

ROXBURGH AREA SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

TERM 1, 2nd April 2026 Week 9



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

A huge thank you and well done to everyone for an amazing term. Collectively the staff, whanau and community have provided the students of the Teviot Valley with amazing opportunities. Our academic results continue to match any other school, we provide more camps than most and the opportunities to get out there and compete in a wide variety of sports and activities is the envy of bigger schools. I am proud of the students of Roxburgh Area School - the work ethic they have, their sense of adventure and the awesome relationships they form with their peers and the adults here at school.

The last few weeks are a testament to what a special place this is. The senior volleyball trip to Christchurch demonstrated how our community can come together over a short period of time and support the students in taking part in a major sporting event. We have also had a Kapa Haka exchange, top bike and Central Otago athletics. Not to mention Year 9-13 parent teacher interviews, ATL grades being published and the ongoing planning towards Area



Schools tournament. There is something for everyone!!

Have a great break with your whanau and I look forward to seeing you all next term

Nga mihi nui

HEAD STUDENT'S REPORT

Hello everyone another week has gone by so fast and today is the last day of term 1! We hope that everyone has a good holiday, catching up with school work, spending time with family and friends and getting plenty of rest. Last week the girl's and boy's volleyball team went up to Christchurch to compete in the Satellite Volleyball Tournament. We hope you all learnt something from the experience and enjoyed yourself. Yesterday was also an exciting day for everyone as it was school photo day!

Room 1 has been busy this past week, they wrote a letter to the Easter Bunny and left

out carrots and a glass of water. This morning they found eggs in their Easter baskets. They have also been writing and creating artwork about ANZAC Ted which sounds very exciting. Room 2 is learning the ou ow sounds and they have also been busy learning about Easter and s sounds. Room 5 has been writing Easter and ANZAC poems which sounds very exciting. In Maths, Room 7 are learning about decimals, fractions and place values. In Science they have finished making their cells and naming the parts of the cells. Some students in Room 7 have recently gone to Top Bike and they really enjoyed it.

Year 9 have been finishing up their essay writing on the novel "Long Walk to Water". They also have been doing a PAT test in Maths, while also learning about algebra in Maths. Year 10 have been doing creative writing in English and they have been learning about proteins and carbohydrates in Science. They have also been doing basketball in PE which we are sure they are all enjoying! The Year 11's have been busy cooking this week, making bread in Science, and making apple shortcake for a practice assessment in Food Technology Sounds delicious! Year 12 have been very busy finishing off plenty of assessments in Food Technology on sustainability, in Biology they have been finishing off their assessment on the rocky shore, and they have also been finishing off their PE assessments. Year 13 is still very busy with Trades which they are all really enjoying! They have also been doing some preparation towards our Southern Area Schools Tournament happening in week 3 of next term, which everyone is really getting excited for now!

That's all from us this week! We hope everyone enjoys their holidays and uses this time to have a good rest and spend time with their families and friends. See you next term!

Meg and Iesha



Library Bookmark Competition

We had 60 entries so was a difficult task to whittle that down to 10 winners! The winning bookmarks will be printed and will become the school bookmarks for 2026.

SPORTS REPORT

Central Otago Senior Volleyball Competition

Both teams wrapped up their final games of the competition with some fantastic performances. The girls hosted their playoff for fifth and sixth place, coming away with a well-deserved win in three strong sets. It has been awesome to see their growth and development throughout the competition.

The boys travelled to Cromwell and delivered an exciting finals match against Cromwell College. With very close-set scores, the game was a great display of determination and skill, setting them up nicely for their week away in Christchurch.

Southern Area Schools Tournament

Preparations for the SAS Tournament has begun this week, and we are excited to be hosting this fantastic event. There is plenty to look forward to as we get everything ready. The tournament will involve our Year 9–13 students, with the draw to be released in the first week of Term 2.

Our junior school will play an important role, supporting visiting schools and helping to create a welcoming and positive experience for all teams during their time with us. We would love the support of our wider community. If you are interested in helping with selections for Rugby, Netball, Ki-o-Rahi, Football, Basketball, or Volleyball, please get in touch with Shontel Tumai or visit the school office.

Athletics

On Wednesday 18th March, we had a group of students competing in the Dunstan Zone Primary Schools Athletics sports which were held in very windy conditions in Alexandra. Our students were awesome ambassadors of our RiPPeR values, with many achieving top 6 placings and personal bests. Many thanks to Renee, Emily who helped out with transport, and all the parents who cheered us on. A very special thanks to our senior students, Kellan, Jeremy, Willa and Vanessa who helped Mrs Darling and Mrs Robb run the hurdles events throughout the day - you were fantastic!

Congratulations to Ollie, Meadow, Eden, Marissa, Beau, Murdoc, and Kit who qualified for, and competed at the Central Otago Primary Schools Athletics Championships which were held in Alexandra yesterday (Wednesday 25th March) All the team achieved some awesome results - well done! Special congratulations to Ollie who placed 2nd in the Year 5 Boys Discus - an outstanding achievement! Many thanks to Emily, and Renee for once again helping on the day.

RAS Placegetters 2026 Dunstan Zone Athletics

Year 8 Boys	Kieran Skipper-Knudsen Harry Smith Murdoc Sanders	5th Shot Put 4th Discus 6th Shot Put 6th Hurdles
Year 7 Boys	Beau Gazeley Kit Moore	1st High Jump 5th Shot Put 5th Discus
Year 7 Girls	Marissa Mahathir	6th Sprints, Shot Put
Year 6 Girls	Eden McPherson	3rd 800m 4th Long Jump
Year 5 Boys	Ollie Davidson Gabe McPherson	2nd Discus 5th Sprints 6th Long Jump 5th 800m
Year 5 Girls	Meadow Gazeley	1st High Jump
Year 4 Girls	Lily Arnesen	4th Shot Put 6th Discus

Top Bike

On Tuesday 31st March, Matilda Stevens, Bailee Wells, Kit Moore, Cody Thomson, Reeve McDowell, and Murdoc Sanders competed in the annual Top Bike competition which was held at Molyneux Park in Alexandra. The team competed in the year 7&8 grade against students from throughout Central Otago in the



mountain bike team time trial, grass track races and a skills obstacle course. Congratulations on an awesome effort - some amazing bike skills on display!



Netball

Netball player registrations are now due for all players and can be completed using the following links. These must be completed by Friday 17th April. Please contact Kylie Robb if you have any questions or need assistance.

Roxburgh Area School Senior Players (year 9-13) sporty.co.nz/roxburgh

Teviot Junior Netball Club Players (year 3-8) sporty.co.nz/teviotjuniornetball

The netball season begins for all players on Saturday 2nd May.

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 6th May (Pickup time to be confirmed)

Departure: Friday 8th



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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



Teviot Valley Trail Ride – Saturday 18th April 2026

The school is running a trail ride as a fundraiser towards the new gym flooring, and we are needing volunteers to help with the following:

- Registration/signing riders in (some only needed for morning, others throughout day)
- Assist with parking
- Gate Marshalls

We will also be running a bake sale at the trail ride. Any donations of baking would be appreciated.

If you are able to volunteer for a few hours or the day, can you please text or ring Emily McPherson 0279395317.

If you are unable to assist on the day, but would still like to help, the PTA will be selling baking. This can be left in the Whare on Friday 17th.


 ALEXANDRA ICE SKATING CLUB

REGISTRATION DAY

THURSDAY 9 APRIL 2026
4 - 6.30PM
SATURDAY 11 APRIL 2026
10AM - 1PM

Alexandra Ice Rink Lounge- 1 Poole Road

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