



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Week 11...How did we get here? What a term we have had. Full of fun hands-on learning. Poolburn kids are lucky kids to have such great experiences, small classes and fabulous staff who wrap around them.

Enjoy the holidays and a break from the routine and hustle and bustle of our busy school life.

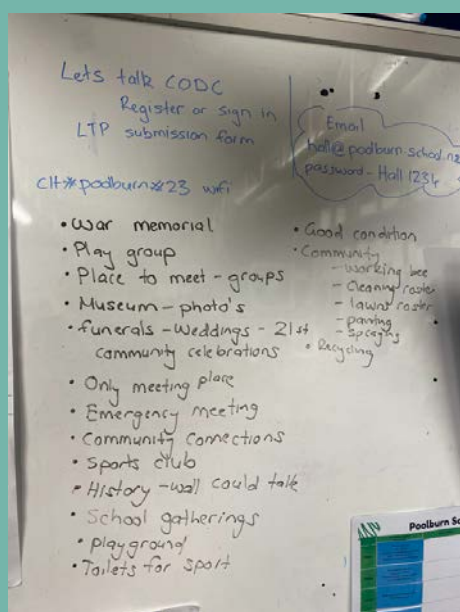
Getting ready for the fun chaos that is winter sports. Remember we are all in this together, we are here to help each other out. That's the heart of our school.

Winter sports and being part of a team are such great life long learning skills and memories. You might need to remind yourself as the term goes on!

Last week we had a fabulous submission writing night at school. I can not stress HOW important this is to having a chance to keep the hall under the council long term plan. If you could not attend please, please go online and submit a response. You need to log into CODC let's talk and register to do so. Remember we are in the Vincent ward. Then click LTP submission. You don't have to answer all of the questions, you can just skip to the hall questions. As discussed at the meeting the best option to choose for our hall is picking a specific hall to save. Then choose the Poolburn hall and then state some reasons why it should stay. This REALLY is important to show support for the hall.

Friday was fabulous in many ways! Staff had great professional development at the Terrace School and there was an awesome working bee at the tunnel house. Tunnel house is looking great!

Have an amazing break and we will see you back for Term 2.



WEEKLY REMINDER

ASSEMBLY TOMORROW THURSDAY AT 2.15PM



RAGGEDY RANGE NEWS

Kia ora,

What a term! I feel like the kids have made fantastic progress over the last part of the term. They have really got into their learning and been so focused on their reading and writing goals. They will be very tired by the time Friday hits.

Writing: With the excitement of Easter approaching we have been imagining what it would be like if we got to meet the Easter Bunny. We thought about where we might meet him/her, what he/she might look like and what we would do with the Easter Bunny. This has made for some interesting stories.

Maths: Leading into Easter we have been looking at shapes and how we can translate them by sliding, flipping and turning them. This has been a lot of fun. Once we had practiced these movements we decorated eggs using our knowledge of translations and creating patterns.

Inquiry: We have continued our learning around Anzac Day and the significance of poppies. Our Anzac day poppies are super creative. We used a lot of different painting techniques including using plastic bags, the wooden end of our brushes and the very tip of our brushes.

Please come along to the assembly on Thursday so you can hear about Our Innovative World Inquiry learning.



