

# 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.

Kia ora koutou

It was really pleasing to share our prizegiving with parents, friends, and family last night. Congratulations to this Year's prize-winners, may you enjoy the success that many of you have worked hard to achieve. I would also like to congratulate and acknowledge all of the students who have worked hard to achieve your best throughout the year.

It is not possible to think about 2020 without instantly thinking of COVID. COVID has absolutely dominated our year with a level 4 lockdown and shifts to various levels. Many of the events that were planned for our year have been cancelled. The secondary tournament was cancelled a week out from happening. The Secondary Wellington trip was cancelled, the primary beach day, class camps, and events Pelorus like Cross country. We are hoping that 2021 will see a return to what we may consider a normal year.

As part of our approved 5-year property plan work will begin in the new year on the modernization of the primary block. It is hoped that this work will begin in early March. We are likely to have a terms disruption while this is being completed. It will mean that classes in Years 1-6 will have a different room while these renovations occur.

Debby Upsall has completed her first year as Learning Support Co-ordinator. This role has evolved as the year has progressed. It has focussed on students who are not eligible for additional Ministry of Education support and in 2020 has focussed on supporting students with dyslexia. This has strengthened our ability to support students who struggle to learn.

Sadly this year we are farewelling three staff who jointly have contributed 48 years of service to our school. After four years at Rai Valley, Toni Taylor will take up a full-time position at Queen Charlotte College in 2021. We wish Toni well as she undertakes the next step in her career.



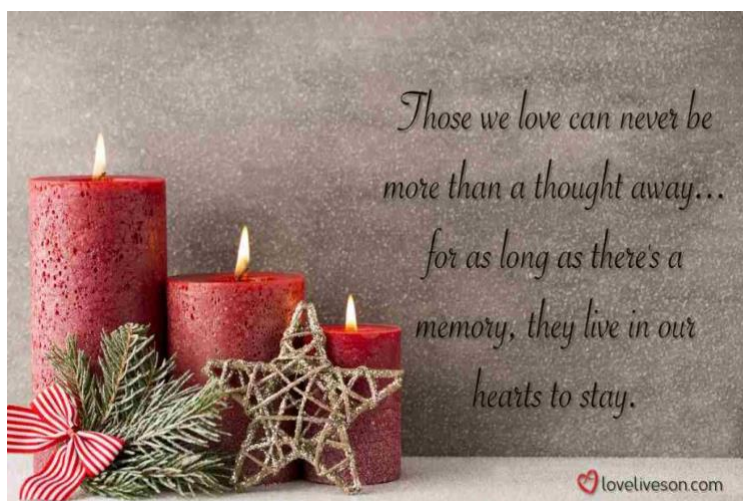
Last year Heather Richardson made the decision to move to part-time and focus on school finances. Heather has now decided to fully retire after 20 years. We wish her and Rex well in their retirement.

Laurel Nancarrow began her association with Rai Valley 24 years ago. After 45 Years of Teaching Laurel has made the decision to retire. Laurel has made a huge commitment to young people throughout her years of Teaching. We wish her well in her retirement as she begins a new journey.

Finally I would like to acknowledge the hard work and commitment of all our staff throughout the year and in particular since the arrival of COVID. It has been a challenging year.

I wish you all a safe and peaceful holiday and look forward to seeing you all in 2021.

Nga mihi  
Maree



*May you have a wonderful holiday break and remember to take care, be safe,  
be kind and look after each other.  
See you in Term 1, 2021.*

