



## 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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### STUDENT OF THE WEEK

**RAGGEDY RANGE:**  
**ROUGH RIDGE:**

Dear Parents and Caregivers, Dear Parents and Caregivers,



## OUR OWN TAJ



Poolburn School received some wonderful news during the holidays with confirmation our application for funding has been accepted for our building project. The school is overjoyed with the news as it has been a very long process to get to this point. The School would sincerely like to thank both Moy Sainsbury, our Grants assessor, and the Central Lakes Trust Board for their generous contribution and backing in this major undertaking for our community. The school is very keen to get this right as it has tremendous potential for firstly our children and also for the wider community. The School will be actively seeking feedback as the process moves forward and it is very conscious that decisions need to be made in consultation with the community so that our children receive the best in what is to offer and the facility enhances the good things that are already happening in the Valley. Poolburn School is very appreciative for this opportunity and again extends its warmest thanks to the Central Lakes Trust for allowing this to happen.



Last term I was given the opportunity to attend the New Zealand Principals' Conference in Queenstown. This week was both informative and enjoyable with a lot of discussion centered around current trends happening within the sector. National Standards has certainly made people think about their thoughts around education and school but we must be careful to not judge "school" by our own experiences of what school was. In short it is my belief that what we currently have is a

very simplistic answer to a very complex problem. Children as we know develop at "their" pace and space and although you cannot diminish the importance of "at the moment" assessment we also need to be aware that any assessment undertaken is literally that, "at the moment". In discussions since the conference there appears confusions around the Principals' standpoint that National Standards are overwhelmingly bad. From attending Professional Development and reflecting on the Conference this is certainly not the case. Schools currently adhere to nationally based assessments and welcome documentation that supports the Overall Teacher Judgement. The issue I believe that is hindering progress is the assumption that "One Size Fits All" and the lack of consultation with our Educational Leaders. This "High Stakes" approach detracts from the principles as set out in The New Revised New Zealand Curriculum and it is this balance that School Principals' would like to see handled with care before rushing through its implementation. No one would argue that we want the best for our children and it would be foolish to think that a rainbow is just 3 colours.

**TERM 3** Last term's "Four Seasons" Family Assembly saw the culmination of a lot of hard work over a 2 ½ year period. Staff are very keen to set a plan moving forward so that the momentum created around our school's vision does not retreat. We have set Term 3 aside to focus on our Literacy Contract with Mr Ray Griffiths and to undertake Professional Development around School Self Review while Ray is in our school. Our topic for the term will be focused on Persuasive Language with the umbrella theme of Mythical Creatures and Fractured Fairy Tales. Instead of foot tapping and back slapping, hopefully you can all expect a few arguments over the dinner table. A priority for staff this term will be working through school documentation and assessment procedures to ensure we remain in line with current thoughts.

Have a good week.

**HEAD LICE – It appears their could be head lice about again. Please check your child/childrens hair and treat it if necessary. Things to look for are, eggs (small & hard look like a grain of salt) they are firmly glued to the hair, these are pale in colour. After the eggs have hatched the empty egg case is white. Itchiness & scratching behind the ears or the scalp and neck. There are a few methods of treatment just call into your local pharmacy for advice.**

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Start of Term 3</b>
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Ice Skating-Curling with Omakau School</b>
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Cross Country – details to follow</b>
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Skiing – details to follow</b>
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	<b>Cancellation Ski Day</b>

Any students interested in learning Kayaking skills to play kayak polo you are welcome to an introduction and registration evening Tuesday the 27th July at 6.30 Molyneux Aquatic Centre. Please bring a life jacket if you have one and a helmet. The cost is \$35 for 5 sessions, includes pool entry. Inquiries please contact Keri Barnett 4492303.

**KIDS RUGBY** – This weekend is the Alexandra 7-a-side tournament. All teams have been entered. It is the last game(s) for all teams for the season except the Under 13 team. Instead of practice on Thursday we will have team photos and prize giving. This is to be followed by a club shout for players and family.

Please bring clean gear for the team photos. Photo's cost \$10 each – they are named and laminated. Please bring money to pay for them on the day.

All trophies need to be returned for the prize giving as well. Thanks Graham

*Thank you*

*Thank you so much for the wonderful cooking and baking we received during the last weeks, the generosity of the community is greatly appreciated. Apologies in the delay of returning dishes, as soon as I'm driving again, they'll be delivered.*

*R Flannery*



For Sale a pair of Nike Cross Trainers (new) all leather, white, Euro 39 \$80 ono  
ph Janette 4474299.

**ALL BLACKS VISITING NASEBY**

I know few details as yet, but believe some All Blacks are coming to Naseby on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August. They are to have some time with kids doing skills and games. I will let people know more as I find out, but mark it on your calendars now.

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