



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Happy week 2 everyone! There has been no shortage of things going on. We are excited to announce that after our job interviews in the weekend we have employed Phillipa Addenbrooke for 2026. Phillipa was brought up on a sheep and beef farm inland of Tuatapere, Southland. For the last 5 years, she has been living near The Key, in the Te Anau Basin running a great junior programme. Phillipa's referees couldn't have spoken more highly of her and we are excited for her to join us next year. So next year, Deb is also ready for a change. Phillipa will teach Raggedy Range 0-3 and Deb will teach 4-8. I will go back to take small groups of children for accelerant programmes to help with our different levels of learners.

We are really excited about 2026 already!

One thing we do need your help with is accommodation for Phillipa. Phillipa wants to live in our valley and does not necessarily need a big house. So just wondering if anyone might know a place otherwise Phillipa will need to use the school house. So just putting the feelers out for any other options.

I also wanted to say a big thank you for our fabulous kick off to the term. We have such a great supportive school community. The turn out at the working bee was fabulous and the school is looking fab. People then turned up for a great home and school meeting. We have had community members in and out of our school currently sorting things for the 150th. Our school does have a big heart and I love this so much. I think it's also realising that not everyone can help in every way and as long as everyone does what they can when they can our system works. So a big thank you for doing what you can for our school when you can. We really appreciate it.

On the note of the 150th, it is going to be epic, Deb Stevens is our representative on that committee and the weekend is going to be awesome. What we need from you.... Home and school will be asking each family for a sandwich or baking donation for Saturday and they need helpers for different catering options during Saturday. (So if you couldn't attend the H&S meeting, maybe make contact with Kim to see what we need. The School children are doing the welcome on Saturday at school and we are performing our kapa haka. So I need ANY child that is available to be at school probably from 11.30 so we can get sorted. More details to come but put this on your calendar. Parents you are welcome to be at the Saturday welcome and afternoon activities even if you are not participating in the 150th celebrations. But there will be no parking in our school carpark, please park across the road at the Geary's old driveway or the access road to the tunnel house. With over 180 people attending, parking is offsite and school parking reserved for people who need special access.

Also there is a correction to the calendar as I had the triathlon with Omakau on the wrong date. So the actual date is Monday December 15th



WEEKLY REMINDER

Polyfest Performance Wednesday 15th in Queenstown

RAGGEDY RANGE NEWS



Kia ora,

One week in and the kids are fizzing. I am so proud of their efforts in their learning.

Writing: Our writing about the 150th celebrations have been priceless. We have commented lots on the different innovations over time. It is well worth reading some of their comments. We have also been thinking of some questions that we could ask the previous Poolburn and Moa Creek pupils and teachers on the day of the reunion. We are hoping to collect some oral histories.

Reading: One of our groups have been reading the Memoirs of Donald Williamson. He was a pupil of Poolburn School in the 1930s. This has been fascinating and a great way to compare the differences between then and now. We have been illustrating his memoirs, see below.

Please remember your library books for Friday so that you can get some new ones.

Sorry next week is going to be a real muddle, I will not be in class all week. I am away at a course Monday and Tuesday. Mrs Chamberlain is in on Monday and Mrs Paterson will be in on Tuesday, then we have Kapahaka and the teacher strike.

Ka pai to wiki.

Deb



Poolburn School

The schools changed over the years because they got more people and worked to get it bigger. They were innovative. We changed in size and uniforms. The school we are in now is the third school to be built in this era. I think this school is the biggest and strongest of all the schools built in this era.

Hugh Matheson

Poolburn School
The first ever school was really tiny. The school got better and better. There were not many students. The school uniform then turned green.

Bran Pyle

ROUGH RIDGE NEWS

As we carry on learning our year 7 and 8 maths concepts we are looking at the powerful circle!

