

# ROXBURGH AREA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 3, August 28th 2025, Week 7



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I was lucky last week to attend the National Area School conference. With approximately 95 people at the conference there were Principals, teachers and board members from across the country. It was great to share stories with many of them. The team from Roxburgh took a lot away from the conference and I believe as a school we are doing very well. Our classes are small, we offer a full range of subjects, our teachers are top quality, we have a lot of opportunities for our students and the school culture is positive. The area school model itself is amazing and Roxburgh is thriving. Just a reminder to all parents to vote in the current Board elections. This is an important part of the school and having your say is key.

A huge thanks to the Year 11 students for organising and running the disco last week. From what I have been told it was a hit and everyone had a great time. This is a great example of how our older students step up and help the younger students.

Lots of other activities happening from Claybird shooting to swimming and a ski trip this week. I would strongly encourage students to have a go and get involved. You get out of school, and life, what you put in. Take a risk and give it a go!!  
Nga mihi nui



## HEAD STUDENT REPORT

It has been a busy and exciting time at school, with students from all year levels enjoying a variety of activities.

Our Year 1 and 2 students have had a fantastic time taking part in PMP sessions this week, with some of our Year 7 and 8 students stepping in to help. Today, they are especially excited to join the Educare children on a bear hunt adventure!

Room 2 has also had a very busy and creative week. The students have been writing their own honey bee stories and exploring the differences between honeybees and wasps. They've been extending their literacy skills by learning new letter patterns such as *ir*, *er*, *lgh*, and *or*, as well as experimenting with adding *-ment* to words. In maths, they've been working on sequencing activities and learning about 3D shapes.

The year 5 and 6's have been very engaged with learning about ancient Egypt. It was pretty amazing to hear all the facts they've learnt so far. They have also been doing creative stories, and in maths they have been learning about fractions and place values.

The Year 7/8's have been creative in science, designing and testing paper roller coasters. In PE, they've been learning Ki o Rahi and other Māori games, as well as preparing for the upcoming Lawrence exchange. In English, they've been reading the spooky short story Click Clack the Rattle Bag. They have also been learning about the Samoan influenza in Social Studies.

The Year 9–13 students have been working hard in several areas. Year 9's are continuing with their science assessments, while Outdoor Education has focused on knot tying and climbing equipment. Everyone is also excited for the ski trip this Friday, with students from Year 9–13 getting ready to spend a day on the slopes together.

It has been a great couple of weeks of learning, fun, and new experiences, and we're looking forward to more in the weeks ahead.

## **SPORTS REPORT**

### **Junior**

#### **Netball**

Netball prizegiving for all teams will be held on **Thursday 4th September** at Roxburgh Area School starting at 3.30pm with afternoon tea to follow. Could all families please bring a plate.

#### **Swimming**

On Wednesday we had several students competing in the Dunstan Zone Swimming sports which were held at the Cromwell Pool. Congratulations to Archie, Wyatt, Bailee, Harry, Tyler and Karla on your outstanding efforts - confirmed results to follow soon. Many thanks to all the parents who supported the students and to Fleur for doing the time keeping duty for us.

### **Senior**

#### **Rugby**

The DHS U15 Dominators recently competed in Oamaru at the SISS Rural Livestock Junior Rugby Tournament. Kellan McDowell was a key member of the squad, and together they achieved an outstanding result, finishing 5th out of 22 teams in the top division. Their success reflects the hard work and dedication the team has shown throughout the season, including winning their division in the Otago-Wide competition as preparation for this tournament. Well done to Kellan and his team.

#### **Clay bird Shooting**

On Thursday, Jess, Trey, Cooper, and Shane travelled with coach Daryl Middlemiss to Tapanui for the annual inter-school Clay Bird competition. This year, a few minor adjustments were made to the competition format, adding to the challenge. Despite this, reports from Coach Middlemiss were extremely positive, with our team shooting well and representing us proudly.

A big thank you to Daryl for his ongoing commitment to coaching and for taking the team away to another valuable competition experience.

### Year 13 P.E trip Raffle

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

To support their journey, they are running an exciting ski raffle – keep an eye out in local shops and on our school Facebook page for tickets. Be sure to get behind them and purchase a ticket to show your support.

The raffle will be drawn on August 30th, so don't miss out. Your support is greatly appreciated!



### Senior Options Evening for parents.

Wednesday 10 September 6.30-7.30pm in Room 12 (old computer room)

For parents of Year 9-11 students in 2026.

Come and find out about:

- NCEA
- Course options for 2026
- NetNZ subjects
- Vocational options
- Literacy/Numeracy co-requisites



Room 2 learning directions using kupu Māori with Ms Tumai.

Great SPOT PRIZES!

Discover these native dryland species while you are there!

# Fundraising Rogaine

Two or Four hour

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September  
Flat Top Hill Conservation Area  
(just 10 mins from Alexandra in Central Otago)

More info and entries:

Teams of 2-5. Fun challenge for all levels. Beginners welcome.

Entries close midnight Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

Entry fees:

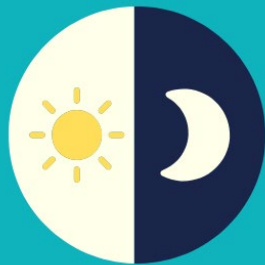
	4-hour event	2-hour event
Adult – each	40	30
Junior (under 18) – each	20	15
Family or Junior team Maximum total	60	50

\*discount for financial members of an affiliated Orienteering club

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# Remember to Brush...

Morning  
& Night



Every Day

## Why Brush?

Plaque is a sticky white layer full of germs (bacteria) that coats our teeth. Brushing twice a day gets rid of plaque. If we don't brush our teeth, these germs aren't removed and plaque quickly builds up. Over time, the plaque can cause holes in our teeth and also harm our gums



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