 Art Class



Ann Marshall
Art Teacher

Science

The open evening went well a couple of weeks ago and a number of budding scientists put their hand up to help. There were many Hydrogen balloon explosions and colourful demonstrations on hand to wow the visitors.

Last Thursday the Years 7 & 8 class were treated to an earthquake teaching session from a group who have actually set up a seismometer in our school library to detect any shakes in the Rai area.

NCEA exams are fast approaching and all senior students who are completing these should have a study programme set up and time put aside to study and practice past exam questions (obtainable from their teacher or from the NZQA website). This will give students their best possible chance at getting great results. Good luck to all those sitting these.

Dave Macdonald
Science Teacher

Primary School News



It takes a big
heart
to help shape
little
minds.

Road Safety Week 2020

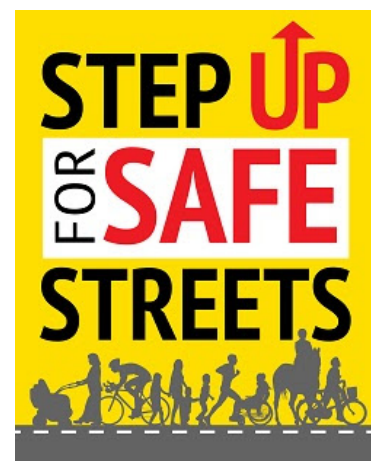
Road Safety Week is next week (9th-15th November).

This year the theme is 'Step Up for Safe Streets'.

It invites everyone to consider what they can do to get around in safe and healthy ways, everyday.

This is a great time to pat ourselves on the back as a community for keeping safe on our journey to and from school in the following ways:

- Students wearing high vis vests to and from school
- Students walking in the carpark
- Students following instructions in the carpark and on the buses
- Bus students walking on the designated path
- Parents collecting students at the gate
- Visitors closing the school gate behind them during school hours
- Cyclists walking their bikes across the narrow bridge
- Cyclists wearing helmets
- Drivers sticking to the speed limits
- Drivers taking care on rural roads



Special Thanks once again to Lynn River who sponsored fifteen safety hi vests for our students to wear.

Kia tupato - be careful out there.

Leigh McKinley
Acting Primary Leader

your Community News

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- MULCHING
- DAMS
- TS14 SCRAPERS
- DIGGERS 2.5T to 30T
- TRACTORS
- TIPPING TRAILERS
- SOWING
- CULTIVATING
- AIR SEEDER

Russell 027 5432 016



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.



St Christophers Market Morning

Bargains For Everyone

st Christophers Hall
Cnr Weld & Cleghorn Street

Saturday November 14, 2020

08:30am until 1.30pm

Morning Tea's

Jams & Preserves

Whitebait Patties

Christmas Stall

BBQ
Books



Garage Sale

Clothing

Plants

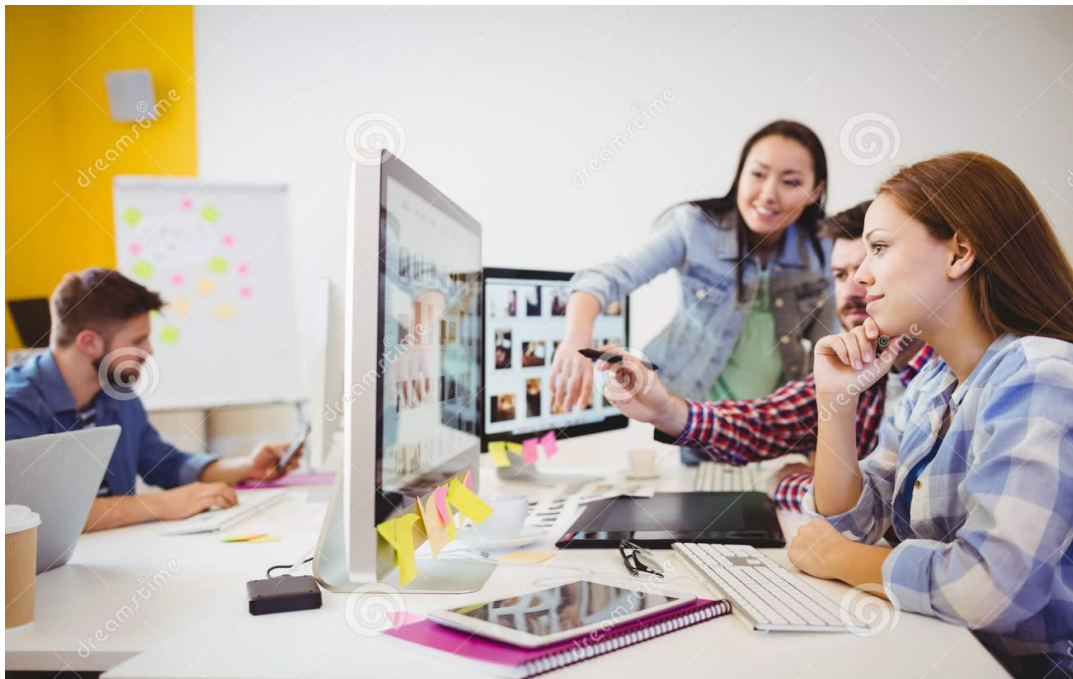
Cakes & Sweets

Craft

Yesterdays Treasures

Sorry - No Eft-Pos

How to Keep Your Children Safe Online



Presented by:

