



TERM 1, WEEK 3, 20<sup>TH</sup> February 2025

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

What a fabulous week celebrating student leadership. This week we were able to announce a number of new leadership positions for 2025. Our Year 13 group have put their names forward and we are very pleased with the responsibilities they have taken on. Leading the Student Council this year are Max Steele and Luc Michot, our Sports Captains are Blake Buchan, Jess McKerchar and Max Steele, our PB4L student representatives are Luc Michot and Issy McNeish, the house captains (who will oversee the house leaders) are Brydee Patrick and Cortney Thompson. Well done to all of you!!



RAS Head Students Gabby Beaumont and Jude Moore

Next week we have our triathlon, small school swimming in Alexandra and Y9-13 athletics scheduled. We always love to see whanau here celebrating success so please come along and cheer along the athletes. This is a real indication of how much is packed into Term 1. Just a reminder our Teacher only day is scheduled for March 21st. This was set up by the Ministry to ensure teachers are prepared for the teaching of the new Math curriculum.

This week it has been great to see the Year 1-8 students engaged in daily swim lessons and the progress many of the students have made. Over the last 2 days we have also had 'meet the teacher' for parents of our Y1-8 students. These early meetings are a great way to share key information and establish positive lines of communication. Have a great weekend.

## HEAD STUDENT'S REPORT

Hi everyone, our names are Jude Moore and Gabby Beaumont. We have been chosen to be the head students for 2025 and we are super excited to get to know each and every student when we go around to classes each week. We have already made a good start this week, going to classes and talking to the students. It's great to hear what they have been getting up to, as well as just getting to know everyone.

Room 1 has had an exciting start to their year. This week they have been learning about the rainbow fish book, and from this they have had to make their own fish paintings and describe themselves and how they are special. They also all had to paint tractors which all looked

amazing for the A&P show. Harlin and Finn ended up winning prizes which was amazing! Finn also won the helicopter ride which must have been a memorable experience for him. Lastly, Room 1 has been having swimming lessons at the Roxburgh Pool and enjoying the sunny weather. Every student has said they've made great progress with learning how to swim which is awesome.

The Year 2, 3 and 4's have blasted into the new year, they have been learning all about survival swimming and making sure they are safe in the water. They have learnt backstroke and have even tried swimming through weeds, which was a big hit for everyone. They have created guardians that make sure the classroom is kept clean, and makes sure the students create a good environment to learn in. They all were talking about what a great time they had at the A&P show seeing all the different types of animals, winning awards and overall just having a great day out and enjoying the hot weather.






The Year 5 and 6 have been getting creative making self-portraits which look very nice in the classrooms, this must have been a fun start of the school year. They have also been swimming and learning about survival skills which is very important for them to learn about. And they are all incredibly excited to do swimming sports on Wednesday. We wish you all good luck for that.

The Year 7 & 8s have been learning some valuable lessons for the start of their school year. They have all been enjoying the Pool as well, not just that but they've been learning about swimming survival skills, which is always helpful. A few of the year 7 and 8s have been creating tool boxes in their woodwork class and these look amazing so far. We can't wait to see them completed! The whole class has been learning about the Treaty of Waitangi and then making kahoots to test their knowledge. Everyone has been working hard and learning lots.

The Year 11's are excited to start their first year of NCEA. They understand the challenges that may be coming their way, but they are excited to take on a bit more responsibility. The commerce students are even starting to create business plans in their classes, making them work together and have some fun arguments. They have been learning different basketball skills in P.E and will be playing for the Lakers in no time. They all performed incredibly well in swimming sports, with everyone giving it a go and having a good time. The Year 9's and Year 13's are having a blast doing peer support, doing fun activities and getting to know each other better. Everyone is looking forward to the evolution of peer support, and how we are going to keep it fun and interesting for everyone. The Year 9's are getting ready for their camp to Glendhu Bay on the 4th of March. This will be an opportunity for everyone to get outside of their comfort zone, and perhaps find something they really enjoy. Two lucky Year 13's will accompany them and help to make sure everyone is safe and enjoying themselves.

