



TERM 1, WEEK 3, 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

A belated welcome back to everyone for 2024. The school is humming and we have a wide range of activities happening already. I would like to take the time to welcome our new students to the school. We have 10 new students across the school and all seem to be settling in well.

In terms of staffing we farewell Hannah Sims who has taken a permanent position in Dunedin. We are grateful to have Belinda Milmine step into the teaching role in Room 2. We have a number of internal staffing changes as is normal in a school. Of special note, for the first time in many years, we are running a specialist Year 12 Biology, Physics and Chemistry class with a teacher based in Roxburgh rather than online. We love being able to offer these academic classes to students here at Roxburgh Area School.

Last year we undertook consultation around cell phone usage in the school. This was done ahead of any announcement by the new government. It is interesting to note the similarities in what is being asked of schools and what, as a community, we agreed upon last year. As a reminder cell phones are banned up to Year 8. In Years 9-13 all phones will be handed to the students whanau teacher, locked in a cupboard and returned at the end of the school day. Our underlying philosophy behind this is to allow students to focus in class without the distraction of a cell phone. Included in this newsletter are copies of the Cellphone and Complaints policies.

Congratulations to Sienna Dance and Caleb Darling who were elected Head Students for 2024. Well done to you both.

It has been a great start to the school year. We pride ourselves on knowing our students well and catering for their needs. If you are noticing any issues at home please do not hesitate to contact the school and discuss this with us - we are here to help and work together.





## PLEASE NOTE: CHANGE OF DATE

**Year 1-8 Parent/Teacher Interviews** – Because of a full calendar this term we have shifted the interviews to Week 5. There will be more details to follow.

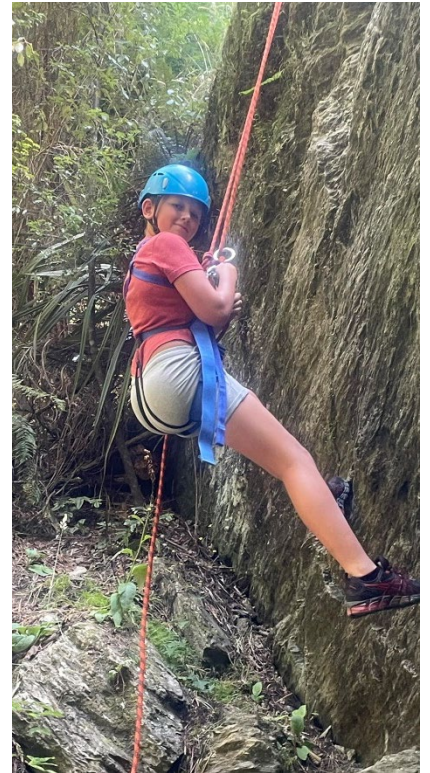


Year 7 & 8 are having a great time on their camp this week.

## HEAD STUDENT'S REPORT

Hi everyone, I hope you are all well and having a good start to the new year. Everyone is feeling refreshed after their long holiday.

Room 1 is happy to be back at school. They will be starting swimming lessons soon. There are 2 new students in Room 1, welcome to Max and Lily! The majority of the junior school have been drawing the Millers Flat



bridge to enter into the A & P show since we are celebrating 125 years of the bridge.

Year 7 and 8's are currently at Berwick Forest camp where they are enjoying lots of adventurous activities.

Year 9 have started peer support with the Year 13's. The Year 9 art class have been doing water colours and have been doing a variety of experiments.

Year 10 are very excited for swimming sports coming up and are ready to earn points for their school house. They are doing business studies and are learning about how to save money. They also have been lighting magnesium in science. Year 11 are looking

forward to the kayak trip this term, practising setting up tents for the trip in their PE classes. They are also studying about the nature of science. They are very pleased to be getting a new couch and a Led light in their common room.

The senior swimming sports will be held tomorrow, this will be the first swimming sports in the new pool.

We are looking forward to all the exciting things that are coming our way this year.  
Sienna and Caleb

# SPORT'S REPORT

## RAS Triathlon

On Friday we had the school triathlon, the weather was amazing for the event. Well done to everyone who participated and a huge thank you to the students and staff who helped out on course.

