

ROXBURGH AREA SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

TERM 2 23rd April 2026 Week 1



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to Term 2 of the year - I think we can safely say the temperature has dropped!! As we approach Anzac day it is a time for reflection and remembrance. We acknowledge and thank those brave men and women who have served. We can be thankful we don't have to experience the horrors of war such as they did. We can stand together as a nation and be proud of the sacrifices we made and how those sacrifices helped shape us as a country. I personally want to acknowledge my grandfather who served in the Pacific and know the impact this had on him. An important part of this remembrance is our Anzac assembly where we pass on the memories and understanding to the future generations. We hope the solemn nature of the assembly reflects our shared values and builds on our collective understanding.



A major focus for the next few weeks is the Area School tournament. Many of you have offered to take billets and others are helping out with various sports. We thank everyone who has offered their time and their homes. This is something truly special for us as a school and reflects the way Area Schools can come together and offer our students great opportunities.

A huge thank you to our PTA who spent hours organising the Trail ride for fundraising for our Gym floor. Thank you to everyone who helped make this day so successful.

Nga mihi nui

REMINDER SCHOOL IS CLOSED ON MONDAY 27TH TO OBSERVE ANZAC DAY

Teviot Valley Trail Ride (Roxburgh Area School Fundraising)

We had a very successful day in raising funds for the resurfacing of the school gymnasium. We

would like to thank the McNeish Families for allowing the event to take place on their property, Kyle Ellison and Brian Spedding for spending countless hours sorting the tracks, the many



'testers' who made sure the tracks were rideable, the PTA ladies/Devon for helping organise the finer details and work on the day, the riding Marshall's, the Roxburgh Fire brigade men who helped direct parking, Oakleys Plumbing, B Design and Hawkeswood Mine for supplying spray paint, signage/stickers, safety vests, and the many parents/volunteers who baked and came on the day to sign riders in. It is heartening to have such support from our community and parents. Thank you.

HEAD STUDENT'S REPORT

Hello everyone and welcome back to Term 2, we hoped everyone enjoyed their holidays, catching up with school work and spending time with family and friends. So far everyone has been busy with their school work and we hope everyone is working hard. Room 1 has been learning about ANZAC Day and what happens at a dawn parade. Room 2 is also learning about ANZAC day and they have been reading ANZAC Ted who went to World War I with his owner. Some of Room 2 have been practising a play about *Me, Dan and the Dragonfly* and so far it's turning out well. Room 5 has been busy with learning about New Zealand's towns and cities. They have also learnt how to send an email, in Maths they are doing orders of operations and square numbers and they have been learning about the sun in Science which sounds exciting. Room 7 has been reading *Kensuke's Kingdom* and they continue to do graffiti in Art – we hope they are enjoying this. In Science the class has finished making cells and they have been learning about the different types of fibres.

The Year 9/10s have been working on muscles and bones in PE and doing activities to name all the different muscles and bones on our body. The Year 9's have been doing lots of work on algebra in Maths and finishing up their topic on migration in English. Year 10 has been working on creative writing in English and using their Stewart island trip as inspiration. The Year 11's, 12s, and 13s have all been busy preparing for their upcoming assessments and exams. The Year 11s have been busy with assessments in Science and are still continuing to write essays in English. The Year 12s are also busy with their assessments in their respective subjects. They have also been doing different experiments in Biology to help gain a better understanding of what osmosis is and how it works.

Overall everyone seems to be settling back into school very well! Although a few of us may still be in holiday mode – now is the time for students to really switch on and try to stay ahead in their schoolwork, as their assessments and exam prep will really start to pick up soon. Once again we hope everyone enjoyed their holidays and got to do lots of fun activities with their families and friends.

Meg and Iesha

HEATED LUNCHES

Heated lunches will start next Tuesday 28th April. Please wrap in tin foil or oven proof container (no plastic), with name and room number written on in permanent marker.

IRD TAX CREDIT YEAR ENDING MARCH 2026

Claim back from Inland Revenue 33% for any contribution or donation paid to the school for curriculum expenses (including camps). If you would like a receipt or information, please see Devon at the school office.

ANZAC Service

There will be a school ANZAC service held this Friday at 2.30pm in the school gym. Everyone is welcome to come along and attend this.



LIBRARY OPEN EVENING

This term we are launching a focus on reading for pleasure. We are excited to invite all parents and students to our Library Open Evening!