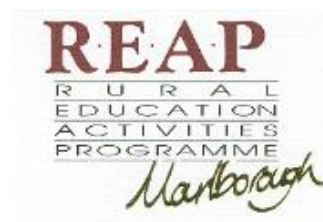
Josh Reidie *NZ Police*

Marlborough Police



How to Keep Your Children Safe Online

Where: REAP House
When: Thursday 19 November
Time: 7.00pm-9.00pm
Cost: No Charge
Tutor: Josh Reidie, *NZ Police*
Register: REAP Marlborough 5787848



*For parents and grandparents. "Tips to help keep our youth safe online".
Recognising the dangers, safety tips and where to get help.*



BE A GUARDIAN OF THE FUTURE

Aged 15-30? Get immunised against measles to protect your whānau, community and future generations from harm. It's free at GPs and participating pharmacies.

Measles is a serious disease that can make you very sick. It's about 8 times more contagious than COVID-19 so spreads fast.

Getting immunised is the best way to protect you, your whānau and community from catching and spreading measles.

Not sure if you're already immunised against measles? Lots of people aged between 15 and 30 years didn't get fully immunised when they were children. This puts you at risk of catching and spreading measles.

Ask your doctor, parent or caregiver if you had two doses of the MMR vaccine as a child. If you don't know, it's best to get immunised. It's safe to have an extra dose of the MMR vaccine.

To find out more about the vaccine, measles, which pharmacies you can get your free immunisation at and more, go to:

www.nmdhb.govt.nz/MMR

PROTECT AGAINST MEASLES

Nelson Marlborough Health

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HEALTH PROMOTION AGENCY

MINISTRY OF HEALTH
MANATŪ HAUORA

Whānau can set children up with good teeth for life by supporting good habits. Please find attached a reminder for parents to help children to brush their teeth and share with your communities if possible. The recommended age is for parents to help until the children are 8 years old but this differs from child to child. Older children may brush really well but just need reminding twice a day.



CHILDREN NEED HELP TO BRUSH THEIR TEETH

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

Nelson Marlborough Health

Havelock Medical Centre Christmas Hours 2020

Usual Opening Hours 8.30 – 5.00pm, Monday & Thursday



Monday	28 th December	CLOSED
Thursday	31 st December	CLOSED
Monday	04 th January	CLOSED
Thursday	07 th January	CLOSED

Please call Springlands Health on 03-578-0979

for all routine enquiries including appointments and repeat prescriptions during this time. Springlands Health will be closed on the 25th & 28th December and the 01st & 04th January.

Marlborough Urgent Care (Based at Wairau Hospital)

Will operate as normal from 8.00 am – 8.00pm on the Public Holidays over the festive period for any Urgent Care needs.

As always, please call 111 for any medical emergencies.

We wish you a safe and Happy Xmas and New Year



Pelorus Area Health Trust

Havelock Charity Shop

The Charity Shop is open in Havelock 6 days a week all summer. Come in for seedlings and plants to get the vegie patch going, or flower plants for colour. We have summer clothes and a good range of footwear, as well as kitchen equipment and linen to stock up the bach for the holidays. Not to mention all your last minute gifts.

Christmas hours: The shop will be closed for Christmas Day.



Shop Volunteers Needed

The Charity Shop still needs a few volunteers to help us out. Even if you can only volunteer a morning or an afternoon once a week, we are interested in hearing from you. Have fun, be creative, enjoy meeting people and work with a lovely bunch of volunteers while at the same time doing something valuable for the Pelorus community. Money made in the shop goes back to the community organisations working for better health and well-being in this area.

Pop into the shop and ask for an application form or talk to Josie. Call the shop on 0284286071 between 10 am and 3pm Monday to Saturday.

Big Green Thank You

To the people who have given us plants and seedlings, or even potting mix and pots. The plant section of our shop is going really well with plants selling as quickly as we can pot them up. A special thanks to Deb Healy, Selmes Trust and Havelock Garden Club.



We would really appreciate donations of any seedlings and plants from anyone who has some spare. Thank you.

We are going to keep the plants in the shade on the shelves at the back of the shop over summer. Please go through the shop and out the back door to find them.

www.PelorusAreaHealthTrust.co.nz

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