



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Another week done and it's a hive of learning.

It's been great to have had the chance to work with the Kapa Haka group as we prepare for our polyfest performance.

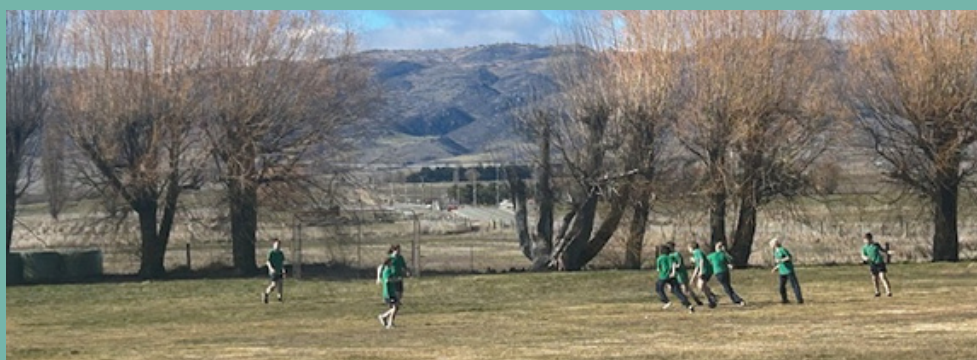
An exciting element of the combined Dunstan Kapa Haka group is going to happen again this year. This year this group is also going to perform at Polyfest and we will be there to watch. This year the group is learning new songs and we are allowed, based on our roll allocation, to send 4 children for this Kapa Haka leadership opportunity.

Excitingly we have 18 children that put their hands up to be selected for this role. So, with the children we created a criteria for selection to help the process and we are excited in the next few days to announce who the 4 people are! I am excited that so many people want to have leadership in Kapa Haka.

It's been great hearing all the chat and learning conversations from the schools inquiry looking into cultures. We are excited to be taking our school trip to Dunedin and have a bus ride. This year, if you can remember we have opted into the school donations scheme which means we charge no school fees each term and things like Ice Skating and Buses are not charged to you. So this is pretty great.



Have a great week!



WEEKLY REMINDER

OPTIONAL SKI DAY NEXT FRIDAY 29TH



RAGGEDY RANGE NEWS



Kia ora,

It has been great to have most children back at school this week after lots of recent illnesses. Hopefully we can put these behind us.

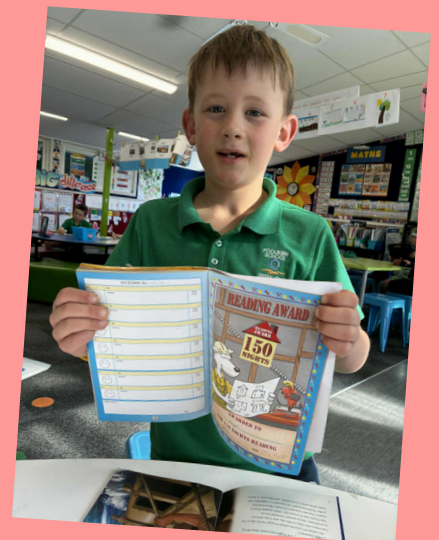
Writing: We have been doing some writing on our speech topics lately. Last week we wrote about our favourite pets, why they were so special, what they looked like, what we did with them and how we looked after them. This week we are writing about a very funny moment. Dad's, water and mud seem to come into this a bit. By week 8 we will all choose our favourite piece of writing and start practising presenting it as a speech.

Maths: We have been learning how to round numbers to the nearest ten. This might take you back to your school days, 0-4 down and 5-9 up. Try finding numbers at home and asking your child to round them to the nearest ten.

This Friday we will go to the library so bring along your books to renew.

Ka pai to wiki
Deb

CHECK OUT SOME OF THE RAGGEDY RANGE LEARNING



ROUGH RIDGE NEWS

Exciting times in Discovery Den when we finished our recent class novel *White Lies Maori Myths and Legends*. Now, this was an outstanding book. We moved onto showing off our reading skills of comparing and contrasting the two books we have read. *White lies* and *Tomorrow When The War Began*. Check out how great we did....

Here are some snippets the children have chosen to share with you.

Tomorrow When The War Began

Is about teenagers fighting for there lives trying to save there family and there home town Wirawee. As there fighting for there lives some majour injuries that they come across.

Imogen Copland

Which book do I like more?

I like *Tomorrow When the War Began* better, because it's from a kids perspective, instead of an adults perspective and that makes it so that I can relate to some of the things that they do in the book. Also, it has dangerous themes like capture, war and weapons. There is also a lot of suspense in the book, like when they were breaking into the tanker facility and going to blow up the bridge.

