

ROXBURGH AREA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 1, 3RD APRIL 2025



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The school always feels more settled when we have all the students at school and get a full week of learning. Having said that, it has still been a week with lots happening - a Year 11 Science trip, Y12 Biology trip to Portobello and school photos today. Not to mention the big hangi fundraiser happening on Monday coming to raise funds for new Kapa Haka uniforms. Orders can still be made via our facebook page or simply ring the office to place an order - nothing beats a good hangi for tea!!

It is hard to believe we are nearly a quarter of the way through the school year already. Schools can not offer everything they do without considerable help from families. Next



Mr McDowall welcomed Heidi, Ngaria-Jade and Kayla to school this term with a new book each.

Thursday the 10th at 7pm is the PTA AGM. This is a wonderful group of parents dedicated to helping the school - there is not a lot to being part of this group and it would be awesome to see a few new faces next week. In addition to that this is an election year for the Board. Being part of a school Board can help shape the future direction of the school and is a great way to get a deep understanding of how the school operates. If you are at all interested contact me or a current member of the Board for more information.

With only just over a week until the holidays being at school every day is essential. Senior students in particular are likely to be completing NCEA assessments and students at other levels doing testing or important learning. Attendance has become a major focus of the current government and we all need to work together to ensure students get everything they can out of the school year. We appreciate all of the work you do at home to get young people to school. Nga mihi nui



A group of Yr 6 & Yr 7 boys have been working with Amos Gillet from BB New Zealand/Edge this term. They have worked hard to create their own stools - they are very proud of their efforts. Well done boys and thank you Amos.

HEAD REPORT

Hi everyone!

Man, time is flying by with only two weeks left in this term, so let's make the most of it! The Year 1 and 2 students continue to explore learning letters, and it's amazing to see how much they've all improved since the start of the year. They have also been creating their own lands and writing about them, like "Car Land" or "Penguin Land," and then drawing pictures to match, which is super cool. Room 1 has been working on their Pepeha, and these will soon be up on the walls. Keep up the great work!

The Year 3 and 4 boys have been doing woodwork, and they just finished making wooden stools, which are super creative.

Last week, the Year 5 and 6 students went on camp to Bannockburn. It looks like you all had a great time and made awesome memories! I heard you really enjoyed visiting the Gold Mining Centre, had fun playing games at camp, and your teachers were really impressed with how well you coped with being away from home. I hope you enjoyed your first camp and are excited for the next one.

The senior boys' and girls' volleyball teams travelled to Christchurch last week, which was a fantastic experience. Every game was tough and competitive, but I'm so proud of how we played, especially since we were the only area school there. The teamwork and effort from everyone were amazing! A huge thank you to Mr. Kairaoi for organizing the trip and to our parent helpers—Andrew, Gemma, and Hayden. We couldn't have done it without you!

The Year 12 Biology students are at Portobello this week. They had a great time exploring marine life and ecosystems.

As we head into the final week of the term, let's stay focused, keep up the great work, and finish strong. Enjoy the rest of the term, and let's make it a great one!

PTA AGM

There will be an AGM for The Roxburgh Area School PTA on Thursday 10th April at 7pm in the school Learning Centre. All parents are welcome.

MUFTI DAY MONDAY 7TH APRIL

There will be a mufti day this Monday 7th for the Clutha House Activity.

Please try and wear house colours.

There will be a prize for the best dressed boy and girl.

SPORT'S REPORT'S

JUNIOR SPORTS REPORT

Alexandra Primary School Netball Tournament Draw - Sat 5 April

Yr 7&8			Yr 5&6		
10.30	Ct 2	V QPS Mangu	9.30	Ct 6	The Emeralds
11.15	Ct 2	Team Amethyst	11.15	Ct 6	QPS Mā
12.00	Ct 2	Matak Black	12.00	Ct 6	APS Kiwi
12.45	Ct 2	TTS Panther	12.30	Ct 6	QPS Whero

Please be at the netball courts half an hour before your games.

For this tournament Shontel Tumai will coach the Yr 7&8 team; Lisa Sincock and Stef Ellison will coach the Yr 5&6 team.
Have a fun time!!



Top Bike
On Tuesday we had a year 8 team competing in the annual Top Bike competition which was held at Molyneux Park in Alexandra.



This event attracts approximately 300 year 5-8 students from throughout Central Otago and the Queenstown Lakes district and sees students complete a bike skills test, mountain bike team time trial and a grass track race. Congratulations to Macy, Leah, Emma, Leo, Nathan and Wyatt on representing Roxburgh Area School in such a positive, enthusiastic manner. The team was singled out by several of the volunteers and supporters running the event for their outstanding teamwork, communication and positivity. RiPPeR!

