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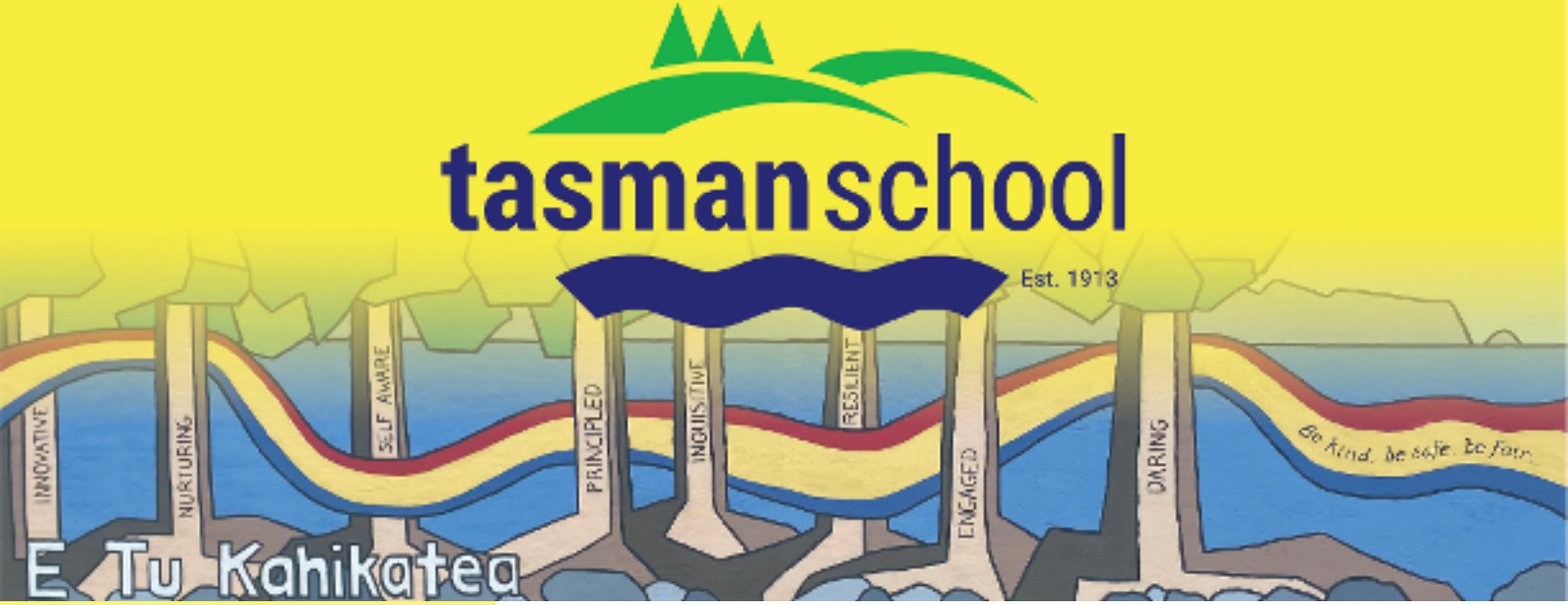

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday 27 July

My Ride Bike Maintenance

Tuesday 28 July

Parent Teacher Conferences - school finishes at 2.00 pm

Friday 31 July

Assembly (Tui)

Monday 3 August

Market Day

Tuesday 4 August

Market Day

Fundraising Meeting

Thursday 6 August

Burger and Donuts for Market Day

Friday 7 August

Sausage and Juicy

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora koutou,

I hope everyone had a restful holiday break and found some time to enjoy being together as a family. It has been wonderful to welcome our students back this week. Classrooms have quickly settled into familiar routines, and there has been a real sense of enthusiasm as students reconnect with their friends and learning.

This week we've also had the opportunity to review our mid-year achievement information, and it's pleasing to see that our students continue to achieve really strong results. Overall, the results reflect the hard work of our students, the support of our families, and the high-quality teaching taking place across the school every day.

Across the school:

- **89%** of students are achieving at or above curriculum expectations in mathematics.
- **87%** are achieving at or above expectations in reading.
- **79%** are achieving at or above expectations in writing.

These are really encouraging results, particularly as the refreshed New Zealand Curriculum has introduced higher expectations in many learning areas. Pleasingly, these results also align closely with our independent SMART assessment data, giving us confidence that our overall picture of student achievement is both accurate and reliable.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONTINUED...

