



7 August 2025

**Term 3 Week 4**

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

Kia Ora Parents and Whānau,

What a great week of speeches we have had this week. The year 5-8 students all delivered their amazing speeches. A big thank you to parents who supported their children in the writing of the speech. Today we held our school finals with the help of Mrs Gwen Grimm who was our judge. She was impressed with the high quality of the content and delivery of all the speeches. Our winners who are going on to the next round are **James Johnstone** and **Kate Cruickshank** in the Year 5 & 6 section, and **Meila Scully** and **Amanda Cruickshank** in



the Year 7 & 8 section. Round 2 of the Northern & Western Cluster will be held here at Riversdale School on Tuesday 12th August along with students from Mossburn, Northern Southland College, Lumsden, Dipton, Balfour and Garston. More details will be sent out in the next day or two.

Thank you to those who sent in their nominations for the Board of Trustees elections. Keep an eye out in your emails later next week for the voting papers. Voting closes on the 10th of September. If you do not have an email address a hard copy will be mailed to you and you can either scan the QR code to vote, or send it to school in the envelope supplied by 12pm on the 10th of September.

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

*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 first week of Term 4



	Manawaroa Resilience	Whakaute Respect	Kawenga Responsible	Te Reo Māori Learner of the Week
Room 7	Hannah S	Jaxson	Meila	Lachlan
Room 6	Aria-Lea	Emma S	Bayden	Kate
Room 5	Crisen	Rumith	Cruz	Neva
Room 4	Hadley	Ollie	Emily	Toby R
Room 3	Matilda	Jujhar	Frankii	Harley
Room 2	Scout	Freya	Sophie	Blake
Room 1	James	Maia	Chayan	Kovin

## Coming Up....

### Term 3

12 August	Round 2 Speeches - Riversdale School Hall
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

## 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.

## **Room 4 being gifted the 'Frog' painting from Christine O'Connor**

*Story behind this - when Room 4 were visiting the Riversdale Arts Exhibition they said the painting needed a frog on it so Christine put her paint brushes to work and added the frog - the students were very excited.*







## 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**



Home & School Fundraiser

**RIVERSDALE BEANIES**

\$35 - Message Home & School on Facebook  
or to [riversdalehas@gmail.com](mailto:riversdalehas@gmail.com) to order

*\*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



**POOL FUNDRAISER**

<b>Food wrap</b>	300m x 33cm = \$26
	600m X 33cm = \$36
<b>Roll foil</b>	90m x 44cm = \$23
	150m x 30cm = \$23
<b>Baking Paper</b>	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.



Taking People of all ages with Special Needs  
Or Life long Medical Conditions

For a ride in a Big Rig, Classic Car or Hot Rod

VENUE: Southern Field Days Site, Waimumu

9th August 2025. 12pm till 3pm

Food and Drink provided on the day by  
Rapid Relief Team.

Moreish food and coffee & Bees Bites.



Raffles available to purchase on the day

Anyone wanting to Volunteer

their Time, Truck or Car to help out on the day

please contact Dianne 027 7732700 or Ian on 0204 335500

Check out our Facebook Page : Southland Hug a Rig Day

# MTB-0 SANDY POINT

Start any time between  
**11:30AM-1:00PM**

**SUNDAY 10 AUG 2025**

Registration: Sandy Point MTB Tracks

Long 8.2km (Orange/Red), Medium 5.1km (Orange), Short 4.2km (yellow/orange)  
Take part on bike or on foot – courses will be designed with mountain biking in mind, with control sites on tracks. Signposted from Sandy Point Road.  
No orienteering experience needed – perfect for beginners of all ages and abilities.  
Standard event fees apply. Please bring some extra cash for the baking stall to help fundraise for our juniors heading to the Australian Champs.

[www.southlandorienteeringclub.co.nz](http://www.southlandorienteeringclub.co.nz)  
Suitable for all ages, beginners always welcome.

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Southland Orienteering Club logo

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# THE SOUTHLAND BRICK SHOW

**23rd & 24th Aug 2025**

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## sugar and our Teeth

**Did you know...**

- The TYPE of sugar really does matter when it comes to looking after our teeth**
- 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
- HOW OFTEN we eat and drink sugar each day is more important than HOW MUCH**

Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora Community Oral Health Service Talkteeth Southern