



# EXPANDING HORIZONS

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**Not to be limited to what is nearest, but to be able to see beyond.**

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## **POOLBURN ACHIEVERS**

***RAGGEDY RANGE: HANNAH LITHGOW - Welcome to Poolburn School***

***ROUGH RIDGE: MINNIE HESSELL - you have made a wonderful start to Rough Ridge, keep up that new 'confidence'***

Dear Parents and Caregivers, Welcome back to everyone for another year of hustle and reward at School. The first week has passed without too many hiccups and the children appear happy and ready to just get on with things. It is a different beginning of year for children at Poolburn, as the uncertainty around new teachers and new classrooms means that life resumes as normal very quickly. This is something that staff are very aware of and we will work at planning a year that brings with it a few differences and changes from previous years. Our topic for the year will be the continuation of the "What is School?" theme we saw during our debate in term 3, 2010 and this will be kicked off with a unit based around the new building and the celebration of its opening. A letter was sent home last week regarding music tuition at School and due to the high demand we are currently working through how this will look for the children and the best way to cater for all the children's interests. The Board of Trustees will be meeting early next week to work through the new 3 Year School Charter and follow up on the plethora of surveys sent out at the end of last year. This has been valuable information as it allows us to set realistic targets for Poolburn School looking ahead to 2013.



The Breen Boys, (Neville, Jethro and Ken) are on the final leg with the Taj Mahal and all has taken shape. The added space will be brilliant with the "Flow, Campfires and Watering Holes" all adding value to the children's learning. There is still plenty to be done before we look at our "official" opening with the I.C.T. investment, Furniture and fit bits still to be done before completion. Once we have confirmed our total cost, the Poolburn B.O.T. will then look into phase 2 of the building project centred around the Library and Resource Room.

**GOOD WILL:** Poolburn School would like to thank the Home and School, High Country Trail and Poolburn Hotel for the goodwill shown towards the School. The donations received during the holiday break were greatly appreciated and all help when targeting new resources for the children. Through our Home and School Fundraising efforts we will tag money towards the purchase of ICT equipment and with the donation from High Country Trail and the Poolburn Hotel a very nice piece of furniture will be selected for our new multi purpose room. Thanks heaps!

### **SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR THE YEAR**

- TERM 1** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April  
**TERM 2** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July  
**TERM 3** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October  
**TERM 4** Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Final day of the year to be confirmed.

**Swimming** – Classes will swim every day (weather permitting) for the first few weeks of the term in preparation for the Small Schools Swimming Sports. Students need their togs, towel and goggles at school everyday. If for some reason a student is not swimming, please send a note to school advising this. Raggedy Range swimming time 1.30 – 2.15pm and Rough Ridge swimming time 2.15 – 3.00pm.

**DRINK BOTTLES & SUN HATS** – New Drink bottles have been order for the classrooms but until they arrive can you please ensure your child brings a drink bottle to school and also that they have a sunhat please.

### **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Manual for Y7 & Y8 – hats compulsory
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Lucky Book Clubs due
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Central Otago A&P Show – families 3 lots of baking
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February</b>	BOT Meeting starting 7.30pm
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	Small Schools Swimming Sports
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	Manual for Y7 & Y8 – hats compulsory
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	C.O. Swimming Sports
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Otago Anniversary Day – No school
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Year 8 Vaccine
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Kapa Haka – details to follow
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	End of Term One

### **Wearable Arts Section at the A & P Show:**

**1. Open, 2. High school, 3. Primary**

**Please register your creation with the Home Industries before 1pm on the day**

**TENDERS FOR THE LUCERNE Paddock** – Tender for the 3<sup>rd</sup> cut of the school lucerne paddock are now due and closing on the Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 5pm. Anyone interested please submit your tender in writing to Bridgette Hodge or Bronnie Flannery thanks.

**CRICKET** – Congratulations to the the Blacks Hill Cricket Team on having a very convincing win on Saturday over Queenstown and are now the holders of the Koford Cup. Well done!

**MOA CREEK GUN CLUB** – Shoot on February 20<sup>th</sup> – Skeet Championships 100 tgts, starting 1pm. All welcome.

**BITS'N'BOBS** – There is now a Hairdresser available on Mondays (Karen) and Fridays (Tracey). For appointments please either call in or phone Lorraine on 4473 076.

**CENTRAL OTAGO WASTEBUSTERS** – will be celebrating 10 years of Recycling in Central Otago with an Open day on Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup> 2011 at their Resource Recovery Park in Boundary Road, Alexandra, starting at 10am and concluding at 3.15pm. The Official Welcome will take place at 11.30 to be followed by Barbecue. There will be a working demonstration of their recycling operation plus other displays, car boot sale, auction etc. Volunteers and employees past and present and members of the public warmly welcome.

**Operatunity Entertainment Ltd** is coming to Alexandra's Memorial Theatre on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 7.30 to present their concert 'Three Tenors and a Soprano' and featuring the Three Tenors, Benjamin Makisi, Derek Hill and Bonaventure Allan-Moetaua with soprano Susan Boland. The programme includes theme songs from many of the world's greatest, well-known tenors past and present. For a night music, fun and camaraderie presented in a professional informal manner, purchase tickets from Budget Central Bookshop, Alexandra \$25 each. Groups of 4 or more \$20 each. This concert is again brought to our area by Alexandra-Clyde-Lauder Union Parish.

The Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination programme will be offered to all year 8 girls at school this year. Sometime during February Year 8 girls will be given a consent form to take home to their parents/caregivers.

**Please read this form carefully and return it to school ASAP, even if you do not consent for your daughter to be vaccinated at school.**

No student will be vaccinated without their parent/caregiver's consent.

The HPV vaccination is also available free of charge through your practice nurse or doctor, for all girls born after 1<sup>st</sup> January 1990.

For any further information please phone the public health nurse for your school, or look up [www.cervicalcancer.govt.nz](http://www.cervicalcancer.govt.nz)

#### **UPINCOMING COURSES AT REAP**

- **Plein Air Painting**  
Saturday 5 March, 10am – 3pm, \$35
- **Beginners Screen Printing**  
Thursday 10 March, 6.30 – 9.30pm, \$35
- **Preserving/Chutney & Sauces**  
Cromwell – 16, 23 Feb & 2 March, \$20  
Alexandra – Register your interest
- **Cooking on a Budget - FREE**  
Alexandra - 5 weeks starting 14 February
- **'Write from the Heart'** 13 March with Gerri Power
- **The Art of Resilience** 16 March with Gerri Power
- **One to One Computer Tuition**  
90 minute FREE assessment session with Gavin Dann
- **FREE Careers Advice for 18 – 25 year olds**
- **One to One Literacy & Numeracy Tuition – FREE**

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