# Prize-giving Results 2020

## Primary Prizes

<p><b><u>Year 0-2</u></b></p> <p><b>Class Award for Physical Education Year 0-2</b> Archie Nightingale</p> <p><b>Creative Award Year 0-2</b> Tai Mackness</p> <p><b>Class Award for Problem Solving Year 0-2</b> Jake Thompson</p> <p><b>Class Award for Work Ethic Year 0-2</b> Madison Couper</p> <p><b>Overall Top Student Year 1 – certificate and book</b> Jake Thompson</p> <p><b>Overall Top Student Year 2 – certificate and book</b> Archie Nightingale</p>	<p><b><u>Year 3-4</u></b></p> <p><b>Class Award for Physical Education Year 3-4</b> Sinclair Couper</p> <p><b>Creative Award Year 3-4</b> Paige Todd</p> <p><b>Class Award for Problem Solving Year 3-4</b> Tyler Payton</p> <p><b>Class Award for Work Ethic Year 3-4</b> Olivia Harrison</p> <p><b>Overall Top Student Year 3 – certificate and book</b> Meika O'Donnell</p> <p><b>Overall Top Student Year 4 – certificate and book</b> Marcus O'Donnell</p>
<p><b><u>Year 5-6</u></b></p> <p><b>Class Award for Physical Education Year 5-6</b> Jackson Jenner</p> <p><b>Creative Award Year 5-6</b> Tasmyn Thame</p> <p><b>Class Award for Problem Solving Year 5-6</b> Elin Kiddey</p> <p><b>Class Award for Work Ethic Year 5-6</b> Sami Hug</p> <p><b>Overall Top Student Year 5 – certificate and book</b> Samara Partridge</p> <p><b>Overall Top Student Year 6 – certificate and book</b> Sami Hug Mickayla Wooldridge</p>	<p><b><u>Year 7-8</u></b></p> <p><b>Class Award for Physical Education Year 7-8</b> Lily Kiddey Ella Jenner</p> <p><b>Creative Award Year 7-8</b> Bayley Hickson</p> <p><b>Class Award for Problem Solving Year 7-8</b> Kaden Lawrence</p> <p><b>Class Award for Work Ethic Year 7-8</b> Katie Partridge Sophie Harrison</p> <p><b>Overall Top Student Year 7</b> Weston Maisey</p> <p><b>Overall Top Student Year 8</b> Ella Jenner</p>

## Primary Trophies

<p><b><u>Speech Awards (Trophies)</u></b></p> <p><b>Year 1&amp;2 Mahakipawa Speech Trophy</b> Archie Nightingale</p> <p><b>Year 3&amp;4 Mt Richmond Estate Trophy</b> Hunter Morrison</p> <p><b>Year 5&amp;6 Mt Barrett Trophy</b> Elin Kiddey</p> <p><b>Year 7&amp;8 Whangamoa Speech Trophy</b> Ella Jenner</p> <p><b><u>Art Excellence Award (Trophy)</u></b> Stella Mant</p>	<p><b><u>Citizenship Awards (Trophy)</u></b></p> <p>Year 1&amp;2 Scarlett Morrison Year 3&amp;4 Olivia Harrison Year 5&amp;6 Rawiri Wearing-Holmes Year 7&amp;8 Lily Kiddey</p> <p><b><u>Sportsmanship Trophy - Primary</u></b> Leyland Fisher</p> <p><b><u>Year 1-8 Angela Sloane Rai Way Ambassador Cup</u></b> Ella Jenner</p> <p><b><u>Top Student Award</u> - Daniel Payton Cup for Excellence</b> Ella Jenner</p>
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## Secondary Prizes

<p><b><u>Year 9</u></b></p> <p><b>First in Te Reo Maori</b> Denzil Robertson</p> <p><b>First in Soft Technology</b> Eden Moss</p> <p><b>First in Mathematics</b> Damien Thame</p> <p><b>First in Hard Technology and Physical Education</b> Ashley Martin</p> <p><b>First in English and Health</b> Kirrilee Lilburn-Goodwin</p> <p><b>First in Media Studies, ICT and Social Studies</b> Zoe Hug</p> <p><b>First in Science, Art, French and Environmental Science</b> Brooke Swan</p> <p><b>Top Student Year 9 – certificate and prize</b> Brooke Swan</p>	<p><b><u>Year 10</u></b></p> <p><b>First in Media Studies</b> Zachary Hickson</p> <p><b>First in English</b> Fraser Hill</p> <p><b>First in Mathematics</b> Vincent Maisey</p> <p><b>First in Physical Education</b> Anton Cory</p> <p><b>First in Hard Technology and Agriculture (NCEA Level 1)</b> Bryce Stuart</p> <p><b>First in Te Reo Maori, ICT, and first equal in Art</b> Brooke Dearman</p> <p><b>First in Environmental Science, Health, French, Social Studies, Soft Technology, Science, and first equal in Art</b> Penelope Kiddey</p> <p><b>Top Student Year 10 - certificate and prize</b> Penelope Kiddey</p>
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<u><b>Year 11</b></u>	<u><b>Year 12</b></u>
<b>First in Hard Technology</b> Madison Fisher	<b>First in Physics</b> Lewis Hill
<b>First in Home Economics</b> Olivia Polkinghorne	<b>First in Environmental Science</b> Katie Roeske
<b>First in Physical Education, Vocational Pathways and Agriculture</b> Cody Rollo	<b>First in Vocational Pathways, Childcare, Agriculture and Physical Education</b> Rose Stuart
<b>First in Digital Technology, and first equal in Mathematics</b> Lewis Hill	<b>First in English, Maths, Chemistry and Hard Technology</b> Alec Swan
<b>First in Media Studies, Science, Social Studies, English, and first equal in Mathematics</b> Electra Maisey	<b>Top Student Year 12 - certificate and book</b> Alec Swan
<b>Top Student Year 11 - certificate and book</b> Electra Maisey	

