

ROXBURGH AREA SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

TERM 2 21ST May 2026 Week 5



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The temperatures have certainly dropped this week. It amazes me how some of our young people can run around outside in just a thin top at this time of year. We do encourage our students to wrap up and be warm when they go outside. It is also the time of year when the interruptions to classes decrease. This is a great time for our students to be focussed on their academic progress and do everything they can to improve. At home families can help by encouraging and modelling reading, having a quiet space for study and removing electronic devices an hour before bedtime. All of these things will decrease distractions, increase the quality of sleep and generally help with a young person's well being.

As a young person uses electronic devices more and more it can change the way their brain works and decrease their ability to focus for long periods of time. Add to that the dangers of social media it is a challenge being a young person in today's world. I strongly recommend doing weekly checks of your child's devices and looking at their search history. Review their messaging and make sure they are being safe. Take the time to explain the dangers of sharing personal information online and that much of what they see online is not reality. The levels of misinformation and disinformation out there is scary and we need to work together to keep young people safe.

On a real positive note the 8 students selected to head to the National Area School tournament in week 11 of the Term are busy fundraising. The school truly appreciates everyone who sponsors these amazing students and acknowledges the wonderful community we are a part of. Good luck team
Nga mihi nui

HEAD STUDENT'S REPORT

Hello everyone, we are half way through term 2 and everyone has been busy in class and working hard. Room 1 has been learning about numbers, shapes and counting. They have also been writing about superheroes which sounds very



Mufti Day

On Wednesday we held a full school mufti day to show our support and raise funds for the IDFNZ (Immune Deficiencies Foundation of New Zealand) and The Kids Foundation. These 2 awesome organisations support children and their families who live with immune deficiency. Many thanks to all the students and staff who dressed in yellow or orange. We even had yellow cupcakes to share! Thank you for all your support. We are thrilled to report that we raised \$200.

interesting and they have been thoroughly enjoying PMP. Room 2 has been playing lots of fun games, while also doing lots of reading and spelling. They have also been learning about the TCH sounds. Room 5 are working on their writing skills and are making laws for the Roman Empire. They are also busy with sports – they have started miniball and they had their ripper tournament last week which they did well in. Room 7 also did very well in the ripper tournament and they are heading up to Wanaka to compete in the Central Otago Competition next month. They have been busy with persuasive writing, learning AR rules in spelling and playing games in P.E.



The Year 9 and 10s have been looking at the different types of nutrition in PE, and they have been making good progress with their speeches. The Year 11s are learning about ions in chemistry, and they have also been learning about the different types of energy (Kinetic, gravitational, and potential) in Physics. The Year 12's have been charging on with their assessments across most of their subjects and they are continuing to work on their assessment about osmosis in Biology.

Overall it seems that everyone in the school has been working extremely hard and showing a positive attitude towards their school work. We look forward to another busy week ahead. Thank you.

Meg and Iesha



Roxburgh Area School – Examination Centre Manager

Roxburgh Area School is seeking an Examination Centre manager (ECM) to run NCEA and NZ Scholarship examinations in 2026.

The smooth and successful running of an exam centre is important for all students participating in these examinations.

The ECM must have a high level of digital literacy and experience with applications such as Microsoft Word and Excel, with the capability to develop competence with new applications quickly.

The ECM must also have a high level of organisational skills with great attention to detail, strength in following processes precisely and confidence in leading people of all ages.

The position requires you to complete an online training programme and attend a one-day training session with NZQA in August. The position requires you to complete several administrative tasks to plan and prepare for the exams. You must be available to work for the entire exam period (Tuesday 10 November to Friday 4 December).

For further information, and to request a full job description, please email Jason Moore at jasonm@roxburgh.school.nz.

Please send your CV and cover letter to:

Jason Moore

Deputy Principal

Roxburgh Area School

78 Scotland Street

Roxburgh 9500

Or as an email attachment to jasonm@roxburgh.school.nz

Applications close 4pm Friday 12 June 2026.

SPORTS REPORT

Rippa Rugby

Last Friday we had 2 teams competing in the Dunstan Zone Primary Schools Rippa Rugby tournament, which was held in very cold, foggy conditions in Alexandra. The year 5&6 team had some very close games and showed huge improvement throughout the day. They won one of their games and drew another. Congratulations to the year 7&8 team who came through pool play unbeaten, narrowly beat Clyde Miners 6-5 in the semi final, then went on to beat the Clyde Diggers 6-4 in the Year 7&8 mixed



grade final. This team has now qualified for the Central Otago Primary Schools Rippa Rugby Championships which are being held in Wānaka on the 11th of June. A very big thank you to Tony Stevens for coaching the year 7&8 team, and senior students Kellan and Jeremy for coaching the year 5&6. Many thanks also to the whanau and friends who helped out with transport and cheered us on from the sidelines.

