



TERM 1, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025 Week 6

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It is hard to believe there are only a little over 4 weeks until the holidays. Each week brings new highlights here at our wonderful kura. This week students were fascinated



by the resurfacing of our courts and the work that goes into that process. The final product looks amazing and we are very pleased with the outcome.

A quick reminder next Friday is a Teacher only day. This is set aside by the Ministry

to assist teachers in becoming more familiar with the new curriculum that we are now expected to teach. We are also going to send a very quick survey out asking about a potential uniform change for our Secondary aged students.



Finally, we are undertaking a project to get a new floor for our gym. This is a major undertaking and whilst we expect to get some of this paid for via grants we will need to fundraise much of this ourselves. We are in the early planning

stages of a fundraiser to help raise our contribution. If there are any keen people out there able to help out we would love to hear from you. This is a great community investment and a space a lot of people use.

## HEAD STUDENT'S REPORT

Kia ora everyone,

It's been a great week of learning and creativity across all year levels. This week Room 1 was very excited to see us and we had great conversations with everyone. They have been writing stories about athletics day, which looked very creative. Room 1 has also been learning how to make sentences which they are all learning very fast. The Year 2, 3 and 4s have been learning letters, making interesting monster drawings and their highlight of the week was a visitor that came, which was a dog named Roxy. The Year 6 have been learning about all the different types of fractions like improper, proper and mixed fractions. They are very excited for their upcoming events like their bike ride to Pinders Pond, and their camp in two weeks!. Year 5's have been working on number sequences to improve their maths skills and practicing their Pepeha to gain confidence in te reo Māori. The Year 7's and 8's are finishing their neurographic art, which looks amazing. Everyone is incredibly talented with their art work, while also learning about money, budgeting, and smart spending. Year 11's have started their first English assessment with essays, to build their writing and thinking skills, while the Health Studies class has been cooking and learning about nutrients for a healthy diet. Meanwhile, some Year 12's have been exploring 3D printing, turning digital designs into real objects.

It's great to see so much learning and creativity happening across the school and everyone learning and trying new things. We are looking forward to another exciting week ahead!

## SPORT'S REPORT'S

### JUNIOR SPORTS REPORT

#### **Athletics**

Last week we hosted students, staff and whanāu from Millers Flat, Omakau, Tarras and Poolburn Schools for the annual Small Schools Athletics. Congratulations to all students on their awesome efforts - there were some amazing results. Many thanks for all our friends and whanāu who cheered us on! We have a group of year 4-8 students who have qualified for the Dunstan Zone athletics sports which are being held in Alexandra on Wednesday 19th March. Best wishes to Nathan, Archie, Macy, Teohorere, Ellie, Beau, Eden and Ollie, and many thanks to all the parents who have offered to help out on the day.

#### **Triathlon**

Apologies to Harriet Turner (member of the 3rd placed team in year 5&6) whose name was missing from the results of our recent school triathlon.

#### **Senior Volleyball**

Last week, our girls' volleyball team played the Wakatipu B team. Team Captain Jess McKerchar reported "We came away with a well-deserved win. Despite the strength of the opposing team, we worked well together, focused on our fundamentals, and played as a unit. I am incredibly proud of our entire team. We continue to improve with every game, and I'm looking forward to our next match against Mt Aspiring B". Awesome work girls.

Our boys team played a great game against the Wakatipu team, and after a tough match, our boys secured the win in the 5th set by 4 points. It was an exciting game, and everyone put in their best effort. We are proud of how the team played together, especially under pressure.

Thank you to Mrs Moore and Seta Ledua for taking our teams and being number one supporters.

#### PTA MEETING

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

## Draw for Thursday 13th March

RAS Boys vs Cromwell College at 5pm (Cromwell) - 3.30pm leave from the office

RAS Girls vs Mt Aspiring at 6pm (Cromwell) - 4.30pm leave from the office

## Volley South U19 Tournament

Last weekend, Jessica McKerchar, Blake Buchan, and Max Steele travelled to Invercargill to play as part of the U19 Volley South Boys/Girls Volleyball teams. The boys played four games, winning two and losing two. They are continuing to improve with each game and are settling in well with the team. Jess found the day to be tough but had fun overall. The girls played three games, winning one and losing two. While the results weren't exactly what they had hoped for, it was still a great day. The team learned valuable lessons on areas for improvement as they look forward to their upcoming tournaments.