## **Secondary Trophies and Special Awards**

**Leadership Award:** Growing Coaches Certificate for completion of the Growing Coaches programme.

Rose Stuart  
Katie Roeske

**Certificate for Board of Trustee Representative (Service to School)**

Aria Shallcrass

**Sports Trophy for outstanding Sportsperson**

Alec Swan

**Art Excellence Secondary Trophy**

Abigail Fisher

**Freeth Trophy for Excellence in Environmental Education**

Katie Roeske

**Marlborough Decorative and Fine Arts Society Award**

Abigail Fisher

**Year 9 & 10 Citizenship Trophy for outstanding commitment to the school and community**

Anton Cory



**Year 11-13 Citizenship Trophy for outstanding commitment to the school and community**  
Rose Stuart

**Year 9-13 Angela Sloane Rai Way Ambassador Cup**  
Katie Roeske

**Prime Minister's Vocational Excellence Award + \$2000 Award**  
Rose Stuart

**Top of the South: Contribution to TOSI**  
Katie Roeske

**Senior School Top Student Award –For: Best Academic performance.**  
Electra Maisey

## **Hedgehogs, Camps and the Classroom: Laurel Nancarrow says “Goodbye”**



From just age six Laurel Nancarrow knew she wanted to be a teacher. She was a quick learner, turning to her more compliant dolls for students rather than her siblings who were quick to spurn her invitations to join her make believe classroom. Now, after 45 years in the profession, including an impressive 24 years at Rai Valley Area School, Laurel has decided to call it a day.

Of course, there was encouragement along the way, including some memorable teachers during her own school years, especially at standard 4 and form 1 & 2 (Years 6, 7 & 8 in today's money). Not only did they stoke the desire she had had from age six, but also helped shape Laurel's preference for the year 7&8 age group which she has taught at Rai Valley Area School since 2006.

In fact, Laurel started her career at Levin Intermediate where she spent 19 years, and while she has taught at each level in the primary sector over her 45 years, she was quick to realise that little ones were not her forte. Instead she has really enjoyed the challenges of working with gifted and talented students (GATE) which explains a stint she once had as the GATE Marlborough tutor.

Laurel can point to many highlights in her career but overall she has really enjoyed taking students on camp. She feels that camp allows you to get a completely different view of both students and their parents. The reverse may also be true as, on one memorable experience where, according to the parent helpers with whom Laurel was sharing a cabin, she sat bolt upright in bed and told a student to “sit down!”

At Rai, she has become renowned for her love of hedgehogs, which even she struggles to explain. No surprises then that over the years, hedgehog pictures, soft toys and ornaments have all featured prominently in gifts from appreciative parents and students alike. One gift that stood out however was a cast iron snail, to which a slightly blustered student explained, “I looked everywhere for a hedgehog for you and couldn’t find one I liked so I got you the next best thing...hedgehog food!” Needless to say, Laurel loves it.

As for retirement, she says she will not miss writing reports, but will miss working with colleagues and students. She believes students present challenges and rewards but it is the colleagues that make the job bearable, in good times and in bad.

She also plans to hit the road, and as well as catching up with old friends, she is hoping Levin Intermediate will have a 50th celebration next year which would be an excellent opportunity to return to where it all began.