These results were reflected in the mid-year reports recently shared with families. As this is our first reporting cycle aligned with the refreshed curriculum, we're keen to continue refining the way we communicate student learning. If you have any feedback on the reports—whether there's something you found particularly helpful or an area where we could improve—I would genuinely welcome hearing from you. Your feedback will help us continue to strengthen the information we provide to families.

While Term 3 is often a little quieter in terms of major events, it is one of the most important terms of the year. It gives us the opportunity to consolidate learning, strengthen routines, and continue embedding many of the improvements we've been introducing across the school.

Our teaching team will also continue their Structured Literacy professional learning throughout the term. Our goal is to implement Structured Literacy consistently across the school, so that as children move from one year level to the next, they experience a clear and connected learning pathway. Each year builds on the last, allowing knowledge and skills to develop progressively rather than feeling fragmented. It's been encouraging to see our whole teaching team learning together and building a shared approach that will benefit every student.

Please keep an eye on the digital school calendar, as there have been a few minor changes and additions since the printed version was published. The online calendar is always the most up-to-date source of information.

I'm also pleased to let you know that we've now awarded the contract for our playground upgrade, with work due to begin shortly. Local builders will be completing a range of safety improvements alongside some exciting enhancements that will make the playground an even better place for our children to enjoy.

The project is expected to take around three weeks, during which time the playground will be closed. Once the building work is complete, we'll be calling on our wonderful school community for a working bee to spread the new bark before reopening the playground.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONTINUED...

A sincere thank you to our Fundraising Association for making this project possible. Their generosity and ongoing support continue to make a real difference for our students.

If you didn't have the opportunity to explore our refreshed vision, values and aspirations display during our Matariki celebration, it remains available in the hall. We'd love you to take a few minutes to have a look and add your own thoughts.

Whether it's recognising something you value about our school or sharing a hope for the future, your voice helps shape the direction of our school community. The display will remain available throughout the term, so please feel free to stop by whenever you're at school.

Next week our Year 5–8 students and staff will participate in the NZCER *Wellbeing at School* survey. This nationally recognised tool provides valuable feedback about how students experience school and helps us identify both our strengths and opportunities for further improvement.

Student wellbeing remains one of our highest priorities, and this is one of the ways we ensure that students' experiences match our intentions and that we continue to provide a safe, inclusive and supportive environment for every learner.

A reminder that Learning Conferences will be held next week, with an early finish on Tuesday to allow these to take place. I look forward to catching up with many of you then. Winter sports also resume next weekend, and I wish all of our teams the very best.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support of our school. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Ngā mihi,

Symon Beattie
Principal

Minnie and Elysa making the Tasman Cross Country team - well done girls!!

Senior School Market Week

Bring your pocket money along to support their businesses raising money for the Cancer Foundation.
All items are priced $1-3, except $5 Food Dude Burgers on Thursday.

**Thursday burger and donut orders need to be made in cash to the office by Wednesday 5th August.*

Monday 3rd August

Twisted Styles
Hairstyles and Face Paint

DRIED & FRESH

Waffle Lab

The Pretzel House

CAN BAKERY
muffins & shortbread

Wednesday 5th August

Annabelle's easy stiches

Twisted Styles
Hairstyles and Face Paint

DRIED & FRESH

Stuck with us

CAN BAKERY
muffins & shortbread

Thursday 6th August

SUPER Lucky DIP

Annabelle's easy stiches

BIG DOGS DONUTS

FOOD DUDES

The slush hub

SPLASH FRIENDS

Blackbeard's Treasure
A $1 Treasure hunt

cake pop KITCHEN

Twisted Styles
Hairstyles and Face Paint

Stuck with us

MOTUEKA
ROLLER HOCKEY
DISCO
FUNDRAISER
SATURDAY
JULY 25
MOTUEKA RECREATION CENTRE RINK
6:30 - 8:30PM
FUNDRAISING FOR OUR JOURNEY TO NATIONALS!
COME ALONG WITH YOUR FRIENDS FOR A NIGHT OF SKATE GAMES, FUN AND SOCIALISATION!
HEALTHY FOOD AND SWEET TREATS AVAILABLE

OPEN DAY
AUG 2

1KM SOUTH OF WAKEFIELD

WILLOW BANK
HERITAGE VILLAGE

WAKEFIELD N.Z.

