

ROXBURGH AREA SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



TERM 1, 5th March 2026, Week 5

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It is hard to believe we are now over halfway through Term 1!! I often wonder where the time has gone but when you look at the school calendar it is clear how much we have done. The first ever Area School noho Marae in Gore last week is a great example of how we offer a full range of experiences for our young people. The students had a great time and continued to form wonderful relationships with the students from the other 6 Area Schools we interact with. Good luck tomorrow to all our students as we host the annual small school's athletics day - it is always something special.

Last week I mentioned our new website that contains all of the school policies. The site to go to in order to view our policies is

<https://roxburgh.schooldocs.co.nz> The username is roxburgh and the password is teviot

It is a great way to keep track of the school policies.

The second half of this term looks to be just as busy and the staff are doing their best to offer as many opportunities as we can. It is my firm belief we go the extra mile around here to make sure this is a great place to go to school. I thank the staff for all the little things they do that people don't see - it is what keeps the place ticking. Have a great weekend.

Nga mihi nui

HEAD STUDENT REPORT

Hello everyone, another busy week has flown by. Last Thursday seven of our Kapa Haka students, along with other Area schools attended an overnight trip at the Hokonui marae in Gore. We did a number of different activities like learning a new chant and singing a lot of waiata. We also spent this time getting together to share our ideas to design a new south of the south design for National Area Schools hoodies, and t-shirts. This was an amazing experience and it was great to see all the students from the different schools getting along and making new friends with each other.

Another exciting week in the classrooms has flown by, with the Junior school getting ready and excited for their Small Schools Athletics happening this Friday! Room 1 has been doing a lot of practice for this. The main letter they have been learning about this week is the letter N for Nest and they have made their own artwork of a bird in a nest. They have also been doing lots of learning



Year 12 trip to Portobello earlier this week.



about themselves and are currently in the process of making self-portraits. Room 2 have been busy reading the *Dragon Rider*, and they are finishing off their designs for their bookmarks for the library bookmark competition. They have also been focusing on learning shot-put and discus as they prepare for athletics, and they have been focusing on OR sounds. Room 5 has been doing information reports on animals and they have been doing lots of spelling, and preparation for athletics which they are all very excited for. Room 7 has been doing some negative numbers in maths, and they have also been looking at Antarctica, at food chains and learning a lot of interesting facts. One of which is that it hasn't rained or snowed in Antarctica in 14 million years! The Year 9 and 10s are helping out the younger kids for their Small Schools Athletics, which is being held here tomorrow. They have also been learning about the different communication styles in P.E. The Year 10s are having a bake sale for their Stewart Island trip which sounds exciting and have been painting planets in science. The Year 11s played bowls at the Bowling Club for P.E, while in Science they have been doing an experiment about how sugar and temperature affect respiration in yeast. On Tuesday the Year 12s went on a Biology trip to Portobello where they looked at organisms along the rocky shore.

Keep an eye out for the fundraisers happening to fundraise for our two Senior Girls and Boys volleyball Teams who are heading to the South Island Secondary Schools Satellite Volleyball Tournament.

Tomorrow there will also be a sausage sizzle happening during lunchtime tomorrow at the small schools athletics to fundraise for our Senior Volleyball teams heading to the South Island Secondary School tournament.

Calendar

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

RAS School Triathlon

Congratulations to all our students who took part in the school triathlon — your willingness to give it a go, show perseverance, and have fun made the day a success!

Roxburgh Area School Triathlon Results 2026

		1st	2nd	3rd
Year 1	Teams	Edie Booth (M) Sophie Parker (B) Juno Johnson (C)	Manu Huenuman (C) Harry France (M) Ryan Davidson (T)	3rd = Bree Kirkpatrick (T) Maddison McCulloch (B) Peyton Harpur (B) Ava Cleveland (C) Emerson Dance (C) Tumanako Whitu (M)
Year 2	Teams	Finn Ellison (B) Elenoa Ledua (T) Marama-Rose Cleveland C	Heidi Gunn (T) Ngaria-Jade Kire-Winiata (T) Zoey Sutton (T)	Harlin Knowles (T) Gracey Michelle (B) Hope Burgess-Wells (M) Kurt Ecksmann (T)
Year 3 & 4	Teams	Charlotte Wright (M) Archie Davidson (T)	Cassidy Robert (T) Lottie McDowell (B)	3rd = Lily Arnesen (C)

			Louis Gunn (T)	Millie Ellison (B)	Lottie McDowell (B) Georgia McElwain (B) Thomas McCulloch (B) Phoebe GeorgeRobin (B) Max Heuneman(C)
Year 5 & 6	Individual	Boys	Ollie Davidson (T)		
	Teams		Gabe McPherson (B) Meadow Gazeley (M)	Jenna Jowett (M) Charlie Linwood (C) Tabitha Milmine-Turner (M)	Emmie Darling (M) Isla Ellison (B) Bryar-Lee Donaldson (C)
Year 7 & 8	Individual	Boys	Cody Thomson (C)	Harry Smith (T)	Reeve McDowell (B)
Year 9 & 10	Individual	Boys	Leo Moore (B)		
	Individual	Girls	Macy Patscharis (B)		
	Teams		Braxton Roberts (T) Kaspian Knudsen (T) Lucas Arnesen (C) Nathan Arnesen (C)	Willa Moore (B) Vanessa Weatherall (M) Willa Moore (B)	Poppy Smith (T) Abigail Ledua (T) Crystal Skipper (T)
Year 11 to 13	Individual	Boys	Noah Nichol (M)	Cooper Welsh (B)	Kellan McDowell (B)
	Individual	Girls	Meg Beaumont (C)		
	Teams		Shane Warren (C) Kees Richards (B) William Davis (M)	Jeremy Davis (M) Kees Richards (B) Mayson McPherson (B)	

Central Otago Senior Volleyball Competition

RAS Boys played Mt Aspiring here at home. It sounded like it was a great match between the two teams with RAS coming away with a 3-1 win. Thank you Seta for refereeing the game and giving the boys some helpful tips.

