

# ROXBURGH AREA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



TERM 1, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026 Week 7

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Another wonderful week here at Roxburgh Area School. It is a week with less interruptions than normal and the students are busy in class working hard and learning. Whilst we really value all the extra opportunities we can offer students, the core work is in the classroom. I strongly encourage parents to send their children to school everyday. Even the odd absence can have an impact on their progress and academic development.

Well done to the students last Friday. The small school athletics looked like it was a roaring success. The noho marae to Gore was enjoyed by all and the relationships built across



schools was awesome to see. This week I have the pleasure of joining the Y10 class trip to Stewart Island - what an exciting opportunity.

We are also getting closer to the South of the South Area School tournament. One of the biggest stress points is finding billets for 150 students. We would ask as many of our



parents as possible to step up and take a billet. It is the only way events like this can work. You need to host the students for 2 nights and feed them but during the day they will be flat out with sporting events. If you have a younger child at school or previously had a child at the school or even just want to help out the community, please contact the school. We still have 110 students we need to find places for. Just a reminder Friday the 27th of March is a teacher only day and the school is shut for instruction.

Nga mihi nui

## HEAD STUDENT'S REPORT

Hello everyone, it has been another busy week and we hope you have all enjoyed it. The senior girls and boys volleyball team is still fundraising for the volleyball tournament that is in a couple weeks, which is being held in Christchurch. The junior school had their small school athletics last Friday. It was great to see lots of participation and the weather was perfect, which helped make the day go well. Room 1 have been doing animal movements in P.E with Miss Snell, A special mention to Edie, Bree, Ava and Manu who did really well in their sprint races, they all had a good day. Room 2 have been writing thank you cards for the Year 9 and 10s for helping them at athletics. They have also been learning about e r sounds. Room 5 has been learning about tectonic plates using Oreos and they have been writing animal information reports. Room 5 had a PAT test this week and in P.E they are doing netball and athletics. Room 7 had a few students heading to the Dunstan zone athletics. They have been doing a unit on Antarctica and have been learning about the book on Kensuke's Kingdom and in Art they have been learning about Graffiti.

The Year 9/10s have been learning about the story of Ki O rahi and learning about what the different parts of the game mean. The Year 10s were busy with their Bake Sale last Saturday for their Stewart Island trip which they are going to tomorrow. They're all feeling excited for this and we hope they all enjoy themselves. The Year 9s have been learning about human migration in English. Good luck to Abi, Nathan, and Macy who are all off to the Otago Athletics in Dunedin. We wish them the best of luck and hope they do well in their events. In Science the Year 11s have been testing the effectiveness of soap, while in PE they are currently doing Ki O Rahi. In English they have been busier than ever as they continue to write essays. The Year 12s have been busy with some assessments starting this week. They are currently doing an Internal Assessment on the rocky shore in Biology, and have been practicing different area schools sports in PE. The Year 13s are still busy with Trades and Gateway which happen every week. They are also doing critical pathways in Maths, and have been practicing Area Schools Sports in PE.

The senior girls and boys volleyball teams have been very busy getting ready for the Satellite volleyball tournament in Christchurch happening in just under two weeks. Thank you for all the support shown by the community and for all the help we have received in this short amount of time - it is greatly appreciated!

## Calendar

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> – Year 10 visiting Stewart Island

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Dunstan Zone Primary Athletics

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Kapa haka Exchange – Owaka

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Otago Anniversary – School Closed**

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – CO Primary Athletics

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Teacher Only Day – School closed**

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March & 1<sup>st</sup> April – Top Bike

## **Athletics**

We had a great day hosting Omakau, Poolburn, Millers Flat and Tarras Primary Schools for our annual small schools' athletics last Friday. Congratulations to all our students who gave 100% effort and achieved some very impressive results. A very big

thank you to all our staff and senior students who helped us to run the events. A very big thank you to all the whanau and friends who cheered us on throughout the day. Some of our year 4-8 students have now qualified for the Dunstan Zone Primary Schools Athletics which are being held in Alexandra next Wednesday 18th March - we wish them all the very best!



### Swimming

Congratulations to all those who gained a placing in the recent Small Schools Swimming. Special congratulations to Harry Smith (year 8 boys) and Tyler Donaldson (year 7 girls) who were age group champions, and our relay team (Harry Smith, Kit Moore, Tyler Donaldson, Karla Winiata) who placed 2nd - RiPPeR!