ENTRY FEE:
$7 PER ADULT
(AGES 18+)
$3 PER CHILD

SWISS HERITAGE OPEN DAY

EXPERIENCE A SPECIAL SWISS HERITAGE OPEN DAY AT WILLOW BANK HERITAGE VILLAGE–AN IMMERSIVE JOURNEY BROUGHT TO LIFE FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE DAY, WHERE THE VILLAGE TRANSFORMS INTO A VIBRANT CELEBRATION OF SWISS-INSPIRED CULTURE, FOOD, AND HANDS-ON HISTORY.

SUNDAY 10AM – 3PM AUG 2

1970'S MILK BAR / VICTORIAN STYLE CAFE / SECRET GARDEN
1950S BURGER BAR / LAUNDRY / DRESS SHOP / PUPPET THEATRE
CHILDREN'S SUITCASE MARKET / WORKING BAKELITE PHONES
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ELECTORAL COMMISSION
TE KAITIAKI TAKE KŌWHIRI

Job Opportunities

2026 General Election

- ✓ **Help deliver New Zealand's biggest public event – the 2026 General Election**
- ✓ **We need people to work at voting places and electorate headquarters**

The Electoral Commission is recruiting for roles across New Zealand to deliver the 2026 General Election.

Whether you want to work for several weeks or just for a day, there's a variety of options to suit you. All our roles are paid and available on **work.elections.nz**

You can apply online or you can visit an Electorate Headquarters (HQ) and we'll help you apply. We also have paper applications, which are available on request.

Headquarters Roles HQ Support Staff (HQS)

There are many roles in our Electorate Headquarters and pay rates range from $26 - $33.80 per hour.

Different HQ Support roles help in each electorate. HQ Support Staff general duties may range from supporting a manager, working as a recruitment assistant, van driver, phone programmer, receptionist, to supplies packing.

Support staff may also count votes and complete tasks after the election. Staff may do different tasks at different times during the election period. Other HQ support staff may take on extra responsibility or specialise in a process or area.

Voting Place Roles

There are a range of roles available in our voting places. Pay rates start from $26 per hour and training is provided.

Voting Place Manager: A Voting Place Manager is responsible for a voting place. This includes managing staff, processes, and materials. The Voting Place Manager works to ensure excellent service is provided to all voters and looks after the security of people and materials. People in the role need to be able to lead a team, use technology, and follow processes.

Voter Assistant: The Voter Assistant works at the front of the voting place greeting voters. This role manages voter queues, directs voters to the right place, answers queries, uses an app to assist voters with enrolment, and ensures that voters follow health and safety measures in place. People in this role will have good customer service skills, be comfortable talking to the public, and can use technology.

Issuing Officer: An Issuing Officer works in a voting place and is responsible for accurately issuing ordinary and/or special votes. Issuing Officers receive training so they can provide a good service to our voters. People in this role will need to be comfortable interacting with voters and able to follow our processes.

Mobile Voting Team: A Mobile Voting Team provides voting services in locations such as hospitals, care homes, New Zealand Defence Force bases, and prisons.

Bike Safety Checks - Next Monday

Everything will be set up ready for students from 8:30am**.** As students arrive, they will be asked to identify their bike before our team carries out a safety inspection.

Each bike will undergo a full safety check, including:

- Tyres and tyre pressure
- Brakes and brake function
- Headset and steering components
- Axles and wheel security
- Handlebar end plugs (bar ends)
- Chain condition and lubrication
- Gears
- Cranks and pedals
- General bike condition and safety assessment

Where possible, our team will also carry out minor repairs and adjustments on-site or refer to the shop for more complex repairs.

The purpose of these checks is to ensure that students are riding bikes that are safe, reliable, and roadworthy. By identifying potential safety concerns early and making

Bring Your Bike To School - Monday 27 July

KINA BIRD SONG

Let's get together, Saturday 1st August from Midday at Baigent's Reserve Kina Peninsula.

Share ideas and solve problems over a sausage on the community BBQ. Paul Cossey (Baigents trapper) will be on the BBQ. Tim Lole and I will be there to answer questions and help repair any traps you may have problems with.

If you have any traps needing calibration, bring them along and jars for bait (peanut butter, cinnamon, aniseed lure available) . We have Erayze rabbit jerky for your freezer.

