

# ROXBURGH AREA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



TERM 2, 1<sup>st</sup> MAY 2025 Week 1

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to Term 2 and I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and spent time together as a family. The staff are certainly excited to be back and we are looking forward to an exciting term.

One of the highlights of the school year is the Area School Tournament. This year it is being hosted by The Catlins Area School and we are headed there in week three of the term. Over many years this has been something our senior students look forward to and take away many special memories. Good luck to all those going. Other things to look forward to this term include the school formal, the opening of the refurbished library and the cross country run.

As we are now in the cooler months students need to ensure they are warmly dressed for the conditions. Senior students can wear the winter uniform and jackets are encouraged - however these need to be taken off during class time. The classrooms are always warm!!

Nga mihi nui

## HEAD STUDENT'S REPORT

Hey everyone, I hope you all had a relaxing two weeks off. There's a lot to look forward to, including the upcoming Area School Tournament, the careers trip for the Year 12's and 13's in Dunedin on Monday which will be a great chance for everyone to look at potential career ideas, the Molyneux House event, and the Teviot House event. These events are great opportunities to get involved, show school spirit, and have some fun. Let's stay focused, work hard, and make the most of everything this term has to offer. Looking forward to a productive Term 2!

## Board Update:

Colleen Buchan has stepped down from the Board and we would like to thank her for contributions to our school community. Colleen's knowledge of process, her experience and financial expertise have helped guide the board and been of immense value over her term. Thank you so much Colleen.

This leaves a position as parent representative vacant on the board and we urge parents and/or community members to think whether they have skills that would benefit the school community, and a passion for governance. The Board elections are being held in September, and we will be looking to ensure that the Governance of the School is in safe hands going forward.

At present this leaves a casual vacancy on the school board for an elected parent representative.

The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection.

If 10% 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.

Request for a by-election should be sent to:

Debbie at the school or contact Timea (Presiding Member) 021 294 14 37.

## United Nations Conference



Last weekend, I had the opportunity to attend the Southern Model United Nations conference in Dunedin. These two days at the conference were jam packed with learning

and understanding the fundamentals of debating in the UN, as well as taking part in plenary sessions that discuss different amendments that included the question of Human security, and the

question of human healthcare. There were roughly 40 of us from different schools that took part in this conference, with each of us representing a country. As I was representing the country France, I needed to implement France's views, laws and regulations around healthcare and security! It was very fun, as lunch was provided on both days, and I met some really cool people. I highly recommend this conference to not only people who are interested in politics or the UN, but also for people who just want to get involved outside of school! You don't need to know anything. *Luc Michot*



### IRD TAX CREDIT YEAR ENDING MARCH 2025

Claim back from Inland Revenue 33% for any contribution or donation paid to the school for curriculum expenses (including camps). If you would like a receipt or information, please see Devon at the school office.

**The Oscars are coming to town!  
The School Formal for Year 11 - 13  
is on the 13th June at the Etrick Hall  
Save the date and start planning!**



### SPORTS REPORT

#### **VolleySouth Anzac Volleyball Tournament**

Over the weekend, Max Steele and Blake Buchan travelled to Invercargill to represent their U19 VolleySouth Boys team in the Southland ANZAC Volleyball Tournament. Competing in the Open Men's grade, the team played five highly competitive matches, securing victories in three of them and finishing 5th overall out of ten teams. It's great to hear both students' skills developing significantly through their experience with the U19 VolleySouth team.

## Central Otago Senior Basketball

Competition for the Central Otago Senior Boys and Girls Basketball competition started on Monday afternoon. The RAS Boys travelled to Cromwell to play a polished WHS Defenders team. It sounded like an intense and exciting game to watch. Boys lost 82-93, thank you to Erin Davis for taking the boys to their game this week.

RAS Girls played at home against DHS Junior in front of a good crowd. Girls took a bit to find their feet but came away with a great 51-28 win. Thank you to Mr Moore for umpiring the game.

## Draw for Monday 5th May

Both teams are playing HOME games. Please come down and support our teams.