As for those about to embark on their teaching careers, she offers these words of advice: “don’t sweat the stuff you’ve got no control over”, “enjoy the students”, “don’t take yourself too seriously”; and most of all, “keep a balanced lifestyle.”

Rai Valley Area School and the Board of Trustees would like to join parents and students in thanking Laurel for her contribution to the school and the profession and wish her a long and fruitful retirement.



***The wonderful hedgehog cake was made by Renee Jope.***



# **Board of Trustees News**

*Bringing you relevant news from our monthly meetings*

We are delighted to announce that Rai Valley Area School has just been awarded \$65,000 from the Sustainability Fund to install solar electricity! We as a board applied for this a year ago and were declined in the first round of funding. Thanks to the tireless tenacity of Tania Billingsley, we re-applied for the second round of funding and this time around were successful. This entailed a huge amount of work and effort from Tania, and we commend her for that.

Prior to applying, we had spent a day with three different solar providers who gave us a presentation each, and submitted a tender. After much deliberation, we chose Harrisons Marlborough to provide and install the solar system. We opted for very high-quality equipment with long warranties to ensure the long life of this investment.

Our first application was for enough solar panels to make the school completely self-sufficient in the event of a major disaster that cut off power to the community. As this application was declined, our second application only requested enough solar panels to significantly reduce the schools' power bill. We received enough funding to make this happen. As a board, we unanimously voted to top up the funding to the original levels required to make the school self-sufficient. This will give us further significant savings to our power bill, enable us to sell any surplus back to the grid and generate further revenue, and provides our community with an essential asset in the unlikely event of a major disaster. If we were fully cut off from the power grid, the school would be able to run essential services to benefit the community such as our water pump functioning, mobile phones being able to be charged, and essential communication services.

Other than the financial benefit to our school, we are also very excited to offer our children a new educational opportunity. Our students will be closely involved in learning revolving around the installation and running processes, and studies involving sustainable solar energy.

Once again we thank all involved in the long process of applying for funding and choosing a provider. We are looking forward to seeing this come to fruition as soon as possible.

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

## **Learning Support News**

### **Living with Autism, ADHD and Anxiety**

It has become clear to parents, teachers and clinicians that autism, ADHD and anxiety often co-exist. Autistic children frequently have issues with social skills and communication, and have repetitive or rigid behaviours, having to do things a certain way, having to have things a certain way, being very literal. Autistics can be very focused, whereas ADHD involves inattention. Some are hyperactive (not all), doing things without thinking. But they also have a hard time reading non-verbal cues, have impulsive behaviour and talk too much - so they too have social skills problems. Both are associated with anxiety and depression as well.

#### **How do we help these kids?**

Validation and empathy will always help calm them. Show them their feelings are acceptable - true for them in that moment. Your job is to stay steady.

Be transparent, tell them if you don't know what to do, but you'll work with them to work it out. You're confident you can do it. It helps to remember what you did in the past to solve a similar problem. "Remember when X happened, what helped then was..."

You could put these up on your fridge: "when this happened, this is what I did". Make these reminders available for kids. Then you can say, "how about trying this one today".

Social skills are an important focus. One skill that impacts every relationship is metacognition, it's not just thinking about thinking, it's about taking a birds eye view of a situation and then calling up past experiences and using this to inform your future actions. For example: You told me you don't like it when I do this, but I don't remember this and I keep doing it, I'm not self-aware enough to realise I'm doing it.

If you lack metacognition you won't be able to notice when a friend is irritated by what you are doing, and change your behaviour.



### **How can parents help?**

Do the skill building through fun lessons in everyday activities, "let's think about what's going on here, what they are thinking." "In this situation, what is their preference?"

Try and bring it in casually, but try to get them thinking about what the other person is thinking.

The more experiences we have the more confident we are to approach situations. If a child can think "yes, I'm good at this", they will have more resilience when things go wrong too. There is power in good experiences - if something goes well then that changes the way you go forward not only in the same situation, but in other situations too.

But if the student is thinking "I'm no good at this" then when it does go wrong, it just confirms what they already thought, "see I'm no good at this, I knew this was going to happen".

How do you get from the cycle of failure onto a cycle of success?

Start small, provide small successes and build on those. Recognise these small successes.

If you can make the task fun, your child is more likely to engage.