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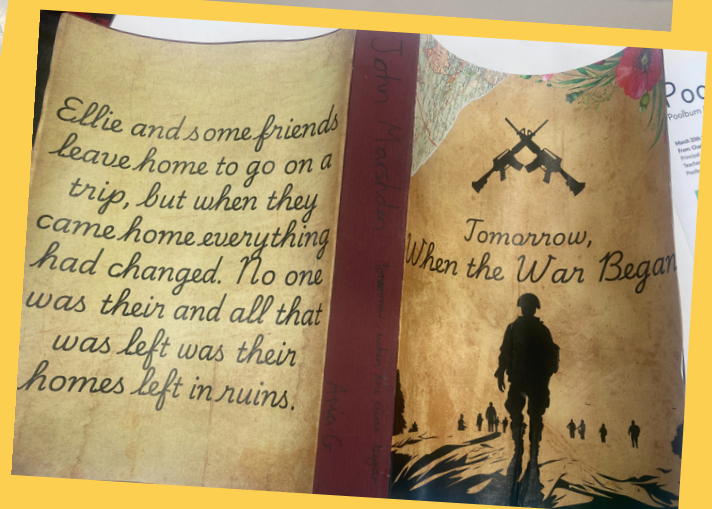
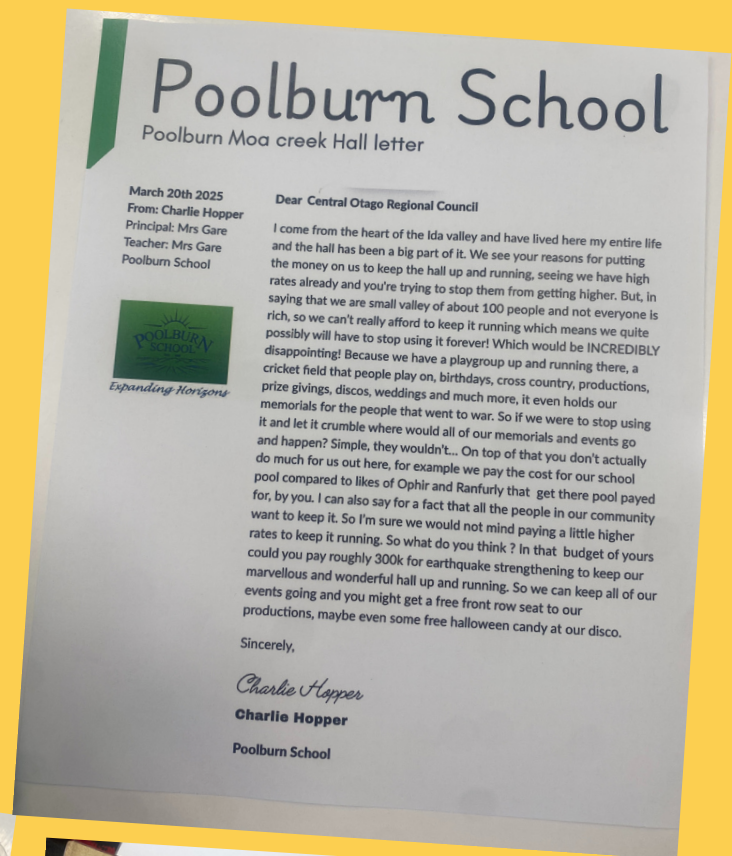
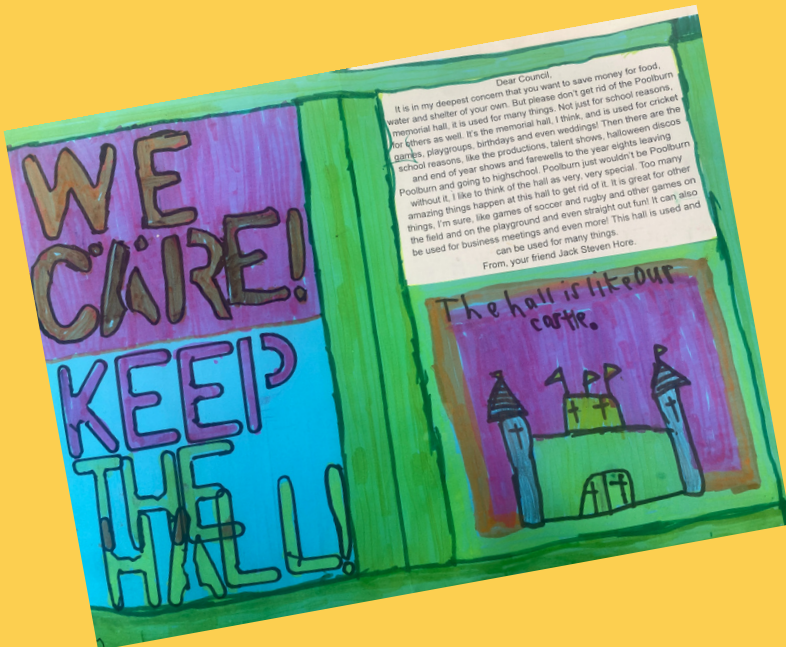
ROUGH RIDGE NEWS

Kia ora all,

The Discovery Den has been really pushing out the high quality work. For reading they have a board to choose activities from. The activities are on a range of different typical things we are doing. I explain the activity and they create the activity any way they want working to a rubric for criteria. As the term has gone on I have been more and more impressed by the level of work they are producing and the creativity they are putting into the tasks.

We have been reading the novel 'Tomorrow when the war began' and we are gripped by it currently. If you want a good book to read this is a great page turner.

Discovery Den are busy creating an easter egg hunt for Friday and looking forward to our leadership overnight trip at the start of next term.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Community Open Day - Poolburn Gorge

We are hosting a family open day at Poolburn Gorge to showcase the progress of willow removal to date and gather community input in creating a shared vision for the gorge's future.

Wednesday, 16th April, 4:30 pm onwards

Weather dependent
Signposted from Auripo Rd, Thurlow Rd turn-off
4WD only - Meet at the rail trail car park on Auripo Rd at 4:15 pm for a ride if needed.

For inquiries, please contact Sam Stevens.

This project is a collaboration with Manuherikia Catchment Group
Waioira Manuherikia
Otago Catchment Community Inc.

