



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

A huge congratulations to all our students who have competed in a variety of sporting events this week. From the triathlon, to swimming to senior athletics today - what an amazing week. I really love how we are able to offer so many opportunities and how the students support each other - what a great school we have.

One of the things we do to keep the school looking so good is to look for ways to upgrade the facilities. We are lucky that the Ministry allocated money to upgrade the library and this wonderful project is nearing completion. Once it is we intend to have a celebration so everyone can see the work that has been done. We are also looking to put a new floor down in the gym. This is not Ministry funded so we will have to fundraise this ourselves. Over the course of this year we intend to run a series of fundraising projects and we look forward to your support and help with this. Please look out for the PTA AGM on Thursday April 10 - new members would be most welcome.

A reminder that there is a Teacher only day on March 21st. With camps for Year 9 and Years 5 and 6 coming up please do get the payments for those to the office ASAP - if there are any families with financial constraints please contact me directly as there are ways the school can help. Have a great weekend everyone.

Nga mihi nui

HEAD STUDENT'S REPORT

Hi everyone!

It has been an incredibly busy week in the classrooms, which have been filled with schoolwork, hands-on learning, and plenty of excitement from sports activities. This week, Room 1 had special visitors as the Educare kids came to visit for the day as they are preparing to join the class soon—how exciting! It was wonderful to see Room 1 having so much fun, especially as they engaged in creative crafts and explored the world of bugs.

The Year 5 and 6 students have been working hard in their lessons, diving deep into their studies about the diverse places around New Zealand. They are also gearing up for the upcoming swimming sports, which they have been eagerly looking forward to. Good luck to you all!

The Year 7 students have been focusing on learning about Māori culture, and this week, they have been expanding their vocabulary with new Māori words—which they must be getting good at! The Year 7s are also excited for the swimming sports, and we wish them all the best in the competition.

The senior students have had an action-packed start to the year. Everyone had a great time at the triathlon, cheering on their friends and giving it their best effort. The seniors

are settling into their busy new routines, already learning many new things and taking on new responsibilities.

The Year 9 and 10 students have been learning all about coordinates and maps, ensuring they don't get lost. The Year 9s are preparing for their camp in Glendhu Bay next week, and they are all very excited. Max and Brydee are looking forward to accompanying them and ensuring everyone stays safe.

As we walk around the school, we have seen many great things. Students are helping each other, making sure everyone is participating, and keeping the environment safe. We want RAS to remain a safe and clean place, and from what we have observed, everything is going wonderfully. The start of the school year has been fantastic, and we can't wait to see how the rest of the year unfolds!



Consent information YEAR SEVEN VISION SCREENING

The Vision Hearing Technicians from Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora - Southern will be visiting your school to screen all year seven students for distance vision shortly.

Screening Provided:

Distance Vision (Amblyopia & Hyperopia)

This determines how well your child can see at a distance. It involves reading an eye chart. The screening results will be given to your child, and a Vision technician will be in contact to discuss any further action, if required.

If your child WEARS Glasses or is UNDER CARE for their eyes, there is no need to fill in an Opt Out form. We will ask each class if there is anyone already wearing glasses or under care.

- Please let your child know to tell us prior to screening.

They will be given a notification slip to take home. **These children are NOT screened.**

By sharing this consent information, we are providing the opportunity for you to opt out of our screening programme.

If you do not wish your child to be screened, please fill out an opt-out slip, which are available at the school office before our visit. This will be collected from the office and recorded on the ENROL data system.

What happens to your child's screening information? The vision results are recorded on the Ministry of Education data system – ENROL.

This information will also be saved on our Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora – Southern health management system. You can access your child's information by contacting the Vision Hearing Screening team on visionhearing@southerndhb.govt.nz or contacting Patient Enquiries:

- Phone: Consumer Experience Feedback Team, phone (03) 214 5738
- E-mail: feedback@southerndhb.govt.nz
- Website: www.southerndhb.govt.nz

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All staff with access to this documentation adhere to the Health Information Privacy Code.

Vision Hearing Team

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PTA MEETING

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.

The Teviot Tearooms will be closed next week.

There will be no ordered lunches for the week starting 3rd March.