When: Wednesday 29th April, 6 - 7pm

Where: Roxburgh Area School library

Come along and:



Explore our new library space



Bring a book and enjoy some quiet reading time



Choose books to read with your children



Students welcome to relax and read independently



Enjoy a small supper together

This is a relaxed, drop-in event - stay for as little or as long as you like!

Mrs Prew will be available to show parents how to access Wheelers audiobooks online, so you can support reading at home in new and engaging ways.

We'd love to see you there as we build a strong reading culture together!



The Year 7 & 8's, with help from the New Entrant's class placed our crosses as a field of remembrance for ANZAC Day. The students shared some stories and read the oath and the Flanders Fields poem.

SPORTS REPORT

Welcome back to TERM 2!!! There are a number of events coming up in the next few weeks which makes for a very busy start to Term.

Central Otago Senior Basketball

We have entered both a Senior Boys and Senior Girls team into this year's Central Otago competition. They will compete against teams from Wakatipu, Upper Clutha, Cromwell, Dunstan, and Maniototo.

The competition begins on Monday 4th May and runs through to Monday 29th June. Both RAS teams will play their first game against Maniototo Area School during our Southern Area Schools Tournament on Wednesday 6th May. We encourage everyone to come along and support our basketball teams, as well as enjoy the wider tournament atmosphere.

Southern Area Schools Tournament

The tournament is fast approaching, and we would like to thank all friends and whānau of the school who have contributed in various ways, your support is greatly appreciated.

Students are beginning to prepare for this exciting event, kicking things off with a dance that is not to be missed! We hope this will set a fun and competitive tone for the duration of the tournament.

Please keep an eye out in the next newsletter for the full timetable if you would like to come along and support our students and our visiting schools over the three days.

Roxburgh Rugby Club

Year 3

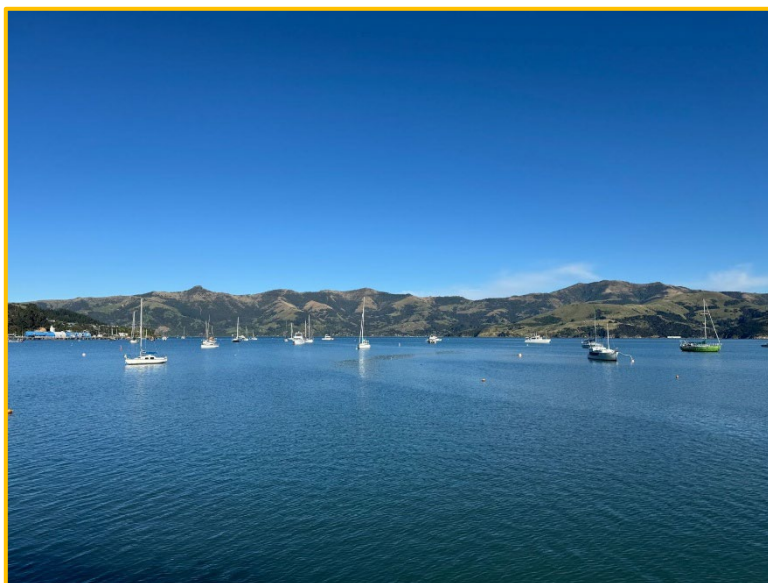
We are excited to let everyone know that for the first time in many years, we are able to enter our very own Roxburgh tackle team. These tacklers will start their first training this afternoon and we wish them all the best for their season ahead. Keep an eye out for a home game soon.

Year 1&2

Rippa Rugby starts on Friday night with our first game being hosted in Millers Flat. Come a long and watch at 4.15pm at the Millers Flat school tomorrow afternoon. All the best to both local teams playing in that competition.

AKAROA LEADERSHIP CAMP

During the school holidays, Ruby and I were given the opportunity to step out of our comfort zones and spend a week in Akaroa on a leadership camp. During the week, we were fortunate to have sunny weather, which helped make the activities easier to complete. Throughout the week, we completed a series of activities in our groups. These challenges helped us grow and encouraged us to step outside our comfort zones. One specific activity that pushed me was the high ropes course. It was quite scary, as it required a lot of trust in our group to ensure everything was done correctly and everyone stayed safe.



On our last night, we played a big game of hide-and-seek known as “Wizards and Warlocks.” My group had a lot of fun, and we made the most of all the different parts of the game. Ruby and I were split into different groups, which actually gave us a great opportunity to grow and meet new people from all over the South Island. We both made several new friends in our activity groups and dorm rooms.

