

ROXBURGH AREA SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

TERM 3, 23rd July 2026 Week 1



Welcome to Term 3 and I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable holiday with your loved ones. Before we look ahead to term 3 I want to congratulate the students who attended the National Area School Tournament at the end of Term 2. A special well done to Trey Whitu and Kahtaralise Keil who made New Zealand squads. It was a great week and our students were great representatives for the school.

Term 3 is another busy Term. Senior students narrow their academic focus as we really start to target individualised plans. With no public holidays we also get more sustained time with students across the school to concentrate on improving every student's understanding. That is not today there aren't a lot of other activities.



Matariki Celebrations



We were very lucky to have the Otago Rugby team visit today! Ollie got to play paper scissors, rock with Fabian Holland.

We have our school formal in Week 4 and Polyfest in Week 6. Please do keep a close eye on the newsletter for upcoming events.

This year the Board also needs to establish a new Strategic Plan for 2027-29. This is where we look at the big picture and determine what is important to our school and our wider community. Part of this process is community consultation where parents and community members can come into the school and let us know what is important to them. What is working well or what we need to develop? Come to the school library on Tuesday August 25 at 7pm and let us know what is important to you. There will be drinks and nibbles and the opportunity to talk to members of the school board.

This week we celebrate Matariki and the special place it has in New Zealand. The work in classes has helped our students develop their understanding of this event. Last night we held a special celebration in the gym with some singing and eating and generally a nice celebration. Please note we have Y1-8 parent teacher interviews in Week 3 of the Term. We would greatly appreciate having as many

families attend as possible. This does mean an early finish on Wednesday August 5 for students in Years 1-8. Nga mihi nui

★ MATARIKI CELEBRATION ♦

Yesterday the Junior School celebrated Matariki by making lanterns, thinking about a goal for the future, and singing some waiata. 🌟 ♦ **It was great** to see so many whānau come along last night and complete the celebration with a lantern parade, singing, and kai. 🌟 🌟 🌟 ★ **Thank you all for your support!** ★ 🌟 🌟



New School Counsellor

Introducing Chloe Pollock – Counsellor Kia ora, my name is Chloe, and I am looking forward to supporting tamariki in my new role with Central Otago



REAP, working alongside your school to deliver the Awhi Atu Programme. I am passionate about supporting young people as they navigate life's challenges and discover their own strengths. I believe every young person deserves to feel heard, understood, and accepted for who they are. I am known for being calm, approachable, and genuine, and I value building authentic connections with the young people and families I work alongside. My passion lies in working with young people, and throughout my career I have supported children, adolescents, and families across a range of settings in both New Zealand and the UK. Alongside completing a Master of Science in Counselling Children and Young People in the UK, I have worked in a variety of youth-focused roles, including with Youthline, Choice and Partnership Counselling, school-based counselling services, and most recently as a Mental Health Clinician. These experiences have strengthened my commitment to supporting young people and informed a flexible, holistic approach to practice. I draw on a range of theoretical approaches, with particular interests in person-centred practice, systemic therapy, and the use of play-based and creative mediums to help young people express themselves and work through challenges in ways that feel meaningful and accessible. My areas of interest include neurodiversity and inclusive practice, school refusal/avoidance, emotional resilience, self-esteem development, and the use of creative approaches to support wellbeing and growth. I am committed to creating a safe, supportive, and non-judgemental space where young people can explore their experiences, build confidence, and develop the skills they need to thrive.

SPORT'S REPORT

Curling

Congratulations to the year 7&8 students who competed in the annual Central Otago Primary Schools Curling competition on Friday 3rd July. The students had a great time, learning lots of new skills and having fun on the ice. Many thanks to Jenna Stevens for supporting the students on the day.

Bruce Kissel, the curling coach at Ice In-Line, is offering curling coaching to primary school aged students every Tuesday from 3.30 - 4.30pm at Ice In-Line, Alexandra. The sessions start on Tuesday 28th July and run throughout term 3. The cost is \$2 per week. Please contact Mrs Robb for further information and to register.

Netball Prizegiving

Could all netball trophies please be returned to the school office in preparation for prizegiving which will be held later this term - date TBC.

Netball Draw - 25 July

<u>Teviot A (yr 7&8)</u>	<u>12.00</u>	<u>V St Gerard's Steel</u>	<u>Ct: 3</u>
<u>RAS B</u>	<u>10.00</u>	<u>V DHS Sen Red</u>	<u>Ct: MD</u>
<u>RAS A</u>	<u>12.00</u>	<u>V Dunstan 10A</u>	<u>Ct: CR</u>

Senior

Term 3 seems reasonably quiet with winter sports continuing into mid-August for some.