RAS Girls defaulted their game last week as they were away on a Noho Marae experience.

This week:

RAS Boys are playing Cromwell College -6pm in Cromwell - Please meet in the office to leave at 4.30pm

RAS Girls are playing Maniototo Area School - 5pm in Ranfurly - Please meet in the office to leave at 3.05pm

Athletics Coaching

With the Small Schools Athletics being held at RAS tomorrow, our Year 9 & 10s have been doing some coaching work with our juniors as part of their PE programme, to help prepare them for this event. The juniors have shown huge improvement over the last two weeks thanks to our fantastic coaches!

Bowling Club Visit On

Tuesday afternoon, our Year 11-13 PE students visited the Roxburgh Bowling Club, to learn a bit more about this sport, and to have a go at bowling. This was a fun afternoon, and it was great to try out



a new activity. Thank you very much to Carl Street and his assistant Rick for their coaching work, we all learned a lot and had a great time.



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 6th May (Pickup time to be confirmed) Departure: Friday 8th

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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:

Roxburgh Area School Office — 03 446 8460

Shontel Tumai — Senior Sports Coordinator

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

Athletics

We are looking forward to hosting the Omakau, Poolburn, Millers Flat and Tarras Schools for the annual Small Schools Athletics on Friday 6th March. The day starts with the distance races at 9.30am, followed by track and field events for year 3-8 and concludes with the interschool relays at 2pm. The Year 1&2 students will also participate in a range of fun games and races. Whānau and friends are most welcome to come and cheer us on. Please see the athletics timetable for approximate event times.

Sausage sizzle

There will be a sausage sizzle available for lunch tomorrow at the Athletics - \$3.00 per sausage. This is a fundraiser for the RAS volleyball teams.



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!



This week the Year 9's helped with training for the Junior School Athletics.

Volleyball

The senior volleyball teams will be fundraising over the next few weeks and would love your support!

Raffle tickets are available for \$5, with four great prizes up for grabs — two half sides of mutton, a load of firewood, and a massage voucher. Tickets can be purchased at selected stores along the main street and also at the school office.

We also have a Lotto Number Game running at \$20 per entry, with the chance to win \$200! Please contact Cat Nichol if you would like to take part.

And for those with a sweet tooth, we'll be selling Whittaker's chocolate slabs — be sure to see one of our senior volleyball players to get yours!

Junior Rugby

Calling all Junior players. Registrations are open now. There will be a meeting next week for parents and players on **Thursday 26th March** at the Grand Tavern.



Timetable for Small Schools/Teviot Athletics 2026 - Friday 6th March

9.30 - 10.00	Distance Race - 400m (Year 3&4) 800m (Year 5-8)					
	YEAR 8 Boys & Girls	YEAR 7 Boys & Girls	YEAR 6 Boys & Girls	YEAR 5 Boys & Girls	YEAR 4 Boys & Girls	YEAR 3 Boys & Girls
10.00 - 10.35	Shot Put	High Jump	Hurdles	Long Jump	Discus	Sprints
10.35 - 11.10	Sprints	Shot Put	High Jump	Hurdles	Long Jump	Discus
11.10 - 11.45	Discus	Sprints	Shot Put	High Jump	Hurdles	Long Jump
11.45 - 12.20	Long Jump	Discus	Sprints	Shot Put	High Jump	Hurdles
12.20 - 12.50	LUNCH					
12.50 - 1.25	Hurdles	Long Jump	Discus	Sprints	Shot Put	High Jump
1.25 - 2.00	High Jump	Hurdles	Long Jump	Discus	Sprints	Shot Put

2.00 - 2.30	Relays
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Junior (Y1-2) Athletic Sports Timetable 2026

9.15	Meet together on the sports field. Welcome and watch the 800m race.			
9.45-10.45	First round of games - Children rotate around each station Two teams at each station - 12 minutes each game - bell will ring			
	1. Obstacle Course <i>Netball Court</i>	2. Relay <i>Netball Court</i>	3. Hurdles <i>Grass</i>	4. Long Jump <i>Grass</i>
10.45 - 11.05	MORNING TEA			
11.05 - 12.00	Year group sprints - on the field. (These will run in year groups)			
12.00 - 12.30	LUNCH			
12.30 - 12.50	HURDLES - no races as such, children will just get 1 turn at having a go with hurdles on the field.			
1.00 - 2.00	Second round of games - 12 minutes each game			
	1. Sack Races <i>Grass</i>	2. High Jump <i>Grass</i>	3. Throwing (Rockets) <i>Netball Court</i>	4. Relay <i>Netball Court</i>

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