Poolburn Post

A message from the Principal

Term 4 Week 4
2026

Kia ora koutou,

What a busy yet FABULOUS week we had last week! There was A LOT of time to build connections and celebrate the greatness of being a small community. The Halloween disco was such a FUN night. I love seeing the kids in their dress ups, seeing them have so much fun dancing around and consuming alot of lollies. These are the kind of memories from being a kid that you don't forget. Thank you to everyone who gave us a hand to cook the sausages, help with the musical statues and of course the tidy up.

I was also lucky enough to go with my professional learning group to Christchurch and we went and visited 4 schools of all different sizes and locations. As part of this we visited Omihi school which is the same size as us. There was a lot of fabulous learning and I had great conversations with my other Principals.

Then we had Paddock golf and the weather gods were definitely looking down on us. It was awesome to see everyone get dressed up and a huge amount of fun was had. Thank you so much to Cam and Amy Nicolson for opening their farm and Cam for a lot of planning around the holes. A super big thank you to all the amazing sponsors, it was so fabulous to see our community all helping us in different ways. A big shout out to Kim, Kasey, Tanja, Sarah, Amy Maxwell, Rupert, Bullneck & Vicki who put a lot of logistical work into the day. I have heard lots of fabulous comments about how fun it was.

Arohanui,

Melissa



Raggedy Range

We had a fabulous trip to the Clyde Dam on Friday! Enjoy some of Raggedy Ranges' writing...

We went to the power station. First we went in our cars, then we put on our helmets and went on the tour. It was fun. After a start we saw a giant spinny thing. It was cool, and then I saw a giant old piece of a crack. I meant it had cracks. Then we saw a dead bird on the floor, we saw the water rise. Then we went to the bike park and there was a fake road, and the teachers and the parents were pretending to be cops. If you didn't give way you would have to get down and do 20 press ups, only Bran had to do them. Then we did the bike humps, I went up, down, up, down. We had to stop because it was too cold. We went to the Museum and did a treasure hunt in the museum, then we picked up the big kids, because they were at the science parade.

By Bonnie Copland



We went in the Dam and we had a great time. I went to the bike park and it was windy. We went to the museum and we had a scavenger hunt.

By Ollie Matheson

The other day on the 30th of October 2026 on Friday we went to the Clyde Dam. First we stopped and had morning tea. Second we went down to the reception centre, we got helmets on, then we got into groups and went into the dam. We went in the dam walls and the dam walls were made out of concrete and there were tunnels that we went in.

By Aria Rutherford

ROUGH RIDGE NEWS

Kia ora,

Last week we went to the Clyde Dam to learn about how it works and how it was built. First we met James, Stephan and Glen and they showed us through the wall and inside the building. They also explained how everything works. Finally we saw the spill gates release 1000s of litres of water, it was very impressive!

We also went to the Science Road Show, this time they did a demonstration about 'Am I Living?'. We first learned about how muscles work, for example, in the arm there is the bicep and tricep, the bicep contracts to move the arm up into a bent position, and the tricep straightens it back out. We also learned that plants have something similar to movement as well, they move to get the most amount of sunlight. Lastly, they showed us all about breathing. We breathe in oxygen and breathe out carbon dioxide, whereas plants breathe in carbon dioxide and breathe out oxygen. It was really interesting and the day was full of learning!

Ka kite,

Ollie and Jack

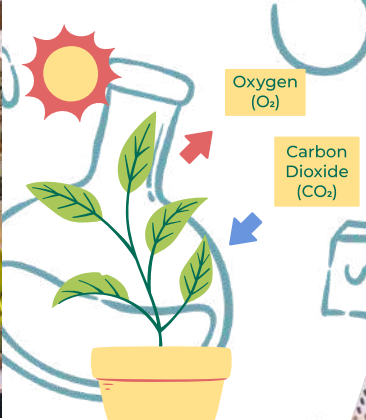


















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HOLIDAY SWIMMING LESSONS AT POOLBURN

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.
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BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL AND SPACES ARE LIMITED SO GROUPS ARE KEPT SMALL.

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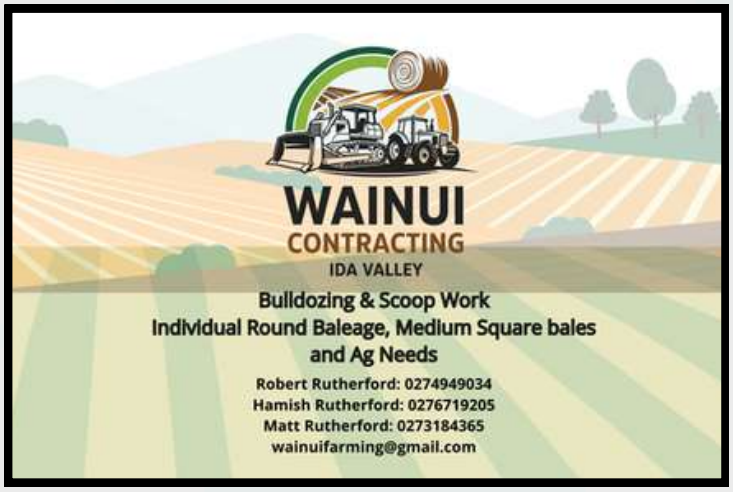
	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
WEEK 4	02/11	03/11 GUITAR WITH GEORGE	04/11	05/11 DUNSTAN ZONE TRIATHLON	06/11 MAS ATHLETICS DAY
WEEK 5	09/11	10/11	11/11	12/11	13/11
WEEK 6	16/11	17/11 GUITAR WITH GEORGE OTAGO ATHLETICS	18/11	19/11	20/11
WEEK 7	23/11	24/11	25/11	26/11	27/11
WEEK 8	30/11	01/12 GUITAR WITH GEORGE	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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