

ROXBURGH AREA SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

TERM 1, 19th February 2026, Week 3



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Another great week here at RAS. Well done to the students, parents and staff who went to Berwick camp last week - they seemed to have a blast. Lots more happening this week as well including senior athletics day yesterday. In the end it was a very warm day and plenty of fun was had. A good effort all round with plenty of colourful dress ups by our more enthusiastic students.



Next week we have the school triathlon on Monday and a noho marae in Gore on Thursday and Friday for our senior Kapa Haka students. Keep a look out on the facebook page for photos. Just a reminder that on Friday March 27th there is a Teacher Only Day and the school will be closed. Have a great weekend
Nga mihi nui



HEAD STUDENT REPORT

Hello everyone, Hope everyone is having a great week! We have our annual school triathlon happening next Monday. Hope to see everyone getting out there, trying your best and representing your houses! Classes have been getting busier, with Room 1 doing artwork for the upcoming A and P show which sounds exciting, they have also been learning about the letter L for lions. The students continue to do swimming lessons and have also been practicing for the triathlon. Room 2 is finishing their skink artwork for the A and P show and have been using oil pastels to finish it. Room 2 continues

to do swimming lessons and is learning about swim safety and they have been swimming through seaweed. Room 5 is writing an info report on an animal of their choice. They have been doing swimming lessons. Year 7/8 are learning about prime numbers in Maths, and have been talking about their Berwick camp, they also continue to do swimming down at the pool.

The year 9's have been carrying on their learning about space in Science, focusing on the spheres of the earth. Year 10 has been preparing for a bake sale, which is happening next Friday on the 27th. This is to raise funds for their trip to Stewart Island for English. A special mention to Kaspian who surprised himself by doing really well in the 1500m race at Athletics. Year 11s have been growing bacteria on agar plates in Science, which seems interesting, and we wonder what the bacteria will look like. They have also been writing essays in English. The year 12s have been working really hard on their reading responses in English and they have also been doing networks in Maths which they say they find to be quite easy, which is good. The year 13s are still busy with Trades and Gateway and they are getting busier as the year goes by.

We also had our annual senior athletics on Wednesday with Lawrence Area School. It was an exciting, competitive, and high energy day out there, with the weather thankfully on our side! All our students gave their best and it was great to see everyone getting out there giving everything a go and it was awesome to see all the students wearing their house colours and representing their houses with pride! Well done to everyone who competed, and helped. Overall it was a fantastic day of sports for our senior students.

The year 11s-13s have two volleyball teams competing in the Central Otago volleyball competition. Well done to the RAS girls volleyball team who had their first home game last week against Cromwell College Sky, and came out with a huge win, 3-0. Last week the RAS boys had a bye and today they are playing a home game at 5pm in the gym against Maniototo, so head down to the school gym and show some support! The RAS girls are heading to Wakatipu High School to play at 5pm today. Good luck to both teams!

Calendar

Monday 23rd February – Whole school Triathlon

Wednesday 11th March – 13 March – Year 13 Biology trip to Portobello

Friday 6th March – Small Schools Primary Athletics at RAS

Wednesday 18th March – Dunstan Zone Primary Athletics

Friday 20th March – Kapa Haka Exchange – Owaka

Monday 23rd March – Otago Anniversary – School Closed

Wednesday 25th March – CO Primary Athletics

Friday 27th March – Teacher Only Day – School closed

Tuesday 31st March & 1st April – Top Bike

SPORTS REPORT

Athletics

Our Senior Athletics Day was a fantastic success, filled with great energy, sportsmanship, and some school record breaking performances. It was awesome to see students giving their best, supporting one another, and making it an enjoyable day for everyone. Keep an eye out for results in next week's newsletter.

Central Otago Senior Volleyball Competition

RAS Boys had a bye last week, while RAS Girls hosted the CC Senior Sky team in an exciting match. It was fantastic to see confidence and communication grow, with some great rallies throughout — and a big thank you to Noah for stepping up to referee.

RAS Girls play Wakatipu C at 5pm

Please meet at the school office for a 3pm leave.

RAS Boys are playing Maniototo Area School - 5pm, RAS Gym

Come along and support our Boys team.

All the best for both teams this week.

RAS Triathlon

This is a **FULL SCHOOL** event and will be held on **Monday 23rd of February**.

Start times:

New Entrants start at 1.15pm

Years 9-13 start at 1.30pm

Years 7 & 8 start at 2.00pm

Years 5 & 6 start at 2.10pm

All students will start at the pool and finish on the school field.

Could all parents and spectators please park on Scotland Street as we need Cheviot Street Clear for racers.

Junior Swimming Sports

On **Wednesday 25 February** a group of Yr 4-8 students will be attending the Small Schools Swimming Sports in Alexandra from 11-2. Students involved will have brought home a permission slip with information on it. Please return to your child's teacher by Friday.

On **Thursday 26 February** there will be a swimming event for Yr 1-6 at the Roxburgh Pool beginning at 1.15. More information will be sent home on Monday next week.



Junior School Swimming Lessons

A big thank you to the swimming instructors from Alexandra who have spent the week teaching water safety to the Junior children at the Roxburgh Pool. Even though the weather was

far from tropical, the students learnt a lot and participated with enthusiasm.



Junior School Interviews

Thankyou to all parents who attended Junior School Interviews this week. Teachers enjoyed meeting you and chatting about your child to begin the year. Remember if you have anything you wish to discuss at a later stage please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

Contact Details Junior Teachers

Teacher	Class/Year group	Email
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Information for Senior School

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Year 13	Donna Cobban	donna.cobban@roxburgh.school.nz

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PE (Year 9-13)	Dinah Wales	dinahw@roxburgh.school.nz
Technology (Year 9-13)	Clement Lind	clement.lind@roxburgh.school.nz



ROXBURGH AREA SCHOOL —
HOST FAMILIES NEEDED!

Southern Area Schools Tournament 2026

Roxburgh Area School is proud to be hosting the Southern Area Schools Tournament in May 2026, and we are seeking Host Families for 125 visiting students.

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 **What Do Host Families Provide?**

Visiting students will bring:

- Their own sleeping bag
Money for snacks and lunches
Host Families are kindly asked to provide:
- Dinner for two nights
Breakfast for two mornings
A hot shower
A bed or mattress to sleep on
Your support will help make this event possible and ensure our guests feel cared for during their stay.

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 **Interested in Hosting?** Please contact:

Roxburgh Area School Office — 03 446 8460

Shontel Tumai — Senior Sports Coordinator

 027 626 9587 |  sports.coordinator@roxburgh.school.nz

Carpet Tiles

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

Also a 3.7mt by 2.4mt glass house frame.

If you would like any of these tiles, please ring the school office on 03 4468460.



Is your Teen enrolled for free dental care?

From Year 9 onwards, your Teen will see a participating Dental Provider for their dental care in most areas.

This remains FREE until they turn 18 even if they have left school



Please contact us for help to enrol your Teen and a list of participating Dental Providers in your area

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