



21 May 2026

Term 2 Week 5

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

Kia Ora Parents and Whānau

Today we have John Parsons working with students on ways to keep themselves safe in the digital world. Tonight at 6pm is the parent meeting in Room 5. Please come along and hear John share tools for you and your families. Supervision is available for children at the disco in the Hall (neon theme). See both fliers below.

Cross Country Information

Waimea Cross Country

Where: Hazeldine Road near Waikaia
When: **Friday 22nd May** - Postponement day 25th May
Time: 1:00pm sharp - departing from school 12.20pm

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

On Friday 22nd May **all of our tamariki** will travel to Waikaia for the Waimea Schools Cross Country. The Cross Country is held at the properties of Clarke Horrell and Jeremy Gunton on Hazeldine Rd (off the Riversdale Waikaia Road - it will be sign posted). **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 who they will be going with. Please advise before 21st May if your child/ren require a ride.

Please note this is a winter sports event. Please bring appropriate clothing and complete change of clothes for your child to change into at the end. All runners must wear gym shoes (no spikes or sprigs are allowed). School t-shirts have been given out. **If you still have a school t-shirt or tracksuit from sports last term, please return it to school immediately so we can reallocate for cross country - we are very low in t-shirts so we do need them all back please.** Please feel free to wear a black thermal underneath, and either black shorts or black trackpants.

Children run in their age group based on their age at the 31 December 2026.

Cross Country is not an optional event – every child displays our school vision and values by participating and doing their best.

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.

New Enrolments

With the 1st of June approaching quickly and farming change overs, Riversdale School is just wanting to highlight the Enrolment Zone put around us by the Ministry of Education. If you have new staff coming to work for you after the 1st of June and they have children [please check out our enrolment zone map and procedure](#). Unfortunately we are unable to accept students outside of our zone. The next ballot for out of zone students will be held in Term 4 for the 2027 school year.

For those inside the zone our school online enrolment form can be found at <https://www.riversdale.school.nz/enrol>. All new enrollments need to supply a proof of address and birth certificate. Any overseas enrolments also need to have copies of passports and student visas. All of these documents can be emailed to office@riversdale.school.nz or dropped into the school office before start dates.

Kei te pai - Well done to our STARS OF THE WEEK!
You all displayed the school values so well.



Certificates from Term 2, Week 4

	STAR OF THE WEEK	Te Reo Māori Learner of the Week
Room 7	Aria-Lea	Edie
Room 6	Crisen	Lucy M
Room 5	Reid	Indie
Room 4	Hudson	Dakotah
Room 3	Scout	Daisy
Room 2	Kolt	Hudson
Room 1	Methuki, Maylee	Hudson E
Tumuaki (Principal's) Award Ruby Hansen		

Coming Up....

Term 2

21 May	John Parsons visit (cyber safety) Parent meeting 6:00-7:00pm
21 May	School Disco 6:00-7:00pm
22 May	Waimea Cross Country at Waikaia
2 June	Teachers Only Day
3 June	Northern Cross Country at Waikaia
12 June	Southland Cross Country at Waimumu
25 June	Matariki Breakfast followed by Community Assembly
30 June & 2 July	Parent Teacher Conferences
3 July	Term 2 Ends

Term 3

20 July	Term 3 begins
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Child Protection, Cyber Safety Presentation

Empowering parents and adults working with young people.

Presented by: John Parsons
[Learn more about John Parsons](#)



Why Attend?

In today's digital world, young people face an increasing range of risks in their online activities. Equip yourself with the tools to reduce these risks and confidently address issues when they arise. Join us to learn how to reduce risks and maximise the benefits for your children.

What You'll Learn:

- **ONLINE SEXUAL PREDATORS:** Spotlight on Online Dangers. Understanding how predators operate on social media, online gaming platforms and mobile phones.
- **PORNOGRAPHY AND EXTREMISM:** Shielding from Inappropriate Content. Learn how to safeguard children and young people from harmful exposure.
- **CYBER BULLYING:** Tackling Internet-Based Abuse. Identify warning signs and know how to intervene.
- **Mobile Phones:** Excessive Screen Time. Learn about the risks, the signs, and strategies to reclaim balance.
- **SEXTORTION:** The Reality of Sextortion. How to protect against this growing world-wide threat.
- **THE IMPORTANCE OF SLEEP.** Why digital discipline is essential for mental and physical well-being.

Why This Matters

Risk factors and protective factors are identified: We look forward to seeing you at this important child protection presentation. If you cannot attend, please nominate another adult to represent your family. Together, through the school partnership children will flourish.

