

ROXBURGH AREA SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

TERM 2 11th June 2026 Week 8



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Every week there are exciting activities happening here at school. From our talent quest to the Y 7 and 8 team competing at the Central Otago Rippa rugby competition. There is always something to celebrate and something to congratulate students on for having a go. I went to a meeting recently where Sport New Zealand presented on the benefits of being active.

A small amount of physical activity in a day can improve engagement, enhance academic achievement, support mental health and boost brain function. The research presented to us is starting to show definitive links between physical activity and success in school. The alarming stat is the significant drop off in participation nationally from ages 12-18. As a nation and as a school we need to look at that stat and try to improve it. If the link between daily physical activity and academic success is there we all need to ask



ourselves what we can do better. Schools provide students the opportunity to engage in some physical activity but this would also suggest young people (and those of us a bit older!!) to get out there and do some form of physical activity every day. I would encourage families to talk about this at home and see what you can do as a whanau. Here at school we will continue to provide chances for students to be active.

We are certainly looking forward to our Y1-8

students engaging with the dance curriculum next week - I can't wait to see the final performances! Have a great weekend.

Nga mihi
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There were
some amazing
performances
from the finals
of the Talent
Contest.



HEAD STUDENT'S REPORT

Hello everyone, another week has gone by and everyone has been really busy. Room 1 read a book about frogs and from this they had made drawings of frogs that looked pretty awesome. They have been learning about the lifestyle of tadpoles and in Maths they are doing some adding. Room 2 has also been busy and they have been learning about the different types of shapes in Maths. In spelling Room 2 have been learning about the mid prefixes and they have also been busy with drawing. Room 5 has been learning about the climax of a story and the Freytag pyramid structure. In Maths they are doing division and playing miniball in P.E. In Room 7 they have been busy with spelling and writing tests, while in maths they are learning about fractions and percentages. We also hope they do very well in this week's Central Otago Ripper Tournament.



Year 9 have been answering questions about nutrition and food groups which is the topic they are learning about in PE. They have also been finishing off their speeches, and have been looking at graphing in Maths. Year 10 are continuing with their essays on the book *Animal Farm*, and comparing characters in the novel to historical figures in the Russian Revolution. They have also been learning about shapes in Maths and we heard those that had the opportunity to attend and compete in the Otago Secondary Schools Netball Tournament thoroughly enjoyed themselves which is great to hear! Year 11 have been learning about the Ph scale and neutralisation in Science. They have also been playing multisport in PE. Year 12 are still busy with their assessments in their respective subjects which they are all making good progress with. They have just started reading a short story called *Tangi* in English, and they are using this story to prepare for their external exam.

Yet another busy week has flown by, with only three weeks of this term left to go! Thank you. Meg and Ilesha

SPORTS REPORT

Central Otago Senior Basketball

The RAS Boys' game was defaulted on Monday night. We are now waiting on the final part of the draw to be released to confirm next Monday's game.

The RAS Girls rescheduled this week's game as they were away competing at the Otago Secondary Schools Netball Tournament. The girls will travel to Mt Aspiring College on Monday evening for a 6.00pm game.

Central Otago Netball

Two strong performances from our Senior A and Senior B teams last weekend. Both teams continue to focus on communication and improving their through-court flow. With only two games remaining in the competition round, excitement is building as the championship round approaches, including the introduction of the Super Shot.

Otago Secondary Schools Netball Tournament

OTAGO SECONDARY SCHOOLS NETBALL TOURNAMENT 2026

Our Senior A team travelled to Dunedin to play in a two-day long tournament.



With six games played, the girls showed great determination and teamwork throughout the tournament.

While it was a tough challenge, the girls kept giving their all, supported one another, and continued to improve with every game.

They should be incredibly proud of their efforts and the positive way they represented our school.

It was great to see Mr and Mrs Wilson

there supporting the team.

Thank you to our community for supporting their fundraising effort and a special thank you to their amazing coach Chels for all the knowledge that she is passing on to the girls and their fab managers Gemma and Kate for looking after our girls while they were away. 😊 The girls also would like to thank Shontel for all hard work and umpiring.



Roxburgh Rugby Club

Roxburgh Rippas - Both Roxburgh Rippas teams enjoyed great games under the sun in Lawrence last Friday. It was fantastic to see how much our younger players have developed throughout the season under the guidance of some of the older players.

With the teams separated this week, both sides put in strong performances, scoring plenty of runaway tries and showing great determination by never giving up on chasing down those rips. This week marks the final game of the season, with the teams heading to Heriot.

Well done to all players, and a huge thank you to our parents and dedicated coaches for their ongoing support throughout the season.

Home Games

There are three home rugby games this weekend. Get down to the sports ground to support our awesome valley teams.



New Zealand Area Schools Tournament

We are well on track to achieving our fundraising goal and would like to thank everyone who has supported our students on their journey so far.