Netball Draw - 23 May

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| <u>Teviot Gold (yr 3/4)</u> | <u>12.00</u> | <u>V Cromwell Champions</u> | <u>Ct 7</u> |
| <u>Teviot Sparks (yr 5&6)</u> | <u>10.00</u> | <u>V Cromwell Legends</u> | <u>Ct MD</u> |
| <u>Teviot A (yr 7&8)</u> | <u>1.00</u> | <u>V CC 8A</u> | <u>Ct MD</u> |
| <u>RAS B</u> | <u>2.00</u> | <u>V DHS 10 Black</u> | <u>Ct NW</u> |
| <u>RAS A</u> | <u>10.00</u> | <u>V DHS 9A</u> | <u>Ct NW</u> |

Set up: RAS A

Clean up: RAS B

Central Otago Senior Basketball

Our RAS Girls team played the WHS Year 11 girls in a tough match. Although the game was one-sided, the girls kept their spirits high, had some fun, and showed great resilience by embracing the tougher moments and continuing to work as a team throughout the game.

Our RAS Boys played the WHS Year 13 boys in a hard-fought match, going down 56–43. The scoreline did not reflect just how close the game was, with little separating the two teams for most of the game. It came down to the final five minutes, where WHS managed to pull away and secure the win. Our boys showed great determination throughout, and the result has given them plenty of motivation heading into their next training.

Monday 25th Games

- RAS Girls vs Cromwell College B – 5:00pm at HOME

We love the home crowd that we get so please come on down and get in behind the girls before they spend their next few games on the road.

- RAS Boys vs WHS Y12 - 5:00pm at WHS

Please meet at the office at 3:05pm

Central Otago Netball

RAS A played a very close game against Dunstan Senior Reserve. With a strong full-court performance and excellent teamwork, the girls held their composure to secure a hard-fought 23–20 win.

RAS B took on Dunstan Senior Gold in another impressive team effort. After taking a little time to settle into the game and find their rhythm, the team worked well together across the court to come away with a 19–10 win.

Roxburgh Rugby Club

It was a great day for all teams at the Roxburgh Rugby Mini Club Day. Thank you to all who made that possible and a big shout out to Fresh Choice Roxburgh who have been sponsoring our Rippa player of the day for the season and for sponsoring the sausage sizzle during the day. Your support does not go unnoticed.

This weeks Fixtures

Friday night Rippa - **Roxburgh/Millers Flat are hosting** at the Roxburgh Rugby Club,

Heriot/Tapanui and Lawrence. **4.15pm tap off**. Please come down and support our little Rippas.

U8s **Roxburgh Roosters** v Maniototo in Ranfurly

New Zealand Area Schools Tournament

Our fundraising effort for our Whangarei trip has begun. We have

Head Lice

Please check your child's hair for head lice, as cases have been reported at school. If you find any lice or eggs, please treat them promptly. Thank you for your support.

- “I’ve got your back” tees - always a great fundraiser and we want to thank so many of our local businesses for getting on board with these and of course a massive thank you to friends and family and supporters of our travelling team for your sponsors.
- We have raffles on sale at Fresh Choice - first prize is 5m3 dry ready to burn firewood and the second prize is a massage voucher with the wonderful Shelley Martin. These will also be advertised on our school face book page.
- We have been to the Teviot Community Market and sold delicious cheese rolls, soup, crumbles and have great ideas for our next market.

Keep an eye out for more raffles coming up soon.

MĀORI LANGUAGE COURSE

Teviot Valley has the opportunity to host a Māori Language course run by the SIT. After a 5 year absence the very popular Level 1 and 2 Te Reo course is coming back to Roxburgh. It will be starting later this year. The course needs 25 keen participants to run. If you are interested, please email Paul McDowall on paul.mcdowall@roxburgh.school.nz
Previous participants are welcome to do the course again.

Sports Hoodie Order Form for Senior and Junior Students

We are once again taking orders for our Sports Hoodies. These hoodies are able to be worn at PE and at sports events when representing Roxburgh Area School only - they are **not to be worn** as part of the school uniform - and are for all students.

Year 9-13 students have the option to add their name on the back - first name or surname or blank. (This is not an option for Years 1-8). The hoodies are navy blue sports fabric and will have the school crest embroidered on the front upper left chest. Samples are available to try on for sizing, please see Ms Tumai (Senior) or Mrs Robb (Junior).

Order must be in by Friday 29th May. Payment must accompany all orders.

Adult Sizes (With Names) \$82

Small (54cm) half chest measurement

Medium (57cm) **Large** (60cm)

X-Large (63cm) **2X-Large** (66cm)

3X-Large (69cm) **5X-Large** (75cm)



Junior Sizes (No names on back) \$60

6,8,10,12,14

Please pay to the Roxburgh Area School Account – 020953-0051018-00

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Class</u> | <u>Size</u> | <u>Name on back on hoodie for Year 9-13 only.</u> |
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VINCENT SKI CLUB INC
Lodge based on Coronet Peak,
Queenstown

The Vincent Ski Club has vacancies available for High School students Years 9 -13 from the Central Otago area wanting to experience a fun week of skiing whilst staying up on the mountain at Coronet Peak during the July school holidays.

The approximate cost is \$250 for 5 days of accommodation and all food (ski pass and gear hire are extra). Camp runs from Sunday 5th of July to Friday 10th July

For more enquiries, please email Mandy Wardell at highschoolsivsc@gmail.com



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