



RIVERSDALE SCHOOL
Inspiring Excellence

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Term 4 Week 5

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

Kia Ora Parents and Whānau,

Next Wednesday we have a number of things happening. As part of their Living World study Rooms 3 & 4 are off to the Glow Worm Caves at Te Anau. They will have a fabulous time observing and learning about the glow worm habitat. Did you know that the glow worm isn't actually a worm? It is a maggot, the larvae stage of the insects development!

The Northern Golf tournament is also happening on Wednesday and we have 8 teams, combined with Waikaia School, heading off to compete. Good luck everyone.

Last week the Board received a resignation from Miss Keralee Marshall. Miss Marshall will be finishing her time at our school at the end of the 2025 school year. She has accepted a position at an Invercargill school and will be moving there in the new year. While we are sad to lose her from our school community we wish her well in her new position. We are currently in the process of filling this position and when we know who will be teaching in Room 7 in 2026 we will let you know. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to be in contact.

Have a wonderful weekend.

*Nga mihi nui,
Bronwyn and the Riversdale Staff*

Tini whetū ki te rangi, he iti te pōkēao ka ngaro

A small cloud overhead will obscure the stars

A small group can overcome the multitude, can overcome a myriad of difficulties

Coming Up....

Term 4

12 November	Room 3 & 4 Glow worm trip
12 November	Northern Golf Tournament - Mossburn
17 November	Rotary Young Achievers
20 November	Community Assembly
21 November	Athletics with Chris Knight
25 November	Earthquake Simulator
1 December	Board meeting, 7pm, staffroom - Agenda closes 12pm Friday before meeting
15 December	Year 8 Graduation Night
17 December	Colour Run and Room 7 Market Day
19 December	Last day of school
9 February 2026	First day of Term 1

 **SchoolDocs**
Policies and Procedures

Parents, Caregivers and Whanau are invited to visit the SchoolDocs site to review our school policies for Term 4 2025. This term we are reviewing topics in Health, Safety and Welfare Policy section. 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

Term 4 policies	Review opens 6 October
• Bullying and Harassment	Board review
• Behaviour Management	Board review
• Searches, Surrender, and Retention of Property	
• Minimising Physical Restraint	Board review
• Stand-down, Suspension, and Exclusion	
• Staff Wellbeing and Safety	

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

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.

School Grounds Working Bee

Saturday 6th Dec

9am-12pm

Group working bee for school families to help tidy up school grounds.

We know it is a busy time of the year, but it would be great to have a good turn out to the working bee for a couple of hours to help with a list of jobs.

Please bring these items if you have any:

- Wheelbarrows
- Shovels
- Spades
- Trimming equipment

Contacts

Sarah Crooks 0274 512633

Morgan Crooks 0273 205716



RIVERSDALE SCHOOL
Home & School Association

Home and School meeting minutes from Tuesday 4th November 2025 have been added to Hero.



Home & School Fundraiser

RIVERSDALE BEANIES - \$33

\$3 from each beanie goes to Home & School

To order email riversdalehas@gmail.com

*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).





Thank you!

The Riversdale Home and School Committee would like to extend our thanks for the generous donations received for our school production raffle prizes.

Thank you to the following sponsors:

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Riversdale Hotel

Riversdale Pool

Summit Earthmoving

The Warehouse Gore

Vet South

Wild and Rustic

Wilson Baird Building



Community Notices



**RIVERSDALE
SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY
POOL
Fundraiser**

Available all year round from School Office

Baking Paper 100m x 30cm,.....	\$35
Roll Foil 90m x 44cm.....	\$30
Roll Foil 150m x 30cm.....	\$30
Food Wrap 300m x 33cm.....	\$26
Food Wrap 600m x 33cm.....	\$36




Use Description and Last Name as reference
Payment to: 03 0915 0285905 00



RIVERSDALE LIONS CLUB

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday November 7th
Doors open at 6.30 PM
to start at 7.00 pm
Riversdale Community Centre

Raffles - Auction - Refreshments
Eftpos available

 \$10 per person
(4 people per team) 

Items are welcome for the Raffle Table

All proceeds are going towards the new Helipad.



Ph: Sue Sanson 027 202 5606
or Scott Nicholson 0272271360



Riversdale Arts
Christmas Workshops
Book now at
www.riversdalearts.co.nz

DISCOVER THE ART OF DAIRY PANTRY BASICS With Clare Ryan

Saturday 22nd Nov. 10am-12pm \$75pp



Book now at www.riversdalearts.co.nz/classes

DISCOVER THE ART OF MAKING MOZZARELLA With Clare Ryan

Saturday 22nd Nov. 1pm-3pm \$75pp



Book now at www.riversdalearts.co.nz/classes

Wire Christmas Trees with Queenstown artist, Lee van der Geest

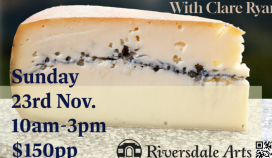
Sunday 30 Nov. 9am-12:30pm 1:30pm-5pm \$240pp



Spaces limited! Book now www.riversdalearts.co.nz

DISCOVER THE ART OF MAKING BLUE CHEESE With Clare Ryan

Sunday 23rd Nov. 10am-3pm \$150pp



Book now at www.riversdalearts.co.nz/classes

No-sugar Fizzy Drinks

may be SUGAR-FREE... but they're NOT ACID-FREE!





Did you know?

Sugar-free fizzy drinks still have acids in them. These acids can wear away our tooth enamel. The more often we have acid on our teeth, the higher our risk is for tooth decay. Choose plain water or plain milk for your everyday drinks!

Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora

Community Oral Health Service

 **Talkteeth Southern**