

Principal's Message

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Nau mai, haere mai, tēnā koutou katoa

Thank you to everyone who was able to support our teaching staff attending the Paid Union Meeting (PUM) this morning. Your support is very much appreciated, as a school we have little influence over dates or times as these PUM meetings are a legislated right for union members.

School Closed - a reminder that there are a few short weeks coming up with school closed on the following days;

Friday 29 March - Good Friday

Monday 1 April - Easter Monday

Tuesday 2 April - Easter Tuesday

Just in case you aren't aware, the Tuesday following Easter Monday is a school holiday, but not a statutory holiday, and schools in New Zealand must be closed. The terms and holidays are usually set so that Easter occurs during the first term break and the Easter Tuesday school holiday goes unnoticed. However, in some years Easter falls much earlier than usual such as in 2016, 2021 and 2024.

Native planting day

Year 7 tamariki had the best time out at Slope Hill with the Whakatipu Reforestation Trust. Children got their hands dirty planting native trees and showed Kaitiakitanga (guardianship and practices for sustainability).



MtB

South Island MtB even at Coronet Peak was a huge success! Tamariki did a great job representing RPS at the event. Thanks to Tim Ceci for supporting the team on the hill. Special congratulations to:

Zadie C - 2nd in Enduro, Ted C - 3rd U14's MtB/ 3rd U14's Triple Crown, Alicia L - 1st Downhill



Visiting authors

We highly value literacy and the opportunity to foster an enjoyment and appreciation for literacy. It was an honour to host two wonderful authors last week:

Stephen Mushin - an industrial designer, illustrator and inventor presenting his book Ultrawild and

Kath Bee - children's songwriter whose catchy, fun and thoughtful songs have become family favourites.



COPSSA Athletics - Cancelled

With a heavy heart the decision has been made to cancel this year's COPSSA Athletics due to forecast weather and cold temperatures. A lot of work has been done already behind the scenes. We know the kids will be really disappointed but unfortunately the weather takes this decision out of our hands.

NZSKI Snowsport Programme 2024.

NZSki have released their Local School Camps online - see the links below to check availability. As a school we ask that parents only sign up for the following camps. (Participation will be coded as F, which means they are attending an outside provider).

- **July 3-5 Y3/4 camp** at The Remarkables ✓
- **Aug 28-30 Y5/6 camp** at The Remarkables ✓ & **Enduro camp Y5-8** ✓
- **Sept 11-13 Y7/8 camp** at The Remarkables & **Enduro camp Y5-8** ✓

We will not be sending any staff to support camps other than these, (and participation outside of these dates will be marked as E, which means explained but unjustified).

Year 3/4 - <https://shop.thereRemarkables.co.nz/shop/product/249>

Year 5/6 - <https://shop.thereRemarkables.co.nz/shop/product/250>

Year 7/8 - <https://shop.thereRemarkables.co.nz/shop/product/251>

Enduro - <https://shop.thereRemarkables.co.nz/shop/product/252>

[3 Peak Local \(primary\) Schools Season Passes](#) are currently available online at \$139 again (price freeze). These are available online **up until June 1** only. After that date parents will need to visit one of our Guest Services locations with proof from the respective school that their child is current and enrolled.

Year 4 Parents - Pivotal Point

We are pleased to have partnered with the Pivotal Point Charitable Trust who are screening Year 4 students across the Whakatipu Basin to ascertain students who may need further assessments in the areas of literacy and/or auditory and visual processing. Thank you to all those parents and caregivers who attended the recent information sessions regarding screening Year 4 students. Please look out for consent forms and further information in your inboxes tomorrow morning.

Community Notices:

Attached to the email with the newsletter is also the Community Notices. You can also follow this [link](#) to view the community notices online.

[Term Calendar](#). The term 1 calendar can be [found here](#). We encourage you to look online at our [‘live’ parent calendar](#) too which can be found on HERO and on the homepage of [our website](#).

MONDAY <i>Rāhina 25 Māehe</i>	TUESDAY <i>Rātu 26 Māehe</i>	WEDNESDAY <i>Rāapa 27 Māehe</i>	THURSDAY <i>Rāpare 28 Māehe</i>	FRIDAY <i>Rāmere 29 Māehe</i>
SCHOOL CLOSED	• PUM - School Starts at 11 am • Tuakana Kapa Haka • LunchOnline - sushi	• Lunchonline - Pizza (The Hayes)	• Teina Kapa Haka • Ice Blocks \$2 • LunchOnline - Subway	SCHOOL CLOSED

Tim and the RPS Team