



14 August 2025

**Term 3 Week 5**

**Kia Ora, Kamusta, Āyubōvan, Sata srī akāla, Namaskāra,  
Hallā, Dia dhuit, Kam na mauri, Hallo, Hello**

Kia Ora Parents and Whānau,

Round 2 of the Northern Speech Competition was held this week at Riversdale School. A big congratulations to Amanda and James who have made it through to Round 3 - the Northern and Western Final - on Tuesday 26 August in Riverton.



Coming up next Thursday is Polyfest. The students are all ready to go and are sounding awesome. Thank you to those of you who are able to provide transport or vehicles to get to Invercargill. Mrs King has sent out the final notices this week. If you haven't seen them or they are misplaced you can find them both here. [Polyfest Day timetable](#) [Polyfest Transport list](#).

All students and parents offering transport need to be at school by 9am so we can get sorted into cars. As this is a whole school event it is expected all children will be in attendance - there will be no alternative supervision at school for the day.

Voting papers for the Board Elections have been emailed out. If you do not have an email address then hard copies should be arriving in the post. Voting closes on the 10th of September. You can either vote electronically, or send in your voting paper in the sealed envelope to the school office. Get voting everyone!

This week we have welcomed Mrs Susanne Davis onto our staff team. Susanne will be working as a teachers aide throughout the school.

The Riverdale School and Community Committee are launching a new fundraising opportunity - Friday PieDay starting next week. Check out the ad below for more information. This goes towards the running costs of our amazing swimming pool.

We will be holding our second Mathematics Teachers Only Day on Friday 29th August - school will be closed that day.

Because of Polyfest next week the newsletter will not be done until Friday.

*Nga mihi nui,  
Bronwyn and the Riversdale Staff*

Me te toroa e tau ana i runga i te au  
Like the albatross nestled upon the elegance of nature  
Manifesting resilience with the elegance of nature

**Kei te pai - Well done! You all displayed the school values so well.**

Certificates from the Week 4



	Manawaroa Resilience	Whakaute Respect	Kawenga Responsible	Te Reo Māori Learner of the Week
Room 7	Hannah H	Jack	Tom	Maisy
Room 6	Ava	Harry	Max	Ella
Room 5	Archer	George	Harry H	Jimmy
Room 4	Pippi	James	Hayden	Cooper
Room 3	William	Jack P	Meads	Meila
Room 2	Sophie	Blake	Callum	Anna
Room 1	Olive	Anakin	Leo	Charlie



At Assembly last week we got to present Maisy and Amanda with their Southland Athletics Championship Sweatshirt for the competition held earlier in the year. Maisy is the 100m Southland Champion and Amanda is the High Jump Southland Champion. Well done girls!

# FRIDAY PIE DAY

Fundraiser for the Riversdale School &  
Community Pool



1 mince pie & 1 flavoured milk  
delivered to the school for  
Friday lunch for term 3

Pie only option \$4  
Milk only option \$2

Forms will be sent home Monday with instructions for ordering

Order forms will be sent home on Monday and you can order for the last 4 Fridays of the term. Check on Hero and your child's bag for the order form.

## Coming Up....

### **Term 3**

21 August	PolyFest
29 August	Teachers Only Day
15 September	Board of Trustees meeting
17-18 September	School Production - <i>A Hint Of Snow White</i>
19 September	End of Term 3



Congratulations Harrison, Copper and Ben for making the Southland Country Rugby team!

### **School Buses**

**Our four bus drivers are Jan Robertson, Michael Lobb, Rhonda Wilson and Anne Brown**

**Please inform the driver if your child is off the bus in the morning.**

Jan Robertson – 027 6088203

Michael Lobb – 027 3725785

Rhonda Wilson - 027 2578895

Anne Brown - 027 2085448

Please do not make any alternative arrangements with your child's bus driver without first checking with the school as our bus routes are set by the Ministry of Education and we are unable to go outside of our transport zone to drop students in different places. We are aware that some of our buses do travel past houses on the driver's way home, unfortunately this does not mean they are able to drop off students. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to be in touch with the school.





## RIVERSDALE SCHOOL

Home & School Association

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### School Production Fundraiser – Raffle Donations

Each year, the Home & School Committee runs raffles to help cover costs (sound, lighting, costumes, props, and stage setup etc.) for the School Production. Raffle tickets are sold at the hall on show nights, and we draw winners each evening. We usually have 8–10 prizes per night, including a mix of high-value items and hampers.