RAS Girls vs Cromwell Blue at 5pm

RAS Boys vs Maniototo at 6pm

**If there are any parents or members of the valley that might be interested in helping out with umpiring at our home games - we would love to hear from you.**

## U18 Central Lakes Basketball

On Sunday 27th April, Blake Buchan took part in the Apples Basketball Tournament as part of the U18 Central Lakes representative team. The team faced a demanding schedule with three games in one day. After two early losses to Wakatipu High School and John McGlashan College, they bounced back with determination to win their final match — a rematch against Wakatipu. A highlight of the day was Blake being awarded MVP in one of the games. The team finished 3rd overall out of five teams.

## Southern Area Schools Tournament

Teams for the Southern Area School Tournament have been selected, and lunchtime practices for most sports will begin on Monday. Practices for our school performance started this week, it's shaping up to be a fun and entertaining item! We're heading to The Catlins Area School in just under two weeks, and everyone is excited to compete and reconnect with both old and new friends.

**Reminder:** All permission slips and payments must be returned to the office by **Friday, 2nd May**.

## Netball Draw - Saturday 3 May 2025

**Welcome to the 2025 Netball Season! Yr 7&8 and Senior Teams have 2 games this week - grading draw. Make sure you are at the courts ½ hour before your first game and don't forget to cut your nails!!!**

Team	Times	Opposition	Court
RAS A	12.00	V DHS 11A	Ct NW
	2.00	V DHS 10A	Ct NW
RAS B	12.30	V CC Snr Black	Ct 3
	1.30	V DHS Ruby	Ct 4
Teviot A	11.00	V St Gerard's Steel	Property Brokers
	12.00	V Clyde Alleycats	Property Brokers
Teviot B	1.00	V Cromwell Panthers	Moore Drainlaying
	2.00	V Cromwell Tigers	Moore Drainlaying
Teviot Sparks (Y 5&6)	10.00	V Matakanui Fantails	Moore Drainlaying
Teviot Silver (Y 3&4)	11.00	V Cromwell Thunder	Court 7
Teviot Gold (Y 3&4)	12.00	V TTs Kakapo	Court 7

## ANZAC DAY SPEECHES – from Head Student' Jude Moore and Gabby Beaumont

We gather here today, as people have gathered across our country and across generations to remember.

To remember those who served, those who sacrificed, and those who never made it home.

We come together not just as individuals but as a community, to stand still, to reflect and to show our respect.

Respect for the soldiers that were also sons, daughters, brothers and sisters just like those of us standing here today. They had lived lives filled with the same small joys and struggles, except they left all of that behind, often without knowing when or if they would return. They sacrificed the simplicity of home, the warmth of familiar faces, and the everyday life that we sometimes take for granted, to stand in places where those comforts didn't exist.

As we also stand here as a reminder to the younger generations that the peace and freedom we enjoy did not come without a price. It is our duty not just on ANZAC Day, but every day to remember, to respect, and to live in a way that honours the lives of those who served and those who made the ultimate sacrifice. We stand in silence today, we do not forget.

We cannot forget.

Because every name on every memorial is a life.

A promise.

A reminder.

And so, with full hearts and steady voices, we say:

*We will remember them.*

*We will honour them.*

*We will carry them forward.*

Lest we forget.

Poem called in the heart of the Teviot

In the stillness of the Teviot, beneath the wide-open skies we stand together, with heads held high, remembering the ones who left these hills, who answered a call with courage and will.

From Roxburgh's hills to the valleys heart, they left behind all they'd known to play their part

With every step, with every day they carried our hopes though far away

Through mud and blood, in distant lands, they fought for freedom with trembling hands.

But here in these hills the wind still tells of the soldier's bravery and the stories they dwell

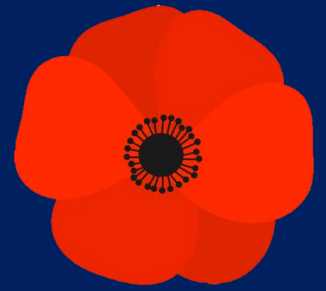
The Teviot's rivers, the land they loved holds the memory of the men they were proud of.