Look for opportunities to congratulate them, it's good for them and good for you. Your relationship is based on how you make each other feel. It's more important than them doing their homework!

Every day find an opportunity to say "I like the way you did \_\_\_\_ today".

Debby Upsall

Learning Support Coordinator

## **Secondary News**

### **Science spotlight**

Last Tuesday the Year 9's had an extra couple of periods of science. We had an attempt at making gun powder. We carefully weighed out sodium nitrate, sulphur, added a pinch of carbon, and some heat, stand back and look what HAPPENS! Brooke Swan and Zoe Hug show off the damage the fierce heat did to the metal coffee lids. (anyone got some more knocking around work or home they could donate as we are now seriously short?)



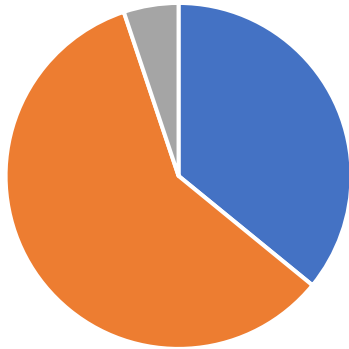
### **YEAR 9 & 10 Car Speed Investigation**

This term we decided to do an inquiry on the speed of vehicles driving passed the school as we think that they go too fast. So Constable Josh brought his speed camera car and gun to school last Thursday to help us gather information the speed of cars passing the school. We focused on the age group of the drivers and the speeds at which they were travelling. We spent an hour surveying vehicles with the police car hidden then an hour surveying with the police car visible with its lights going. Unfortunately, there were road works outside school and we think this squeded the results.

#### **Vehicle Speed**

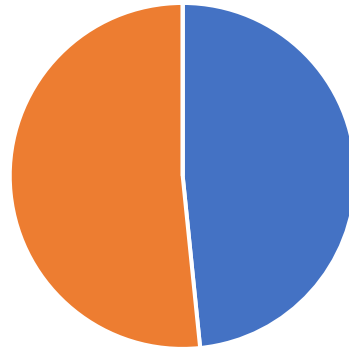
We observed (shown in the pie charts below) that more people actually drove over the speed limit when the police car was visible which we thought was strange. When students are present around the road the speed limit is actually 40km/ph so in both cases, the majority of people that passed us were infact speeding.

Speeds of vehicles with visible car



■ Under 40 km/ph ■ 41 - 59 km/ph ■ Over 60 km/ph ■

Speeds of vehicles with hidden car



■ Under 40km/ph ■ 41-59 km/ph ■ Over 60 km/ph ■

### Driver Demographic

We observed that most of the cars that passed us were speeding. The largest group of speeders were men aged 30-59 or truck drivers.

### Conclusion

We started this project because we thought that cars drive awfully fast passed school. After our little investigation we found we were correct. We would love for the public to slow down in front of school, and would appreciate you doing your part by slowing down.

### FRENCH FEAST

This week the year 9 and 10 class enjoyed a French feast. The items on the menu included Baguettes with Nutella, Hot Chocolate, Croque Monsieur, Croissants, Creme Brulee (made from scratch!) and even escargot (snails)! The snails were a hit, as almost everybody tried them. There were some strange faces made.

They were apparently very chewy, and had a bad aftertaste if you took too long to eat them. They were served inside their shells with garlic.

A big thank you to Mrs Taylor for making it happen.







## **Year 11 and 12 Work Experience**

We have been very fortunate to have such willing people in the community who are keen to have our students on site for work experience. This year, we have had students engaging in the following occupations:

- Pest control – trapping rats, mustelids and possums
- Horse Trainer – caring and attention, training horses
- Nanny - childminding in the home
- Early Childcare Educator – day care at an education facility
- Primary Teacher – assisting with teaching Year 1-6 students

Thank you to teachers, parents and caregivers who have transported students to and from workplaces. It sometimes means getting up earlier than usual. We strongly encourage students to study for their learner license so they may sit the restricted license stage before they leave school. Being independent and having reliable transport is a key requirement for any occupation, especially living remotely as sometimes car-pooling or public transport is not an option. Many students use the free websites to challenge themselves, as the questions are similar to the actual test.