Roxburgh Area School Triathlon Results 2025

			1st	2nd	3rd
Year 1	Teams		Finn Ellison (B) Zoey Sutton (M) Gracey Michelle (B) Heidi Gunn (T) Ngaria-Jade Keil-Winiata (T)	Marama Cleveland (C) Elenoa Ledua (T) Kayla Tate (C)	
Year 2	Teams		Archie Davidson (T) Louis Gunn (T) Phoebe GeorgeRobin (T)	Thomas McCulloch (B) Charlotte Wright (M) Max Huenuman (C)	
Year 3 & 4	Teams		Ollie Davidson (T) Lily Arnesen (C) Lottie McDowell (B)	Gabe McPherson (B) Millie Ellison (B) Lucas McElwain (B)	Deevik Prasad (C) Lily Arnesen (C) Bryar Donaldson (C)
Year 5 & 6	Individual	Boys	Kit Moore (B)	Beau Gazeley (M)	
	Individual	Girls	Ellie Kingi (T)	Karla Winiata (T)	
	Teams		Jenna Jowett (M) Eden McPherson (B) Zoe Kirkpatrick (T) Te Rangimarie Thompson (M)	Emmie Darling (M) Tabitha Milmine-Turner (M) Carter Wells (T)	Marissa Mahathir (B) Olivia Linwood (C) Tyler Donaldson (C)
Year 7 & 8	Individual	Boys	Archie McNeish (M)	Wyatt Perano (B)	3rd = Harry Smith (T) Leo Moore (B)
	Individual	Girls	Macy Patscharis (B)	Matilda Stevens (M)	Bailee Wells (T)
	Teams		Nathan Arnesen (C) Kieran Skipper-Knudsen (T)	Emma Jowett (M) Pippah Kirkpatrick (T) Connell Soper (T)	
Year 9 & 10	Individual	Boys	Kellan McDowell (B)		
	Individual	Girls	Crystal Skipper (T)	Molly Langford (M)	
	Teams		Charlotte McNeish (M) Vanessa Weatherall (M) Jeremy Davis (M)	Bridget Gunn (C) Vanessa Weatherall (M) Kale Richmond (C)	Kahtaralise Keil (T) Poppy Smith (T) Ruby Wells (T)
Year 11 to 13	Individual	Boys	Blake Buchan (B)	Luc Michot (C)	
	Individual	Girls	Gabby Beaumont (M)	Meg Beaumont (C)	
	Teams		Max Steele (B) Jude Moore (B) Mason Holmes (M)	Trey Whitu (M) Levi Gazeley (M) Noah Nichol (M)	Lawrence Sitaleni-Thompson (T) Ruby Smith (T) Lawrence Sitaleni-Thompson (T)

SPORT'S REPORT

Sports has kicked off great so far this year with plenty of events already finished up successfully. These include the senior swimming sports and triathlon as well as the junior swimming sports and small schools swimming sports. The senior athletics is

being held today and speaking in advance we are sure that will go fabulously. Volleyball has been the sport of the year so far with big wins from both the senior boys' and girls' teams at home last Thursday against Cromwell and Dunstan. The girls' team will win by default this week after a withdrawal from Wakatipu. The boys' team are travelling to Wanaka to play Mt Aspiring. Big congratulations to us (Blake, Max and Jess) for making the U19 Southland volleyball squads (boys and girls respectively). Blake and Max played in the Southland open champs on the 15th of February and all three of us will play for our representative teams on the 8th of March. Jess is also heading off to the Eagles golf tournament next Monday. Congratulations to all the students with event placings and thanks to staff and parents for your support behind the scenes. See you next week. Blake, Max & Jess

Central Otago Senior Volleyball

Last week marked the first round of the senior volleyball competition. The RAS Boys' team hosted a strong Cromwell College squad, who fought for every point across all three sets. The RAS Boys' ultimately secured a 2-1 victory. Meanwhile, the RAS Girls' team hosted Dunstan High School and won 3-0. The sets were competitive, and it took some time for the team to find their rhythm. Congratulations to both teams!

Draw for Thursday 27th February:

- RAS Girls won by default
- RAS Boys vs Mt Aspiring College at 6:00 PM. Please be at the office, ready to leave by 4:00PM

RAS Triathlon

On Monday afternoon, we held our annual school triathlon. It was an incredibly hot day for everyone involved, but we are extremely proud of how well all the students handled the challenge. Congratulations to all the competitors!

RAS Athletics

Today, we hosted Lawrence Area School at our annual senior athletics meet. A big thank you to all the friends and whānau who came out to support our students. Be sure to look out for the results in next week's newsletter.

Golf

We would like to wish Jessica McKerchar all the best for the upcoming Eagles Intercollegiate Golf Tournament, taking place in Cromwell on Monday, 3rd March. The top two individual schoolboys (based on gross scores) and the best individual schoolgirl (gross score), aged under 17 as of 1st October 2025, will qualify for entry to the NZ Eagles Girls & Boys Championships. We wish Jessica the best of luck on Monday.

