



## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As the nights start to get darker and the mornings crisper it is a reminder that the term is moving along fast. As per normal there are a lot of things on the radar.

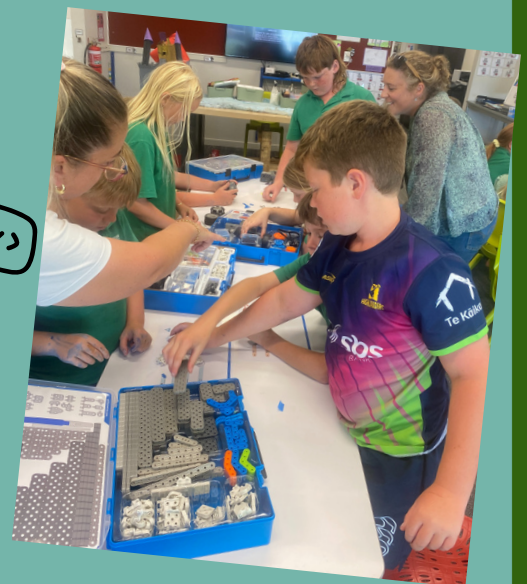
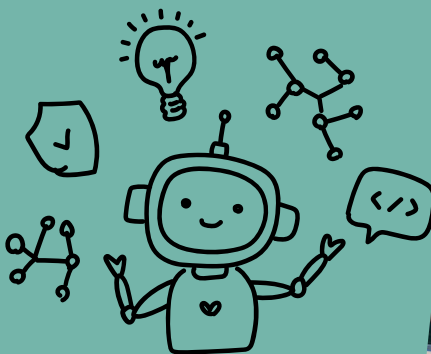
The hall is an important thing on the radar currently. The council is deciding for its next budget whether halls around the area should be something the council continues to fund.

From the meeting at the hall last week the message I took was if we can convince the councillors around the table Poolburn is worth keeping, the status quo could continue. The messages are if we provide community voice and if we are all on the same page with what we want to do this will help our case. SO I am opening the hall up on Thursday 3rd April at 7pm for people to come and complete the online submissions or fill in a paper version. We can collate some key messages and have a bit of fun. There will be nibbles supplied and people can bring their own drinks. This is important! We need to show a community wave of support of what the hall means to us past, present and future. The school is a large user of the hall and it would be great to see our school families supporting this. You can bring your own computer on the night or I will have school chrome books to use.

We have a new group in town!!! The tech club, run by Kim Hore. With a big helping hand from the Bob Turnbull Trust we have bought 2 robotic kits to start this club. Kim has been overwhelmed with children who are keen as!!! We have made the decision to buy another kit because of the group's popularity. I'm excited to see where this group goes with all their new learning this week they are having a tug of war with the robots they have made.

The tunnel house is really starting to take shape and it would be great to have anyone who wants to come lend a hand at the working bee on Friday 4th from 1.30pm - we really appreciate your help with this!

So never a dull moment, have a great week



## WEEKLY REMINDER

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE TOMORROW LUNCHTIME**



# RAGGEDY RANGE NEWS

Kia ora,

Thank you so much to Darryl for fixing our building table. There has been a lot of sawing, hammering and creating going on, even before school starts.



**Oral language:** Please take the time to look at the talk time plan on the front cover of your child's reading log. For each item, take the time to practise and discuss with your child so they can share at school. The idea is to organise thoughts, promote clarity in speech and expose them to a wider range of vocabulary.

**Inquiry:** Our castles have been created and look fabulous. More importantly we can explain the defences our castles have. Our mission now is to create weapons to attack an opposing castle.

**Maths:** Our year 2's have been looking at pairs that add together to make a number, for example, 9 can be made by adding  $8+1$ ,  $7+2$ ,  $6+3$  and so on. We have had a great time using our numicon to prove our thinking. Our year 3's have been using family of facts or number trios to solve problems. Check out some of our working out.

**Library:** Please remember your books on Friday as Mrs Gare will take you to the library.

Ka pai to wiki

Deb



The Tall Castle

I ran up a hill and when I got up the hill I saw a huge castle. It had gold flags, its walls were so shiny and bright. The door opened. I saw a green hill. It was colourful and tall and awesome.

I carefully tiptoed inside. I ran down the hallway. I immediately stopped because there was a trap. The castle was filled with water and fish were fluttering away.

Alyssa Murdoch

# ROUGH RIDGE NEWS

Kia ora all,

Rough Ridge have been inspired by our inquiry into the innovations undergone in medieval castles and weapons, and have written amazing battle scenes. Some excerpts are included below. (Perhaps do not read over dinner.....)



Kia pai te wiki.

Emma



As swords clash, the darkness swallows the battlefield. Sparks fly as daggers and swords smack into chainmail and armour. There are thuds as bodies hit the ground, as silent as mice. Aria Goodlass

I hear the sizzling of hot tar pouring from the murder hole. We hear the rattling of chain armour coming towards the castle. “Rally! Rally!” We are trying to reload our weapons. Raging tower attackers bust through the tower. Archie Heaps

I watched in fear as men started to die in the night. Then I yelled at my men, “Get your weapons and fire!” We were looking at the drawbridge with bows, catapults and footmen ready for action. Then, all of a sudden, lightning lit up the sky. Ollie Murdoch

I watch as hundreds of people fall to the ground. I see someone charging at me, We both lock eyes and swing our swords, steel against steel meets and sparks fly in the air. Now the catapult starts to shoot. I swing my sword, he falls to the ground. Brodie Nicolson

The attack starts, arrows cover the sky. The arrows miss soldiers by mere inches. Blood scatters the ground as swords clash with flesh, and arrows hit their target. Fred O’Neill.

