

ROXBURGH AREA SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

TERM 3, 13th August 2026 Week 3



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

A warm thank you to all the families who came in for parent teacher interviews for our Year 1-8 students last week. We are always looking for ways to engage with our community and form closer working relationships with whanau. Interviews for our Year 9-13 students happen later this term and we would love to see as many parents here as possible. I would also like to acknowledge the work of the parents helping with the school formal this Friday. Without their support important events like this couldn't take place. A special acknowledgement for Ms Cobbin who does an enormous amount of work in the background to make sure things run smoothly. For a small town like ours events like this are all hands on deck so we can keep the tradition alive and kicking.

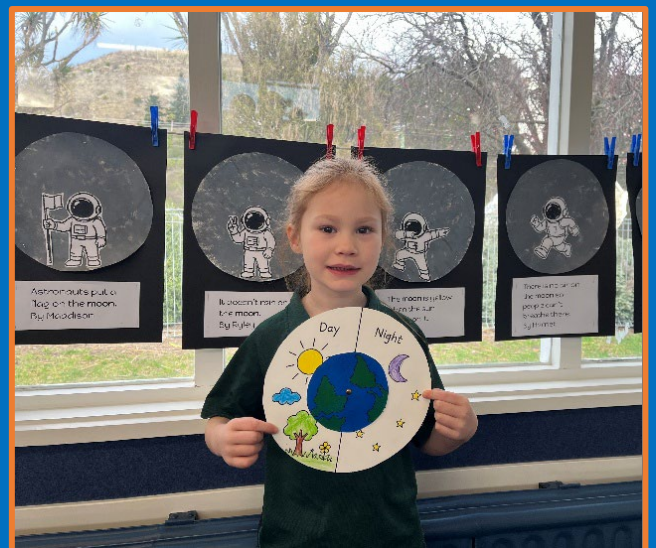
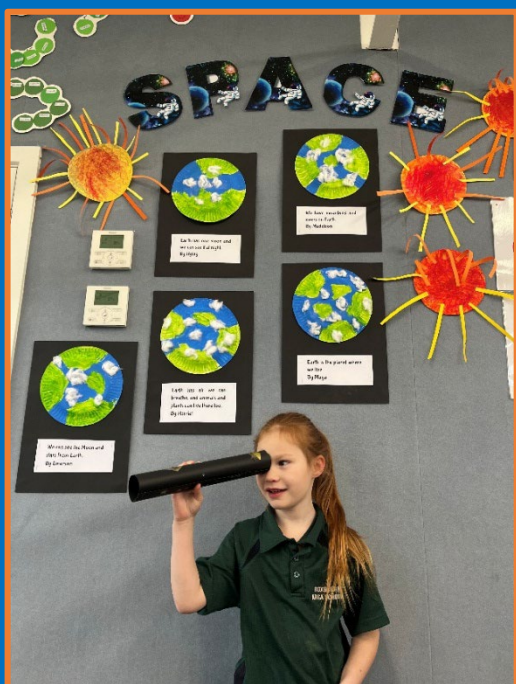
This year the Board also needs to establish a new Strategic Plan for 2027-29. This is where we look at the big picture and determine what is important to our school and our wider community. Part of this process is community consultation where parents and community members can come into the school and 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. Nga mihi nui

HEAD STUDENT'S REPORT

Hello everyone and we hope everyone is having a great week. With the formal this Friday we know that the year 11-13s are getting excited and we can't wait to see

everyone dressed up in their dresses and suits. Room 1 has been learning lots about space. They have

been learning about Earth, the Sun and the Moon. This week they used a globe and a torch to explore how we have day and night on Earth. They then made their own day and night earth wheels to show their learning. Room 1 also had lots of fun making their own telescopes. Room 2 has been learning the different letters in the alphabet, this week their letter was x for x-ray. They have been busy with writing



about superheroes and why the one they chose was the best. The class have been enjoying maths week and have been learning about symmetry. Room 5 have been writing information reports on an animal of their choice and been finding facts about them. In P.E they have been busy with playing bench ball and netball and have been training for the upcoming cross country which they have been enjoying. In maths Room 7 have been doing literacy packs and bar graphs that they are doing good at. In P.E they have been playing volleyball that they are enjoying.

Year 9 have been enjoying learning about geometry in maths. They have also been researching about the black death in Social studies which they are finding to be very interesting to learn about the history of it. They have also been looking at unexpected weapons in English. The Year 10's have been looking at aerobics and anaerobic in PE. They are also getting ready for their Co recs, and have also been doing some Physics in science, and looking at an ocean documentary in English.

SPORT'S REPORT

Netball Draw - 15 August

This weekend sees the end of the netball season - finals day! Good luck to everyone! Enjoy your last games!