### 2026 Small Schools Swimming - RAS Results

Age Group	Name	Event	Placing
Year 8 Boys	Harry Smith	Backstroke	1st
		Breaststroke	3rd
	Murdoc Sanders	Butterfly	2nd
		Individual Medley	1st
		Backstroke	3rd
		Breaststroke	2nd
Year 7 Girls	Tyler Donaldson	Butterfly	3rd
		Individual Medley	3rd
		Freestyle	1st
		Breaststroke	1st
	Karla Winiata	Butterfly	1st
		Individual Medley	1st
Year 7 Boys	Kit Moore	Freestyle	3rd=
		Breaststroke	2nd
		Backstroke	
Year 6 Girls	Tabitha Turner	Freestyle	3rd
		Breaststroke	3rd
		Backstroke	3rd
Year 5 Girls	Emmie Darling	Freestyle	2nd
		Breaststroke	3rd
Year 5 Girls	Meadow Gazeley	Backstroke	1st
		Butterfly	1st=
Year 5 Boys	Bryar Donaldson	Backstroke	
		Butterfly	
Year 5 Boys	Ollie Davidson	Breaststroke	2nd
		Butterfly	2nd
Year 4 Girls	Lily Arnesen	Freestyle	3rd

		Backstroke	3rd
	Cassidy Roberts	Backstroke Breaststroke	2nd 2nd
	Lottie McDowell	Breaststroke	1st

### Overall Age Group Champions:-

**Year 8 Boys** - Harry Smith

**Year 7 Girls** - Tyler Donaldson

Roxburgh Areas School Relay Team - 2<sup>nd</sup>

### 2026 Small Schools Athletics Champions

		1st	2nd	3rd
<b>Year 8</b>	<b>Boys</b>	Nico Lee (OMK)	Max Craigie (MFS)	Kieran Skipper-Knudsen (RAS)
	<b>Girls</b>	Ella Anderson (MFS)	Lucy Dawson (MFS)	Rivah Paterson (OMK)
<b>Year 7</b>	<b>Boys</b>	Beau Gazeley (RAS)	Kit Moore (RAS)	Emmett Nicolson (PB)
	<b>Girls</b>	Olivia Gare (PB)	Charlie Groundwater (OMK)	Lucy McCorkindale (MFS)
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Boys</b>	Tim Craigie (MFS)	Jack Dawson (MFS)	Judd Paterson (OMK)
	<b>Girls</b>	Mia Chamberlain (OMK)	Eden McPherson (RAS)	Briar Hamilton (OMK)
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Boys</b>	Bede Chisholm (OMK)	Ollie Davidson (RAS)	Daniel Currie (OMK)
	<b>Girls</b>	Daisy Milne (OMK)	Bailee Duffy (TAR)	Frankie Pyle (PB)
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Boys</b>	Harry Brennan (MFS)	Robbie McCorkindale (MFS)	Lewis Rutherford (TAR)
	<b>Girls</b>	Bindi Milne (OMK)	Belle Taylor (OMK)	Norah Wood (MFS)
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Boys</b>	Fin Chisholm (OMK)	2nd= Jack McEwan (OMK) Thomas McCulloch (RAS)	
	<b>Girls</b>	Ariya O'Malley (OMK)	2nd= Josie McCorkindale (MFS) Maci Condon (OMK) Aryah Loewen (OMK) Sofia Querel (OMK)	

## Central Otago Senior Volleyball Competition

RAS Boys travelled to Cromwell...The boys' volleyball team travelled to Cromwell to face a strong Cromwell College side. Despite a hard-fought effort, they went down 3-1, showing great determination and valuable experience for future matches.

RAS Girls' had a close match against Maniototo. While the result didn't go their way, the game provided a valuable opportunity to reflect, improve communication, and focus on the areas within their control. They are looking forward to their redemption match at our Southern Area Schools Tournament.

### **RAS Boys play Wakatipu at 5pm**

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

### **RAS Girls are playing Wakatipu D**

**6pm RAS Gym - Come along and support our Girls.**

All the best for both teams this week.



## **Urgently Needed!**

### **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.

Hosting Dates Arrival: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May (Pickup time to be confirmed)  
Departure: Friday 8<sup>th</sup>

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**(pickup time to be confirmed)**

**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:

**Roxburgh Area School Office — 03 446 8460**

**Shontel Tumai — Senior Sports Coordinator**

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