SAVE THE DATE

POOLBURN/MOA CREEK
SCHOOLS 150TH CELEBRATION



LABOUR WEEKEND 2025

To register your interest or get involved in the planning please email poolburnschool150@gmail.com or write c/- of Dayna Paterson, 613 Moa Creek Road, RD2, Oturehua, 9387



THE ANZAC SERVICE FOR OMAKAU WILL BE ONCE AGAIN AT THE OMAKAU COMMUNITY HALL. THE PARADE GATHERING OUTSIDE MUDDY CREEK CAFE/ OMAKAU COMMERCIAL HOTEL AT 9.45AM FRIDAY 25TH APRIL.

SORRY FOR THE CONFUSION BUT WE HAVE ONLY BEEN NOTIFIED OF THE CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP/SALE OF THE OMAKAU HALL AND THE NEW OWNER HAS KINDLY OFFERED THE COMMITTEE THE USE OF THE POWER AND OUTDOOR SPACE FOR THE SERVICE.

ANY QUESTIONS OR OFFERS OF INPUT FOR THE DAY - PLEASE CONTACT JO JEFFRIES OR JANET SMITH.

Gala Event - Black Tie

CENTRAL OTAGO WINTER FEED
COMPETITION

Crop Awards Dinner and Auction

SATURDAY

MAY | 24 | 2025

Alexandra Bowling Club

2 Poole Road, Molyneux Park, Alexandra

Doors open 6pm - bar closes 12am

Courtesy coach - Alexandra and Clyde areas only

Silent auctions - Live Music - Live Auctions - Mystery Bags
Canapes - Best Dressed

Contact Cam on 0211311945
or email
cowinterfeed@gmail.com

Please note:
No doors sales and no
stilettos!

BOARD CORNER

We would like to wish all the Staff, Children and Whanau a safe and happy holiday. Have a fantastic Easter. See you all back for the chaos of Term 2.



Speech and Drama lessons

Term 2 & 3

Individual or pairs lessons 7 years and above.
Gain confidence and improve communication,
presentation and performance skills.

Also an option to sit exams (NZ Speech board or Trinity College)

Please contact L Finch (A.T.C.L. Speech and drama) for more information
Ph/txt 0272099066

SCHOOL POOL



OUR SCHOOL POOL IS NOW CLOSED FOR THE SEASON
PLEASE RETURN KEYS TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE ASAP
THANKS TO THOSE WHO HELPED KEEP THE POOL RUNNING
OVER THE SUMMER!

STEPS WINNERS

Emmett Nicolson

Billy O'Neill

Nate Peterson

MATHLETICS WINNER:

Gordon Ashby

rites winners

CONNOR ROSS

CHARLIE HOPPER

ALYSSA MURDOCH

BUS CHANGES FROM TERM 2

These changes start day 1 Term 2 - any questions please contact Melissa who is our Bus Controller

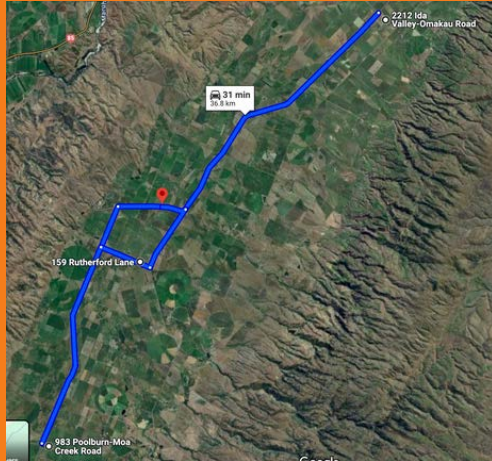
Finally our new bus route is locked in. The new bus is here and Lois, Steve and Darryl had a practice run this morning.

Things to note:

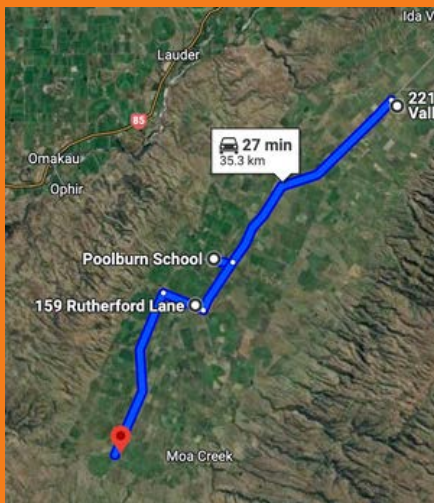
There is an AM and a PM run - see maps and directions.