Please keep an eye out for our Scratchie and Grocery Raffles, which are currently being sold around the community.

You will also see some of our students at the Teviot Community Market on Saturday 20 June selling hot food, delicious crumbles, and raffle tickets. We appreciate your continued support as we work towards attending the New Zealand Area Schools Tournament.



Rippa Rugby

Best wishes to our year 7&8 Rippa team who are competing in the Central Otago

Rippa Rugby in Wanaka today, so far have won their first game.

Primary Schools
Rippa

Championships in Wānaka today. Many thanks to Tony Stevens for coaching the team, and to all the parents who are helping out.

Swimming

Next Wednesday, we have a group competing in the Dunstan Zone Primary Schools Swimming Sports which are being held in Cromwell. Good luck!

DRIVETECH CENTRAL

Defensive Driving - June 2026

When: Tuesday 16th June 2026 at 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Where: Dunstan High School, 12 Enterprise Street, Alexandra

This course is spread over 5 sessions and includes:

- Four classroom sessions - (2 hours each)
 - 16 June, 18 June, 23 June, 25 June
 - 5:30pm until 7:30pm
- One in-car practical session (1 hour - TBA)

The classroom sessions are interactive and engaging with topics and group discussions covering real-life scenarios. After the four classroom sessions, a one-hour in-car practical drive and assessment will take place.

The practical session should be in your own road-worthy car. Practical driving times are scheduled to suit, the drive must be completed within 60 days of the last in-person session.

People who complete this course reduce the restricted licence period by 6 months if under 25 years, or 3 months if over 25 years of age.

People on a learner licence can complete this course as long as they are confident enough to complete the 1-hour practical drive.



Congratulations to the students who received prizes from the members of the RSA and their president Johnny Rae. They all took part in the RSA drawing competition for ANZAC day.



Dance Curriculum at Roxburgh Area School

Next week YO-8 students have Manuel from Dance Curriculum visiting our school. Each class will have a dance session led by Manuel on Monday – Thursday mornings.

The students will be working towards a dance concert to be held on Friday, 19 June, at 9am in the School Gym. You are all warmly invited to attend. There's no charge for the concert, so feel free to bring along family and friends to celebrate your child's learning.

These sessions have been kindly sponsored by the *Alexandra Community Arts Council* – we thank them for supporting this programme.



WANTED
Relief Cleaner for the school.

Please contact the school office on 03 4468460 if you are interested.



School Based Immunisation Programme

Cancer protection starts at school

A single dose of the HPV vaccine provides strong protection (around 97%) against the high-risk HPV types that cause cancers.

A second dose is available FREE of charge through community immunisation providers.

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JULY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME



Monday 6 July

Library Visit this morning
Pine Cone Bird feeder making
Knitting ladies in this afternoon

Tuesday 7 July

Bike and BMX Park this morning
Chalk Art Afternoon
Newspaper outfits
Baking this afternoon

Wednesday 8 July

PJ DAY TODAY
INFLATABLES IN TODAY
Beauty Afternoon
Science Experiments

Thursday 9 July

INFLATABLES IN TODAY
Arts and Crafts afternoon
Lego Challenge
Marble Run

Friday 10 July

KIDS CLUB CLOSED FOR MATARIKI
NO CLUB TODAY

Monday 13 July

Knitting ladies back to finish off last weeks knitting
Disc Golf and the Flying Fox
Planting, pot painting of winter marigolds

Tuesday 11 July

DAY AT ALEX DOING ICE SKATING AND CURLING
Helmets a must and bring lots of lunch and warm clothes

Wednesday 15 July

Bowling lesson
Mens Shed in
Lake visit then back for a Sausage sizzle
Rock painting this arvo

Thursday 16 July

Squash Lesson today at the Squash Courts
Visit to Teddyland
Sanga mini pies for afternoon tea

Friday 17 July

Movie Day for our last day at Goldfields Movie Theatre with hot popcorn and Mr Whippy will call into the movie theatre

Spaces are limited – early registration is essential

Book your child's space now through

<https://cromwellkidsfunclub.aimyplus.com/>

Pricing: \$55.00 for a short day (8.00 am – 3.30 pm)

\$70.00 for a long day (8.00 am – 6.00 pm)

Siblings Discount 20% automatically applied under same booking for 2nd, 3rd and 4th sibling

CONTACT MOBILE NUMBER FOR KIDS CLUB IS 0225641977

Extra Activities – as well as our planned programme may also be filled with:

- Board Games, outdoor games and outdoor play
- Group Games, Walking to local parks and playgrounds
- Walking into Old Cromwell and Cromwell Town
- Arts & Crafts, - Lake Walks- Sports Games
- Local Excursions, Baking, Talent Shows, Local Movies
- Dress Ups, Baking and so much more

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