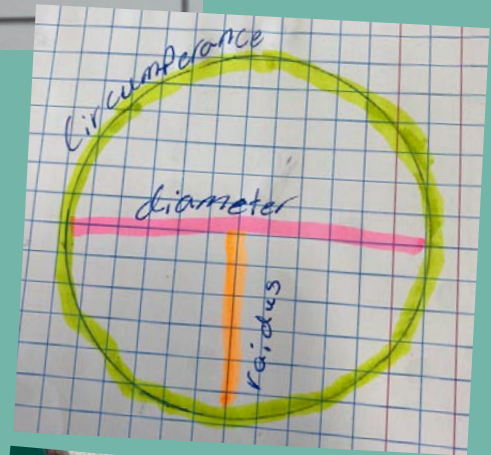
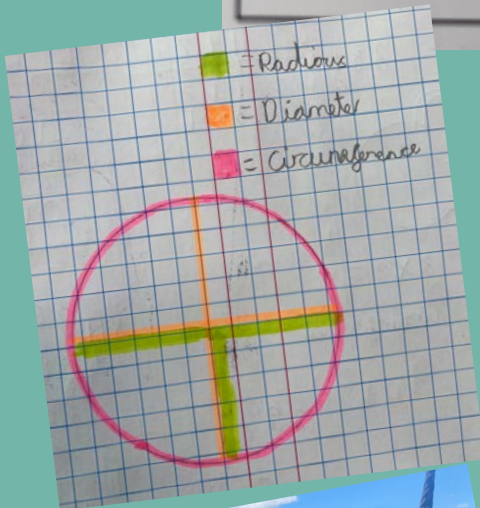
We have been looking at the relationship between circumference and diameter and we have investigated that its ALWAYS a relationship of 3:1 (as long as we measure correctly) So we are interested in this and look forward to exploring more 'rules' about the powerful circle.

Our lessons always start with revisiting previous information. Yesterday we had a wee problem that did hurt our brains. We decided we had difficulty understanding how the table worked. But it also highlighted that our subtraction of large numbers was a bit rusty for some of us.

Can you solve the problem?

Can you work out why we had to do subtraction?

+	16 472	?
?	56 423	?
46 284	?	64 732



COMMUNITY NEWS

Omakau Twilight GOLF

Monday Nights – Starting 3rd November

Tee Off: 5.30 / 6.00 PM

📍 Omakau Golf Course

👤 Teams of 4, Solo players welcome – we'll find you a team!

🎁 Ball prizes every week

🎫 Raffles – bring change!

💰 Entry Fee: \$5

📅 Season runs until 15th December (Xmas break), starting again after NY

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FRIDAY 7th November, 5.30pm

WHERE? Peter Lyon Shearing Cookshop
Hillview Road (off Dunstan Road), Alexandra

TICKETS: \$80 per person

Doors open at 5.30pm with complimentary drink and nibbles on arrival, followed by 3 courses of shared platters.

Spaces are limited so get in quick!
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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.
www.mtisportsturf.co.nz

**Thanks to all that helped at the Working Bee on Monday
The school is looking great!**



TERM 4 CALENDAR

MONDAY Week 2 13/10  School Working Bee	TUESDAY 14/10 HPV Vaccine Year 8 Home and School Meeting	WEDNESDAY 15/10	THURSDAY 16/09	FRIDAY 17/09
Week 3 20/10 Melissa & Deb away MOE Meeting	21/10 George 	22/10 Polyfest Performance Queenstown BOT Meeting	23/10 Strike Day School is Closed	24/10 Poolburn School 150 th Reunion weekend Technology
Week 4 27/10 Labour Day No School	28/10 Miles Anderson MP visiting us Poolburn playgroup visit	29/10 Teacher Only Day	30/10 Melissa away at Kahui Ako Leadership	31/10 MAS Athletics
Week 5 03/11	04/11 George 	05/11  Halloween Disco	06/11 Building Club 4 year old visits	07/11 Technology
Week 6 10/11	11/11	12/11	13/11 Science Road Show Rough Ridge	14/11 Maths Mind Competition Yr 4-6
Week 7 17/11	18/11 George  Cricket Coaching 1-3pm	19/11	20/11 Pets Day 	21/11 Technology
Week 8 24/11	25/11	26/11	27/11 Talent Show 	28/11
Week 9 01/12 Cricket coaching 1-3pm	02/12 George 	03/12	04/12  Building Club	05/12 Technology
Week 10 08/12 Miss P away	09/12	10/12 BOT meeting	11/12	12/12 Year 8 Day and Dinner
Week 11 15/12 Poolburn/Omakau Triathlon	16/12  Last full day of school Prizegiving 6pm	07/12	18/12	19/12

Start Date for 2026 Tuesday February 3rd - Whanau Conference Day
Wednesday 4th February - First Day in Class for 2026

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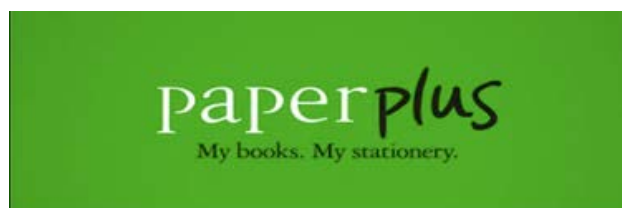
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