The darkness fell upon the castle. I hear screams in the night sky. The commander is yelling, “Onwards!”. Yelling, screaming people are falling like flies. Sharpened swords clash, dents cover the swords. Myah Ashby

“For the King,” we scream as we fire our arrows and clash our swords. They send sparks flying like fireworks exploding in the sky. Henry Hore



# COMMUNITY NEWS

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Melanie Kerr



Documentary  
Screening



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Nia Du Plessis

Friday 28th March 2025 - Ophir Hall

6pm - 7pm Business Mix and Mingle:  
Bubbles (AF) - Nibbles - Live Music

7pm - 8:30pm Embrace Documentary Screening

8:30pm - 9pm Guest Speaker - Melanie Kerr

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## Tunnel House Working Bee

Friday April 4th 1.30pm - 5.00pm

**NZ Landcare Trust and Westpac have kindly donated some helpers for the afternoon and refreshments for a BBQ afterwards**

**We really need a strong community turn out as there is lots to get done!**

**The Tunnel House is a joint community project and your support is appreciated!**

**If you can please bring some gardening equipment; Wheelbarrows, rakes, shovels, weed eaters, drills, saws, anything you think might be helpful for building and gardening!**

**Please contact Sam Stevens with any questions**

**We are really looking forward to seeing you there - it is a teacher only day so feel free to bring the kids! If it's hot the pool will be open!**



## BOARD CORNER 19/3/25

Here is our third and final introduction to our new board members - Richard Copland, who has taken on the Finance Delegation:

*Hi, I'm pretty sure I've met you all but for those that don't know me I'm Richard Copland, your new Board rep assisting with the finance portfolio. Renee and I moved to the Valley with our three girls just over three years ago, and have loved our time here. Coming in with an outside perspective - Poolburn is a really cool wee school, with our kids thriving, and a strong community in behind us. I look forward to being part of the fun, and doing my bit to help build on this well into the future. If you think there is anything I can help with feel free to reach out. Cheers!*

It is great to see so many Poolburn students representing Central Otago in the upcoming U13 Girls and Boys Softball teams in Dunedin. Thanks to those involved in making Softball so strong within our school.



Our next meeting is March 26th 6.30pm at school  
Want to hear a Pizza joke?? Nahhh, it's too cheesy!



### Irrigation Dam levels for March

**Manorburn dam current level 69.3 last season 68.8 (full 78 )**

**Poolburn dam current level 56.8 last season 59.8 (full 65.10 )**



### FIRST AID CERTIFICATE COURSE



Practical Training Solutions are going to run a First Aid Certificate course at school in April

There is the option to do a refresher course or a full Workplace First Aid Level 2 Certificate

Please contact Lisa at Poolburn School to get your name down on the list  
Need a minimum of 8 people for this to go ahead

### STEPS WINNERS

Imogen Copland  
Kooper Peterson  
Maja Rutherford

### MATHLETICS WINNER:

Bran Pyle

### rites WINNERS

Annie O'Neill  
Nate Peterson

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# *Poolburn*

# *Sausage Sizzle*

**Thursday 20th March**  
**Lunch time sausage sizzle**



**Burger \$4**



**Sausage  
sizzle \$3 or 2  
for 5**

**Please get orders in asap on the Home and School  
facebook chat**

**THANKS FOR SUPPORTING US !  
CHUCK, LEIGHTON, BRODIE**

# TERM 1 CALENDAR

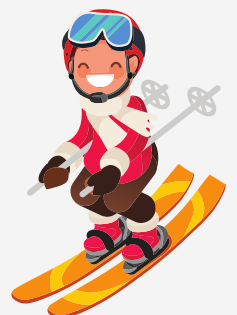
| MONDAY                       | TUESDAY                                                                                                                      | WEDNESDAY                                           | THURSDAY                                                                                                                           | FRIDAY                                                                                                           |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Week 8 17/03</b>          | 18/03<br><br>Guitar with George             | 19/03                                               | 20/03                                                                                                                              | 21/03<br>Yr 7 & 8 Tech<br>Teacher Release<br>Day Melissa<br>teaching whole<br>school                             |
| <b>Week 9 24/03</b>          | 25/03                                                                                                                        | 26/03                                               | 27/03                                                                                                                              | 28/03                                                                                                            |
| Otago Anniversary<br>Weekend |                                                                                                                              | BOT Meeting<br>6.30pm                               | Building Club                                   |                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Week 10 31/03</b>         | 01/04<br><br>Guitar with George<br>TOP BIKE | 02/04<br>Yr 7 & 8 Sticks and<br>Stones<br>Alexandra | 03/04                                                                                                                              | 04/04<br><br>Teacher Only Day |
| <b>Week 11 07/04</b>         | 08/04<br> Bonus<br>Tech Day<br>for Yr & 8  | 09/04                                               | 10/04<br><b>Assembly 2pm</b><br>Building Club  | 11/04                                                                                                            |

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



**ICE SKATING FRIDAY MAY 9TH**

**SKI CAMP DATES FOR 2025**  
**AUGUST 6-8TH**



**SUNDAY 11TH - MONDAY 12TH MAY**  
**YEAR 7 & 8 YOUNG LEADERS DAY DUNEDIN**  
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