

ROXBURGH AREA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



TERM 3, 31ST July 2025, Week 3

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

What a great turn out at our annual cross country. It is awesome to see so many families there and for the students to support each other as they cross the finish line. It highlights the family-like feel our school enjoys. In two weeks it will be our teacher's only day. However, this is for Year 1-8 only as the teachers participate in mandatory Ministry lead professional development on the new math curriculum. The school will remain open to students in Y9-13 and classes will run as normal. These days have been set aside to help teachers deal with the rapid and significant changes that are occurring nationally.

We are also excited by the upgrades happening around the school. Following along from the library and the resurfacing of the courts we have several new projects. The school is getting new LED lights, insulation, sound proofing, upgraded electrical outlets and new carpet. Little things but they will make a difference. We are well under way with the planning for a new floor in the gym. This is a new surface that will have a softer underlay that will minimise impacts on students. We pride ourselves on bringing the physical environment up to a high standard.

Nga mihi nui



HEAD STUDENT REPORT

Hey everyone, we are already in week 3 of term and man it has gone fast. It's been a busy start, with lots going on around school. It was awesome to see everyone trying so hard in the cross country on Monday, it was great seeing everyone show their school spirit and get dressed up in their house colours.

Room 1 has been putting in some serious effort training for cross country and all that hard work paid off! Everyone gave it their best and did incredibly well.

In maths, we've been exploring the concepts of "more than" and "fewer", developing strong number sense through fun and practical activities. They are also reading the story "*King of the Mountain*", which inspired students to imagine what they'd do if they

were king or queen of the school. Their responses were so thoughtful and creative! Te reo Māori learning is continuing with great enthusiasm too.

The Year 5 and 6's students have been diving into an exciting unit on rockets and literacy, combining science and reading in a hands-on way. They've also started playing Māori games, which are not only fun but help build cultural understanding and teamwork. Everyone is excited and gearing up for the upcoming chess competition



In Year 10 they have been showing focus as they prepare for their upcoming literacy and numeracy assessments In English, Year 11's have been studying the film *Boy* and have now started their English writing unit. The Year 12's have been preparing for all their different types of exams which they all seem prepared for! The Level 3 English students just completed one of the hardest internals of the Year and did exceptionally well.

It's been a fantastic week of learning and achievement across the school. From creative writing and cultural learning to scientific discovery and athletic success, our students are showing what it means to strive, learn, and support one another.

Speech Competition has been postponed. Postponement date is yet to be confirmed.

Awhi Student Support Programme

We welcome Pernilla Landstrom to our school, who will be our counsellor working in this programme supported by Central Otago REAP.

Pernilla will be working in the school every second Wednesday. Her next visit will be Wednesday 13th August. A leaflet has been enclosed with this newsletter explaining the programme and how she might be able to help.

If you would like your child to see Pernilla at any stage, please talk to your child's teacher and they will give you a referral form.

SPORTS REPORT

Netball Draw - Saturday 2 August 2025

<u>Team</u>	<u>Times</u>	<u>Opposition</u>	<u>Court</u>
<u>RAS A</u>	<u>10.00</u>	<u>V DHS 9A</u>	<u>NW</u>
<u>RAS B</u>	<u>11.05</u>	<u>V CC Int Gold</u>	<u>Ct: 3</u>
<u>MILLERS FLAT TOURNAMENT - Millers Flat</u>			
<u>Teviot Stars/A</u>	<u>9.00</u> <u>11.00</u> <u>12.30</u> <u>1.45</u>	<u>V Cromwell 8B</u> <u>V Outram Gold</u> <u>V Mt Aspiring 8A</u> <u>V SPS Kaha</u>	<u>Ct: 1 - School Courts</u>
<u>Teviot Sparks</u>	<u>9.00</u> <u>10.30</u> <u>11.30</u> <u>12.00</u>	<u>V Alex Kea</u> <u>V TK Netball</u> <u>V Cromwell Magic</u> <u>V WPS Black Peak</u>	<u>Ct: 1 - Domain Courts</u>

Umpires:

10.00 - Marissa May-Crawford Ct: MD

11.05 - Cam Patrick, Ruby Smith Ct 3



Get on board!

Nominate yourself or someone you know to be a school board member.

 SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

If anyone parent has not received their nomination forms in the post, you can pick one up from the school office, nominations are due in at the school office by 12noon next Wed 6th August. If you were unable to attend the Q&A Session last Thursday but still have questions about what it might be like to be a Board Member, feel free to give me ring and I can answer them for you - 021 2941437 Timea Welsh - Current Presiding Member RAS BOT

Cross Country

Massive congratulations to everyone involved in Cross Country this year! It was by far our best one yet – the weather was perfect for running, the whānau support was fantastic, and the energy out on the course was awesome to see. A huge thank you to our staff who helped as marshals and to everyone who encouraged our students to give it a go.

Roxburgh Area School Cross Country Monday 28th July 2025

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the annual cross country.

		1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Year 11-13	Boys	Blake Buchan Benger	Jude Moore Benger	Luc Michot Clutha
	Girls	Gabby Beaumont Molyneux	Meg Beaumont Clutha	Camryn Patrick Clutha
Year 9 &10	Boys	Kellan McDowell Benger	Jeremy Davis Molyneux	Kale Richmond Clutha
	Girls	Ruby Wells Teviot	Poppy Smith Teviot	Willa Moore Benger
Year 7&8	Boys	Archie McNeish Molyneux	Leo Moore Benger	Cody Thomson Clutha
	Girls	Macy-Mae Patscharis Benger	Matilda Stevens Molyneux	Bailee Wells Teviot
Year 5&6	Boys	Kit Moore Benger	Beau Gazeley Molyneux	Charlie Linwood Clutha
	Girls	Eden McPherson Benger	Harriet Turner Molyneux	Isla Ellison Benger
Year 3&4	Boys	Ollie Davidson Teviot	Gabe McPherson Benger	Lucas McElwain Benger
	Girls	Meadow Gazeley Molyneux	Lottie McDowell Benger	Cassidy Roberts Teviot
Year 2	Boys	Archie Davidson Teviot	Thomas McCulloch Benger	Lewis Gunn Teviot
	Girls	Charlotte Wright Molyneux	Phoebe George Robin Benger	
New Entrants	Boys	Finn Ellison Benger	Harlin Knowles Benger	Ryan Davidson Teviot
	Girls	Gracey Michelle Benger	Heidi Gunn Teviot	Zoey Sutton Molyneux

Netball

There are only 3 more games to go.

Final games for all year 7&8 and senior teams are on Saturday 16th of August.

RAS A took to the court on Saturday in some mild winter weather, determined to bounce back after a couple of tough losses. The team came in with a positive attitude,

ready to play hard and have fun — and it showed! Everyone played out of their skin: The mid-courters were sharp, picking up plenty of intercepts. The shooters brought their A-game, sinking some impressive goals. The defensive end hustled on every turnover, putting pressure on Alex All-Stars from start to finish.

RAS B had another tough game against Dunstan Junior Blue. While the final score did not go in Roxburgh's favour, the team showed resilience and tried their best to close the gap. Well done to Issy for player of the day for her great job at wing attack.



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