RIVERSDALE SCHOOL
Inspiring Excellence

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19 November 2026 **Term 4 Week 6**

Kia Ora, Kamusta, Āyubōvan, Sata srī akāla, Namaskāra,
Hallå, Dia dhuit, Kam na mauri, Mālō e Lelei, Hello

Kia Ora Parents and Whānau,

This week we have warmly welcomed Vivienne and Zoe, along with their parents, Jacinta and James, to our Riversdale School whānau. It is wonderful to have you joining our kura and community.

We have plenty to celebrate this week, with our students representing Riversdale School across sport, the outdoors, and leadership. Best of luck to our two teams out on the greens today representing Riversdale at the Southland Golf Tournament in Drummond, and a huge well done to our team of three ākonga (students) tackling the adventure race down on the southern coast today—a brilliant test of teamwork, grit, and Manawaroa (resilience).



Tomorrow, Friday 20 November, a group of our Year 7 and 8 boys head off to Otautau to compete in the Jonty Carran Tens, where we know they will play hard, support their mates, and do our school proud. Also tomorrow, a group of our Year 7 students are away attending a leadership course, building skills and confidence as they prepare to step up as our senior role models next year.

Back at school, our classes are putting great mahi into their Term 4 English and Mathematics programmes, consolidating their progress and sharing their learning with pride.

With the final weeks of the school year approaching fast, please pop these important end-of-year dates onto your calendar. On **Monday 14 December, our Year 8 Graduation Night** starts at 7:00 pm as we gather to celebrate our Year 8 leavers and their time at Riversdale School. The following day, **Tuesday 15 December, brings the Riversdale School Great Water Fight** in the afternoon—a favourite end-of-year tradition for our tamariki, so keep an eye out for reminders closer to the time about bringing a towel and a change of clothes. We will then come together on **Thursday 17 December starting at 5:30 pm for our end-of-year school Christmas in the park**, so please pack a picnic tea, bring the whole whānau along, and relax together while enjoying our school concert. Our **final day of school for 2026 will be Friday 18 December** finishing at 12:45pm with buses leaving at this time.

Nga mihi,

Bronwyn, and the Riversdale Staff

Ngaua te pae hamuti
Rise to the challenge, get stuck in

From the Year 8s

Dear Parents / Caregivers

We are the year 8 students of Riversdale School and we are organising a touch tournament for our school, on Friday 4th December, to have a fun day learning new skills and to have a blast.

We would love for you to donate some sausages so we can put on a sausage sizzle and sell it to the kids for lunch. This Tournament is also to raise money for our year 8 funday. If you would like to please let us know by the 30th of November. Thanks for your consideration. If you are able to donate some sausages please leave a message with Miss McCall or Mrs Morton.

Kind Regards,
Year 8 students of Riversdale School

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

Certificates from Week 5



	STAR OF THE WEEK	Te Reo Māori Learner of the Week
Room 7	Grayson	Sam
Room 6	Bella	Margaux
Room 5	Siupeli	Ruby
Room 4	Lyla	Beau
Room 3	Darcy, Anna James	
Room 2		
Room 1	Elli	James

Coming Up….

Term 4 (keep an eye on the Hero Calendar)

20 November	Jonty Carran 10s Tournament
7 December	Riversdale School Board meeting
14 December	Year 8 Graduation
15 December	The Great Riversdale School Water Fight
16 December	Year 8 Fun Day
17 December	Christmas in the Park (5:30pm)
18 December	Last day of school for 2026 (12.45pm finish)

Term 1, 2027

2 February	First day of school 2027

SchoolDocs
Policies and Procedures

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://policies.schooldocs.co.nz/riversdale
2. 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, Craig Hamilton and Susanne Davis

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

Jan Robertson – 027 6088203 (Waipounamu - Blue Bus)
Michael Lobb – 027 3725785 (Wendon - Green Bus)
Craig Hamilton - 027 6372583 (Kaweku - Yellow Bus)
Susanne Davis - 022 1363509 (Mandeville - Red Bus)

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.

Pinecones For Sale

We still have heaps of bags of pineconces for sale. If you would like to purchase pinecones, come on down and grab them from school. **They are 1x bag for $5 and 4x bags for $15.**

RIVERSDALE SCHOOL & COMMUNITY POOL

The Riversdale School and Community Pool is running a battery collection fundraiser. Collecting use car and machinery batteries. These will be on sold to be recycled. Helps clear the yard, while raising much needed funds for our pool. Please get in touch with Jo Russell 0273635768 for more info or collection.







https://www.cashforcommunities.co.nz/

RIVERSDALE SCHOOL
Home & School Association

BAKING MIXES - more help needed please

We are sorted for the Monday but need more people to help pack baking mixes on Sunday 29th November at the community centre in Riversdale.

It's easy - just show up and help put flour/sugar etc into the baking mix bags.

Two sessions - afternoon 2-5pm and evening session 6-8.30pm , but we're setup the whole time from 2pm onwards so plenty of flexibility in what works best for you - even if it's just an hour or so, everything helps! Senior school children are welcome to come help also.

Please RSVP on our facebook page or to Kelly-Anne 0274857877 so we can make sure we have enough people.

MAIZE MAZE

We are excited that we are going to be doing the Maize Maze again in April 2027 and will be the only beneficiary from the funds raised this year. We will only be opening for one weekend to help with volunteer workload and will put a call out for that next year. However there is one job we need to do now that the Maize has been planted. Please contact Nicole below if you can help.

Spraying - help needed next few weeks.

Mclinktock Contracting have planted the Maize and we will need to spray the maze paths out while plants are small.

- This will need to happen within the next couple of weeks but dependent on weather/growth so cant give confirmed dates yet.

-Located 5 mins from Riversdale

- BYO knapsack with a good strong brew.

- Tracks will be marked out in spraypaint and will be able to do it your own time (day or evening - we can provide a map).

Please message Nicole Evans if you can help with this 027 654 9118.

Riversdale Beanies - $35

To order email riversdalehas@gmail.com

Facebook Page

Please join our Facebook page 'Riversdale Home and School' to keep up to date with all our latest info.

Thanks Home & School Committee

Community Notices