In addition to the physical activities, we had a formal dinner on Thursday night. We sat with our groups and enjoyed our final meal together. Afterwards, we performed the skits we had been practising throughout the week for the other groups.

Overall, I think Akaroa is an opportunity everyone should take if it is offered. It is a fantastic way to step out of your comfort zone and become a better leader. I learned valuable leadership skills that I can now use to give back to the school and help my peers grow.

Cam Patrick

BORLAND LODGE

During the school holidays, Noah and I attended a leadership camp in the southern region known as Borland lodge. The camp took place from the 14th of April to the 18th and included approximately 20 other students from across the South Island, including students from Dunstan, Te Anau, Cromwell, and several other areas.

Upon arrival, we were divided into two equal groups. One group departed on the first day for a three-day hiking expedition, while the remaining students stayed at the lodge and participated in a range of alternative activities. Noah and I were grouped with five students from Wanaka, two from the Catlins area, and one from Cromwell.

Throughout the camp, we engaged in a variety of challenges and activities, many of which were new

experiences for a lot of us. These included abseiling, rock climbing, rafting, caving, and a three-hour kayak journey to a campsite, followed

by a return journey of equal length in stormy conditions, which left us all extremely cold. In addition to these outdoor pursuits, we also took part in numerous team-building exercises.

During our time at the lodge, we also spent time playing card games and drawing our daily activities. Overall, the camp provided a valuable opportunity to develop new skills, build connections with students from different schools, and participate in a diverse range of activities. We would strongly recommend

applying for Borland Lodge to others interested in such an experience.

Marissa May-Crawford and Noah Nichol



TERM 2 2026 (11 Weeks)

WK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
1	20 APRIL Yr 7 Vision & Hearing Tests	21 APRIL	22 APRIL	23 APRIL Helix Webinar 11.15 (Jason)	24 APRIL ANZAC Assembly 2.35pm	25 APRIL ANZAC DAY (MF 7am, Rox 9am)	26 APRIL
2	27 APRIL ANZAC Day Observed School Closed	28 APRIL	29 APRIL	30 APRIL	1 MAY	2 MAY	3 MAY
3	4 MAY Otago Poly Open Day (Yr 12/13) Full School Assembly	5 MAY	6 MAY Area School Tournament	7 MAY Area School Tournament	8 MAY Area School Tournament	9 MAY	10 MAY
4	11 MAY ASB financial literacy whanau time Y11-13	12 MAY	13 MAY	14 MAY	15 MAY DZ Primary RiPPA tournament (Alex) SIT Open Day (Yr 12/13)	16 MAY	17 MAY
5	18 MAY ASB financial literacy whanau time Y9-10 Full School Assembly	19 MAY	20 MAY	21 MAY	22 MAY	23 MAY	24 MAY
6	25 MAY	26 MAY 1	27 MAY You've Got the Power 1.30pm Y1-8 - Anti-Bullying magician Telford Open Day	28 MAY 1	29 MAY	30 MAY	31 MAY
7	1 JUNE KINGS BIRTHDAY School Closed	2 JUNE	3 JUNE	4 JUNE	5 JUNE	6 JUNE	7 JUN
8	8 JUNE Full School Assembly	9 JUNE Yr 10 poetry workshop	10 JUNE	11 JUNE CO Primary RiPPa tourn (Wanaka)	12 JUNE CO Primary RiPPA P/P	13 JUNE	14 JUNE
9	15 JUNE DANCE Curriculum Y1-8	16 JUNE DANCE Curriculum Y1-8	17 JUNE DANCE Curriculum Y1-8 DZ Primary swimming Sports (Crom)	18 JUNE DANCE Curriculum Y1-8	19 JUNE DANCE Curriculum Y1-8	20 JUNE	21 JUNE
10	22 JUNE Full School Assembly	23 JUNE	24 JUNE	25 JUNE	26 JUNE CO Primary Swim sports (Queenstown) Yr 7&8 Ice in Line ice skating day	27 JUNE	28 JUNE
11	29 JUNE NZAS Tournament	30 JUNE NZAS Tournament	1 JULY NZAS Tournament	2 JULY NZAS Tournament	3 JULY End of Term 2 Yr 7&8 Curling Comp	4 JULY	5 JULY

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