

ROXBURGH AREA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



TERM 1, 12th February 2026, Week 2

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Week 2 of the term has been another busy week. We had senior swim sports on Monday where all of the students gave it their best and had a good time. We wished the Year 7 and 8 students well as they left for camp at Berwick. Students of all ages are getting ready for athletics day and the school triathlon. As always we hope to see a lot of you come along and support the children as they do their best. It can be a hectic place in Term 1 trying to keep up with all of the activities that are taking place!!

Next week teachers from Year 1-8 are holding parent teacher meetings. These are a great way to meet the teacher and share important information to make sure the year goes well. Please book a time and come in. For students in Years 9-13 a letter has been sent home with all the contact details for the teachers of all of the classes. If you have any questions about class work or other things impacting the ability of a young person to learn, reach out so we can work together.

Have a great weekend
Nga mihi nui

Year 7&8 Camp

Our year 7&8 students are currently



having a great time at Camp Berwick. They started the camp on Tuesday with a bike ride or walk on the Clutha Gold trail between Waitahuna and Mt Stuart before heading on to Berwick. On Wednesday they were abseiling, tree climbing, kayaking, raft building and cart racing - lots of fun and laughter! We look forward to hearing about the



remainder of their time at camp where they will be tackling the high ropes adventure park and visiting the Sinclair Wetlands. A very big thank you to all the parents who are helping out at the camp, and to everyone who supported our fundraising efforts.



Parent-Teacher Interviews

The Junior school (Years 1-8) interviews will be held on **Wednesday 18 February** and **Thursday 19 February**. Each interview will be a **10-minute appointment**, running from **3:30pm to 6:00pm** on both days.

To book your time:

1. Visit www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
2. Enter the code **7gky2**
3. Enter your details
4. Select your child's teacher and room
5. Choose a suitable day and time

If you would prefer assistance with booking, please contact the school office on **03 446 8460** — they will be happy to help.

HEAD STUDENT REPORT

Hello everyone, our names are Meg and Iesha. We are excited to be named as Head Students of Roxburgh Area School 2026 and we are really looking forward to get to know each and every student here. We have had an awesome start to the year and are looking forward to the many exciting events coming up this term. Like Athletics next Wednesday, and our annual school triathlon happening on Monday the following week. This week, walking around the classes and hearing what each class has been has been great.

Room 1 has been doing plenty of swimming lessons, which sounds like heaps of fun! They have been doing heaps of learning around letters, their main focus is on the letter d for duck. They have also made a chart to see how many letters are in each of their names and so they can see who has the longest name. Room 2 has also been doing swimming lessons and doing fun sprints in PE. They have also been learning about skinks which sounds very interesting. Overall it sounds like Room 1 and 2 are really enjoying their time back at school and having plenty of fun!

Room 5 has been learning about how plastic is polluting and killing our oceans, and they have started making some AMP show art using a one point perspective technique which is going to look amazing. We are excited to see them displayed at the AMP show this year! They have also been doing lots of important learning about the Treaty of Waitangi and making the most of the summer by doing a lot of swimming in the pool.

The Year 7 and 8's are away this week on Berwick camp near Milton. They left early Tuesday morning and are returning Friday afternoon. We are excited to hear what

they've been up to once they get back. We bet they're having lots of fun and doing exciting outdoor activities. The Year 9 and 10s have been hoping to plan a trip to Stewart Island which sounds very exciting! They have also been learning about space in science.

Year 11 have been playing volleyball and in science, they are learning about yeast and looking at it under the microscope. The Year 12 Biology class are learning about plant cells and are soon to be looking at them under the microscope. Some Year 13s students have been away at Trades and Gateway during the week, which they have been enjoying. On Monday we had many year 9-13s participate in the annual senior swimming sports. Everyone did their best and thankfully it was a perfect day.

SPORTS REPORT

Congratulations to everyone who took part in our swimming sports this year. Although numbers were smaller, the sun was shining and the enthusiasm, team spirit, and sportsmanship on display made it a fantastic day for all involved.



2026 Senior Swimming Sports Champions

		1st	2nd	3rd
Yr 9&10	Boys	Leo Moore (B)	Kaspian Knudsen (T)	Nathan Arnesen (C) Lucas Arnesen (C) Braxton Roberts (T)
	Girls	Poppy Smith (T)	Willa Moore (B)	Abigail Ledua (T)
Yr 11-13	Boys	Trey Whitu (M)	Kellan McDowell (B)	Cooper Welsh (B)
	Girls	Meg Beaumont (C)	Kahtaralise Keil (T)	Charlotte McNeish (M)

Central Otago Senior Volleyball Competition

RAS Boys start the competition with a bye.

RAS Girls play Cromwell College Sky

5pm

RAS Gym

Come along and support our senior girls team.

Upcoming events:

Senior Athletics

Senior athletics sports for all year 9-13 students will be held on **Wednesday 18th February** from 9am.

RAS Triathlon

This is a FULL SCHOOL event and is scheduled for **Monday 23rd of February**. Keep an eye on the next newsletter for start times.

Carpet Tiles

Most of our classrooms have just been recarpeted, because of this we have a number of carpet tiles to give away.

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