



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

How great that the sun is really starting to shine and spring weather feels closer.

It is exciting today that we have Emmett, Frankie and Ollie representing us at the Dunstan Zones Swimming Champs. It's pretty exciting to get through to this stage, we look forward to hearing their results.

It's great to have our new board officially set up for the next 3 years. Congratulations to Kane, Vicki, Steve H, Richard, Hamish and Deb Stevens as the Staff Rep. It's a great honour to be the voice on behalf of our school community. We look forward to welcoming Hamish Rutherford to the crew for the first time. We also will be saying a very BIG farewell to our outgoing Presiding Member Carol Goodlass. Carol has been a board member at Poolburn school for 8 years which is amazing and what a fabulous impact she has had. We will be sad to see her go.

We are really looking forward to hitting the slopes again this Friday for our optional school ski trip.

Have a great week



WEEKLY REMINDER

OPTIONAL SKI DAY FRIDAY 29TH



RAGGEDY RANGE NEWS



Kia ora,

This week we welcome Tully Pyle to school as she turns five. Our class is definitely growing and we now have 16 tamariki.

Inquiry: We are loving our inquiry learning at the moment. We have been learning about all the different cultures that have come to New Zealand over the years and what impact they have made. Last week we got to sample some French cuisine and learn about the grapes that have been bought to our region. This week we have been learning about how the Chinese came to New Zealand during the gold rush. We have learnt about their hard work ethic, good luck beliefs and influence on market gardens and food in New Zealand.

Maths: We have been thinking hard about our maths goals and have created some great learning around how we do maths. Some examples of our goals are to use prior knowledge, draw a diagram, hop on a numberline, or use equipment.

This Friday some of us are off on a ski trip, those of you at school are lucky enough to have Mrs Chamberlain for the day.

Invisible

When I turn invisible I would sneak out of the house. Then I would sneak to the shop and get lollies and sneak back. When I got home I would eat some and then put the rest away where nobody would find them.

Alyssa Murdoch

Ka pai to wiki
Deb



HIDE AND SEEK

ME AND MY SISTER WERE PLAYING HIDE AND SEEK. I SPLASHED INTO THE STICKY MUD! I THOUGHT SHE WOULD NOT FIND ME AND SHE DID NOT. I STAYED THERE FOR TWO HOURS. SHE WAS LOOKING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION.

I RUSHED INSIDE AND HAD A BATH. AFTERWARDS I SNUCK UP ON MY SISTER, I SPOOKED HER. SHE YELLED SO LOUD YOU COULD HEAR HER FROM 100 MILES AWAY.

HUGH MATHESON

Pip

Pip is the cutest dog I've ever seen. Pip is so white and black. Pip is the fluffiest dog I've ever seen on planet earth.



I chase her when she gets annoying. She loves chasing cows and sheep. When I walk Pip she goes crazy. Sometimes I give Pip a fright and she goes crazy.

Henry Heaps



My Dog

My dog has a black tummy and he has white on the top. He is a hunting dog and a farm dog. My Dad bought a kennel when I was at school.

I like playing with my dog. He is a fetching dog and a fun dog. He is very playful.

