



22 February 2024

Term 1 Week 3

**Kia Ora, Kamusta, Āyubōvan, Nihao, Sata srī akāla, Namaskāra,
Mālō e lelei, Bula, Hallå, Buna ziuā, Dia dhuit, Hello**

This week we welcome Grayson Cameron, and parents Sydney and Kenneth to our school community.

Thank you to everyone who has already downloaded Hero and is starting to use it to read notices and report absences. Next week will be the last week we use School stream so please ensure you have Hero installed on either your phone or computer. If your phone is not compatible or has enough storage you can follow the instructions below on your computer and connect that way. All notices and notes (e.g. sports teams, etc) will be sent home this way from now on, we will not be using paper copies. The weekly school newsletter will be available on our website and Facebook page for wider family and community members



- Search for **Hero by linc-ed** and download onto your phone, or open in your internet browser on your computer
- Open up and type in your email address, click **next**
- Click **new user**. An email will be sent to set your password.
- Once set you will see your child's/children's photo and be able to access the parent portal.

Some of you may not be able to access this if we do not have your correct email address. Please update this with the office as soon as possible. Where there is 1 family email address you can share your log in details with your partner and they will be able to access the app then.

Coming up on the **29th of February are the Waimea Athletics**. This involves Riversdale, Balfour, Waikaia and Garston (only their year 7&8s) Schools. We will all meet together at the Riversdale Sports ground on this date (1st March is our postponement day). See the information and programme for the day below.

On Sunday 25th February, 10am, we will be holding a working bee at the sports grounds to get them ready for Athletics. We need willing helpers that can bring their push mowers, at least 3 please, to help mow lines, and then spray paint areas. Please let us know if you can help. A big thank you to Mark and Sonia Dillon for marking the running track and Gavin Tayles for digging out and refreshing the long jump pits.

Thank you to those who were able to come along (or will be coming today) to our Meet the Teacher/Goal Setting Interviews. It is so valuable to have opportunities to partner together with you in your child's education. If you weren't able to make these but would still like a chance to chat please contact your child's teacher/s to make another time.

Nga mihi,

Bronwyn and the Riversdale Staff

Waimea Athletics - Important Information

Next Thursday (29th February) is Waimea Athletics, at the Riversdale Sports Grounds. The students have been out during the afternoons over the past couple of weeks learning the correct techniques. All students are expected to participate. Parents need to ensure that their child/ren are at the Riversdale Sports Grounds by 8:45 am, for a 9:00 am start.

***Senior Students Year (10, 11 and 12 year olds) running in the 1500m must be there by 8.30am.**

Children assemble in front of their age group sign at 8.55am. Five and six year olds will be taken over to the Junior programme beside the hedge and other age groups will be taken to their first event.

You must let the bus driver know if your child is off the bus in the morning and afternoon.

YOUR CHILD WILL COMPETE IN THE AGE-GROUP THAT THEY WERE ON 31st DEC 2023

WHERE:Riversdale Sports Ground

WHEN: Thursday 29th February 2024

Please arrive at the Riversdale Sports Grounds by 8.45am. Events start promptly at 9am.

TRANSPORT: You need to arrange transportation to and from Athletics Day. You do not need to come to school first. Parents/Caregivers, friends and whanau are encouraged to attend and support their child/ren if they are available. For any parents who cannot attend, buses will run as normal and drop children off at school. A staff member will stay at school until all buses have arrived to transport any bus children down to the Riversdale Sports Grounds. Please let us know if we will be expecting your child by bus on Athletics Day.

WHAT TO TAKE:

- Please wear our Riversdale School T-shirt which will be sent home on Wednesday, and black bottoms. (T-shirts need to be washed in cold water and returned after Athletics Day)
- Sneakers (your child will not be able to compete in throwing events without covered in footwear)
- Water Bottle
- Lunch and snacks for the day. (Plus money if purchasing food from the canteen)
- Sunscreen/sunhat

Riversdale Home and School will be selling sausages in bread, toasties and baking. Items are limited so please also bring some of your own kai.