We're reaching out to see if our school community can help with raffle prizes:

1. **Businesses or families keen to donate a larger prize** – This could be a full prize or a cash contribution that we can pool with others to buy something bigger. In the past, prizes have included helicopter flights, firewood, kids' kayaks, sports gear, tractor toys, service vouchers, chilly bins, meat processing, meal vouchers, and beauty treatments.
2. **School families donating smaller items** – Things like food, home and garden goodies, or beauty products are always appreciated. We'll send a reminder closer to the production date and set up a collection point in the office.

If you'd like to help, or know someone who might, please message Kelly-Anne Blatch or email [riversdalehas@gmail.com](mailto:riversdalehas@gmail.com).

Thank you for your support!

**Home & School Committee**

	<p>Home &amp; School Fundraiser</p> <p><u>RIVERSDALE BEANIES</u></p> <p>\$35 - Message Home &amp; School on Facebook or to <a href="mailto:riversdalehas@gmail.com">riversdalehas@gmail.com</a> to order</p> <p><small>*Comes with a second beanie that was misprinted RIVESDALE</small></p>
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## SCHOOL VESTS

The Home & School provide each new student at Riversdale School with a vest.

If you need to replace yours - they are now available to purchase in a range of sizes from Mrs Mann in the school office for \$10 (cash payments only).



## Community Notices

### RIVERSDALE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY POOL

#### POOL FUNDRAISER

**Food wrap** 300m x 33cm = \$26

600m X 33cm = \$36

**Roll foil** 90m x 44cm = \$23

150m x 30cm = \$23

**Baking Paper** 100m X 30cm = \$32

**Bank Account: 03-0915-0285905-00**

**Available from the school office.** (new stock just arrived)



## **Riversdale After-school Care**

Starting Wednesday August 13th we will be offering after-school care for children aged 5-13 years, from 3pm to 5:30pm Tuesdays-Fridays, at the Riversdale Presbyterian Church.

Our services include:

Pick-up from Riversdale School, fun and engaging activities, help with homework, and afternoon tea.

For more information, including fees and available hours, please email Sarah at

[riversdalecare@gmail.com](mailto:riversdalecare@gmail.com)

Or visit [riversdalecare.weebly.com](http://riversdalecare.weebly.com)

### Help Wanted:

We're also looking for one or two people to join our staff on a casual basis (paid), to relieve our permanent carers when needed.

If you're interested email Sarah at the address above.



**13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

**Dolamore Park, GORE**

10 minutes from Gore, in beautiful native bush, running loops around the 5km Whiskey Creek trail.

We have 4 events that will push you to your limit and beyond. A 3, 6, 12 and an ultimate 24 hour challenge.

Or just come out and do one lap (or two...!)

PS - You are allowed to walk!!

**Entry is by donation | Enter as an individual or as a team**

Cash prizes and prizes for each event + spot prizes

Money raised will be donated back to the Hokonui Runanga for trapping work in the Reserve and St Johns Gore  
See website to enter and for more information

[www.whiskeycreekchallenge.com](http://www.whiskeycreekchallenge.com)



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**THE SOUTHLAND**

# BRICK SHOW

**23rd & 24th Aug 2025**

\$2 entry per person • 10am - 4pm Daily

The Gore Town & Country Club | 3 Bury Street, Gore

Visit [facebook.com/LUGSouthBrickEvents](https://facebook.com/LUGSouthBrickEvents) for more info!



## sugar and our Teeth



**Did you know...**

**The TYPE** of sugar really does matter when it comes to looking after our teeth

**HOW OFTEN** we eat and drink sugar each day is more important than **HOW MUCH**

**Free or Added Sugar**  
Any sugars **added to food and drinks**, and the **unbound sugars** naturally found in honey, fruit juice, and syrups. These sugars are **easy for bacteria to use** to cause tooth decay

**Intrinsic or Natural Sugar**  
Naturally found sugar that is **tightly bound in the cell structure** of whole foods - fresh fruit, vegetables, wholegrains, and milk. Unlike 'free' sugar, this form is **much harder for bacteria to use** to cause tooth decay

**Health New Zealand**  
Te Whatu Ora

**Community Oral**  
Health Service



**Talkteeth Southern**