Poolburn Post

A message from the Principal

Term 4 Week 2
2026

Kia ora koutou,

What a fabulous week we have had!
It started off with some exciting visitors on Monday. Amy and Cam came to present the korowai that they are donating to the school for our kapa haka group.
A **korowai** is a traditional Māori cloak from New Zealand that holds immense cultural significance, **mana** - prestige, and history.

The wearing of a korowai is a mark of immense respect. It is worn by individuals to acknowledge their achievements, leadership, or important milestones. It symbolizes wrapping the wearer in the spiritual protection, love, and support of their community and ancestors.
It is a great asset to our school, thank you very much to the Nicolson family for the **koha** - gift. I'm sure you agree they looked awesome on the stage.

We then had Nate, Emmet's Uncle work with us for the day on fine tuning our kapa haka performance. It was also awesome to incorporate the taiaha (donated by the Goodlass family last year as an end of year award) into our kapa haka performance.

Then on Tuesday we performed on the Central Otago Polyfest stage. I was reminded this week by a video of our first Polyfest performance and my goodness we have come a long way. This is now part of what we do at Poolburn, it is a date on the calendar to be looked forward to and celebrated. Our Poolburn kids were amazing on that stage despite being SO nervous when they were backstage prior to the performance. So nervous because they wanted to do a great job and because they were invested and cared SO much. The leadership, confidence and whānau involvement that come from kapa haka is what I love the most. Thanks so much for all your support in getting to Queenstown and helping and supporting both in person and online. Also with lovely comments and messages after. I LOVE that kapa haka is important to our school and that we are continuing to raise the bar.





Arohanui,
Melissa









central lakes polyfest

2026







Raggedy Range News

What a full and wonderful week we've had at Poolburn School!

In writing, we've been learning all about paragraphs and how they help our sentences flow smoothly when we share different ideas. On Tuesday, our school made us so proud as the children performed at Polyfest in Queenstown. It was my very first Polyfest with Poolburn School, and seeing the huge sense of pride and effort the kids brought to the stage was truly moving. We are so lucky our children get such an amazing opportunity to build these skills right from a young age!

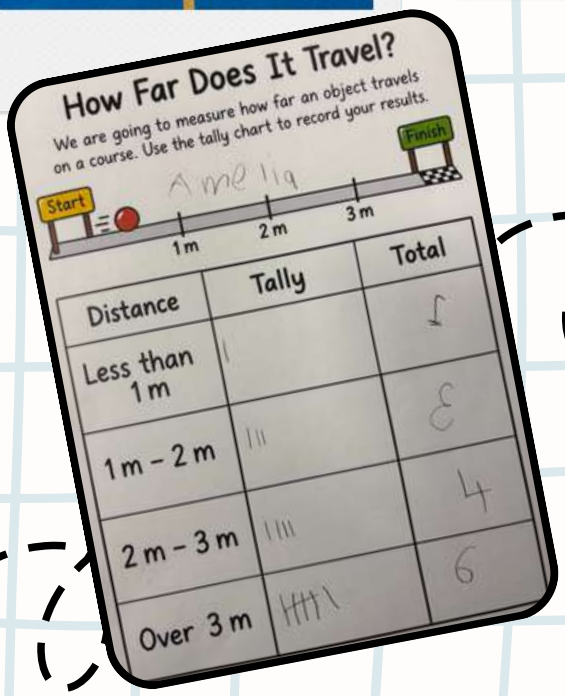
In maths, we've been loving our hands-on statistical investigations. Today, we made paper planes, tested out how far they flew, recorded our data, and learned how to display our findings in pictographs and bar graphs. To top off a brilliant week, athletics training has officially begun as well!

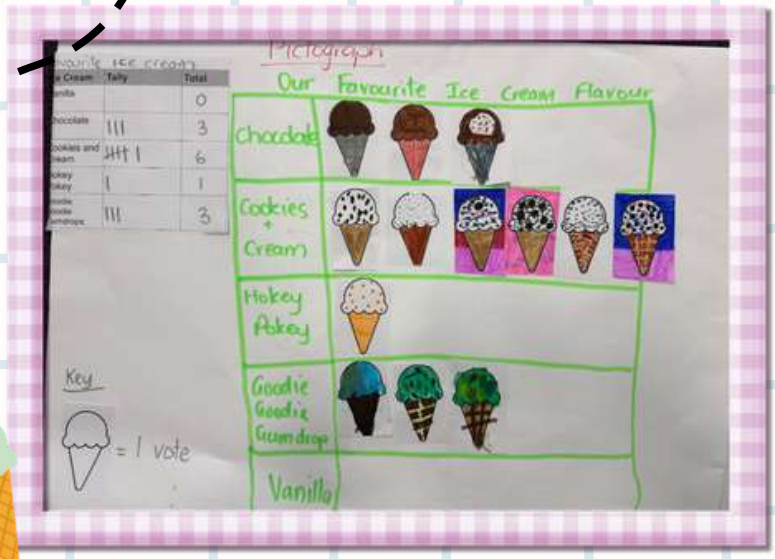
Have a safe long weekend
Phillipa











ROUGH RIDGE NEWS

Kia ora,

Wow, it's term four, and the production is just round the corner. This week we have had auditions and we are starting to learn the songs. Mrs Stevens has been helping us with our expression and we have also been doing some theatre reading. So, wait for the announcements.

Polyfest was lots of fun. We saw so many performances, they were all fantastic. Everyone was nervous, especially the leaders, but we just got out there and did our best so all the teachers were so proud of us. We had Nate, Emmett`s uncle, help us improve our performance and learn skills to use the taiaha that was donated by the Goodlass`s last year. The stage is waiting for us next year!