Kooper Peterson

ROUGH RIDGE NEWS

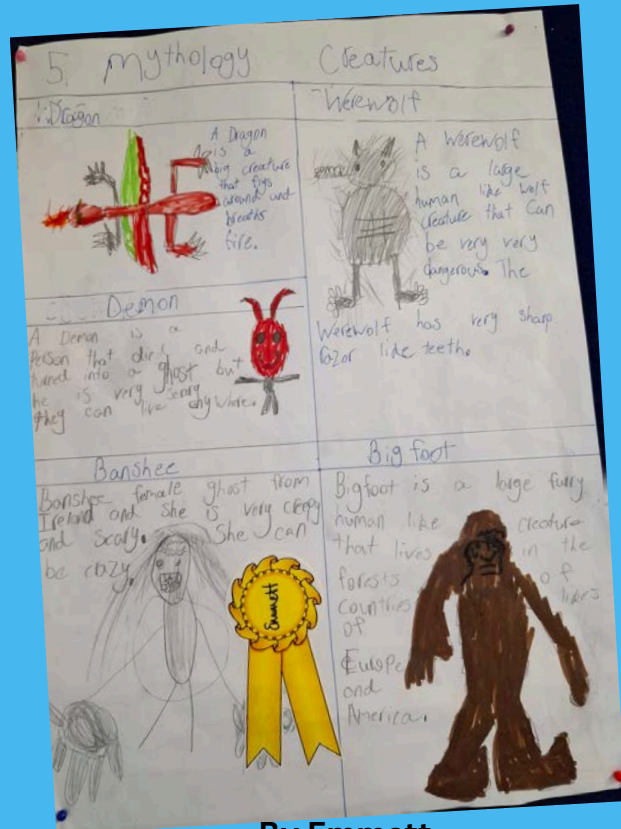
Kia ora all,

Our latest round of reading activities has come to an end for Phase 2. The improvement in this self-managed work over the year has been wonderful to see. Please find some examples of the author study and mythical beast posters (tied to our class novel Impossible Creatures) included.

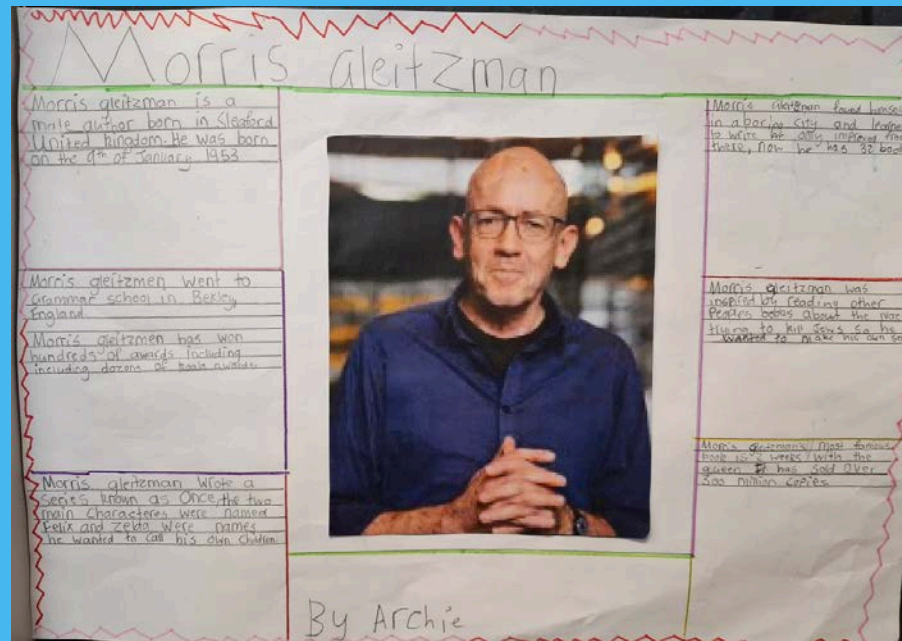
The salt dough relief maps of areas of New Zealand which have been influenced by the arrival of other cultures are finished and presented. If you would like to see them, they are currently displayed outside Lisa's office.

Kia pai te wiki.