Thank you to the following employers who have supported our students in 2020 –

- Anita Whitely at Mt Olympus Equestrian, Wairau Valley
- W & K Parnwell, Linkwater
- Miss McKinley, Ms Davies, Ms O'Dell at Rai Valley Area School
- Leigh at Pelorus Community Preschool, Havelock

Our students have been able to apply their learning from Vocational Pathways classes to their practical experiences. It has been a value experience as students have been able to observe what it is like in the 'real world'. Skills that they have learnt include time management, coping with stress and determining what career path they might take. Investigating future qualifications and subjects to be taken next year for Year 12 and 13 has been completed. Students will continue to study topics that relate to their chosen career path, including general work requirements including CVs, writing application letters and presenting one's self.

Next year, we are looking for positions in the workplace including the following vocations:

- Baking and customer service
- Childcare and ECE
- Farming – dairy, sheep and beef
- Pest control – trapping
- Building and construction
- Engineering

Any person or company interested in supporting our young people through work experience can contact the office (03) 5716016 or email [steph@rai.school.nz](mailto:steph@rai.school.nz) to discuss options.

Have a Merry Christmas and a safe, happy New Year.  
Mrs Stuart

## **Primary School News**

Well, we have finally made it to the end of what has been a very busy, unusual and memorable year. The last few weeks have been hectic with out of school activities, Marlborough District Athletics and Top Team, that we finally managed to host for the Pelorus Cluster Schools last Thursday.

The Top Team event, that was run by Sport Tasman and Mr Wilson, was also a great success and won overall by..... (RVAS names listed)

1st: Team 6 - Scarlett Morrison, Olivia Harrison, Declan Knight, Sami Hug and Ella Jenner  
2nd: Team 22 - Paige Todd, Elin Kiddey, Gareth Woodley  
3rd: Team 13 - Archie Nightingale, Josh Todd, Kayden Knight, Lily Kiddey  
4th: Team 23 - Honour Wallace-Horton, Samara Partridge, Jackson Jenner  
5th: Team 19 - Bayley Fenton

I would like to congratulate the team of students who went through to Marlborough Athletics in Blenheim on 24th November to represent our school. Congratulations to Leyland Fisher who placed 1st in the Year 8 boys high jump and Elin Kiddey who placed 4th in the Year 5 girls 100m sprint.

And to finish off our term the children of Years 1-10 had a great afternoon on Monday with a free sausage sizzle and then an afternoon of water slides and bouncy castles. Water all around actually, as it was a bit drizzly, but glad we could give the kids some fun downtime.

Reports have gone home after prize giving and I hope you all get a chance to have a conversation with your children about their learning this year.

I cannot predict the weather for us, but I hope you can all find some great quality family time and get out and about around Aotearoa over the holidays.

I look forward to the new year in January 2021 with some changes around the school and new faces to join us. Have a safe and happy holiday. Best wishes for the festive season.

Warm regards,

Karen Davies  
Head of Primary.



## Years 6-8 Whenua Iti Trip – Everyone enjoyed the day.



## ADVENTURE DEVELOPMENT CAMP



On Tuesday 24th of November, a group of six Year 6&7 boys, accompanied by Deputy Principal Mike Wilson & School Counsellor Richard Wilkins, set off for French Pass camp ground. In the beginning they were dry. It didn't stay that way for long. Despite inclement weather, the group stayed overnight at French Pass before travelling over to D'Urville Island to spend time in the outdoors. The objective of the camp was getting to know each other better and to develop a positive culture and a spirit of whanaungatanga in preparation for 2021 when all of the students will be in the same Yr7/8 class.



*Students ride Pelorus Jack at French Pass*



*The vista from Lindsay Elkington's Jetty on D'Urville Island*



At French Pass the students managed to pitch their own tents before the rain started and proved to be persistent over the remaining two days. The group spent time in French Pass fishing for their tea, visiting the lookout and learning more about the dangers of the current and tides passing through the narrow gap between French Pass and D'Urville Island. We also discussed individual goals and reviewed progress. The next day, after a night of heavy rain, we travelled over to D'Urville Island on Lindsay Elkington's Water Taxi. Lindsay's hospitality was outstanding, sharing his beautiful bay, generous front lawn, facilities and amazing vista.



