

ROXBURGH AREA SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

TERM 3, 10th September 2026 Week 8

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It was great to see so many family members yesterday to support our annual cross country. We really enjoy seeing whanau support the kids and encourage physical fitness. I would also like to welcome Mr Jack Austin as our new head of Physical Education and Sport. Jack comes with a passion for sport and physical fitness and he will be a real asset to the school.

Alongside the exciting activities we are also busy doing other less high profile but still important work. Students should bring home a sheet with their essential contact information within the next week. Please check these to make sure everything is correct then return to the school.

Students in Years 10-12 will be making option selections for next year. I will be talking to students individually about their choices for next year. This initial selection allows us to put a timetable together. Choices are confirmed with students and whanau at the start of the following year. I am always happy to meet or ring parents concerned about what options are available. One of the great advantages of being an area school is we can be flexible to suit the needs of all of our students.

A quick reminder the school is shut on Friday November 13 for a Teacher only day.
Nga mihi nui

Calendar for Weeks 9-10

14 th September	Get 2 Go (Yr 9/10) Full School Assembly
16 th September	Year 11-13 Parent Conferences 1-6pm Senior school closed from 1pm
17 th September	Central Otago Primary Cross Country
24 th September	Sports and Cultural photos
25 th September	Last day of Term 3

HEAD STUDENT'S REPORT

Hello everyone and welcome back to another week that has flown by. Yesterday we had our full school cross country. It was great to see so much participation and support from all the students.

Room 1 has been busy learning how to count to ten, the class has been doing this with shapes

and it's great to see how well they are doing. Room 2 have been doing cross words, with words starting with ch and in Maths the class is working on times tables. Room 5 are reading a book of their choice, the class are also doing times tables but with doubles. The class has been learning about climate change in topics which they all



Fletcher McNeish and Tyler Donaldson with the amazing creations they made to present with their speeches.
Thanks for sharing your talent and enthusiasm!

have been enjoying. Room 7 are doing talks about a book and why they should read it, in Maths the class are doing algebra and have been playing ki o rahi in P.E.

The Year 9s are learning about the different muscles in the human body in P.E and they have been busy with trigonometry in Maths. The Year 10s continue to work on DNA and genes in Science and they have been busy practicing for their literacy and numeracy next week, and we wish them all the best. The Year 11-13s are busy preparing for their practice exams and have been working on their internal assessments. Thank you, that is all from us this week, we hope everyone works hard in their classes and that you enjoy the rest of your week. Meg and Isha



SPORT'S REPORT

Cross Country

Congratulations to all those who took part in the annual Roxburgh Area School cross country yesterday. It was great to see the students giving it their all. (Results will be published next week) Many thanks to all the whanau and friends who cheered us over the finish line and all those who helped out as marshals. Many thanks also to the Roxburgh Golf Club for allowing us to run this event on their beautiful course. Best wishes to Murdoc, Kit, Harriet, Eden, Gabe and Ollie who have qualified for the Central Otago Cross Country Championships which are being held in Cromwell next Thursday 17th September. Many thanks to Emily McPherson for helping out with transport and supervision.

Sports and Cultural Photos

Roxburgh Area School Sports and Cultural Photos will be taken in the Roxburgh Area School Gym on **Thursday 24th September** starting at 8.30am with rugby, followed by netball.

Miniball

Miniball prizegiving will be held on Wednesday 23rd September in the RAS gym at 3.15pm followed by a quick social game with the senior students. Whanau and friends are most welcome to join us to celebrate our great season, and thank our coaches and managers.

Golf

This Friday we have a team competing in the annual Central Otago Intermediate Schools Golf tournament which is being held at Dunstan Golf Course in Clyde. Best wishes to Harry, Reeve and Cody and many thanks to Kate Smith who is helping out on the day.

Cross Country Writing by Room One

I started running and I heard my Mum cheering.

By Ava

I heard people cheering. I ran faster.

By Maya

I ran fast. I got an ice block.

By Ryley

I started running and I heard my brother cheering.

By Harriet

I went for a run. My Mum cheered for me.

By Maddison

I went on the bus to the race. I had a good run.

By Emerson



School Lunch Menu from Caskey's

School lunches are from Wednesdays to Fridays. Please get your orders in at school or Caskey's by 10am. There is a box at the school reception which you can place an envelope with money in.

Kids meals - \$8 (All kids meals come with sauce) Pies \$6

4x Nugs & chips
cheese

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3x Fish bites & chips
mince 2x Tenders & chips
Hotdog & chips

Jimmys

Kids burger (choice of chicken or beef patty)

Other

Scoop- \$4
½ Scoop-\$2
Tender- \$3
Nugget - \$0.80
Hotdog- \$4.70
Fish bite- \$2

Cold food

Egg sandwich -\$8

Drinks

Golden circle cans - \$2.50
Juice juice slash- \$3.00 Cool
change- \$3.00

Roxburgh Area School Visit

On 24th August 2026, 5 CORO players, 1 local bagpiper, and 2 Roxburgh Brass Band members took their show on the road to all the year 4-8 students at Roxburgh Area School



The result:

A brass band after 10 mins:



35 Students in Years 4–8 got the chance to hear, see and learn about the instruments that make up an orchestra from strings and woodwind to brass and beyond.

Then came the best bit... having a go themselves! All students had the opportunity to play oboe, flute, recorder, tuba, trumpet and violin.

Students broke into year groups and got hands-on with the instruments, trying them out and discovering what they might like to play. Oboe, flute, tuba, trumpet and violin.

And judging by these keen brass players... we might have found some future orchestra members! They were LOVING IT!



If you would like to join the orchestra's mailing list to hear about upcoming concerts and Training orchestra events for young players please email centralotagoregionalorchestra@gmail.com.

These details will go to CORO secretary Karen Tippet in Wanaka.

Top Toothbrushing Tip!

Give your **TONGUE** a brush too

The germs on our teeth that can cause tooth decay are also all over our tongue... so after brushing your teeth, give your tongue a gentle brush too – for fresh breath and a happy healthy smile




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