### Roxburgh Area School Triathlon Results 2024

**HOUSE RESULTS: 1st BENGER, 2nd CLUTHA, 3rd MOLYNEUX, 4th TEVIOT**

|                        |                   |              | <b>1st</b>  | <b>2nd</b>   | <b>3rd</b>   |
|------------------------|-------------------|--------------|---|--|--|
| <b>Year 1 &amp; 2</b>  | <b>Teams</b>      |              | Lottie McDowell B<br>Isla McKenzie C<br>Charlotte Wright M<br>Archie Davidson T | Millie Ellison B<br>Thomas McCulloch B<br>Louis Gunn T                               | Lilly Arnesen C<br>Sophie Scott M<br>Max Huenuman T              |
| <b>Year 3 &amp; 4</b>  | <b>Teams</b>      |              | Tabitha Turner M<br>Jenna Jowett M<br>Carter Wells T                            | Tabitha Turner M<br>Skye Matheson T<br>Eden McPherson B                              | Charlie Linwood C<br>Jeremy Cochrane B<br>Isla Ellison B         |
| <b>Year 5 &amp; 6</b>  | <b>Individual</b> | <b>Boys</b>  | Max McKenzie C  | Reeve McDowell B   | Harry Smith T  |
|                        | <b>Individual</b> | <b>Girls</b> | Ellie Kingi C   | Bailee Wells T   |  |
|                        | <b>Teams</b>      |              | Harriet Turner M<br>Kit Moore B<br>Kit Moore B<br>Karla Winiata T               | Kieran Skipper-Knudsen T<br>Beau Gazeley M<br>Marissa Mahathir B<br>Katy Richmond C  | Te Rangi Thompson M<br>Tyler Donaldson C<br>Pippah Kirkpatrick T |
| <b>Year 7 &amp; 8</b>  | <b>Individual</b> | <b>Boys</b>  | Ryley Buchan B  | Mayson Kingi C   | Archie McNeish M   |
|                        | <b>Individual</b> | <b>Girls</b> |   |  |  |
|                        | <b>Teams</b>      |              | Lucas Arneson C<br>Kale Richmond C<br>Kale Richmond C                           | Willa Moore B<br>Abi Ledua T<br>Willa Moore B  | Olivia Thompson C<br>Macy Patscharis B<br>Macy Patscharis B      |
| <b>Year 9 &amp; 10</b> | <b>Individual</b> | <b>Boys</b>  | Kellan McDowell B   | Jeremy Davis M   |  |
|                        | <b>Individual</b> | <b>Girls</b> |   |  |  |
|                        | <b>Teams</b>      |              | Charlotte McNeish M<br>Kees Richards B<br>Noah Nichol M                         | Cam Patrick C<br>Sophie Matheson T<br>Savanna Weatherall M<br>Marissa May-Crawford M |  |
| <b>Year 11 to 13</b>   | <b>Individual</b> | <b>Girls</b> | Meg Beaumont C  |  |  |
|                        | <b>Individual</b> | <b>Boys</b>  | Luc Michot  |  |  |
|                        | <b>Teams</b>      |              | Caleb Darling M<br>Flynn Welsh B<br>Jimmy Affleck M<br>Blake Buchan B           | Max Steele B<br>Mason Holmes M<br>Jude Moore B                                       | Trey Whitu M<br>Cooper Welsh B<br>William Davis M                |

## UPCOMING...

### Senior Swimming

Senior swimming sports for all year 9-13 students will be held at Roxburgh Pool this **Friday 16th February** from 1 - 3pm. Friends and whanau are most welcome to come along and support.

## Volleyball

Mr Kairaoi is taking the senior boys volleyball team away for two days competition at the Otago Secondary Schools tournament in Dunedin over the weekend. Good luck to the lads heading away.

## Senior Athletics

Senior athletics sports for all year 9-13 students will be held on **Friday 23rd February** from 9am. We are excited to host Lawrence Area School and Maniototo Area School students for another year. Haere mai friends and whanau.



# Roxburgh Area School

## Cell Phone Policy

Permission for use:

Please note: Students in Years 1-8 are not permitted cell phones at school.

Students are discouraged from bringing cellphones to school. Recent international research along with feedback from staff and students clearly indicates that cell phones at school are a major distraction for our students. Our policy is designed to ensure that the learning of all students is maximised, while minimising any potential for distraction.