*Cooking their own meal on an open fire the students lay and set themselves*

Down on the beach below Lindsay's house the group camped in tents, enjoying an evening meal cooked on an open fire consisting of baked beans, sausages and banana (fortified by Mars Bars). Marshmallows were then consumed (in various stages of meltdown) before returning everyone returned to their tents just in time before the rain set in again.

An early 6am start saw us return to French Pass to a very wet campsite for breakfast which was followed by a final packing up of very wet tents before returning to school.

All of the students took on the various challenges that they encountered and developed future goals and understanding of each other.

Our sincere thanks go to Lyn Boulton at French Pass Shop, and Lindsay and Roma Elkington, as well as students and parents for their support.

Nga mihi nui  
Mike Wilson & Richard Wilkins



We would like to take this opportunity to wish you Merry Christmas and *Thank you* for all your support for 2020 from Life Education Trust Marlborough!

We have had another successful year seeing 4818 children this year in the Marlborough and Kaikoura Districts! This is not possible without all the support we receive from you and our community! We want to extend our thanks to you for all your ongoing support and even more so in 2020 as it has been a tough year.

**Words from Genevieve:**

"I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your kindness, flexibility and understanding in a year that hasn't been easy for any of us, but especially around the time of my father's ill health. May you all have a safe and fun summer to rest and recharge and we'll see you in 2021.

Meri kirihimete and nga mihi o te tau hou  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year"  
Genevieve

Looking forward to working together in 2021! Have a wonderful festive season, stay safe and enjoy this time with your special loved ones.

Kind Regards,

## *Your* Community News

### **R.T.L. CONTRACTING** **027 5432 016**

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- 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.



#### The Rai Valley Community Library Inc

The Rai Valley Community Library Inc is holding a Trash & Treasure Trail on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

If you are interested in taking part and are happy to have Trash & Treasure Seekers on your property throughout the day of February 13<sup>th</sup> please contact either Sarah Todd, Renee Jope, or Debbie Wellman from the RV Library Committee with your name and address you will have Trash & Treasure out on.

There is a fee of \$20 per property for the committee to advertise.

Any other monetary donations on the day are warmly welcomed by the Rai Valley Community Library Inc Committee.

We will advertise in the local and school newsletters, Facebook notice boards and in local businesses.

We will supply a map of properties taking part on the day, which can be picked up by anyone from the Brick Oven Café closer to the time.

If you are interested please contact either

Sarah Todd – 027 351 7699

Renee Jope – 027 775 0083

Debbie Wellman – 027 840 5201

Thank you

The Rai Valley Community Library Inc Committee





The  
**HAVELOCK**  
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

HAVELOCK COMMUNITY GROUPS



INVITE YOU TO

# CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

Featuring Havelock Community Singers

SATURDAY 19TH DEC 2020

6PM - 8PM

MEMORIAL PARK - NEIL ST

**FREE ADMISSION**

BRING A PICNIC  
& SEATS

FREE  
SAUSAGE SIZZLE

CHILDREN'S  
ACTIVITIES

**Renwick Rugby Grounds**  
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# Summer Rugby Camp



## 2021

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> to Fri 15<sup>th</sup> of January, 9 am to 3pm  
Early Drop off/Late Pick Up's are available  
Boys and Girls aged 7 – 13 of all abilities welcome!

**PRE – Camp registration prices:**  
Full Camp rate (Mon to Fri) - \$150 Inc GST  
Single Day rate - \$35 per/day Inc GST

Registration closes 9<sup>th</sup> of December 2020

To book a spot today and/or to have any questions answered –  
please get in touch with us at -

[SummerRugbyCamp2021@gmail.com](mailto:SummerRugbyCamp2021@gmail.com)

Head over to our Instagram and Facebook page to find out more  
and keep up to date with our journey!

**SPACES LIMITED**  
– Book now to  
avoid  
disappointment

'Summer Rugby Camp  
2021'





## **MGC Netball**

As 2020 is drawing to a close we are now well into planning for our 2021 netball season.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite your Year 8 students to our trials which will be taking place in February 2021 soon after they return to school after the summer break.

The MGC Junior trials will take place on the following dates ...

**Tuesday 16th Feb**

**Sunday 21st Feb**

**Tuesday 23rd Feb**

**All at the Lansdowne Courts.**

Further information including times will be available on the MGC Netball Facebook page in the new year, along with the opportunity to **pre register** for Trials.

