

ROXBURGH AREA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



TERM 1, 19th March 2026 Week 7

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Usually I like to start the newsletter with something wonderful happening at school. This week and the weeks ahead one of the focal points is preparing to host the regional area school tournament. We are in desperate need of billets. Even if all you have is a blow-up mattress in the lounge we need as many people as possible to make contact and billet students for 3 days and 2 nights. We make this as easy as we can on the hosts but we are still short 60 odd spaces and need your help. Please contact the school office and help us out. This is something the students absolutely cherish and without every school being able to host the others it can not be sustained.

There are still many exciting things happening around the school. Last weekend the Y10 class went to Stewart Island. Other than some rough seas on the way home it was an amazing experience everyone enjoyed immensely. Yesterday we had the Ugly Shakespeare company do a performance. This was hilarious and a great way to expose a new generation to the bard. Tomorrow the Kapa Haka group heads to Owaka for an exchange and next week is the big volleyball trip!! Please don't forget about the first trail bike fundraiser during the upcoming holidays. The details are in the newsletter and it looks like an amazing opportunity.

Next week is a very short week for the students with a public holiday on Monday and the Teacher only day next Friday. Enjoy the long weekend.

Nga mihi nui

HEAD STUDENT REPORT

Yet another fun week has flown by and students have been actively engaged in a lot of fun and meaningful learning experiences. Yesterday the Year 7-13 students had a fun visit from the Ugly Shakespeare Company, who performed an entertaining and hilarious take on Shakespeare's plays, bringing them to life in a fun and engaging way which both students and staff really enjoyed.

In Room 1, students have been busy counting ducks and practising addition. They also showed their creativity by painting rainbow fish and writing imaginative stories to go with their artwork. Room 2 has been focusing on the difference between the words, ear and air. They have also been doing some word memory games, and have been drawing self portraits which we are excited to see once they finish. Yesterday Room 5 shared a fun morning tea to farewell their classmate Jude Beeton. They have also been working on information reports on animals of their choice. In Room 7, we had some students head away yesterday for the Dunstan Zone Athletics. In Science they have been learning about cells, specifically the onion cell.

The Year 9s have been continuing their learning about South Sudan. They have just completed reading a novel called *A Long Walk to Water*, and they are learning about the lost boys of Sudan. Year 10 have been busy with creative writing after their trip to Stewart Island. They have also been practising soccer in PE. The Year 11s have been continuing to write essays in English, and they have also been learning about food preservation in Science. Year 12 has been continuing with assessments in Biology and Chemistry, and they have been busy writing speeches and reading responses in English.

Good luck to the Senior Boys and Girls Volleyball teams. Who are away to Christchurch next Monday to compete in the satellite volleyball tournament, which all the students are excited about! Meg & Iesha

SPORTS REPORT

Central Otago Senior Volleyball Competition

RAS Boys travelled to Wakatipu to take on a strong Wakatipu side. While the result didn't go their way, the boys showed great determination and had some quality moments throughout the match. It was great to see their potential recognised, with the opposition coach offering extra training after the game. The boys were appreciative of the opportunity and will look to build on this as they head into their finals this evening.

RAS Girls played a close and exciting game against Wakatipu D, coming away with a well-deserved win. They produced some awesome rallies and showed real promise. Good luck for your final game this evening.

We wish both teams all the best as they travel to their SISS Satellite Competition on Monday.

RAS Boys play Cromwell at 6pm

**Please meet at the school office for a 4.15pm leave.
PLAYOFF for First and Second**

RAS Girls are playing Mt Aspiring C

5.30pm

RAS Gym

Come along and support our Girls.

PLAYOFF for fifth and sixth

Otago Secondary Schools Athletics

Last weekend, Nathan, Abi, and Macy took on a full day of athletics in sunny Dunedin. It was a day full of firsts, valuable learning experiences, and strong performances, with each athlete pushing themselves to achieve impressive personal bests. There were plenty of positive highlights from our competitors as they rose to the challenge in their first year of secondary athletics. All three performed exceptionally well in the Triple Jump, with Nathan placing first in the Under 15 boys' competition, while Macy placed second and Abi third in the Under 15 girls' competition. Nathan also placed in the top eight in his age group, progressing to the finals where he improved on his qualifying time to finish seventh overall. A fantastic effort from all three athletes — you should be very proud of your achievements!

Calendar

Friday 20th March – Kapa haka Exchange – Owaka

Monday 23rd March – Otago Anniversary – School Closed – Volleyball leaving for Tournament in Christchurch

Wednesday 25th March – CO Primary Athletics

Friday 27th March – Teacher Only Day – School closed

Tuesday 31st March & 1st April – Top Bike

Wednesday 1st April – School photos, Year 9-13 Parents Evening.

Thursday 2nd April – End of Term 1

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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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

Teviot Valley Trail Ride - 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

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.



for their creative writing project. While there they had heaps of fun and said it was well worth it despite the fact that the ferry



was leaking through a ceiling hatch. When they made it back they were not looking too good from the ride, but then...in Gore...the holy grail of the trip appeared, McDonalds. Where Bella ordered four medium frozen cokes, and Braxton devoured a meal faster than anyone's ever seen! By Braxton Roberts

Stewart Island Trip

The Year 10s headed to Stewart Island last week on a whim and a creative writing project. They fundraised and researched everything themselves. They went to Ulva Island, and to the museum



ride was delayed by three hours due to bad weather. On the way back the waves were higher than the boat's windows, and water





5-12
Year Olds

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PROGRAMME ?

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