## Senior Rugby

There has been an email with a registration link sent to all parents of students that are wanting to play rugby at Dunstan High School this year. Registrations close Tuesday 18th of March - could parents please make sure their child is registered.



## Otago Secondary Schools Athletics

Congratulations to Jeremy on being selected to compete in the Otago Secondary Schools Athletics, especially after breaking the school record in the U15 boys' long jump. Wishing him the best of luck for his event on Saturday.

## What is coming up for some of our seniors?

Central Otago Volleyball Competition continues weekly on Thursdays.

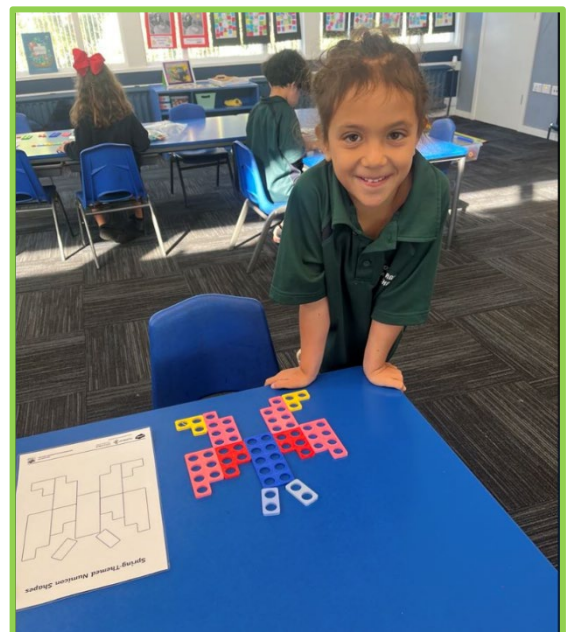
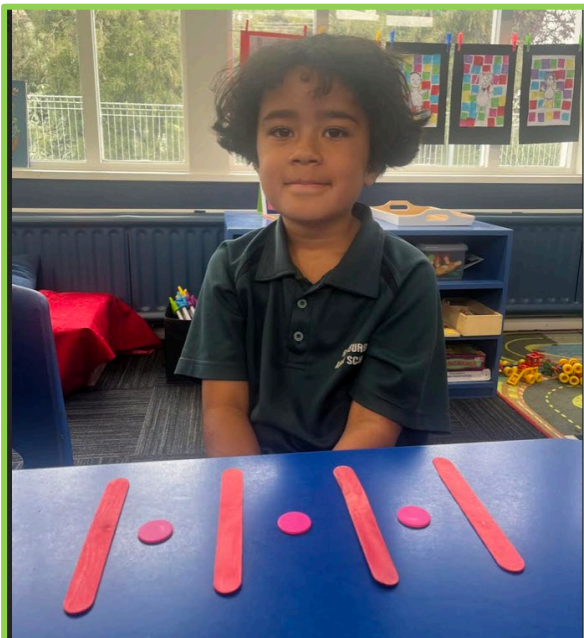
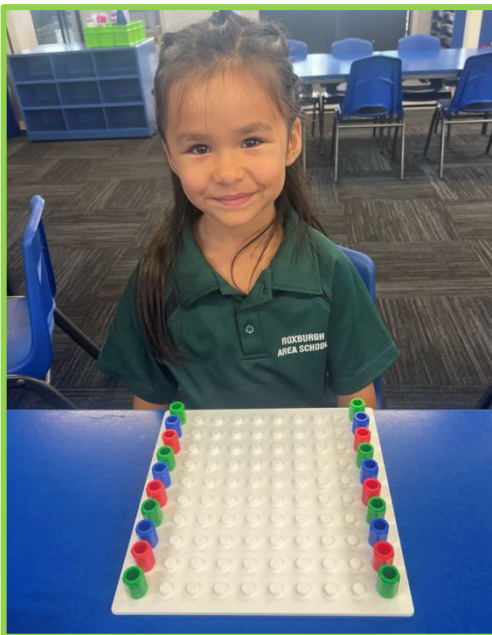
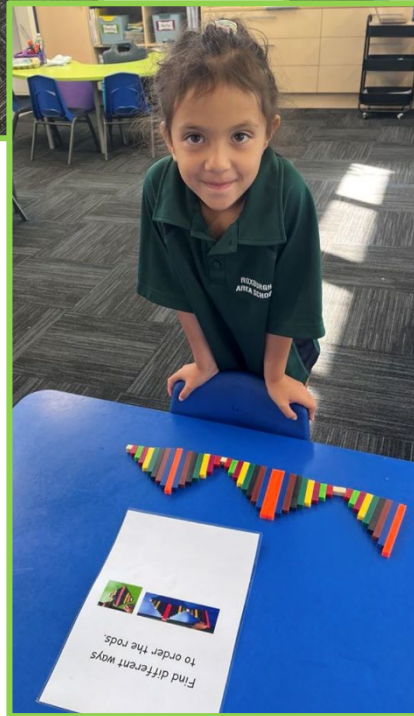


