



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

With a teachers only day tomorrow and a public holiday on Monday we have a couple of short weeks for the students.

The weather is certainly up and down at the moment so please ensure students are wearing the uniform correctly and especially for senior students no hoodies.

I would like to wish our senior volleyball players all the best next week for their tournament in Christchurch. Good luck to the Year 5 and 6 class who are headed to Bannockburn next week for their camp - hopefully the weather is good for them.

Just a reminder of the PTA AGM at the end of the term - we would love more people to be involved. Have a great long weekend.

Teviot Tearooms

We would like to thank Jennifer and Simon Holmes from the Teviot Tearooms for their support of the school and the years that they have provided school lunches for our students. They have always been friendly and very obliging to deal with. We wish them all the very best for their future ventures.

HEAD STUDENT'S REPORT

It's been an exciting and productive week filled with learning and progress. It's wonderful to see that everyone has settled in so well. Time is flying by, with just three weeks left in the term! Room 1 continues to explore their learning letters. This week, they focused on the letter F and connected it to a frog. The students then created frog artwork and shared detailed descriptions of their creations.

The Year 11s have been especially busy this week with their work. They have been playing a lot of basketball in P.E. In Commerce, they are creating a business for their assessment, with this year's idea being a vending machine at school. If this concept moves forward, it would be incredible, and we think it's a fantastic business idea! They have also been doing lots of learning in Food Technology and made cinnamon scrolls on Thursday. On top of all this, they're tackling their essays. It's been a full week of hard work for Year 11—keep up the good work!

The Year 10s have also been busy with their learning. They've been doing really well in Maths and Science, with Science tests taking place this week. In Social Studies, they've been studying natural resources, focusing on water and the local pollution issues affecting our water ways. It's an important topic that helps raise awareness about these environmental challenges.

Next week, the Year 5 and 6 students will go on their first school camp, which will be an exciting experience for them. We hope they have lots of fun, try new things, and make great memories while learning and exploring together!

The same week, a group of students will travel to Christchurch to compete in a big volleyball tournament, and they will be representing our school with pride. We wish them the best of luck as they play hard, work as a team, and enjoy this exciting opportunity to test their skills! A huge thank you to all the sponsors for their support in making this trip possible.

Well done to all students and teachers for their hard work so far this term—it's great to see everyone so focused and engaged. As we move closer to the end of the term, let's all keep up the great work and stay motivated. Keep pushing forward, and let's finish the term strong!

Margaret Hill

Roxburgh Area School would like to acknowledge the recent sad passing of Margaret Hill.

Margaret taught in the Primary School for many, many years coming to Roxburgh as a beginning teacher. Margaret was a very respected and caring teacher and is remembered by many students, parents and colleagues with love. One legacy Margaret has left our school community is a cup she donated when she finally retired in 2009 to be awarded to a student who has “made a difference” to

themselves and our school community. Poppy Smith is the current holder of this cup. Rest in peace Margaret - remembering you with love and appreciation.



CALENDAR

Friday 21 st March	Teacher Only Day – School closed
Monday 24 th March	Otago Anniversary – School closed
Wednesday 26 th March	Year 5 & 6 leave for Bannockburn Camp
Friday 28 th March	Year 5 & 6 return from Bannockburn Camp
Monday 31 st March	Year 12 Biology trip to Portobello
Tuesday 1 st April	Top Bike
Thursday 3 April	School Photos – Class and portrait

SPORT'S REPORT

Senior Volleyball

It sounds like both teams played some great games last Thursday! The boys handled a much-improved Cromwell team with a 3-0 win and the girls had a tough win against a strong Mt Aspiring B team, but it's awesome that they were able to reflect on their game and focus on improvement. Thank you to Mrs Steele and Kate Smith for travelling with the teams.

Draw for Thursday 20th March

Home games for our teams this week so come along and support.

5pm RAS Boys vs MAC

6pm RAS Girls vs MAC A

Congratulations to Kahtaralise Keil and Gabby Beaumont for making the Central Club Open Grade Women's Volleyball team. They'll be heading to Invercargill for the Women's Open Grade tournament in April. It's also exciting that they might face off against their RAS teammate, Jess McKerchar, representing VolleySouth U19.

Athletics

The Otago Secondary Schools Athletics were held at the Caledonian in Dunedin on Saturday 15th March. Jeremy Davis went to represent Roxburgh Area School in the U15 Long Jump. Jeremy did extremely well, placing 4th in his age group for his event with his best jump of the day landing at 4.66m. Awesome work Jeremy.

Coming up in week 8

We have a number of senior students away next week representing our school in a number of events/tournaments.

Trey Whitu is going to Dunedin to play in an Otago Māori Golf Tournament. This is always a big tournament with great prizes to be won.

Sam McNeish is going to Methven to compete in the South Island Mountain Biking Championship - particularly the Down Hill event. This is the first time our school has been represented in this sport and we wish Sam the best of luck and hope he represents the school well.

Mr Kairaoi is taking 18 of our senior students away to Christchurch to play in the South Island Satellite Volleyball tournament. These two teams are very much looking forward to going away for three days of volleyball. Thank you to Hayden Smith, Andrew Nichol and Gemma McNeish for managing the teams while they are away.

Jeremy Davis is playing for Dunstan High School 1st XI in the Gillette Cricket Cup in Dunedin.

We wish everyone the very best for the upcoming week.

JUNIOR SPORTS REPORT

Athletics

On Wednesday we had a group of 8 year 4-8 students competing at the Dunstan Zone Primary Schools Athletics in Alexandra. Ollie, Beau, Ellie, Eden, Macy, Teohorere, Archie and Nathan had a fantastic day with some amazing results including many personal best

performances - well done everyone! Some of these students have now qualified for the Central Otago Primary Schools Athletics Championships which are being held in Alexandra next Wednesday. A very big thank you to our senior students - Charlotte, Kahtaralise, Iesha and Meg - who helped Mrs Darling and Mrs Robb run the Hurdles event. Many thanks also to all our whānau who helped out with transport and cheered us on.



Peer Support



The start of Peer Support this past week was a real blast! We did some really fun activities with the year 9's! We did the blind fold activity, which required every student to be blindfolded and to be put in a line with each of their hands on each other's shoulders. Their only source of communication was via tapping each other's shoulders to move left, right, or to keep moving. The next activity was a game where each student had to act out a certain thing, such as someone riding a horse, the Titanic scene, and a police car! This was super fun and the Year 13's got the chance to get to know the Year 9's really well while the Year 9's learnt about quick-thinking teamwork.



Have-a-Go-Day

- TUESDAY 18th MARCH -

AT THE TERRACE PRIMARY SCHOOL
3.15pm - 4.00pm (Year 1 - Year 4)
4.15pm - 5.00pm (Year 5 - Year 6)

WELCOMING ALL PLAYERS FROM YEAR 1 - 6

If you are interested in playing this year, maybe undecided, or have no idea about hockey and want to see what it's all about before the season starts, then come along and say hi, have a hit and see what its all about.

Sticks can be provided. We look forward to seeing you there!

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