Programme 2024 Waimea Athletics Sports

Some food will be available to be purchased at the sports grounds on this day.

This programme is subject to change without notification, depending on how the day progresses.

Postponement day: *Friday 1st March*

Time/Date: 9:00am Thursday 29th February 2023 (8.30am if running 1500m)

Venue: Riversdale Sports Grounds

Children who wish to run in the 1500m event, this will start at 8:45am before all the events.

Children will need to be there 15 minutes before start time.

All students assemble in front of the Sports Pavilion in their age groups at 8.55am.

5 and 6 year olds are then taken to the junior programme.

After lunch all students will assemble in their age group on the inside of the track ready for sprint finals.

Time	7 Year Olds	8 Year Olds	9 Year Olds	10 Year Olds	11/12 Years
8:45am				1500m Assemble at the *1500 Michelle Houghton/ Bronwyn McCall	
9:00am	Assemble with Lynette King Janelle Horrell Janette Collins	Assemble with Meg Cloete Lauren Hailes	Assemble with Michelle Houghton Bronwyn McCall	Assemble with Keralee Marshall Sage Campbell	Assemble with Georgia Callander Joy Knight
Children move when their event is completed. NB there is no bell	Discus	Long Jump	100/200m	High Jump	Shot Put
	Long Jump	Shot Put	Discus	100/200m	High Jump
	Shot Put	High Jump	Long Jump	Discus	100/200m
	High Jump	60/100m	Shot	Long Jump	Discus
	60/100m	Discus	High Jump	Shot	Long Jump
800m (final)					
Lunch Break					
Please make sure that you take lunch and plenty of water to drink. The length of this break depends largely on the weather. Food is available to be purchased.					
All Sprint Finals including preschool and 5 and 6 year olds (children to sit on inside of track behind their age group sign)					

NB – Footwear is essential for shot put competitors.

Waimea Athletics Junior Programme 29th February 2024

All students assemble in the middle of the running track behind their age group signs at 8.55am.

9.00am - go to junior area

Warm up dances

Split children into their groups

9.30am 1st Rotation (Approx 15mins each rotation)

<u>Time</u>	<u>Discus</u> Sofia Wall and Jo Bright	<u>Long Jump</u> Kylie Tayles and Jane Allen	<u>Shot Put</u> Kimberley Harper and Alice Hishon	<u>High Jump</u> Jo Smith and Mary-Ann Thomas
<u>9.30am</u>	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
<u>9.45am</u>	Group 4	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
<u>10.00am</u>	Group 3	Group 4	Group 1	Group 2
<u>10.15am</u>	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 1

Morning tea (Approx) 10.35am – 10.50am

Gather back at junior area for second rotation

11.00am 2nd Rotation (Approx 15mins each rotation)

<u>Time</u>	<u>Obstacle course</u> Sofia Wall and Jo Bright	<u>Rob the nest</u> Kylie Tayles and Jane Allen	<u>Sponge race</u> Kimberley Harper and Alice Hishon	<u>Sprint races</u> Jo Smith and Mary-Ann Thomas
<u>11.00am</u>	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
<u>11.15am</u>	Group 4	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
<u>11.30am</u>	Group 3	Group 4	Group 1	Group 2
<u>11.45am</u>	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 1

12pm Prize giving

12.15pm (Approx) = Lunch Time (length of lunch break depends on how long senior programme takes to complete)

After lunch line back up behind age group signs – Preschool Races and 5 and 6 year old sprints will be on the main running track.

Coming Up....

Term 1

25 February	Athletics working bee
29 February	Waimea Athletics
4-8 March	REAP Water Safety lessons - week 1
12-14 March	Life Education Bus visit
13 March	Northern Zone Athletics
18-22 March	REAP Water Safety lessons - week 2
24 March	Southland Athletics
26 March	Community Assembly 1:30-3:00pm
28 March	Northern Swimming Sports
29 March - 2 April	School closed for Easter break
4 April	Farm Safety Day with Waikaia and Otama Schools
12 April	Term 1 ends
25 April	ANZAC Day
29 April	Term 2 begins
29 April - 3 May	Year 7&8 Deep Cove Camp

School Buses

Our four bus drivers are Jan Robertson, Michael Lobb, Robin Sherratt and James Nicolson.