Emma



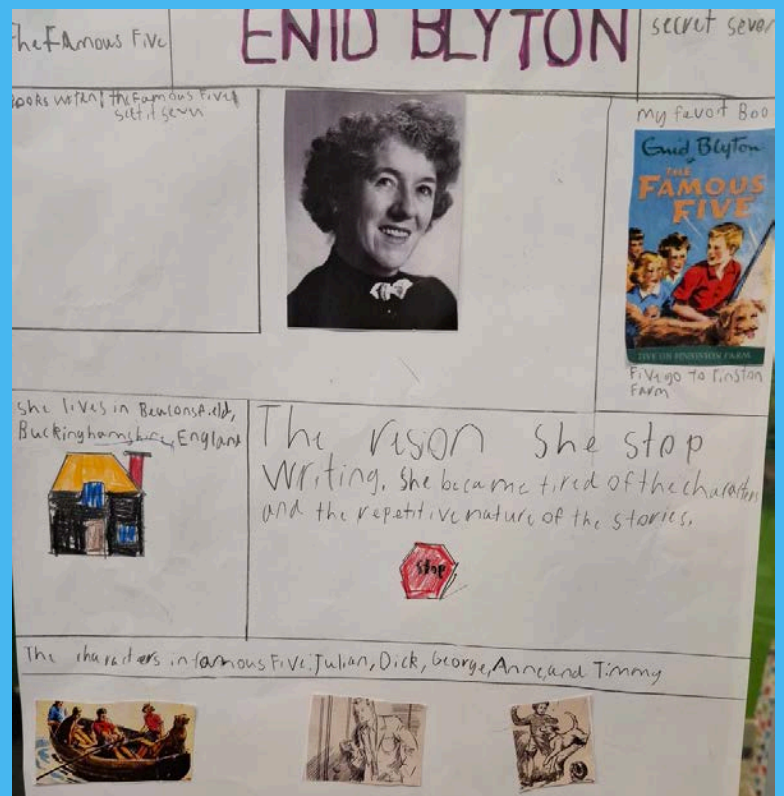
By Emmett



By Archie



By Myah



By Fred

COMMUNITY NEWS



Ida Valley Catchment group
Tunnel house working bees
Poolburn School
Every monday from August 18th 4pm onwards

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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



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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

Gordon Ashby
Myah Ashby
Henry Hore

Steps winners

Maja Rutherford
Annie O'Neill

MATHLETICS WINNER
Ben Rutherford

(Alexandra Area)
**HOUSE
TOUR**


**Saturday
6th September
2025**

**Join us in visiting a selection of beautiful
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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.

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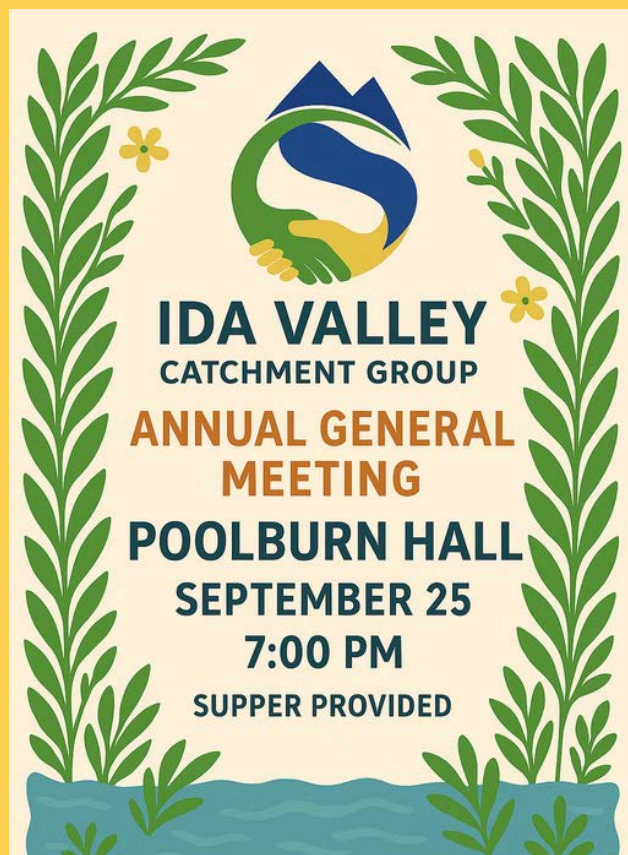
**Notice of
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 4 November 2025
Poolburn Moa Creek Hall at 7.00pm**

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.**

TERM 3 CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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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