Event Details:

- Date:** Thursday 21 May
- Time:** 6pm
- Location:** Room 5 Riversdale School

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Invercargill East Charitable Trust

GET READY TO GROOVE!

SCHOOL DISCO!

THURSDAY 21st MAY

TIME: 6:00PM - 7:00PM

SCHOOL HALL



ENTRY:

GOLD COIN



OPTIONAL:

\$5 GOODY BAG



TEACHER SUPERVISION AVAILABLE

PARENTS!
JOIN THE JOHN PARSONS EVENING
IN ROOM 5



Scholastic Lucky Book Club

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.



Parents, Caregivers and Whanau are invited to visit the SchoolDocs site to review our school policies for Term 2 2026. This term we are reviewing topics in *Safety On and Off School Grounds and Education Outside the Classroom*. Reviews are open to the Board, staff and school community (parents/caregivers/whanau)

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. Go to *Current Reviews* and click the links to read the policies currently under review
5. Click the *Policy Review* button at the top right hand of the page
6. Select reviewer type - "Parent"
7. Enter your name (Optional)
8. Submit your ratings and comments

These policies will be reviewed by the Board during their meeting on the 15th of June.

Term 2 policies	Review opens 20 April
• Daily School Bus*	
• School Swimming Pool*/ Swimming Off Site*	Board review
• Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC)	Board review
• EOTC Governance Roles and Responsibilities	
• EOTC Risk Assessment and Management	

To view any of our policies go to the above site and search for the appropriate policy

Pinecones For Sale

We still have heaps of bags of pinecones for sale. Winter is coming! If you would like to purchase pinecones, come on down and grab them from school. They are 1x bag for \$10 and 4x bags for \$35.

School Buses

Our four bus drivers are Jan Robertson, Michael Lobb, Rhonda Wilson and Paul Eason

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

Jan Robertson – 027 6088203 (Kaweku - Yellow Bus)
Michael Lobb – 027 3725785 (Wendon - Green Bus)
Rhonda Wilson - 027 2578895 (Waipounamu - Blue Bus)
Paul Eason - 021474580 (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.



RIVERSDALE SCHOOL
Home & School Association

PROUD TO BE

RIVERSDALE
THROUGH AND
THROUGH!

RIVERSDALE
PROUD.

BEANIES

FUNDRAISER



THICK & WARM
Perfect for keeping warm on the sidelines



OSFM
Good stretch – fits adults and children



SUPPORT LOCAL
All proceeds go to Riversdale Home & School

PASSIONATE FANS
SUPPORT LOCAL TEAMS!

SHOP NOW & SHOW WHERE YOU'RE FROM!



RIVERSDALE
HOME & SCHOOL

Together we support our kids and community.



\$35

To order beanies please contact Kelly-Anne Blatch or email riversdalehas@gmail.com
Limited quantities available.

RIVERSDALE SCHOOL & COMMUNITY POOL

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)	

Community Notices

Stuck inside with little ones on cold winter mornings?
Come join us at
Wiggles & Giggles
Preschool Music & Play
Wednesdays from 10-11:30am
At the Riversdale Presbyterian Church
Gold Coin Donation, first session free

For 0-5 year-olds with their parent, grandparent, home-based carer, or other significant adult

We start with a simple activity—soft obstacle course, craft, puzzles, etc. to give everyone time to arrive (we know it's hard to get little ones out the door sometimes!)

Next, warm up with 30m of singing and dancing, with songs designed to help young children develop motor, language, and relationship skills.

Then sit back with a tasty treat and chat while the kids enjoy morning tea and play time

Contact Sarah for more info: 021 025 88731

THE SPARKS WITH HALTON HART

MAY 27 2026 | 6PM | ROADHOUSE SHED | RIVERSDALE



COUSINS
ON A COUNTRY MUSIC ADVENTURE TOGETHER CELEBRATING SINGLES ON NZ AN AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY RADIO!

YOUNG GUESTS
BRING A COSY BLANKET
FREE TEA & COFFEE

KIDS \$10 | ADULTS \$20 | BOOK AT iTICKET
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Community Projects Visit

Explore support opportunities for your community project with Community Trust South.

Wednesday 10 June
Call 0800 500 185 to book



SOUTHLAND SAFEZONE Magazine

ka tango i tetahi kainga ki te whakatipu tamaiti



Dear Parents, whanau & caregivers

We're excited to share our FREE online SAFETY magazine with you.

The publication is aimed at primary aged tamariki and their parents.

We thank Safekids Aotearoa (Starship Digital and Community Engagement) for the editorial.

Our shared vision is that every very child in Southland and Aotearoa New Zealand enjoys a childhood free from traumatic, unintentional injury.

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