Netball All junior netball has now finished for the season. Seniors will continue, with the final game scheduled for Saturday, 15th August.

Year 7–10 Development Tournaments begin this Sunday. An email from Central Otago Netball will be sent to those involved, outlining the program structure and details.

All the best for this weekend's games!

New Zealand Area Schools

What an incredible week it was for our Roxburgh Area School students at the New Zealand Area Schools Tournament, held in Whangārei during the final week of Term 2!

We would like to extend a huge thank you to our whānau, sponsors, and wider community. Your generosity and unwavering support through our fundraising efforts made this experience possible. We truly couldn't have done it without you.

Our RAS students represented our region with pride, determination, and outstanding sportsmanship across rugby, netball, basketball, ki-o-rahi, volleyball and football. The hard work certainly paid off, with several of our students earning selection into South Island Area School teams, and an incredible honour for two of our students going one step further to gain selection into New Zealand Area School teams—a phenomenal achievement and one they should all be extremely proud of.

South Island Area Schools Selections

- Kahtaralise Keil – Netball, Volleyball, Basketball and Ki-o-Rahi
- Iesha Ledua – Rugby
- Jeremy Davis – Volleyball and Basketball
- Kellan McDowell – Volleyball and Rugby
- Cooper Welsh – Ki-o-Rahi and Rugby

New Zealand Area Schools Selections

- Kahtaralise Keil – Netball and Ki-o-Rahi
- Trey Whitu – Ki-o-Rahi



While the results were outstanding, the tournament was about so much more than winning games. Our students made the most of every opportunity, formed lifelong friendships, strengthened connections with students from across the country, and created memories they will treasure for years to come.

JUNIOR SCHOOL INTERVIEWS

Please note that the **Junior School will be closed from lunchtime on Wednesday 5th August**. This is only the Junior school, Year 9-13 will be open as usual.

Junior School Interviews will take place on Wednesday 5th August from 1pm to 6pm, also on Thursday from 3.30pm to 6pm.

This year we will be trying out a new way of booking through our student system Helix. We will email out all the details in the next week to explain how to book.

The Roxburgh dam will be closed from the 26th July to the 31st July. The school bus may run a little bit later on these days.



Ms Cobban and Mrs Bradley were lucky enough to be judges today for the Year 12 Food Technology class. The students were asked to make something with certain ingredients. It was all very delicious.



TERM 3 CALENDAR (10 WEEKS)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Week 1	20 JULY	21 JULY	22 JULY Matariki Celebration 6-7pm	23 JULY	24 JULY PM in Dunedin	25 JULY	26 JULY
Week 2	27 JULY Full School Assembly	28 JULY	29 JULY	30 JULY L2 Food Safety Course - Dn (Home Ec Students)	31 JULY	1 AUG	2 AUG
Week 3	3 AUG Bike Ambassadors Program Day 1 Loves me not Program (Yr 12/13)	4 AUG	5 AUG Junior School parent Interviews 1-6pm	6 AUG Junior School Parent Interviews 3.30-6pm	7 AUG	8 AUG	9 AUG
Week 4	10 AUG Full School Assembly	11 AUG Small Schools Cross Country - Poolburn (Y0-8)	12 AUG	13 AUG Small Schools Cross Country (P/P)	14 AUG Yr 9-13 ATL's due (August) School Formal	15 AUG	16 AUG
Week 5	17 AUG	18 AUG	19 AUG	20 AUG Youth Vaping Education Workshop (DC)	21 AUG	22 AUG	23 AUG
Week 6	24 AUG Ski Trip Senior Full School Assembly	25 AUG	26 AUG Polyfest - Invercargill	27 AUG	28 AUG	29 AUG	30 AUG
Week 7	31 AUG DZ Primary Cross Country (Alex) TBC	1 SEPT	2 SEPT Yr 11-13 Parent Conferences	3 SEPT	4 SEPT	5 SEPT	6 SEPT
Week 8	7 SEPT NetNZ Practice Exams	8 SEPT	9 SEPT	10 SEPT	11 SEPT Blake and Westpac NZ VR sessions Yr 5-10 Yr 9-13 ATL's due (September)	12 SEPT	13 SEPT
Week 9	14 SEPT Full School Assembly	15 SEPT Lit (Reading) co-requisite assessment 2	16 SEPT Lit (Writing) co-requisite assessment 2	17 SEPT Numeracy co- requisite Assessment 2 CO Primary Cross Country (Cromwell)	18 SEPT	19 SEPT	20 SEPT
Week 10	21 SEPT	22 SEPT	23 SEPT	24 SEPT Sports and cultural photos	25 SEPT	26 SEPT	27 SEPT



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