If students in Years 9-13 choose to bring a cell phone, it must be turned off and handed to the nominated teacher at the start of the day. Cell phones will be stored in a secure location and returned at the end of the day. Smart watches are to be set to 'school mode' or similar and not be connected to a cell phone or any other electronic device.

Students who fail to follow this policy will be dealt with following the usual behaviour management approach of the school. Exemptions to this policy must be applied for directly through the Principal.

In an emergency, parents should contact the main office who will quickly convey a message to students. Students falling ill during the day must report to the office, who will contact parents.

Responsibility for cell phones and other devices

Please note, if students do make the decision to bring a cell phone, a media device or any other personal items to the school, they do so at their own risk. Roxburgh Area School is not responsible for any loss or damage caused to any cell phone by themselves or someone else.





# Roxburgh Area School

## **Complaints Policy**

### ***Purpose***

A clearly defined process for handling complaints is essential to ensure members of the whole school community have confidence in the operation of the school and Board of Trustees, and have been dealt with formally.

### ***Objectives***

1. All complaints from staff, parents, and students will be addressed by the appropriate person. The complainant can address their concern to the teacher and if not satisfied, can then escalate their complaint to the Principal and ultimately the Board.
2. The outcome and action taken would be reported to the complainant/s and to the Principal/Board.
3. Where a complaint is made it will be responded to within 3 working days to acknowledge it and establish a line of communication.
4. Where a complaint is directed in relation to actions of the Principal or dissatisfaction is felt with the manner that the complaint has been handled, the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees should be notified.
5. Where a complaint is required to be discussed at a full Board Meeting, those involved have the right to be present. It should be normal procedure for the final discussion and voting on a course of action to be held "in committee".
6. If for any reason a "conflict of interest" exists, the trustee concerned should withdraw from the issue. Such withdrawals should be formally recorded in the minutes.
7. In dealing with complaints at the Board of Trustees level, the Board should refer to the appropriate employment contract for complaints/disciplinary provisions and where applicable seek legal advice.
8. A verbal complaint can be received and acted upon. However, the complainant will be strongly encouraged to put the complaint in writing. The person, who has received the complaint against them, should be informed of the complainant's identity. There may be instances where anonymity of the complainant is required to ensure safety and security of all parties, this will be discussed at the time of the complaint being lodged and reviewed'
9. At all times when dealing with a complaint the Principal and Board of Trustees members will maintain full confidentiality, ensure objectivity and fairness and respond in a courteous, frank and honest manner.

The school also has a procedure for addressing concerns. A concern is an issue that parents, staff, or students are unwilling to write down and is not as serious as a formal complaint.

### ***Policy Review***

1. This policy will be reviewed at least every three years according to the Board's Annual Programme of Policy Effectiveness Reviews.



# MOVIES



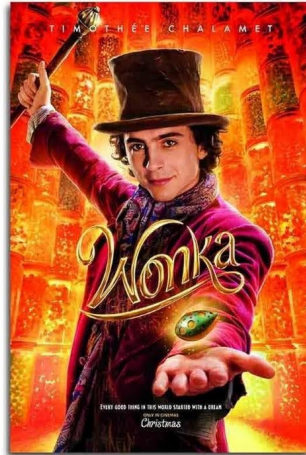
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## Wonka

With dreams of opening a shop in a city renowned for its chocolate, a young and poor Willy Wonka discovers that the industry is run by a cartel of greedy chocolatiers. Timothée Chalamet plays a young Willy Wonka in this story of how the chocolate kingpin met the Oompa-Loompas. 116 min



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### ADMISSION

|                                 |         |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| GENERAL ADMISSION 15 YRS & OVER | \$15.00 |
| STUDENT 11-15 YRS               | \$12.00 |
| CHILD 10 YRS AND UNDER          | \$ 8.00 |

**FRIDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 7.30PM**

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## POOR THINGS

From filmmaker Yorgos Lanthimos and producer Emma Stone comes the incredible tale and fantastical evolution of Bella Baxter (Stone), a young woman brought back to life by the brilliant and unorthodox scientist Dr. Godwin Baxter (Willem Dafoe). 141 MIN



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