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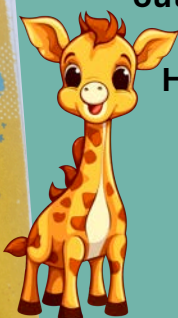
Wow, it's been a busy start to the term but a really efficient and busy. We have achieved so much in a short space of time. It's great to see class routines really humming this week and the children are excited to be learning.

Swimming in the pool is going so great and the pool was a balmy 25 degrees yesterday! We are looking forward to showing off our skills at both junior and senior swimming sports next week.

A true childhood memory has been at our school this week, Harold the giraffe! The children have LOVED going into the bus and learning about a range of health topics from reputations to friendships and feelings. The experience on the bus is really interactive and Pip does a great job of tailoring to each class. It's awesome to see how much each class gained going.

Something great for parents and children to know about is the 0800 Whatsup line. It's a phone number and an online chat that has counselors for kids on the other end. It's free and the service runs from 11-11 each day. It's a great option to have in our toolkit. As we know, talking about our problems or worries always makes them better.

The school van is going to be run a bit different in 2025. All bookings will come through Lisa in the office. The van is available for outside hire. We have made a set charge per day of \$100 and \$50 for school families. Fuel additional to this. The money raised from this will cover the running costs of the van. School trips/outings using the van will be charged out the same as normal.



Have the BEST week
Melissa



WEEKLY REMINDER

JUNIOR AND SENIOR SWIMMING SPORTS NEXT WEEK



RAGGEDY RANGE NEWS



A huge thank you to all the amazing parents who supported us at camp. We had so much fun and being such a young group this would not be possible without you. Thank you. I have heard lots of great stories about their adventures. We have definitely created memories to last.



Movie Night in Naseby. A huge thank you to Phil Flanagan who put on a free movie for us. Bolt was a hit.

Luging was a real hit with so many kids keen to go back and do some more. We even got Mrs Gare onto a luge.



We were lucky enough to spend some time on the Eweburn dam perfecting our kayaking skills and having a go on the eziski. It seems the most exciting thing was Jimmy and Vicki tipping themselves off the jet ski. Thank you to Mark and Debbie Dowling for allowing us onto their land.



So many never knew about the cycling opportunities in the forest. We found the perfect tracks for us and tested our skills weaving along the tracks and around the trees.



Ready for the Naseby Swimming Dam. A great place for bug hunting, jumping off the diving board and kayaking. Thanks so much to Lucy from Enviroschools who came to help us with our bug hunt.



We stayed in cabins at the Naseby Camping Ground, we totally recommend it. Here we are dining out and preparing our lunches. Great, healthy food.

ROUGH RIDGE NEWS



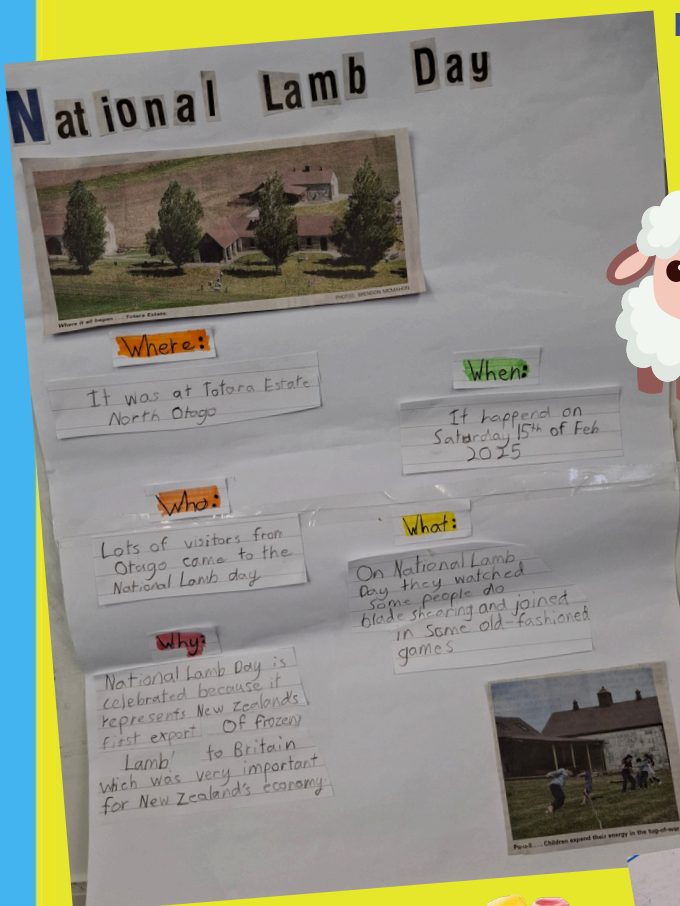
Kia ora all,

Maths last Friday was a day of too much sugar! We made an estimation of how many Fruit Candy's were in the container, then worked out ways to accurately count the candies in groups, before adding our totals together. Well done to Emily for being the closest with her estimation of 950. Unfortunately, that is also how many were consumed over the course of the day/taken home. Sorry.