By Aria Goodlass

This year we are enjoying reading novels. The first two we read were *Tomorrow When the War Began* and *White Lies Maori Myths and Legends*.

White Lies is a book about two boys called John and Pete, both of them want to be All Blacks more than anything. As their story carries on Pete faces his worst nightmare. Losing his best friend.

Tomorrow when the war began is about 7 friends going camping but when they return their lives have changed, forcing them to fight. As they come out of hiding to save their parents by blowing a bridge, not all of them return with the group.

This year we have read *Tomorrow, When the War Began* and *White Lies Maori Myths and Legends*. *Tomorrow, When the War Began* is about a group of 7 high school friends and their town got taken over by another country. They plan to save their town and some things don't go to plan. In *White Lies Maori* John and Pete are good friends that like to play rugby. The school has a new principal that comes, no one likes him. He has a daughter and Pete and John start to like her. Pete is still trying to get better at rugby but something devastating happens that changes everything.

Cam Gare

Jack Murdoch

After reading both books, I will choose which one I think is better and why. I think that *Tomorrow When the War Began* is better because it has more action, kinda like a blockbuster, *White Lies* is more sad and not really for me. The death of John didn't help much either.

Jack Hore



White Lies
Maori Myths and Legends

Pete had a crush on Milly. This book is based in the Waikato NZ. John went to hospital and he found out he had cancer.

White lies main characters are Pete, John, Dad wheaea and Wiremu. Petes Mum ran away Johns dad is in jail and he dosen't know where his mum is . *White lies* has more culture in the story. Pete and John got an autograph by damian ,Mckenzie but Wheae Becky took it away.

by: flastaff dowlings mitchell



Tay Yates

BOOK REPORT

White lies and *Tommorow when the war began*. *White lies* is based on 2 kids, Pete and John who want to be All Blacks and 1 passes away before they want to see the beach. *Tommorow when the war began* is about Indonesia and Austrailia going to war and a few teenagers have to figure out how to fix it.

Leighton Rutherford

So in conclusion I like *Tomorrow When The War Began* because I like the story line more and I was looking forward to reading it every day. My favorite parts of the book are when they blow up the bridge and the helicopter comes and searches the house.

By Brodie Nicolson

In conclusion my favourite novel is *Tomorrow When the War Began* because of all the build up, suspense and the way John Marsden pictured the characters.

By Henry Hore

Maori legends and white lies is an amazing book with thrilling stories and amazing events. There are two main characters, John and Pete, they go to school together and when a new principal comes in they have to accept new friends and their way of learning. Full of Maori cultures, gods and two young keen rugby players. They try to make the under 13 rugby team after Pete has given it his all to stay fit and train like Damian Mkenzie. But then some big news that John has cancer and that changes Pete's life forever. Whilst John doesn't get better Pete makes the team and one of his and his worst enemy makes the team too.

Charlie Heaps

COMMUNITY NEWS



Ida Valley Catchment group

Tunnel house working bees
Poolburn School

Every monday from August 18th 4pm onwards

IDA VALLEY
CATCHMENT GROUP

This is to ensure we get the tunnel house finished before the Poolburn School reunion.
Get in touch with Vicki O'Neill or Sam Stevens if you have any questions

**Blacks Hill Cricket
Club AGM**
20th of August
7.00pm
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HOCKEY
1:30pm



RUGBY
2:30pm



12:30pm Kids Rugby Teams put together on the day
Under 8 Ripper & Under 13 Tackle

Sat 6th September
Becks Domain

Everyone welcome. Cash bar available.

rites WINNERS
Robyn Handyside
Cam Gare
Fred O'Neill

STEPS WINNERS
Alyssa Murdoch
Imogen Copland
Emily Matheson
MATHLETICS WINNER
Gordon Ashby

(Alexandra Area)
**HOUSE
TOUR**


**Saturday
6th September
2025**

**Join us in visiting a selection of beautiful
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Starting at 10am at The Courthouse Cafe, you will receive a map for the day along with a wrist band. Enjoy a leisurely day out with homes open until 4pm.

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Molyneux Turf Incorporated (MTI) is driving the Molyneux Multipurpose Turf Project, a community-driven initiative supported by the council and partnered with Dunstan High School, which aims to provide an exciting new (and much needed) facility for various sports and community groups in Alexandra.

LET'S BUILD THIS TURF TOGETHER!

All money raised will go directly towards project building costs.
Thank you for your support.