For maths this week, we have been doing different types of measuring with oranges.. We had to measure the circumference, water displacement, measure the angle of the segments, see how much juice the orange has, and the area of the skin. We had so much fun with these activities and would love to do it again. Did you know that most orange segments are around 30 degrees? How many segments do you think there would be in an orange based on that information?

Nga mihi,

Immy and Liv











TUNNEL HOUSE









Community News



STEPS WINNERS

Ollie Matheson
Ben Rutherford

RITES WINNERS

Annie O'Neill
Maja Rutherford





Community News



Steve Hore and Kyle Hinton are offering 4 weeks of fun squash coaching for kids, starting Friday 9 October at the Omakau Squash Courts.

40-minute coaching sessions
4 weeks – starting Friday 9 October
$40 for all 4 sessions ($10 per session), with all proceeds going to the club.

Whether your child is completely new to squash or has played before, everyone is welcome to come along, have some fun and learn some new skills!

If your child is keen to give it a go, please contact Steve or Kyle to register their interest

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HOLIDAY SWIMMING LESSONS AT POOLBURN

WITH CARMEN

CARMEN MONAGHAN IS AN EXPERIENCED SWIMMING INSTRUCTOR THAT MOVED FROM THE POOL TO THE CLASSROOM, TEACHER AIDING IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS. CARMEN RAN SWIMMING LESONS AT OUR POOL LAST 2 SUMMERS AND THEY WERE AWESOME.

SWIMMING CONFIDENCE AND ABILITY IS SO IMPORTANT. ITS SO GREAT TO HAVE THE CHANCE TO GET LESSONS IN OUR POOL.

LESSONS:
MONDAY JAN 18TH- FRIDAY 22ND JAN

LESSONS ARE OPEN TO SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN. ANY ABILITY OF SWIMMER WELCOME.
LESSONS WILL RUN FOR 30MINS. DEPENDING ON NUMBERS BETWEEN THE TIMES OF 12.30-3.30 EACH DAY
$75 FOR THE WEEKS LESSONS
BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL AND SPACES ARE LIMITED SO GROUPS ARE KEPT SMALL.

IF YOU WANT TO BOOK OR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT
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Community News

DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEED HELP WITH TAILING?

Poolburn Home and School is seeking two days of tailing work as a fundraiser

Please contact the Poolburn School Office if interested
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MONDAYS, TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
9.15AM-1.15PM



29 Swindon St, Ophir
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We're excited to announce that Girls Smash is back for 2026!
Girls Smash is a fun, social and relaxed 6-a-side cricket experience just for girls. It's a great opportunity for students to get together with their friends, give cricket a go and enjoy playing in a supportive environment.
We'd love to see full teams of girls from your school getting involved!

Girls Smash 2026

📅 Dates: Mondays 2nd - 30th Nov
📍 Locations: Molyneux Park #2
⏰ Times: 4:30-5:30pm
🏏 Format: 6-a-side girls-only cricket

No previous cricket experience is needed — the focus is on having fun, getting active and giving cricket a go. Register at:
https://www.playhq.com/new-zealand-cricket/register/f34eca

Term 4 Calendar

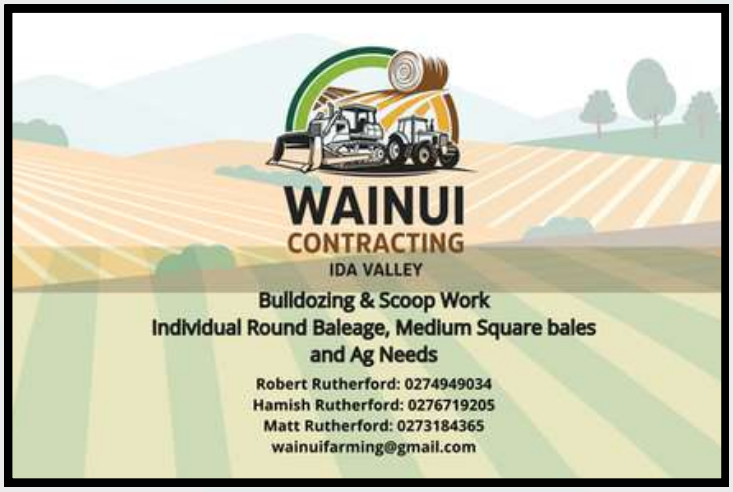
	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
WEEK 2	19/10	20/10 POLYFEST	21/10	22/10	23/10 TECHNOLOGY MULTISPORT DAY
WEEK 3	26/10 LABOUR DAY - NO SCHOOL	27/10 BOT MEETING	28/10 HALLOWEEN DISCO	29/10	30/10 SCIENCE ROADSHOW PADDOCK GOLF - SATURDAY
WEEK 4	02/11	03/11 GUITAR WITH GEORGE	04/11	05/11 DUNSTAN ZONE TRIATHLON	06/11 MAS ATHLETICS DAY
WEEK 5	09/11	10/11	11/11	12/11	13/11
WEEK 6	16/11	17/11 GUITAR WITH GEORGE OTAGO ATHLETICS	18/11	19/11	20/11
WEEK 7	23/11	24/11	25/11	26/11	27/11
WEEK 8	30/11	01/12 GUITAR WITH GEORGE	02/12	03/12	04/12 CO CRICKET FESTIVAL
WEEK 9	07/12	08/12	09/12 PRODUCTION DRESS REHEARSAL	10/12 PRODUCTION	11/12 TECHNOLOGY
WEEK 10	14/12 YEAR 8 DAY	15/12 GUITAR WITH GEORGE YEAR 8 DINNER	16/12 PRIZE GIVING LAST FULL DAY	17/12 HALF DAY	18/12

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