



RIVERSDALE SCHOOL
Inspiring Excellence

Our School Values:
We are:
Respectful - Whakaute
Responsible - Kawenga
Resilient – Manawaroa
Our Well-being – Hauora, supports these.

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Riversdale School Newsletter - **Term 2 Week 2**

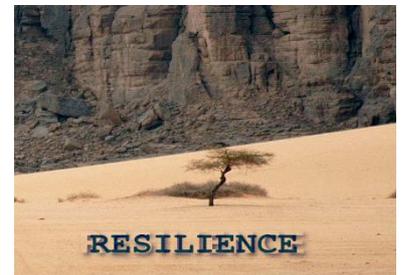
Kia ora e hoa Whanau,

Congratulations to Casey Campbell, Billie-Mya Matthews and Hennessy Stevens who have been selected to play in the Longford A netball team this season. Super skills girls and we know you will be a great asset to this team.

We have some exciting events coming up this term. See the 'Coming up...' section in the newsletter. We will keep you informed about these as they get closer to occurring.

Our first event this term is the **Waimea Cross country in two weeks' time**. Children could be out doing a little extra training for this – it could be that they go for a bike ride or walk. This makes it easier for them on the day, and we want to see our children doing their best. We realise that distance running is not everyone's cup of tea, so it is about giving it your best effort. Please note – I have corrected the age timeframe in this newsletter. Ages will be recorded on each child's hand prior to them leaving school.

*Resilience
Manawaroa*



Important Notice: Mandeville School Bus tomorrow Friday 13 May

GoBus are unable to supply a driver for the Mandeville bus tomorrow so the children will be picked up either by Michael Lobb as part of the Wendon run, or Jan Robertson as part of the Kaweku run. **This will mean that they will be picked up from the usual bus stop 15 MINUTES EARLIER THAN THE USUAL TIME.** They will be dropped off after school at the usual time.

Kaweku Bus children will be dropped off slightly later than usual due to Jan dropping off the Mandeville children as the first part of her run.

The Wendon children will possibly only vary by a few minutes.

Pink Shirt Day Friday 20th May

Children are asked to wear as much pink as possible next Friday and to bring a gold coin donation to raise funds to support anti bullying.



Diary this date: Matariki Breakfast – You Are Invited...

We are celebrating Matariki (Māori New Year) with breakfast for all tamariki (children), whanau and parents in our school hall on Wednesday 22 June, arriving at 7.15am for a 7.30am start. Children are learning waiata and will perform for you. You don't need to bring any food along; however, you will need to bring a cereal bowl, spoon, and cup. We look forward to having you join us. After breakfast is finished you can collect your child's dishes up and leave your child/ren here ready for the start of school. If you can't make come along, buses will run at the normal times.



Covid in Term 2.

a. Mask wearing in schools/kura

Case numbers in the South are still high and Dr Michael Butchard, the Medical Officer of Health for the Southern District Health Board has asked me to share this statement with you to strongly encourage the wearing of masks. This may be useful to share with your communities.

“When you leave your home, wearing a well-fitting mask when indoors is still one of the very best ways to protect yourself, your whānau, and those around you from Covid-19. The Southern DHB region currently has one of the highest rates of Covid-19 in New Zealand, higher than all of the North Island DHBs and the larger South Island DHBs, so please still keep up your mask wearing.”

Dr Michael Butchard, Medical Officer of Health

Coming Up....

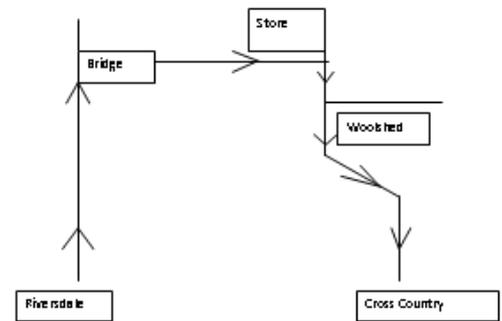
20 May	Pink Shirt Day
23 May	Board of Trustees Meeting, 7.30pm
25 May	Waimea Cross Country
30 May-3 June	Year 7 & 8 Camp to Deep Cove
02 June	Northern Cross Country
6 June	Queens Birthday observed – school closed
9 June	Community Assembly – save the date! Our first for a long time.
20 June	Board of Trustees Meeting, 7.30pm
22 June	Matariki Breakfast – all whanau are invited.
23 June	Teacher Only Day – children do not come to school
24 June	Matariki Observed – school closed
28 June	Home and School AGM
6 July	Community Assembly in the evening so all whanau can come along.
8 July	Reports sent home. Last day of Term 2.
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25 July	Term 3 begins
27 July	Parent/Whanau/Child/Teacher progress meetings
28 July	Parent/Whanau/Child/Teacher progress meetings

Waimea Cross Country

Where: Waikaia
When: Wednesday 25 May
No postponement date.
Time: 1:00pm sharp

You must contact the bus driver if your child is off the bus.