Otago Secondary School Athletics in Dunedin - 15th March  
Satellite Volleyball Tournament in Christchurch - 25th-27th March  
South Island Mountain Biking Championships in Methven - 27th-28th March  
Gillette Cricket Cup in Dunedin- 25th-27th March



# Maths NE/Y1

Little learners in action. So much exploration, discovery of pattern, connections and talking about what they could see and notice!



## RAS Junior School Placegetters 2025 Athletics

<b>Year 8 Boys</b>	Nathan Arnesen	1st High Jump 2nd Long Jump, Shot Put, Discus, Sprints, 3rd Hurdles
	Archie McNeish	1st Long Jump 2nd Hurdles 3rd= High Jump
<b>Year 8 Girls</b>	Teohorere Keil	1st High Jump, Shot Put 2nd Hurdles 3rd Long Jump
	Abigail Ledua	3rd Hurdles
	Macy Patscharis	1st Long Jump 2nd Sprints 3rd 800m
<b>Year 7 Boys</b>	Kieran Skipper-Knudsen	1st Shot Put 2nd Discus
<b>Year 7 Girls</b>	Matilda Stevens	3rd 800m
	Bailee Wells	2nd Shot Put 3rd High Jump
<b>Year 6 Boys</b>	Beau Gazeley	1st High Jump 3rd Hurdles, 800m
	Kit Moore	2nd 800m, 2nd= Long Jump 3rd Sprints
<b>Year 6 Girls</b>	Tyler Donaldson	2nd Discus
	Ellie Kingi	1st 800m, Long Jump, Discus 2nd Shot Put, Sprints, Hurdles 3rd High Jump
<b>Year 5 Boys</b>	Charlie Linwood	2nd Discus
	Alex Nicol	1st Long Jump
<b>Year 5 Girls</b>	Jenna Jowett	3rd 800m
	Eden McPherson	1st Long Jump 2nd 800m, Sprints, Hurdles 3rd High Jump
<b>Year 4 Boys</b>	Ollie Davidson	1st Shot Put 2nd Discus 3rd Sprints
	Gabe McPherson	3rd Hurdles, 800m
	Deevik Prasad	3rd Long Jump
<b>Year 4 Girls</b>	Meadow Gazeley	2nd Shot Put

		3rd High Jump
<b>Year 3 Girls</b>	Lily Arnesen	2nd Shot Put, Discus 3rd 800m 3rd = Long Jump
	Millie Ellison	3rd = High Jump
	Lottie McDowell	2nd 800m 3rd Sprints
	Cassidy Roberts	3rd Shot Put

### 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.

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