Please direct any queries to our email address which is checked regularly ...

[netball.mgc@gmail.com](mailto:netball.mgc@gmail.com)

Best wishes for the festive season and summer break.  
Kind regards

Chris Wensley  
MGC Netball Club

## **Picton Heritage & Whaling Museum**

Advent "Cabinet of Curiosity"

Join us in uncovering some of the treasures from our archives!

Every day during Advent, the first visitor of the day will help unwrap that day's curio from the "Cabinet of Curiosity", then find out a bit about it and how it fits into our past.

Come and visit and see what you can find...!

1<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> December, 2020

Open 11am – 3pm daily

[Pictonmuseum-newzealand.com](http://Pictonmuseum-newzealand.com)

9 London Quay, Picton



**Meri Kirihihi e**  
**from your**  
**Community Oral Health Service**

The clinics will be closed over Christmas from  
21<sup>st</sup> December and will re-open on,  
11<sup>th</sup> January 2021  
For urgent dental care during the holidays  
please ring the hospital  
and ask for the emergency dentist on call.

**HE NIHO PĒPI  
HE ITI KURA**

baby teeth matter  
brush them twice a day

**Nelson Marlborough  
Health**

Kia ora koutou,

The Community Oral Health will close for Christmas on 21<sup>st</sup> December and reopen on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Ngā mihi nui for supporting Community Oral Health during 2020. Thanks for sharing these messages with your whānau.

Mā te wā. See you in 2021.

Heidi Owers  
Oral Health Educator



## School Holiday Programme

**14<sup>th</sup> December–24<sup>th</sup> December 2020**  
**7<sup>th</sup> January- 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021**  
**Mon- Fri 8.30- 4pm**

**We are a sports based holiday programme.**  
**Some of the activities we offer include:**

- ☐ Indoor Netball / Cricket & Soccer
- ☐ Dodgeball
- ☐ Badminton
- ☐ Pickleball
- ☐ Table Tennis
- ☐ Fun games
- ☐ Ten Pin Bowling

<b>Full Day (8.30-4pm)</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>
<b>Hourly Rate</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>

### **Food we have available:**

- ☐ Hot Chips
- ☐ Chicken Nuggets
- ☐ Fish Bites
- ☐ Hot Dogs
- ☐ Toasted Sandwiches

### **Blenheim Indoor Sports Centre**

50 Battys Road  
Springlands  
Blenheim

#### **Register online or phone us:**

Phone: 5784851 or 0275784851

Email:

info@blenheimindoorsports.co.nz

**[www.blenheimindoorsports.co.nz](http://www.blenheimindoorsports.co.nz)**

### Bridge Valley Holiday Camps

Over this Summer holidays we have different camps for youth and children to do challenging and fun activities, themed wide games, and get to know more people in a camp environment!

#### Blast Day Camps - Christmas Edition

16th - 18th Dec, ages 7-13

#### Island Adventure Camp

11th - 15th Jan, ages 8-11

#### Summer Paradise Camp

18th - 22nd Jan, ages 11-13

#### Extreme Camp

26th - 29th Jan, Junior 9-11, Youth 12-15

Register on our website: [www.bridgevalley.co.nz](http://www.bridgevalley.co.nz)

Email [holidaycamps@bridgevalley.co.nz](mailto:holidaycamps@bridgevalley.co.nz) with any queries!

Kind regards,

Caitlin Clementson

Holiday Programme Coordinator

## Bunnings Christmas Family Activities

**FREE**



### First 3 Weekend's in December 2020 8am – 4pm

- Games
- DIY
- Spot Prizes
- Self-Serve Gift Wrapping Station
- Light Refreshments

### What Else Is Happening at Blenheim Store:

#### Between 11am – 12noon & 2pm – 3pm

Come instore this weekend on Sat 5<sup>th</sup> & Sun 6<sup>th</sup> to get your **FREE** photo taken with Santa's handy Elf helper and Rudolf the Reindeer. Sat & Sun 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> December Santa is flying into store to join his handy Elf helper for photo's.

For More Information Contact: [blenheimao@bunnings.co.nz](mailto:blenheimao@bunnings.co.nz)