

ROXBURGH AREA SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



TERM 1, 5th February 2026, Week 1

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

A warm welcome to all our students and whānau to the 2026 school year. Term 1 is always a very busy time, with swimming, athletics, school camps, and preparations for tournaments keeping everyone actively involved and on the go.

We appreciate that students and parents can find this time stressful or confusing with so much going on. Please reach out to your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions. A note will go home soon with the contact details for the subject teachers in Years 9-13. We strive hard to create and maintain a stable, safe and consistent environment where students can thrive. This works best when school and homework alongside each other.

On Monday we had an assembly to welcome the students back to school for the year. At the assembly we also welcomed our new teachers. Mr Jonathan Doreen has joined the staff to teach Year 13 Math. After a number of years of doing day relief Mrs Dinah Wales has been appointed as our new senior PE teacher and Head of Sport. Welcome to both of them.

We also had an opportunity for our Year 13 cohort to put their names forward to be head students this year. Candidates spoke at assembly and were part of an interview process. Congratulations to our 2026 head students Meg Beaumont and Iesha Ledua - I am confident they will make a great team. Have a great long weekend. Nga mihi nui



Junior Teacher/Parent Interviews

The Junior school (Yr 1-8) Interviews will take place in Week 3 on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th. We will let you know the times of these soon.

SPORTS REPORT

Welcome back!!!! There are a number of events coming up in the next few weeks which makes for a very busy start to the term.

Senior Swimming

Senior swimming sports for all year 9-13 students will be held at the Roxburgh Pool on **Monday 9th February** from 1 - 3pm. Nau mai Haere mai whanau - feel free to come down and support.

Central Otago Senior Volleyball Competition

We have the Central Otago Senior Volleyball competition (Year 11-13) starting on **Thursday 12th February** for 6 weeks. All the best to our two teams in the upcoming competition.

Senior Athletics

Senior athletics sports for all year 9-13 students will be held on **Wednesday 18th February** from 9am. We are excited to host the Lawrence Area School students for another year.

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.

GOLF

In January, Trey Whitu played in two unforgettable golfing experiences - The National Maori Golf Tournament in Kaikohe and the Amateur Golf Tournament at Millbrook Resort.

Trey and his whanau made their way to Kaikohe for him to compete in the 88th National Tournament. Trey delivered an impressive performance, finishing **5th out of 66 players** in the Intermediate division after two days of stroke play. His spot in the top 16 saw him play two days of match play, where he faced some of the tournament's toughest competitors. Although narrowly defeated in both matches, Trey gained invaluable experience and enjoyed the challenge of competing at such a high level.

Trey then headed to the Amateur tournament at Millbrook. He qualified for this through The Journey to the Open series. This is an event that offers young golfers a chance to earn a spot in the New Zealand Open Pro-Am tournament. While he didn't perform as strongly as he had hoped in the tournament, Trey had a fantastic day on the course and was stoked to receive a personalized Callaway golf bag — a proud recognition of his skill and dedication.

Both events highlighted Trey's commitment and enthusiasm for golf, making January 2026 an exciting start to his year. Congratulations Trey.





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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Departure: Friday 8 May (lunchtime)

 **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:

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TERM 1 2026 (9 Weeks)

Calendar Term 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
Week 1	2 FEB First day of Term 1 for all students	3 FEB	4 FEB	5 FEB	6 FEB Waitangi Day School Closed	7 FEB	8 FEB
Week 2	9 FEB Senior swim sports	10 FEB Yr 7&8 Berwick Camp Friendship 12-1pm	11 FEB Yr 7&8 Berwick Camp	12 FEB Yr 7&8 Berwick Camp	13 FEB Yr 7&8 Berwick Camp	14 FEB	15 FEB
Week 3	16 FEB Swimming Lessons Yr 1-8 Blast BBQ at lunch	17 FEB Swimming Lessons Yr 1-8	18 FEB Swimming Lessons Yr 1-8 Senior athletics day Y9-13 Junior School Parent/Teacher Interviews	19 FEB Swimming Lessons Yr 1-8 Junior School Parent/Teacher Interviews	20 FEB Swimming Lessons Yr 1-8	21 FEB	22 FEB
Week 4	23 FEB Whole school triathlon	24 FEB Friendship 12-1pm	25 FEB Small Schools Swimming Sports Y 4-8 - Alexandra	26 FEB Noho marae Gore - KH group	27 FEB Noho marae Gore - KH group	28 FEB	1MAR
Week 5	2 MAR Dental Bus arrives	3 MAR 12 Bio Trip to Portobello	4 MAR	5 MAR	6 MAR 1pm Uni of Otago info talk Small Schools Primary Athletics - RAS	7 MAR	8 MAR
Week 6	9 MAR Small Schools Athletics P/P	10 MAR Friendship 12-1pm	11 MAR 13 Bio Trip to Portobello	12 MAR 13 Bio Trip to Portobello	13 MAR 13 Bio Trip to Portobello	14 MAR	15 MAR
Week 7	16 MAR	17 MAR	18 MAR Ugly Shakespeare performance DZ Primary Athletics	19 MAR Dunstan Zone Primary Athletics p/ponement	20 MAR Kapa Haka exchange Owaka	21 MAR	22 MAR
Week 8	23 MAR Otago Anniversary Day	24 MAR Friendship 12-1pm	25 MAR CO Primary Athletics	26 MAR	27 MAR TOD - Maniototo/Lawrence	28 MAR	29 MAR
Week 9	30 MAR	31 MAR Top Bike - Y5-8	1 APR Top Bike - p/p	2 APRIL	3 APR GOOD FRIDAY	4 APR	5 APR

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