

ROXBURGH AREA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 1, 10th APRIL 2025 Week 10

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

What an amazing, rapid fire and positive first term of the year. Once again the term was packed with student activities, new learning and great friendships. Whilst we have all enjoyed this term I am sure everyone is looking forward to a well deserved break. I would encourage everyone to find time during the holidays to put the electronic devices away and spend time together as a family. Play a board game, go for a walk or read a book in the same room. Create those precious memories and simply enjoy the time.

Have a great break everyone and we all look forward to seeing you next term.

HEAD STUDENT'S REPORT

Since this will be the last newsletter for the term, we just want to give a big thank you to everyone for supporting us and making this term as amazing as it has been. We've both thoroughly enjoyed our first term as Head Students and can't wait for the incredible opportunities ahead.



Now, here's what the school has been up to this past week:

Room 1 has been reading a story about humpback whales and snails. They then painted amazing pictures and learned interesting facts. They've been exploring a wide variety of topics and are having a great time in the process. Room 2 has been working hard on maths and spelling and they've been enjoying making comic strips. We're really excited to see them when they're done!

The Year 5 and 6 students have been creating sweet cards for the generous parent helpers who came along to their camp. Both of us would like to extend our personal thanks to the parent helpers—without you, camps wouldn't be possible. The kids loved the camp and will remember the trip for years to come. The class has also been learning about ANZAC and creating amazing artwork, as well as working on their pepehas.



Room 5 made a fantastic effort in dressing up on Monday for their House colours.

The Year 7 and 8 students have been designing fun games based on all the knowledge they've gained about the human brain. Some students are making board games like Monopoly, others are creating card games, and some are even reinventing Tic-Tac-Toe. We hope we get the chance to play them! The Year 9 students have been finishing their science

assessments, and all are relieved to have them done. Some students have been working with the 3D printer, and we're excited to see what they come up with.

Finally, the Year 11–13 students have been wrapping up their NCEA assessments and are looking forward to a break from the stress NCEA can bring. That said, remember it's always good to keep up with a bit of study during the holidays to avoid forgetting everything you've learned. But make sure you also enjoy yourselves and return in Term 2 feeling refreshed.

This term has been a fantastic first term for both of us, and it's introduced us to the responsibilities - and the rewards that come with being Head Students. We can't wait to see what the next three terms hold, and we hope you all have a great two weeks off school!

SPORTS REPORT

Senior Volleyball

The RAS Boys played WHS in Cromwell and came away with an impressive 2-1 win. The RAS Girls travelled to Wanaka to play Mt Aspiring in their final and came home second place. Both teams had an extremely successful competition and it all came down to their commitment and dedication to their after school practices.

We would like to thank all parents who accompanied the teams to their away games and the awesome support at the home games. Thank you to Mr Kairaoi for all the time you've put into coaching both these teams. Your knowledge is invaluable.

Lower South Island Rep U19 Volleyball Tournament / Open South Smash Volleyball Tournament

On Saturday Max, Blake and Jess competed at the 2025 Lower South Island Rep U19 Otago, Aoraki and Southland Volleyball Championships and on Sunday at the 2025 Open South Smash. From these tournaments there were selections to represent VolleySouth at the National Volleyball Tournament in Wellington later on this year.

Congratulations to Blake Buchan and Max Steele for your selection in the VolleySouth U19 Boys team.

Also well done to Gabby who competed on Sunday at the 2025 Open Smash Volleyball tournament for The Central Heat Open Women's Volleyball team.



Central Lakes Basketball

Blake Buchan is competing in an Otago Basketball Tournament this weekend in Dunedin. He is representing the Central Lakes U18 team. All the best for your tournament.

Southern Area Schools Tournament

Preparations are well under way and team practices will begin at the start of next term. We are all very excited to head to The Catlins Area School in May.