Most faces are gone, but their spirits remain in every valley breeze, in every drop of rain

So today as we gather, in silence and grace we remember their sacrifice, in this sacred place

For the ones who gave all, and those who came home, the heart of the Teviot will never be alone.

Gabby Beaumont



Today, we stand here, to remember those who gave everything—the brave, the lost, and the ones who were never the same again. I want to talk about the effect of war — not just on those who fought, but also on those left behind. Because war doesn't end when the guns go quiet. Its impact stretches far beyond the battlefield — through families, generations, and across time.

In 1941, my great grandfather, Philip Moore, was just 20 years old when he enlisted in the 1st Battalion Hampshire Regiment. He left behind his pregnant wife — imagine that. Signing up to go to war knowing your child will be born while you're away and not knowing if you'll ever get to meet them.

Philip served in Egypt as a Corporal. When he was discharged, they wrote that he was capable of commanding men and respected by them. That's huge. But the part that hits me hardest — it wasn't until he returned home that he met his son for the first time. His son, my

grandfather, was four years old. That's four birthdays, four Christmas mornings, four years of first words and first steps — missed.

That's sacrifice.

On my mum's side, the story is different, but no less powerful. My great-great grandfather, Emanuel Maurice Kleist, known as Morrie, was a Polish Jew living in Poland at the beginning of World War Two. He saw what was coming. He knew that being Jewish in Europe was becoming dangerous. He begged his parents and his siblings to leave, to get out while they still could. But leaving everything behind — your home, your language, your memories — that's not easy. Morrie made the decision to sail to New Zealand. It saved his life.

His parents and sister didn't follow— they stayed behind. The last time anyone saw his parents, they were on a train bound for a concentration camp. His sister and brother-in-law were killed when a bomb struck their apartment, reducing everything to rubble.

That's loss. That's grief that doesn't go away.

Two men from two sides of the world. One wore a uniform. One got on a boat. Both had to make impossible choices because of war. And both left something behind — people, memories, pieces of themselves.

So what do we do with stories like these?

We remember.

Because, as the poem says:

*To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die,  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.*

We now hold the torch.

It's up to us — our generation — to remember, to learn, and to never let these stories fade. Commemorating ANZAC Day is about honouring the sacrifice of the soldiers who fought to ensure our freedom, but it's also about acknowledging every ripple of sacrifice — the families separated, the lives shattered, and the courage it took to carry on.

By remembering, we honour.

By honouring, we let them rest.

Ka maumahara tonu tātou ki a rātou

We will remember them

Jude Moore



## **RSA ANZAC WRITING 1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE**

### The Brave Soldier By Pippa Kirkpatrick

I still remember being told that I had to leave New Zealand. I was so excited I thought that we were going to travel the world – go on an adventure and get paid for it; I couldn't wait. We had to go on a huge ship. The ship wasn't very clean; the walls were dirty, and the beds weren't made. It was so squished – we hardly had any room to put our stuff.

I felt so nauseous getting on the small boat. As we came into Gallipoli we heard the most terrifying bang. It smelt of smoke and fire. When we jumped off the boat into the water, it burnt and stung our skin. My throat hurt from yelling and screaming and my arms and fingers hurt from the gun. I had the most horrific pain in my legs – I had never felt something like it. I felt powerless. That night I was too overwhelmed to fall asleep because I was scared that someone was going to shoot me. I wanted to cry, but I put on my brace face.

## Sports Hoodie Order Form

We are once again taking orders for our Sports Hoodies. These hoodies are able to be worn at PE and at sports events when representing Roxburgh Area School only - they are **not to be worn** as part of the school uniform - and are for Year 9-13 students. Options for the name on the back are - first name or surname or blank. The hoodies are navy blue sports fabric and will have the school crest embroidered on the front upper left chest. Samples are available to try on for sizing, please see Ms Tumai

Order must be in by Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May.

Payment must accompany all orders.

Adult Sizes:-

**Small** (54cm) half chest measurement

**Medium** (57cm)      **Large** (60cm)


**X-Large** (63cm)    **2X-Large** (66cm)

**3X-Large** (69cm)   **5X-Large** (75cm)



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