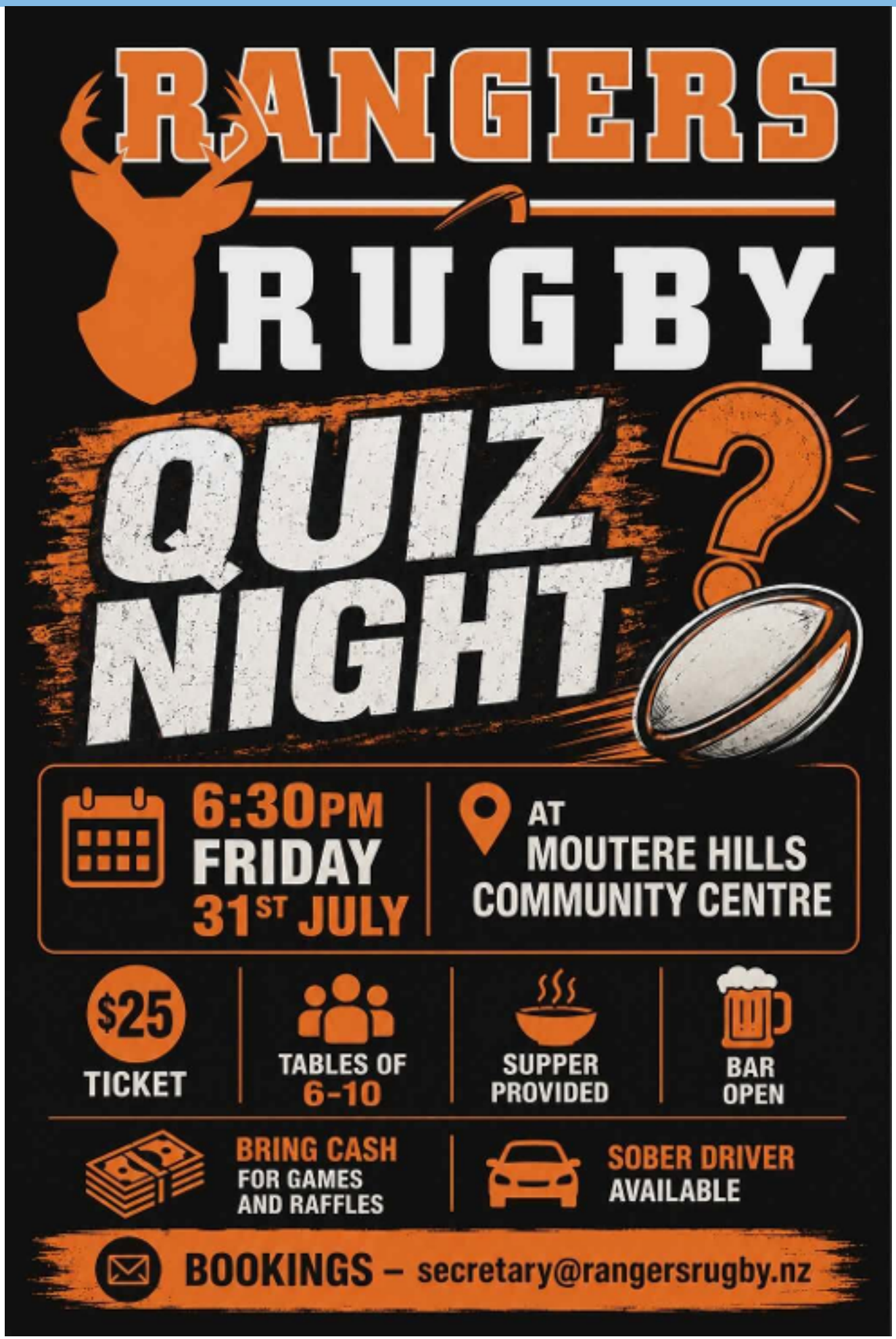
Did you know that Norway rats rarely get killed with standard Victor rat traps? Josh Preston (DOC) recently suggested we install modified Victor traps where we have Norway Rats. They love water and we have prefect conditions for them in our area. I have noticed an increase in Norway Rats myself. We have modified Victors available for collection on the 1st should you want to try.

Is your bait getting stolen in your traps? Do you want to place a victor mouse trap in your DOC trap or Rat trap box alongside? We have these for you as well.**We have Rat trap boxes, Victors, Modified Victors and Mouse Victors available for pickup for Kina Bird Song members.**

Artificial eggs will be available and are good to start putting out when the nesting season starts in late August. These eggs are a good protector of Erayze rabbit jerky from mice.

If you have friends or neighbours who wish to join and help out trapping please feel free to invite them along on Saturday the 1st of August at Baigent's 12 pm to 1.30. There will be a community planting and weeding working bee at Baigents from 9 am to 12 that day , if you wish to come earlier and help our please feel free.

Let me know what traps and how many you need so we bring them along on the day and please remember to bring containers for lures etc to take away.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