Roxburgh Area School Kapa Haka Fundraising Hangi



The Kapa haka group spent hours preparing a hāngī on Sunday and Monday for fundraising for new uniform.

They sold over 140 very delicious hāngīs. Thankyou to all the helpers who organised this huge job. We look forward to seeing the new kapa haka uniforms.



EXPLICIT WRITING

Throughout our school, we follow the explicit writing programme, Writer's Toolbox. Beginning in the Junior School, students learn to craft accurate sentences. As they progress, they build on their skills, and by the end of Year 8, they can construct sentences in 12 different ways—understanding both their form (how to punctuate them correctly) and their function (the effect they have within writing).

Over the past few weeks, some classes have been using the accompanying image to practise their writing skills.

Enjoy some wonderful examples of their work!



The waves were crashing into the ship. It was sinking. The pirates were crying.
By Kayla Tate (NE)

The anchor floated away. The pirates could not get back to shore. They were scared.
By Heidi Gunn (NE)

The ship was sinking. The barrel fell off. The pirates were tying the barrels down.
By Ngaria-Jade Kire-Winiata (NE)

It was the 7th century and Captain Cook was sailing across the gloomy sea. While they were sailing, they came across a faint glowing ghost vessel. Suddenly, the clouds rolled in and the waves aggressively crashed against the boat. The captain of the ghost vessel stormed into the boat and killed everyone on board.
By Isla Ellison (Yr 5)

Aggressively, the old ship started rocking crazily on the big waves. While the ship was swooshing by, the dark heavy clouds got darker and darker. Big barrels flew off the wooden ship and went crashing into the 4m waves.

By Marissa Mahathir (Yr 6)

The ship rattled and banged as waves crashed on the old rusty wood. The heavy rain stung our skin—it burnt like fire. Our ears were blocked from hearing people screaming in horror. You could hear our bags falling off the boat into the deep, life threatening Pacific Ocean. The thunder and lightning crashed onto the strong waves. The dusky sky was as black as a deep cave. The freezing cold wind was even colder than ice; it burnt and stung our skin. You could hear the sound of old rusty wood coming off the bow of the ship — it sounded like a tree collapsing. The black clouds were as dark as night, but there were no stars — the foreboding clouds were covering them. After a while there was nothing but deathly silence.

By Pippah Kirkpatrick (Yr 7)

I held the wooden barrel, full of splinters that dug into my hands leaving them covered in blood. We had stolen the barrel and needed to dispose it. With one big push, I watched as the barrel plummeted towards the pitch black water of the unknown.

I heard cries of children, and the shaky voice of the mothers trying to calm them down. I felt stinging rain drops hitting my dark brown ripped coat; the smell of blood in the air and the taste of vomit rose in my throat.

The sound of waves crashing into the ramshackle boat threatening to flip it at any moment - made me clench my heart with all my might hoping I would make it out alive to see my family. My legs shook, my bones rattled. I was terrified.

By Wyatt Perano (Yr 8)

Ravaging through the sky, fierce winds tumbled into the ship's sails. The blow pushed the boat between them—while whipping the sailors on board. Crashing waves, about 18 feet tall, rumble the ship's wooden hull making dozens of men and equipment plummet into the Pacific. The captain glared into the dark grinning clouds. Cracking bolts emitted from the heavens. The sea slowly consumed most of the boat's lower half as it nosedived into the depths. **By Archie McNeish (Yr 8)**



Junior Netball

The netball season began very successfully last weekend with the Alexandra 7 aside Tournament with both our entered teams faring very well! The Yr 5&6 team were narrowly beaten in the semi-final and the Yr 7&8 team went on to win the tournament! Members from the Southern Steel netball team were there to cheer them on! Well done all players!



The AGM of the PTA is being held in the school computer room at 7pm tonight (April 10th) All parents are welcome.

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 16th May.

Payment must accompany all orders.

Adult Sizes:-

Small (54cm) half chest measurement

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

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

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



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