On Wednesday 25 May all of our children will travel to Waikaia for the Waimea Schools Cross Country. The Cross Country is held at the property of Mr Ray Ferguson on Blakie Road, it is signposted from the Waikaia Bridge (refer to the map above). **We ask that parents please provide transport.** If you are unable to do this please find a ride with someone else for your child/ren, and send a note to school advising us of this. Teachers will be able to transport a small number of children.



Cross Country is not an optional event – every child displays our school vision and values by participating and doing their best. Each child who does their best and competes receives House Points.

Children come to school as normal, by bus or walking/biking. **We will depart from school at 12:20pm** to arrive at Waikaia by 12:45pm. Children will have an early lunch prior to leaving school. Please meet your child at the front or back school gate.

The 5 year old children are the first to race, with 6 years, then 7 years and so on up. Last are the 12 and 13 year olds. Ages are as at 31 December **2022**, and will be written on children's hands by their teacher. 8yrs – 13yrs can qualify for the Northern Cross Country event.

Upon arrival children must line up in an orderly manner, in their age groups, and racing will commence. At the end of each race the first ten or so boys and girls are lined up in finishing order and their names recorded.

Once your child/ren have run, you are free to take them home.

Please ensure your child has warm clothing, a change of footwear (including socks) as it can be very wet underfoot, and a jacket and hat to put on. It may be appropriate for them to run wearing a hat if it is very cold. Also ensure that they do have a drink for when they finish the race. Gym shoes are worn to run in, as per Southland Primary School rules.

Toilets are back in the township beside the Waikaia Store.

- 3-4 marshals are required from **each school**, Parent/Teacher
- Field marshals report to Michelle Houghton on arrival.
- We are not running behind a motorbike so it is important that we have Marshalls all around the course.
- Toilets will be open at the Museum.
- It is highly recommended that competitors have a spare set of clothes to change into and a towel.
- As per Southland Primary School rules, gym shoes must be worn (No sprigs, spikes, socks or bare-feet)

If you have any questions regarding cross country, please either ask your child's teacher, or phone the school. We look forward to a fine day and encouraging each of our children to do the best that they can.

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Values Certificates

Congratulations to the following tamariki who received their Bronze Award last Friday: Zyrhon, Isabella, Ryan, Amelia, Mackenzie, Aoife, and George. We are very proud of you!



The students below received certificates for displaying the values of being respectful, resilient, and responsible, at Riversdale School, last week.

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

	Manawaroa-Resilience	Whakaute-Respect	Kawenga-Responsible
Room 1	<i>Sophie</i>	<i>Zachary</i>	<i>Blake</i>
Room 7	<i>Ruby</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Stella S</i>
Room 6	<i>Rubee</i>	<i>Olivia</i>	<i>Mattie</i>
Room 3	<i>Bella</i>	<i>Oliva</i>	<i>Mattie</i>
Room 4	<i>James R</i>	<i>Dakota</i>	<i>Harry</i>
Room 5	<i>Hadley</i>	<i>Skylar</i>	<i>Ollie</i>

Please continue to text the school phone 0275553534 if you or your child/ren test positive for Covid.

BRICK CLUB

COME INTO YOUR LIBRARY AND TAKE THE BRICK CLUB CHALLENGE!

BUILD SOMETHING FANTASTIC INSIDE THE TIME LIMIT.

MONDAY

FORTNIGHTLY **OTAUTAU** 3.15PM - 4.15PM
FORTNIGHTLY **LUMSDEN** 3.00PM - 4.00PM

TUESDAY

WEEKLY **WYNDHAM** 3.15PM - 4.15PM

WEDNESDAY

WEEKLY **RIVERTON** 3.05PM - 4.05PM
WEEKLY **TE ANAU** 3.15PM - 4.00PM

THURSDAY

FORTNIGHTLY **WINTON** 2.45PM - 3.45PM