<u>Teviot A</u> <u>3rd v 4th Y7/8 A1 Grade</u>	<u>10.00</u>	<u>V Maniototo Steel</u>	<u>Ct 7</u>
<u>RAS A</u> <u>3rd v 4th B1 Grade</u>	<u>12.00</u>	<u>V DHS 9A</u>	<u>Ct PB</u>
<u>RAS B</u> <u>1st v 2nd C Grade</u>	<u>12.00</u>	<u>V Alex Fortress</u>	<u>Ct: 3</u>

Small Schools Cross Country

Congratulations to everyone who competed in the Small Schools Cross Country at Poolburn yesterday - what an amazing group of athletes! It was great to see the way everyone tried their best and encouraged all runners to do the same! The weather played its part and the new venue was superb - what a great view!

Results of the top six placings - these students will be eligible to enter the Dunstan Zone Event on Monday 31 August.

Girls	Boys
Y8: Matilda Stevens - 4th	Y8: Murdoc Sanders - 4th
Y7: Harriet Turner - 4th	Y7: Kit Moore - 1st Beau Gazeley - 2nd
Y6: Eden McPherson - 1st Isla Ellison - 2nd	Y6: Carter Wells - 2nd Charlie Linwood - 3rd
	Y5: Ollie Davidson - 1st Gabe McPherson - 3rd

Netball

We've made it to the finals in the Central Otago season!! RAS A are playing for 3rd and 4th in the B grade and our RAS B team are playing for 1st and 2nd in the C grade. A huge congratulations to both teams who have shown great resilience, adapted to every challenge, and grown stronger together throughout the season —bring on the finals!

Claybird Interschool Competition

RAS are looking forward to hosting our annual Interschool competition next Friday 21st August. They have had one practice session and there are some keen students for next week's competition.

Player Recognition

Abigail Ledua—a friendly face around RAS—has been quietly achieving some fantastic results this year!

As a Year 9 student, Abi was selected for the RAS A netball team and has grown in both confidence and skill. Her eagerness to learn and improve makes her a valuable member of the team. She has represented the Central Otago Year 9 Development team at successful tournaments in Wānaka and Dunedin.

Abi is also enjoying her first rugby season with the Dunstan High School Girls First XV, playing alongside her sister Iesha. She has recently been named in the Otago Country U14 squad—another outstanding achievement!

Well done! We look forward to following the rest of your rugby journey this season.



Small School's
Cross Country held
at Poolburn.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Friday 4th September - Week 7
First race at 2pm. All friends and whanau are welcome. Keep an eye out for an update closer to the time.



SENIOR SPORTS UNIFORMS

There are a number of outstanding uniforms (Tracksuit pants, basketball singlets, hoodies, school jackets) . Please both parents and students have a look for these and get them returned to the office as soon as possible.



Awahi Atu Student Support Programme

We were pleased to meet Chloe Pollock yesterday. Chloe will be working as our new school counsellor to support our students with:

- Emotional concerns
- Peer relationships
- Family matters
- Anxiety or stress
- Bullying concerns
- Trauma

Chloe will be available at school every second Wednesday, starting on 26 August.

Chloe's email address is chloe@coreap.org.nz.

Year 9-13 students are welcome to contact Chloe at the above email if they wish to self-refer - or they can talk to Mr McDowall or Mr Moore, who can make a referral on their behalf.

Year 1-8 students need to be referred through their class teacher, and parents will need to complete a consent form, available at the school office.

Are you learning an instrument?

Keen to have a go or develop your skills at group playing?

Come and play with the Central Otago Regional Training Orchestra supported by Saturday Morning Music Classes and the Dunedin Community Orchestra for a Gather and Play, fun workshop on Sunday 20th September 2026



Upcoming Event: Regional Gather and Play Workshop Cromwell — Sunday 20th September, 10:15am–4:30pm

Our next workshop, the Regional Gather and Play, will be held at Cromwell College Auditorium. This session is open to all learning orchestral musicians from anywhere in Central Otago and Queenstown Lakes — school-aged players, adult learners, and returning musicians alike.

Participants will enjoy:

- Morning sectional rehearsal with specialist tutors
- A full-orchestra rehearsal as the Central Otago training orchestra and then alongside the Dunedin Community Orchestra and in the afternoon
- A short performance for whānau at the end of the day
- A welcoming, supportive environment for players from across the region

Sign up to join the Regional Gather and Play using the QR code below:



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Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora

Community Oral
Health Service



Talkteeth Southern

RATES REVIEW 2026

Have your say 3 Aug – 4 Sept

Teviot Valley Ward

Information Sessions:

📍 **Roxburgh Memorial Hall**
Tuesday 18 Aug, 6–7pm

Drop-in Sessions:

📍 **Millers Flat Hall**
Wednesday 19 Aug, 12.30pm–1.30pm

📍 **Roxburgh Area School Library**
Wednesday 19 Aug, 3–4pm

Families are welcome!



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