



18 September 2025

Term 3 Week 10

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

Kia Ora Parents and Whānau,

What an amazing show we had last night at the Riversdale Community Centre. It's not too late to see *A Hint of Snow White*, we have another show tonight at 6:30pm, gold coin or \$5 per family entry. Tonight after the show we need helpers to clear and dismantle the stage, load props and clean/vacuum throughout the complex. If you are able to stay after the show we will give you a job.

We are at the end of Term 3 and we have packed heaps into it. We are looking forward to the start of Term 4 on Monday 6th of October.

Board Elections are over and we have new members joining the Board, welcome to Gemma Sloane, Sarah Crooks, and welcome back Tori Tremaine.

You may have seen in the news that educators across Aotearoa are taking part in a historic national strike on Thursday 23rd October. For the first time, principals, teachers, support staff, and Ministry specialists are standing together to call for better support in schools, fair pay, and the resources our tamariki need to thrive. It is important to note that this action is about more than just pay. Health, Education, and Emergency Services are key pillars of our society, and they are all under-funded and under-resourced. Pay is important, but our schools, like hospitals and frontline services, are not failing because of the people working in them. They are struggling because they are not being given the real investment needed to meet the needs of our communities. In education, this means making sure tamariki have the support of a teacher aide in every classroom, valuing educators fairly and giving them secure work, upholding Te Tiriti o Waitangi in education, and defending quality early childhood education. These things alone would go a long way to relieving pressure on the education system, and on my role as a Principal. At Riversdale School, our focus will always remain on caring for our students and ensuring they are safe and supported. On the day of strike action, our school will be closed for instruction. We encourage families to make alternative arrangements for the care of your children. We understand that this may cause disruption, and we thank you for your understanding and support. The decision to take this action is not made lightly, but it reflects the seriousness of the challenges facing education, and the urgent need for change.

Next term we have some work going on in the classrooms - new insulation, lighting and carpet. This will mean that classes will move out of their classes for a day while work is being carried out. We will minimise disruption as much as we can while this is happening.

Starting in Week 4 next term (around the 27th of October) we will be teaching a Health unit on Puberty to the year 6-8 students, and Keeping Ourselves Safe to the Year 0-5 students. We would invite parents to a meeting at 9am-10am on Thursday 16th of October (the morning of school photos) to view the material and ask any questions about what is being taught.

Have a great holiday break and we will see everyone again on the 6th of October.

*Nga mihi nui,
Bronwyn and the Riversdale Staff*

E kore au e ngaro, he kākano ahau i ruia mai i Rangiatea
I can never be lost, I am a seed sown from Rangiatea
I have a reason for being

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

Certificates from Week 9

	Manawaroa Resilience	Whakaute Respect	Kawenga Responsible	Te Reo Māori Learner of the Week
Room 7	All of the Year 7&8s			
Room 6	Priyah	Bella	Emma S	Max
Room 5	Zac	Harry S	Cruz	Leo
Room 4	Ruby	Cooper	Bede	Matthew
Room 3	Noah	Charlie	Beetita	Lyla
Room 2	Callum	Victor	Myles	Carter
Room 1	Anakin	Leo	Kovin	Hudson

Coming Up....

Term 3

17-18 September School Production - '**A Hint Of Snow White**', 6.30pm start at the Riversdale Community Centre
19 September End of Term 3

Term 4

6 October Start of Term 4
8 -10 October Years 5 & 6 Camp - Tautuku
16 October School Photos
16 October Puberty and Keeping Ourselves Safe meeting 9am
21 October Junior (years 0-5) Speeches

23 October	Teachers/Support Staff/Principal Strike day
21 November	Athletics with Chris Knight
25 November	Earthquake Simulator
15 December	Year 8 Graduation Night
19 December	Last day of school



Parents, Caregivers and Whanau are invited to visit the SchoolDocs site to read our school policies. Each term the Board reviews a number of policies and procedures. Parents, Whanau and Families are invited to read and make comment when these come up for review. To read any of our policies follow the steps below

To review policy documents:

1. Visit the website link:
<https://riversdale.schooldocs.co.nz>
2. Enter the Username: *riversdale*
3. Enter the Password: *excellence*
4. Click into the *Parents Quick Links* tab to easily find the policy you require.

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

SCHOOL SUN HAT ORDER

Wide brimmed hats are compulsory in term 4. The Home & School do a bulk order of branded school hats with the school name on the front and child's initials on the back so they are easily returned to their owner.

- Available in two sizes - 54cm and 58cm. \$25 each.
- Orders close next Friday 26th September.

If you would like to purchase please comment on our Facebook post or email riversdalehas@gmail.com with your size and what you want printed on the back of the hat - there is space for last name, or initial & last name e.g. Blatch/K Blatch

\$25 each - payment to **Riversdale Home & School Account 03 0915 0253006 00** reference "sunhat" and your name.



Home & School Fundraiser

RIVERSDALE BEANIES - \$33

\$3 from each beanie goes to Home & School

To order email riversdalehas@gmail.com

**Comes with a second beanie that was misprinted RIVESDALE*

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 - Fundraiser

Riversdale School and Community Pool are running a Pepper & Me fundraiser. This is running now until the **21st of September**. Every purchase made using the code FUNDSC25 or following the link below, the pool will receive 20% of the total. Products will be sent directly and straight away, so people can support from anywhere in New Zealand. No pick up and drop offs! Easy.

We would love to see all our school families share the link on their social media and with their friends and family.