IDA VALLEY IRRIGATION COMPANY LIMITED

Notice of
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 4 November 2025
Poolburn Moa Creek Hall at 7.00pm

R Nevill and K Anderson will retire by rotation. Both are available for re-election.

Nominations are called for the positions of Director (two required) and must be received by the Secretary by 4.00pm Friday 10 October 2025.

Nomination forms are attached, or are available from the Secretary, phone 027 4890584 or e-mail: idavalleyirrigation@outlook.com

Suzanne Harrex
Secretary

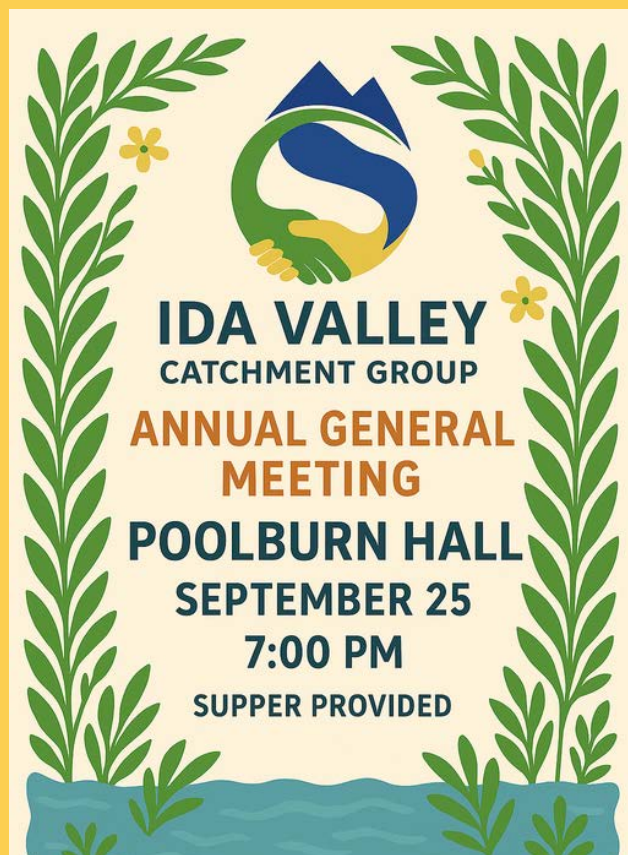
Dam levels and quota:

Manorburn Dam – currently 71 feet (78 is full) August last year 71 feet

Poolburn Dam – Currently 57.10 feet (full 65.10) August Last year 59 feet

If we were setting the quota on 1st September (start of the season) it would be 75% going off historical records.

Please note that the quote has not yet been set, but we believe it is important you know this information now.



Home & School Update

Big thanks to Kane, Mark & Jimmy for doing the door security and sober driving at the Young Farmers Ball recently! Our main fundraisers have now wrapped up for the year with the rugby catering all finished - thanks to Sindy for organising, and the Winterfeed a HUGE success - thanks so much to the committee - Cam, Lisa, Brooke, Brett. We know how much work goes into this one - much appreciated!!

We are working on the Glad Wrap fundraiser now so keep an eye out for that - and we also have an opportunity to do the cattle grazing again so if you can take a cow or two flick Kane a message.
Thanks
Kim

TERM 3 CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 6 18/08	19/08	20/08	21/08	22/08 Technology
Week 7 25/08	26/08	27/08 Dunstan Zone Swimming	28/08 Paid Union Meeting for all teachers School supervision from 1pm	29/08 Family Ski Weekend Optional Ski Day 
Week 8 01/09  Trip to Dunedin	02/09	03/09	04/09 BOT Meeting 6.30pm Assembly 2pm Enviroschools planting in the tunnel house	05/09 Technology
Week 9 08/09	09/09 Melissa away at Principal Conference all week	10/09 Rough Ridge Speech Competition	11/09	12/09 Technology
Week 10 15/09 Deb away all week	16/09 Omakau Production 11am - 2pm	17/09	18/09	19/09

TERM 4 DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

SCHOOL PHOTOS - 6TH OCTOBER

HPV VACCINE YR 8- 14TH OCTOBER

POLYFEST WEDNESDAY - 22ND OCTOBER

TEACHER ONLY DAY - 29TH OCTOBER

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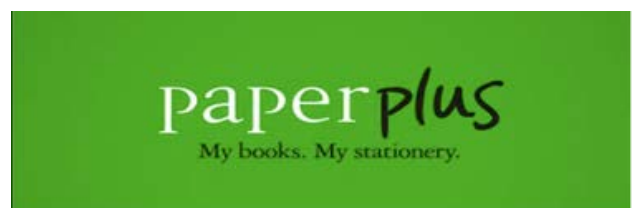
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