The Year 12's have had an action packed first few weeks of school. They've had swimming sports which was a blessing on these boiling hot days. Everyone had the chance to represent their houses in the different events, and have a good time supporting their houses. The boys have started their first week of Trades which has been very interesting and getting up earlier has provided a new challenge for those students who got too used to the long sleep in's during the holidays. The year 12's participated in Volleyball and Pirates during the last period on Monday which became more of a time to socialise and have a good time. The year 12's are starting to settle into the busy life of school, and get right into their school work, and it seems like it should be a good first term. Jude & Gabby

## YEAR 13 REPRESENTATIVES

<p><b>PB4L STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES</b></p> <p><b>Luc Michot and Issy McNeish</b></p>	
<p><b>SPORTS CAPTAINS</b></p> <p><b>Max Steele, Jessica McKerchar and Blake Buchan</b></p>	
<p><b>STUDENT COUNCIL LEADERS</b></p> <p><b>Luc Michot and Max Steele</b></p>	
<p><b>HOUSE CAPTAIN</b></p> <p><b>Brydee Patrick</b></p>	
<p><b>HOUSE CAPTAIN</b></p> <p><b>Cortney Thompson</b></p>	

## Junior School News

Thank you to all parents who were able to come along to Parent Interviews in the Junior School this week. Teachers enjoyed the conversations which will help them get to know your child better. If you were unable to attend these interviews please get in touch with your child's teacher and arrange another time - they will be more than happy to chat to you.

## Swimming Lessons

This week students have been very lucky to have benefited from Water Safety swimming instruction at the Roxburgh Pool, sponsored by Central Lakes Trust. A big thank you to the instructors - the students have learnt a lot and had lots of fun as well!!



Room 2 swimming through 'seaweed'.



Small Schools Swimming Sports - Molyneux Pool - Wednesday 26 February. Students from Yr 5-8 will be attending the above event. A permission slip has been sent home with affected students.

While these students are away in Alexandra we will hold a swimming event for the rest of the Junior School down at the Roxburgh Pool from 1.15-2.30. Parents are invited to attend these events.

## Triathlon

Just a reminder the School Triathlon will be held on Monday beginning with Rm 1 at 1pm. If your child is biking on the road (Yr 5-8) please check brakes and tyres over the weekend so they will be all ready to go!

## Small Schools Athletics - Wednesday 5 March - RAS

The Combined Small Schools Yr 1-8 Athletics will be held on Wednesday 5 March at our school grounds beginning at 9.30. We host students from Omakau, Poolburn, Tarras and Millers Flat.

## SPORT'S REPORT

### Year 9 - 13 Swimming Sports

The sun was beaming during the senior swimming sports last Thursday. It was a great afternoon with plenty of whānau support from the sidelines. It was impressive to see so many students competing in nearly all the events, as well as the exciting house rivalry races. Congratulations to all the students and staff involved.



### 2025 Senior Swimming Sports Champions

		1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Yr 9&10	Boys	Kaspian Knudsen Teviot Kellan McDowell Benger	Lucas Arnesen Clutha	
	Girls	Kahtaralise Keil	Willa Moore	

		Teviot	Benger <b>Molly Langford</b> Molyneux	
<b>Yr 11-13</b>	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Luc Michot</b> Clutha	<b>Blake Buchan</b> Benger	<b>Trey Whitu</b> Molyneux
	<b>Girls</b>	<b>Gabby Beaumont</b> Molyneux	<b>Jessica McKerchar</b> Teviot	<b>Meg Beaumont</b> Clutha