These are very popular products that will elevate any dish, We are sure you will love them. The company has just rebranded and the owner Cherie, has just released a new cookbook. It's also a great time to start thinking about popping away things for Christmas too while supporting our local pool.

https://pepperandme.co.nz/?fbclid=IwDGRjcAMjrsxleHRuA2FibQlxMQABHhaG31V7iZSAFuiaeGCLS_ONUkAHZ2I2KWMaHhrdKzh47Si1byKXhoVoGxGE_aem_CnPbPrCKlc4DcoF-KVe-CQ



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)	



**ATHLETICS
GORE**



Athletics for Term 4 starts on Tuesday the 7th October 2025, 5:30pm at Newman Park.

Looking forward to seeing everyone again, new members most welcome.

Any queries please contact
Vicky Muir 021 265 5712 or Sarah Wiegiersma 021 141 6518
Nadia Hicks 021 213 9186

**GAME ON
HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

Join us as we learn how to live like champions—with good sportsmanship, determination, and perseverance

Includes games, challenges, crafts, Bible time, and snacks (incl. allergy friendly)

Tuesday September 30th—Thursday October 2nd
1:30-4pm
At the Riversdale Presbyterian Church
\$2 per day/\$5 for 3 days
Ages 4-12

Register with Sarah:
021025 88731 / sarahcowan3@gmail.com

School Holiday Movie Synopsis

St James Theatre

Home of Gore Musical Theatre



Dora: Mermaid

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Dive into a majestic mermaid world with Dora! After playing a magical charango, Dora and Boots turn into mermaids and go on a series of mer-mazing underwater adventures with their new friend, Marisol the Mermaid and her dolphin bestie Rosa!



Kangaroo

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Ex TV personality, Chris Masterman, becomes stranded in an Outback town outside Alice Springs. There, he teams up with 12-year-old Indigenous girl Charlie. The pair form an unlikely friendship and work together to rescue and rehabilitate orphaned joeys in the remote but stunning Outback community - an endeavour that proves to be life-changing for them both.



The Bad Guys 2

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The now-reformed Bad Guys are trying (very, very hard) to be good, but instead find themselves hijacked into a high-stakes, globe-trotting heist, masterminded by a new team of criminals they never saw coming: The Bad Girls.



Gabby's Dollhouse: The Movie

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Gabby heads out on a road trip with her Grandma Gigi to the urban wonderland of Cat Francisco. But when Gabby's dollhouse, her most prized possession, ends up in the hands of an eccentric cat lady named Vera, Gabby sets off on an adventure through the real world to get the Gabby Cats back together and save the dollhouse before it's too late.

School Holiday Movie Deal!

Adults at Kids' Prices!

Bring the whole family and save big For a limited time only!

61 Lk Street, Gore, Southland, New Zealand ☎ (03) 208-7396 🌐 www.stjamesgore.co.nz 📧 stjamesgore@extra.co.nz

SCHOOL HOLIDAY'S

CHECKOUT FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM: @icesportssouthland

LEARN TO SKATE HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Mon 22nd, Tues 23rd, Wed 24th Sept.
Wed 1st, Thurs 2nd, Fri 3rd Oct.

SKATERS ARE WELCOME TO STAY ON FOR PUBLIC SESSION AFTER THE LESSON AT NO EXTRA COST.

1PM - 2PM



1 DAY
\$18

2 DAY
\$30

3 DAY
\$40

4-16 YEARS
NO SKATING
EXPERIENCE REQUIRED
HELMETS COMPULSORY

"A GREAT WAY TO FILL IN YOUR SCHOOL HOLIDAYS"

REGISTER: WWW.TINYURL.COM/LEARN-ISS



Gore Multisports Complex
off Robertson Street, Gore
www.icesportssouthland.com

ICE HOCKEY HAVE A GO THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

TUESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER
WEDNESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER
TUESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER
WEDNESDAY 1ST OCTOBER
12PM - 1PM



REGISTER: WWW.TINYURL.COM/HOCKEY-DAY

AGES 6 YEARS AND UP

COST: \$15 PER PERSON PER SESSION

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off Robertson Street, Gore
www.icesportssouthland.com

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

OPEN 2 - 4pm everyday
during the school holidays & weekends



PRICE
Adult (18 or over) - \$18
Student (Under 18) - \$15
Breech (Under 5) - \$7.50
Family 4 Pass - \$59
(2 adults & 2 children 0-17 years 2 children 18-17 years)

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SPRING HOLIDAYS

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER

CHILD VS WILD (7-13)

A three day adventure quest

22nd September - 24th September Invercargill
29th September - 1st October Invercargill

BUSH KIDS (7-16)

One day of bushcraft and survival skills

Monday September 22nd - Invercargill
Tuesday September 23rd - Invercargill
Thursday September 25th - Gore
Friday September 26th - Gore
Monday September 29th - Invercargill
Tuesday September 30th - Invercargill



LIMITED TO 15 PLACES EACH DAY!

A WILD DAY OUT (11-16)

A Wild and Game cooking experience

Friday October 3rd - Invercargill

BUSH, MAKE & BAKE (5-16)

Bushcraft, Crafting & Damper Making

Thursday October 2nd

WILD WOMEN

A wild evening for the ladies, mums and grandmums. A night around the fire and some fun night orienteering!

Friday October 10th 6pm-8pm

Gareth and Katie Oliver at: GarethandKatie@trueinnature.com
www.trueinnature.com Phone: 0226381497



LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Visit our interactive Eutopia at Toot Sweets.



FREE ENTRY



Toot Sweets offers a range of fun and creative activities for children of all ages during the school holidays.

SCAN the QR code for more information



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