JUNIOR SPORTS REPORT

Swimming

On Wednesday we had a group of year 5-8 students participating in the Small Schools Swimming Sports which were held in Alexandra. Congratulations to all students on your outstanding results but also on your fantastic display of our school values of respect, responsibility, positive relationships, and



personal excellence! RiPPeR kids! A special congratulations to our year 8 team of Teohorere, Archie, Leo and Wyatt who won the inter school relay - awesome effort!

The Junior school held their swimming sports at the Roxburgh Pool yesterday. It was awesome to see the improvement the junior students have made with their swimming. Everyone participated with great enthusiasm and excitement. Many thanks to all the whānau and friends who were able to come and cheer us on.

Athletics

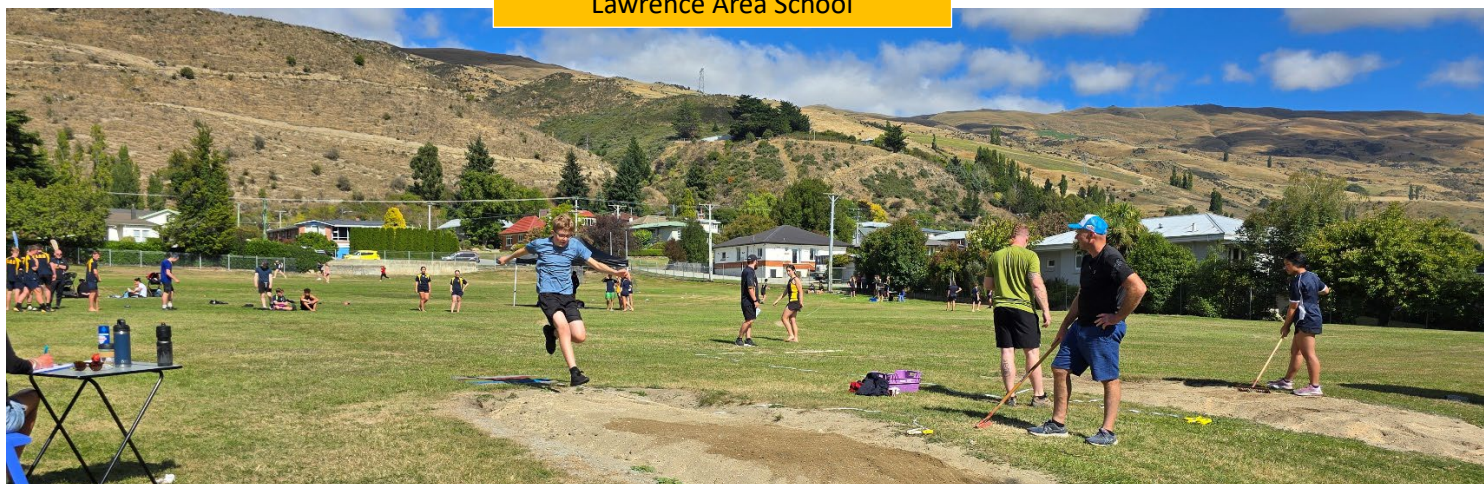
We are looking forward to hosting Millers Flat, Omakau, Poolburn, and Tarras students and supporters for the annual Small Schools Athletics next Wednesday 5th March (postponement day, Friday 7th March) from 9.30am. A full timetable will be sent home next week. Whānau and friends are most welcome to come and cheer us on.

Triathlon

Congratulations to all those who took part in our school triathlon on Monday. There were some outstanding results and effort.



Senior Athletics today with Lawrence Area School



This week has once again been very busy with sporting activities. Yesterday, the junior school held their athletics day, joined by students from Millers Flat, Poolburn, Tarras, and Omakau. It was fantastic to see everyone actively participating and having fun, with some impressive dive finishes in both the hurdles and sprints.

This afternoon, our senior boys' and girls' volleyball teams will be heading to Queenstown for their games against Wakatipu High School, and we wish them the best of luck. Last week, the girls' senior volleyball team won by default against the Wakatipu A team, while the boys secured a 3-0 victory over the Mount Aspiring boys' team. Our volleyball teams have also been putting in a lot of effort in preparation for the upcoming Satellite tournament in Christchurch, which we're all looking forward to.

Blake, Jess, and Max have also been preparing for their volleyball tournament in Invercargill this weekend with their representative teams. We wish them the best of luck for their games on Saturday. Additionally, we'd like to congratulate Blake on being selected for the Under-18 Central Lakes basketball team—what an achievement!

On Monday, the Eagles Golf Tournament was held in Cromwell. Jess competed in this event, which went very well, and it was a good day overall.

See you next week!

Jess, Blake, Max

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Please help us get to the 2025 South Island Satellite Volleyball Tournament in Christchurch.

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