

ROXBURGH AREA SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



TERM 4, 9th October 2025, Week 1

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

A warm welcome back to everyone to Term 4. I hope you all had a relaxing holiday break and had the chance to spend quality time with those you love. The calendar this term is very full with more to come. Enjoy the term and let's hope the good weather stays around.

One of the main focus points for students in Years 9-13 is the exams. For the older students NCEA is their focus and we are in the process of reviewing every student's credits and ascertaining their last day at school before exams. For students in Years 9 and 10 we are placing more of an emphasis on the school exams than ever before. We have set up a study guide for the students in the Whanau time slot we have on a Monday Period 5. As part of this, students have nominated three 1 hour slots (as a minimum) where they will be studying at home. To help this, ask your child what their dedicated study times are. You can also help them by setting up a quiet study space free from technology and other distractions. Together we can ensure students remain focussed on their learning.

You may be aware that the teacher unions have begun pay negotiations with the government and are looking at strike actions. At this stage Thursday October 23rd will be a full strike day. All union members will be off work and no students will be able to be at school that day. Further, the PPTA union that represents the Secondary teachers is looking at rostering home starting next week. Whilst we have yet to receive any confirmed details as yet this is where specific year groups from Y7-13 are rostered home on a given day and their classes will not be taught. As a school we will do our best to keep the focus on learning during these disruptions.

There are a few other key pieces of information to take note of. On Saturday October 18th we are having a working bee at the school. The Board is leading this day and full details will be sent out next week. For those interested we have our second Polyfest performance in Queenstown on Wednesday October 22nd. We really appreciate the support and kind words. You may also be aware that there have been reported cases of measles in the Queenstown area in the last week. Information about this is included in the newsletter. If your child, or you, exhibit any signs of having measles please contact a health professional ASAP and keep your child at home.

Have a great weekend

Nga mihi nui

HEAD STUDENT REPORT

Hey everyone, welcome back! Hope you all had a good break and are ready to get stuck into the last term of the year. It's always a busy one, but there's heaps to look forward to.

Our seniors have only four weeks left before study leave kicks in, so it's the time to get stuck into studying and get prepared

Polyfest is just around the corner too, and we can't wait to see the hard work and awesome performances on stage, we know it'll be great.

In Week 6, our Year 7–10's will be heading out for the LAS exchange, which is set to be an awesome day of sport, teamwork, and fun. Later in the term, our Year 9's are off on camp in the second-to-last week which will be a great way to finish off the year, hopefully it's sunny and warm.

Lots happening, lots to be excited about — let's make Term 4 a good one!

Cheers

SPORTS REPORT

Golf

Best wishes to Nathan Arnesen, Harry Smith and Reeve McDowell who are competing in the Central Otago Intermediate Schools Golf tournament at the Dunstan Golf Club in Clyde on Monday. Many thanks to Natalie for helping out with this. Good luck and have fun everyone!

Touch

We are looking forward to the start of the Alexandra Touch Rugby season which starts next Thursday, 16th October. Year 5 & 6 play at 5.00pm, year 7 & 8 at 5.30pm followed by the senior teams. Further information will be sent home early next week.

Please keep an eye on the Alexandra touch Rugby Facebook page for draws and cancellations.

Congratulations to Donna Cobban for winning the ski raffle. (lucky number 7). Thanks for all your support to help our Year 13 Students get to their ski trip.



SENIOR PRIZEGIVING

Senior Prizegiving will be held on the 27th November. Could all trophies and cups be returned to the school office please by the end of next week.



We would like to give a huge thank you to Belinda Ryalls and Simon Donaldson, along with their girls, Tyler and Bryar, for so generously donating plants and creating our wonderful new garden. A special thanks also to David Nicol (Digger Dave) and Hayden Smith for all their hard work in clearing the rocks from the area beforehand. The garden looks fantastic.

RECEIVED FROM HEALTH NEW ZEALAND

Measles is in Queenstown and Cromwell

You may be aware there have been recent measles exposures in Queenstown and Cromwell. Health New Zealand would like parents to do the following:

- Please check the published locations of interest in case they may have come into contact with the measles case.
- Watch out for measles symptoms – fever, cough, runny nose, sore eyes, and a blotchy rash.
- Keep students home from school if they have any measles symptoms and ring a doctor or Healthline for advice on 0800 611 116.
- Check if your whānau are immune to measles and find medical records, such as immunisation records or test results, to confirm this. For more information on checking your immunity visit info.health.nz/measles-immunity It is safe to have additional doses if they don't have proof. For more information: info.health.nz/MeaslesVaccine
- People can get vaccinated at their local pharmacy, GPs, nurse or Hauora provider.

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