The only reason the run starts far down Ida Valley Omakau road is because Steve lives there

AM Bus Run



PM Bus Run



Driving Directions. D130102 Poolburn/Moa Creek - merged

Driver: Darryl and Steve

Last updated: 9/04/2025

AM
See office or drivers for bus location
Pre-start check - SIGNS ON
7:57 STOP - 2212 Ida Valley-Omakau Rd - wait at top of driveway, at the corner with Ida Valley-Omakau Rd
Left onto Ida Valley-Omakau Rd (heading south)
7:59 STOP - cnr with Boundary Rd
8:01 STOP - 1802 Ida Valley-Omakau Rd (bus pulls onto verge past mailbox)
8:03 STOP - 1572 Ida Valley-Omakau Rd (bus can pull in behind mailbox)
8:05 STOP - cnr with Flannery Rd
Continue on past the school
Left onto Poolburn-Moa Creek Rd at the Adventure Hub
8:15 STOP - 697 Poolburn-Moa Creek Rd (bus can pull in behind mailbox)
8:19 STOP - 983 Poolburn-Moa Creek Rd (just past the corner of Crawford Hills Rd)
U-turn and return along Poolburn-Moa Creek Rd (heading north)
Right onto Rutherford Lane
8:29 STOP - 159 Rutherford Lane
8:31 STOP - at the end of Rutherford Lane, on tarseal before the gravel - before give way sign
Left onto Moa Creek Rd
Left onto Ida Valley-Omakau Rd
8:35 STOP - Poolburn School - SIGNS OFF - Post Check
Return to origin

PM
Driver to take most direct route to school
3:00 ARRIVE - Poolburn School - SIGNS ON
3:10 Depart school - NOTE departure time varies up to 10min.
Left onto Ida Valley-Omakau Rd
3:13 STOP - opp. the corner of Flannery Rd
3:17 STOP - cnr with Boundary Rd
3:19 STOP - 2212 Ida Valley-Omakau Rd (entrance to driver's house - at top of driveway)
U-Turn and return along Ida Valley-Omakau Rd (south)
3:23 STOP - 1802 Ida Valley-Omakau Rd (bus pulls onto verge past mailbox)
3:25 STOP - opp. 1572 Ida Valley-Omakau Rd (bus can pull in behind mailbox)
At intersection of Ida Valley-Omakau Rd/Moa Creek Rd/McAdie Rd - continue straight onto Moa Creek Rd
3:32 STOP - Intersection of Moa Creek Rd and Sullivan Rd
Left onto Rutherford Lane
3:34 STOP - opp. 159 Rutherford Lane - <i>driver to assist student across the road</i>
Left onto Poolburn-Moa Creek Rd
3:40 STOP - 697 Poolburn-Moa Creek Rd (pull in behind mailbox)
3:43 STOP - 983 Poolburn-Moa Creek Rd (just past the corner of Crawford Hills Rd)
SIGNS OFF - POST CHECK - return to origin

Notes from GO BUS:

Wheelie bins – anywhere we pull up at a private driveway, parents should be careful not to impede the bus access/parking area

Pick-up/drop-off times will be assessed once the route commences. Currently, they are guessed, as we cannot accurately run the route with the roadworks that are currently in place. Students should be waiting 5min prior to the departure time but also be prepared that the bus could be running behind this schedule. Likewise at the end of the day

Parent cars – at either end, the bus needs to turn around. So, parent vehicles will need to stay clear of the turning area. At 2212 Ida Valley Rd, please park inside the driveway on the grass verge. If in doubt, please check with the drivers.

If the road works are still in place, the bus will follow the detour around Flannery Rd. Families will be advised of the changes.

Darryl and Steve will share the run, week about. Darryl will start week 1, term 2. They will alternate weeks from then on.

If parents are not sure who to contact in the mornings if their child is not on, then that's ok. The driver might wait a minute, but if they are on schedule, and no one is at the stop, they will presume they're not on and continue the run.

In the afternoon, parents are not expected to contact the drivers – whoever gets on after school, is who they will take home.

TERM 1 CALENDAR

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Week 11 07/04

08/04



Bonus
Tech Day
for Yr & 8

09/04

10/04

Assembly 2pm

Building Club



11/04

LAST DAY OF TERM 1 - FRIDAY 11TH APRIL
FIRST DAY OF TERM 2 - MONDAY 28TH APRIL

TERM 2 CALENDAR

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Week 1 28/04

29/04

30/04

01/05

02/05

Technology

Week 2 05/05

06/05

Guitar



07/05

08/05

09/05



Ice Skating

Week 3 12/05

Young Leaders
Day Dunedin
Yr 7 & 8

13/05

14/05

BOT Meeting

15/05

16/05

Rippa Rugby
Tournament

Week 4 19/05

20/05

21/05

22/05

23/05



Ice Skating

Week 5 26/05

27/05

28/05

29/05

30/05



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