

# Poolburn School "Kids" Newsletter

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The winning caption went to the editors. It was: "Come on, we're going to miss our flight to France"

Last month's caption:



What on earth is Mia doing? Let your editors know so we can publish in the next newsletter.

## News

### New Sub-editors on board

We, the editors (Bethany, Sinnead and Jane) are "handing over" the newsletter to our new sub-editors before the end of term as we are leaving for High School next year. By "handing over" we can be sure that the newsletter will carry on and we'll continue to check it out on the website next year!!! ([www.idavalley.co.nz](http://www.idavalley.co.nz))

### Fourth Term Project

We are doing a project this term on interesting things that have happened in New Zealand. Here is what each of the editors and sub editors have chosen as their project:

**Bethany Flannery:** Women getting the vote

**Sinnead Flannery:** Tangiwai disaster

**Jane Scott:** Early Settlers

**Antonia Kohler:** Sir Peter Blake

**Ben Sinnamon:** Otago History

**Caitlin Turfus:** Napier Earthquake

**Macaela Turfus:** Aramoana Shooting

**Mia Nevill:** Canterbury Earthquake

**Simone Keane:** Abbotsford Landslide

## Upcoming Birthdays in November

Name	Age	Date
Bethany Flannery	13	13 <sup>th</sup>
Dominic Flannery	11	14 <sup>th</sup>
Jane Scott	13	17 <sup>th</sup>
Jack Small	6	21 <sup>st</sup>
Tracey Turfus	20	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Max Kohler	10	28 <sup>th</sup>
Barbara Nevill	21	30 <sup>th</sup>

## People



Anna Scott -Year 3

Q.	What do you think is cool about Poolburn School?
A.	That you can have friends.

Q.	What is your favourite thing to do at school?
A.	Maths.
Q.	Do you have any brothers or sisters?
A.	I've got two sisters, Jane and Becky.
Q.	What do your Mum and Dad do?
A.	My mum drives the bus and my dad farms.
Q.	Do you play any sports?
A.	I play hockey.
Q.	What is your favourite TV programme?
A.	Spongebob Squarepants.
Q.	Do you have a favourite book at the moment?
A.	No.
Q.	What is your favourite food?
A.	My favourite food is bacon.
Q.	What is your least favourite food?
A.	Gherkins.
Q.	Do you have any family pets? What are they and what are their names?
A.	We've got three cats.



Bethany Flannery - Year 8

Q.	What do you think is cool about Poolburn School?
A.	Well, where do I start - um, I just think it's cool that there's not many people so you get to grow close to your friends, and you make a good bond.
Q.	What is your favourite thing to do at school?
A.	I like art and I like 'Barbara work' because it's the best work you can do and also of course lunchtime because you get to eat. (Note from parent helper aka Barbara - what a suck-up)!
Q.	Do you have any brothers or sisters?
A.	Sadly I have three siblings, one's a sister and two are brothers. My sister is called Jessie and she's alright, she's quite cool. There's Dugan and Eamon (you kind of think he's cute

	but when you live with him he's psycho).
Q.	What do your Mum and Dad do?
A.	Well my mother is a lawyer and she helps me out on some key situations and my father is a farmer and just a great dad.
Q.	Do you play any sports?
A.	Yes I do play sport. In summer I play tennis and in the winter I play hockey. I used to play netball and I'll probably play that at High School and I used to play softball. Yeah I just enjoy being a sporty person.
Q.	What is your favourite TV programme?
A.	"Glee". My second favourite would be "Packed to the Rafters".
Q.	Do you have a favourite book at the moment?
A.	"Harry Potter".
Q.	What is your favourite food?
A.	Pasta with garlic and vegetable soup.
Q.	What is your least favourite food?
A.	Peas.
Q.	Do you have any family pets? What are they and what are their names?
A.	I have five farm dogs - there's Kate, there's Trim who has so many puppies but is a good farm dog. There's Scooby who is a dog that does nothing. Um Ray (fluffy) and Jazz - he's my dog. I have two little puppies (they have no names) and I do have another pet - he's called Eamon ha ha.

## Feature Story

Multi Purpose room - editors with the builders



In this issue, we interviewed Neville and Jethro - (the builders) about working for Breens Construction. Here is what they had to say:

**Q: What do you like about working for Breens?**

**A:** (Neville) Basically, because it's outside work. We're not stuck inside like people in an office.

**Q: How does it feel coming back to Poolburn School after all these years?**

**A:** (Jethro) Weird I suppose but it's good to come back and make changes. (Editors' note: Jethro Matheson used to be a pupil here).

**Q: Have you ever worked at any other schools before and if you have, which ones?**

**A:** (Neville) Yes, I've worked at plenty of schools. Roxburgh, Maniototo Area School (we built the library there), Omakau School, Becks School, Lauder School, Dunstan High School, Terrace Primary, Alexandra Primary. That's the other good thing about working for Breens, you get variety which means you're not just a house builder. You can go and work at Police Stations, Ski fields - anything.

**Q: Have you had any accidents before on the job?**

**A:** (Neville) Yes, I lost the top of my finger - I didn't cut it or anything, it got squashed. It wasn't actually broken, they had to nip a piece off the bone with side-cutters and skin graft it.

**Q: Have you always wanted to be a builder? If not, what would you have liked to have done?**

**A:** (Neville) Yeah I have and I'll tell you why. I've been a builder since I left school. Now if you look at that window we took out over there - it's got a sign on it "G W Bell & Son" and G W Bell was my grandfather, so I'm actually a fourth generation builder and I've got a son who is a cabinet maker so he works with wood as well.

If I wasn't a builder I'd still like to work outside. I'd probably be a rabbit or possum hunter.

**Q: How long have you been building for?**

**A:** (Neville) Since I left school.

**Q: What was your first building project?**

**A:** (Neville) I worked in Dunedin on some community flats in Green Island.

## Quick Fact

An interesting fact that Neville told us was that Poolburn is the only valley in the world (that he knows of) where the water drains from both ends of the valley (Auripo and Moa Creek).

## Building progress with the editors



Catch you in the next (Christmas) issue!