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

Jan Robertson – 027 6088203

James Nicolson – 027 2848816

Robin Sherratt – 021 2930631

Michael Lobb – 027 3725785

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.

Scholastic Book Club Pamphlets

Due to the school no longer dealing with cheques and cash for this, you will have to order online please. The books will still come to school and we will hand them out as before. Remember if you want them as a gift to indicate on the form and we will phone you when they arrive.

Athletics Day

2024

Menu

Sausage in bread \$3

Toastie \$3

Baking \$2

*Thank you for supporting the Riversdale
Home & School*

[Coffee Cart will be there on the day also](#)

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).



Riversdale School and Community Pool

This year, with the general high costs of generally maintaining a swimming pool, we are going to raise funds to modernise the chemical set up and water testing. With all the work that goes on behind the scenes at the pool every day, we also need our equipment to be up to date and efficient. Some may be unaware that we have an amazing group of volunteers who test the water several times a day to ensure the water is safe for our children to swim, cleaning, and putting the cover on the pool every night. For what they do, we thank them very much. Some of these ladies have been doing this for many many years.

This year we are going to run a number of different fundraisers. From the 1st of March, we are going to sell frozen cookie dough in different flavours and in term 2 a frozen croissant fundraiser. Great time to stock up the freezer. We would appreciate all our school families and community to get on board and help sell these. These fundraisers will both be online based and very easy for everyone to be involved with.




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)



Mums & Bubs pool sessions

Mondays @ 10am – 11am through the school term. Sign in, into the sign in sheet at the door and swipe your FOB. Non-Fob owners, sign in & \$2 per session



Country Schools Netball 2024

We are getting ready for another season of Netball!

Year 7 and 8s, boy's and girl's welcome!

We will also allow 1 Year 6 player. Please submit your interest should you child wish to be considered for this spot.

Games are held at the MLT Event Centre in Gore Saturdays from April through to August 2023

If your child is interested in playing Netball this year, please contact me for more information or to submit your interest.

Melissa 027 537 2483 or email

melissa.jeremy@outlook.co.nz



Community Notices

PRIMARY SCHOOL GOLF

Our "School Pupils" Golf Club has started again on Friday's. For the benefit of any new players, I have outlined some of the details about this activity below.

This Club is open to all pupils from year 3 and above, and will meet at the Riversdale Golf Course each Friday during the summer terms.

Sessions times will be 3:30 pm – 4:45 pm for primary school pupils and 4:45 – 6:00pm for older pupils. There is no cost for these Friday sessions and all gear is provided.

If your child is interested in being part of this activity, or if you have any questions about this club, please do not hesitate to phone me at 021 2037547.

Kind regards
Stuart Riordan

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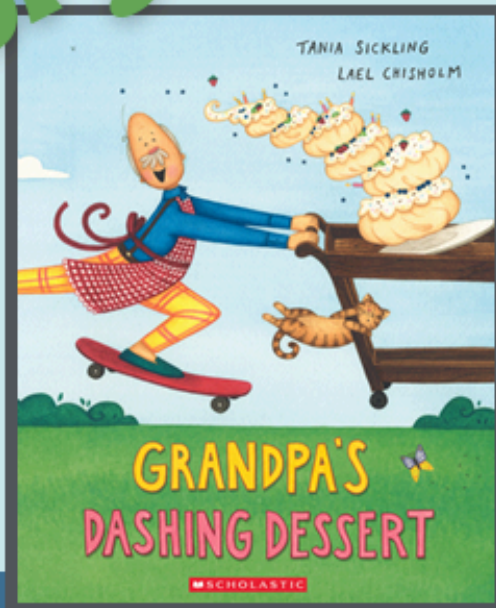
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