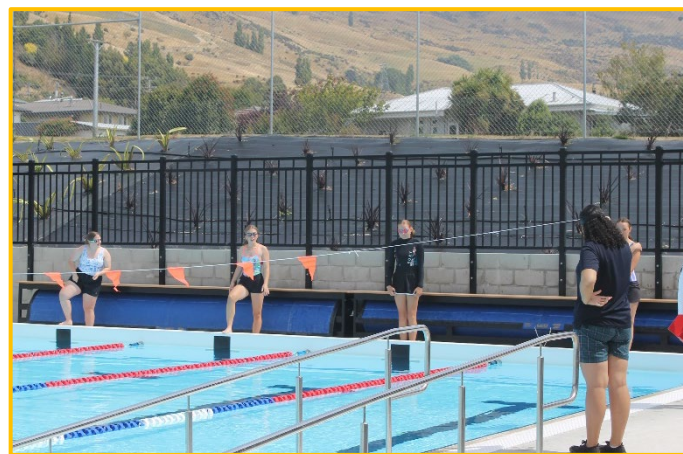
### Challenge Wanaka Triathlon

Meg Beaumont and Luc Michot headed to Wanaka last Friday to compete in Challenge Wanaka. The challenge consisted of a 400m open water swim, a 20km bike ride, and a 3.5km run. On top of these events, they had to compete in temperatures over 30°C, which is just mad. Huge congratulations once again to our students — you represented yourselves and the school wonderfully.

### Central Otago Golf Tournament

On Monday, Lucas Arnesen and Jessica McKerchar travelled to Cromwell to compete in the

Central Otago Golf Tournament. They competed against eight other teams from across Central Otago, having a bit of a rocky start but finding their



feet and improving with each hole. A big thank you to Natalie and Daniel Arnesen for traveling with the team.

### Central Otago Senior Volleyball Competition

The Central Otago Volleyball competition starts tonight. We are very fortunate to host both our boys' and girls' games here at Roxburgh Area School. Please come down and support our teams — we always have a great crowd at home games.

**5pm RAS Boys vs Cromwell College /**  
**6pm RAS Girls vs Dunstan High School**  
**Spikers**

### RAS Triathlon (Whole School)

The annual school triathlon is on Monday 24th February. New Entrants to Year 4 students will start at 1:00 pm followed by Years 9-13 at 1:45 pm, Year 7 & 8 at 2:00 pm, and Years 5 & 6 at 2:10 pm, all starting from the swimming pool. Once again, we encourage whānau to come and support our students.

### Year 9 - 13 Athletics Sports

Senior athletics sports for all Year 9-13 students will be held on Thursday 27th February, starting at 9:00 am. We are excited to host the Lawrence Area School students once again this year.



### SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

Rachael is our school counsellor and will be able to meet students on Wednesdays and Thursdays 1.30 – 3.00pm.

Please either email her directly [rachael.meese@roxburgh.school.nz](mailto:rachael.meese@roxburgh.school.nz) or if you prefer, ask your teacher to make contact.

## Secondary Schools Challenge Wanaka

Last week on Friday I went to Wanaka to compete in the Challenge Wanaka triathlon, which consisted of a 400m swim, 20km bike and a 3.5km run. I found it challenging as I have never done a triathlon with such big distances before. It was a very hot day in Wanaka and this made it harder to complete the bike and run without feeling some degree of discomfort. But in my experience, I enjoyed doing the triathlon and if I got the chance to do it again, I would. Meg

I really enjoyed the experience, it was a tough 20km bike ride due to the heat, but it was well worth it in the end. I really recommend this triathlon to anyone who is looking for an extra challenge. I would definitely do this again. Once you reach the finish line, you get awarded with a medal and an OSM bar!

A huge thanks to Mrs Tumai who organised the transport and signed us up to this event. Luc



## NEW BLACK SHORTS FOR SENIOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION

### WHO NEEDS THEM?

All Year 9 - 12 students are required to wear the new black school shorts for Physical Education and all sport events.

### COST & ORDERING DETAILS

Price: \$37

How to Order: All orders can be placed through the school office.



### DEADLINE:

We kindly ask that all students be wearing the new black shorts alongside their navy Physical Education t-shirt by the end of Term 1.





# Roxburgh Area School FULL SCHOOL TRIATHLON

Date: Monday 24th February

Schedule:

New Entrants to Year 4 - 1:00pm

Year 9 to 13 - 1:45pm

Year 7 & 8 - 2:00pm

Year 5 & 6 - 2:05pm

Family and whanau are most  
welcome to join us.



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