

ROXBURGH AREA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 3, August 14th 2025, Week 5



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

For many teachers the last week has been a bit of a blur. The news of the proposed changes to NCEA as well as new curriculums being released has teachers across the country left with more questions than answers. As a staff we are making our way through the information provided by the Ministry and will make a submission on behalf of the school. Whilst the details are not yet available I can assure parents that as a staff and a school we are well set up for any changes that come. The staff here are hard working, dedicated and very professional in their approach. We will be ready for the changes and ensure that the high level of teaching that already exists in the school continues.

There are always exciting things that happen in our school each week. This week is Math week as well as the school chess competition happening. Next week our Kapa Haka group heads to Invercargill to perform. There is the Teacher only day for Y1-8 students this Friday and next Friday there is a junior disco being held in the whare for students in Years 1-8. It has been a few years since we held a disco and this is very exciting for our students.

The National Area Schools conference is next week. We have 4 staff attending and as part of the conference former Principal of Roxburgh Area School Gary Pasco is being awarded a Recognition Award for his outstanding service to our school and area schools in general - congratulations Gary. The conference is a great way to touch base with schools similar to our own and share best practice. We certainly get a lot out of it.

HEAD STUDENT REPORT

Kia ora everyone,

It's hard to believe we're already in Week 5, and the term is flying by. Room 1 has been learning all about the letter i, spending time on group reading, and enjoying tackling a daily maths problem for Maths Week. The Year 3/4 students have been writing information reports on a variety of animals, had surprise visits from their friend "Gronk," and have been learning about halving and doubling in maths. They've also been showing off their artistic skills with detailed wasp drawings.

The Year 7/8's have been continuing their science experiments on natural disasters, exploring different processes and causes. Year 8's also took part in the curling competition and had a great time representing the school. In maths, they've been working through percentages and applying them to different problems. The Year 11's have been developing their essays on the film Boy and have completed their trigonometry assessment.

Year 10 students have been covering a lot in maths — including Pythagoras, trigonometry, measurement, and angle rules — while some have also been preparing for their numeracy co-requisite. Across all year levels, it's been great to see students engaging with a wide range of topics and putting effort into their work. Let's keep building on this momentum as we head into the second half of the term.
Ngā mihi

REMINDER: The Junior school only will be closed tomorrow, Friday 15th August for a teacher only day. The Senior school will run as normal.

**Roxburgh Area School
Board of Trustees Elections**

You may have received your voting papers in the mail for the RAS Board of Trustees Elections. If you do not wish to post these back, there is a ballot box available in the school office.

SCAVENGER HUNT

Congratulations to Kellan, Savanna, Kyra and Cortney - the winners in our career scavenger hunt. Please have a look at tahatu.govt.nz when you are having career conversations or when students are thinking about subject choices. There is a wealth of up-to-date information on this recently launched website.

SPORTS REPORT

Junior

Miniball

Best wishes to the miniball teams who have their last game of the season this Friday afternoon. The players have a great season with close games, a few losses, and some big wins! All of the players have improved steadily throughout the season. Many thanks to Blake, Max and Mayson for their time and effort in coaching these players, and to Mayson for refereeing and supporting the students on a Friday afternoon. Many thanks also to Amanda and Kate for managing the teams.

Netball

Could all netball trackpants and school hoodies that are no longer needed please be returned as soon as possible. Could all netball trophies please also be returned in preparation for netball prizegiving later this term (date to be confirmed).

Senior

Netball

This is the final weekend of netball. RAS A are playing in the final for the B1 Grade and RAS B are playing for third and fourth in the D grade - All the best for the teams competing this weekend.

RAS A - Everyone hit the court with positive attitudes, knowing it was going to be a tough challenge. Across the board, every player worked hard in their position. There were great attacking connections into the shooting circle, amazing defensive efforts, and a hard-working mid-court that kept the pressure on. Despite Dunstan coming out strong in the last quarter, the team held their ground and fought hard to take the win. Now to see Alex-All Stars in the B grade final.

RAS B - team played a challenging game on Saturday. The wet weather made for added difficulty, decreasing the accuracy of passes. DHS gold took advantage of our mistakes and came away with the win. Well done to Kyah for player of the day for her great job at wing defense and wing attack.

We have six umpires I would like to acknowledge - Issy McNeish, Cam Patrick, Ruby Smith, Marissa May-Crawford, Kahtaralise Keil and Te Ohore Keil. These girls have been umpiring nearly every week this season - apprehensive at first but now are very much enjoying their games. They have been working towards their Centre Awards which involves a theory test and being assessed through-out the season. Well done girls, umpiring is a great skill set and great for developing your own game.

Clay bird Shooting

On Thursday 21st August, Shane Warren, Trey Whitu, Cooper Welsh and Jessica McKerchar will be competing in the Inter-School Clay Bird Shooting Competition held in Tapanui.T

The team's first practice rained off last week so fingers crossed they will try again tomorrow (Friday 15th August). Thank you to Raymond Gunn and Darryl Middlemiss for coaching our team.

Year 13 P.E trip Raffle

Our Year 13 students are heading away September 10th for three days for their P.E. trip to Ōhau!

To support their journey, they are fundraising with an exciting ski raffle – so keep an eye out in local shops and Facebook and get behind them by purchasing a ticket. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Netball Draw - Saturday 16 August 2025

This is the final week of netball for 2025. A big thank you to all players, umpires, coaches, managers and parents for your contribution towards a very successful season.

Netball Prizegiving will be on Thursday September 4th.

Team	Times	Opposition	Court
RAS A	11.05	V Alex All Stars	Ct: CR
RAS B	10.00	V DHS Jnr Blue	Ct: PB
Teviot Stars/A	11.05	V Cromwell 8A	Ct: MD
Teviot B	12.10	V APS Kārearea	Ct: 4

Umpires:

10.00 - Kahtaralise Keil Ct: MD

12.10 - Marissa May-Crawford Ct: PB

Ruby Smith, Cam Patrick Ct: 4

Issy McNeish Ct 3

**There have been some cases of head lice in the school.
Can parents please check your child's hair.**



The Year 8's and Matilda and Pippah from year 7, in the curling tournament last Friday. They all had a great time, lots of fun and new skills learnt by students and adults!



DISNEY THEME!

In the School Whare

JUNIOR DISCO!

22nd August Friday

YEARS 1-4 4:00PM-6:00PM
YEARS 5-8 6:30PM-8:30PM

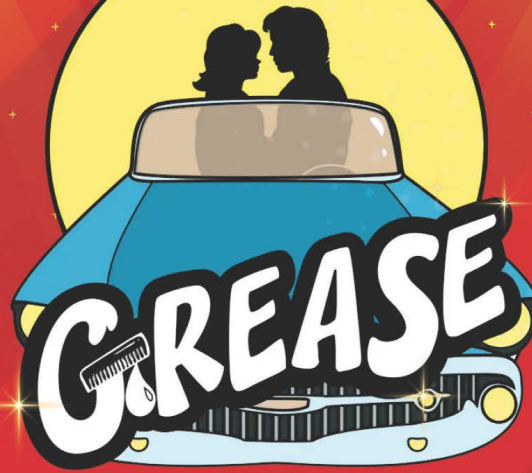
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FIZZY DRINKS	2\$
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LOLLY MIX	2\$

DUNSTAN HIGH SCHOOL

PRESENTS



Tickets available from iTICKET.co.nz or 0508 iTICKET

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Child \$20

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ALEXANDRA MEMORIAL THEATRE 7:30 PM

DOORS OPEN 7 PM

20TH, 21ST, 22ND, AUGUST

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