Many thanks to Cycling Southland and Sport Otago who organise and run the event, and all the volunteers who made the day run so smoothly. A very special thank you to Natalie Arnesen for helping out with transport, and supporting the students.

Primary School Athletics Dunstan Zone

Congratulations to all those who competed in the Dunstan Zone Primary Schools Athletics which were held in Alexandra on Wednesday 19th March. Special congratulations to those listed below who gained a top six placing, and therefore qualified for the Central Otago Primary School Athletics.

Year 8 Boys	Nathan Arnesen	6th Shot Put, Hurdles
Year 8 Girls	Teohorere Keil	1st Shot Put 2nd Long Jump 3rd High Jump 6th Sprints, Hurdles
Year 6 Boys	Beau Gazeley	2nd High Jump
Year 6 Girls	Ellie Kingi	4th Discus 5th Hurdles 6th Shot Put
Year 4 Boys	Ollie Davidson	2nd Discus

Central Otago Primary School Athletics Championships

Congratulations to Teohorere and Nathan who competed in the Central Otago Primary Schools Athletics Championships in Alexandra on Wednesday 26th - both students achieved some outstanding results. Special congratulations to Teohorere on placing 4th in Shot Put and 5th= in High Jump for year 8 Girls.

Beau and Ellie also qualified for the CO championships but were unable to attend due to being on school camp. Year 4's do not compete at CO's so Ollie has time to train in preparation for next year!



Sam McNeish competed in the South Island Secondary Schools U15 downhill race coming 39th out of 82. The conditions for the U15 race were very trying with rain making the track incredibly slippery. It was a great week had by all.

Senior Volleyball

This week is the final game in the Central Otago Volleyball competition. The boys are heading to Cromwell to play Wakatipu and the girls are heading to Wanaka to play a redemption game against Mt Aspiring in the girl's final. Wishing both teams the best of luck for their games.

RAS Boys vs WHS at 6pm - meet at the office at 4.30pm

RAS Girls vs MAC A at 6pm - meet at the office at 3.15pm

South Island Satellite Volleyball Report

A big thank you to all the t-shirt sponsors and attending staff (Bauro Kairaoi, Andrew Nicol, Gemma McNeish, and Hayden Smith) who made this opportunity possible for our two Senior RAS



Boys and Girls Volleyball teams. This was the first time a RAS team has attended this tournament, and it was the only Area School participating. The Division 1 volleyball standard was comparable to the New Zealand Area School National competition, with many experienced teams from across the South Island.

The RAS Boys team travelled with 8 players from their 10-player squad and were placed in the top division out of the two boys' divisions. They faced tough competition from schools such as Roncalli, Cashmere, Wakatipu, Burnside, and Te Aratai, with several sets ending 23-25 or with two-point margins going the other way. Significant growth was evident, which should give them more experience and confidence leading

into their final Central Otago competition game against Wakatipu, where they remain undefeated.

The RAS Girls also travelled with 9 players, though one player was unavailable due to injury. With 6 out of the 9 players being new to the squad, this was an excellent opportunity for growth and learning. They played in Division 3, and after pool play, they competed in the bottom 5. Their highlights included a 5-set loss to Kaiapoi and a win against Mountain View. The girls are now gearing up for their final game of the Central Otago competition, where they will play in the final against MAC Girls A.

Senior Netball

Thank you to all players who made the first trial on Tuesday evening - fantastic turn out. Their second trial will be on Friday at 3.30pm.

Gillette 1st XI Cricket Tournament

On Monday 23rd March Jeremy Davis headed away to Dunedin with the Dunstan High School 1st XI Cricket Team. It was a tough week on the pitch and there was a lot to learn from. All in all a good experience.

SISS Mountain Biking Championship

Sam McNeish and his family headed to Methven for the South Island Mountain Biking Championship on Thursday 27th March. The conditions were perfect for the Downhill Mountain Biking event with a little rain to add to the excitement of the race. Sam placed .39th out of 82. Congratulations and well done Sam.



Southern Area Schools Tournament - Term 3

The Southern Area Schools Tournament is being held at The Catlins Area Schools from Wednesday 14th May to Friday 16th May. This is a highlight of the year for some of our students and they are working hard to prepare for this trip. We are currently holding trials for the tournament, and the final teams will be announced on Friday 11th April.

The Catlins Area School has requested that all merchandise orders be finalised by Thursday 10th April. Therefore, if your child would like to purchase either a t-shirt or a hoodie, we kindly ask that you place your order and payment by Wednesday 9th April. Payment can be made via cash or internet banking. Please note that if your child is not selected to attend the Southern Area Schools Tournament, we will issue refunds as follows: cash payments will be refunded directly, while payments made via internet banking will be refunded to your school account. Forms will be handed out to students tomorrow.

FINAL PAYMENT AND ORDER DATE

● WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL

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