We have had one oral language presentation at the writing of this newsletter. Well done for covering the 5 w's in your News Report Isla, as well as presenting an interesting, informative and relevant item of news; it is never easy to be the first to go. Please see photo below.

Kia pai to wiki.

Emma



Back to
School



2025 School Update

Alexandra Area

Kia ora koutou! Wishing everyone a smooth start to Term One and the school year!
The Community Oral Health Service provides free dental care until age 18 and our team is here to support your school community – below are some key updates for the year ahead.



Local Community Clinics:

- Alexandra – 5 Ventry Street; Ph: 448 5915
- Wānaka – 11 Ironside Drive; Ph: 443 7185



Mobile Dental Units:

- Cromwell – 25B Gilling Place; Ph: 027 284 9852
*From 6 January – 31 July
- Roxburgh – 70 Scotland Street; Ph: 027 284 9857
*From 3 March – 9 April
- Wānaka – 11 Ironside Drive; Ph: 027 444 9894
*From 14 April – 27 June AND
*From 1 August – 31 October
- Ranfurly – 15 Caulfeild Street; Ph: 027 284 9857
*From 14 April – 6 June



Keep an eye out for the two handy oral health tips we'll send out each term, for your school to share via newsletters or social media



***Dates subject to change**
For appointments outside these dates please call

0800 672 543

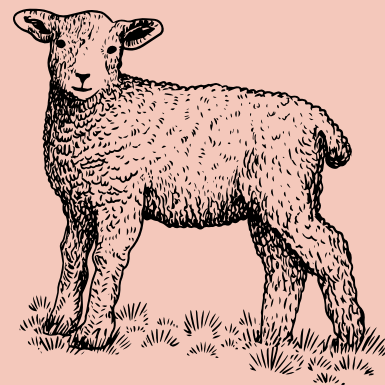
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You're invited



The Central Otago A&P Show Committee wish to invite the farmers who have donated to our Gift Lamb competition to the 'On the Hook' awards and dinner on Friday 14th March 6pm at Poolburn Hub.

Dinner and beverages are included. This year we received 69 lambs which has contributed \$10,733.35 to the running of our local A&P Show. We are extremely grateful for this. We hope you can make it!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Join us for a fabulous evening of fun, friendship, and fundraising as we support Ovarian Cancer Awareness.

This event is part of the Ovarian Cancer Foundation's "Show Up for Ovarian Cancer" campaign, including Frock Up February. Let's show up, dress up, and make a difference! Bring along cash for fundraising activities.

It's all about ME time, a chance to glam up, connect, and contribute to a great cause. Grab your gals and let's make it a night to remember!



RSVP and enquiries by 20th February to Gill Naylor gill.naylor@ruralwomennz.nz or 0273383089.

For just \$15 we'll provide finger food platters as you mix and mingle. (Pay on the night). Drinks at your own cost. Bring cash for donations and raffles on the night, all proceeds go to the Ovarian Cancer Foundation.



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

MATAK HOCKEY AGM : Tuesday 4th March 7pm at Poolburn School

We are looking forward to another great season of hockey.

Please come along and support our club. Being part of keeping our hockey club going is very rewarding. Your attendance is appreciated.

Irrigation Dam levels for February

Manorburn dam 71.6 feet – last year 71 (78 is full)

Poolburn dam 58.6 feet – last season 61.2 (65.10 is full)

STEPS WINNERS
BONNIE COPLAND
BRAN PYLE

rites WINNERS
BELLA HEANEY
HUGH MATHESON
ARIA GOODLASS

TERM 1 CALENDAR

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Week 4 17/02

Life Education Bus
Whole School



18/02



Guitar with George

19/02

BOT Meeting
6.30pm

20/02

21/02

Yr 7 & 8 Tech
Teacher Release
Day Melissa
teaching whole
school

Week 5 24/02

Junior Swimming
Sports
Omakau 12.30



25/02

26/02

Senior Swimming
Sports
Alexandra Yr 4-8

27/02

Melissa MAC Meeting

Building Club



28/02

Week 6 03/03

04/03



Guitar with George
PALS training Yr 7 & 8
Ranfurly 9-11

05/03

Small School Athletics
Roxburgh
Yr 1-8

06/03

07/03

Yr 7 & 8 Tech
Teacher Release
Day Melissa
teaching whole
school

Week 7 10/03

11/03

12/03

13/03

Melissa meeting all day

14/03

Building Club



Week 8 17/03

18/03



Guitar with George

19/03

20/03

21/03

Yr 7 & 8 Tech
Teacher Release
Day Melissa
teaching whole
school

Week 9 24/03

25/03

26/03

27/03

28/03

Otago Anniversary
Weekend

BOT Meeting
6.30pm

Building Club



Week 10 31/03

01/04



Guitar with George
TOP BIKE

02/04

Yr 7 & 8 Sticks and
Stones
Alexandra

03/04

04/04

Teacher Only Day

Week 11 07/04

08/04

09/04

10/04

11/04

Bonus Tech Day
for Yr & 8

Building Club



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