



30 April 2026

Term 2 Week 2

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

Kia Ora Parents and Whānau

What a wonderful ANZAC Day service held on Saturday. It was fantastic to see so many Riversdale students participating. Thank you to all the families that were able to come along so their children could be part of our combined choir. A big congratulations for the stunning performances from Emma Souness, Hannah Hunt, Lexi McNamee, Ashlyn Dillon, Harry Crooks and Lachie Kidd. The part these students played in the whole service, and subsequent parade, made for a very moving morning of reflection and gratitude for the services of our local service men and women.

During Term 1 we had the privilege of having Katie O'Connor work with two groups of Year 7/8 students learning how to recite wartime poetry and the art of impromptu speech. Katie is very skilled in teaching speech/drama and has the ability to bring the best out in each child. We would like to sincerely thank Katie for the time and energy she has put into these children. They sounded incredible on Anzac Day and represented Riversdale School with pride.

Very early in Term 1 the school had a visit from the Education Review Office. This was our chance to work with an outside reviewer to look at our systems, celebrate our successes, and look for areas of improvement. The two areas highlighted are: improving progress and achievement in writing, and improving attendance rates across the school to meet the government target of minimum of 80% of students attending 90% of the time. The Board and staff were very happy with these 2 recommendations as these had already been planned for in our school strategic plan for the year. We will not see an ERO team now for 4 more years. If you would like to read the full report [click this link to take you to the website](#).

Coming up on the 21st of May we have John Parsons visiting school. John is a cyber safety expert that we regularly get to come along to speak with students, staff and parents. He is amazing with all ages of students teaching them about ways to keep themselves safe, and especially for the older students with access to social media, online gaming etc. He will then conclude the day with a parent meeting. This meeting is incredibly valuable for parents with children of all ages to come along to. The parent meeting will be at 6:00pm-7:30pm. If you need to bring your children along we will have a movie playing in one of the other classes with supervision. Please put this in your calendars as an important event to come along to. Our children are growing up in an online world that is rapidly changing, that we have never experienced. These are tools that will help you navigate this with your children.

The next Board meeting is on Monday night, 7pm in the staffroom.

Nga mihi,

Bronwyn and the Riversdale Staff

Ki te kotahi te kākaho, ka whati; ki te kāpuia, e kore e whati
 If a reed stands alone, it can be broken; if it is in a group, it cannot.

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

Certificates from Term 2, Week 1



	STAR OF THE WEEK	Te Reo Māori Learner of the Week
Room 7	Hannah S,	Grayson
Room 6	George	Zac
Room 5	Toby O	James
Room 4	Meila & Lyla	Angus
Room 3	Darcy	Bryn
Room 2	Anakin	Chloe
Room 1	Arlo	Mitchell

Coming Up....

Term 2

- 4 May Board Meeting, 7pm - Agenda closes 12 noon Thursday 30 April
- 12 May Home and School Meeting - School Staffroom
- 21 May John Parsons visit (cyber safety)
- 22 May Waimea Cross Country at Waikaia
- 2 June Teachers Only Day
- 3 June Northern Cross Country at Waikaia
- 12 June Southland Cross Country
- 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



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 28 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



Housekeeping: Receiving Multi-Factor Authentication Codes to Your Device

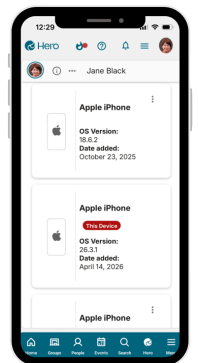
In case you missed it, Hero is beginning a phased rollout of multi-factor authentication (MFA) for all Hero users – in line with evolving privacy & security best practice. As part of Hero's sign-in flow, MFA verification codes will be sent via push notification by default, or email if this is set as your preferred notification type.

To ensure that you and your school community are successfully receiving these codes, now is a good time to check that the mobile device associated with your Hero account is your current device.

To check this:

Go to your account > navigate to 'Manage Settings' and scroll to the bottom.

To remove an unused device, click the three dots > Remove this Device.



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.



Home & School Meeting

Tuesday 12th May 7.30pm in the staffroom – it would be good to see as many faces as we can!
Apologies to Julie Wilson (secretary) 027 825 4954

Maize Maze

Thankyou to everyone who helped out with the 3 Maze days! We had great feedback after the Field of Fear, it was genuinely terrifying! Like the daytime mazes there were lots of people coming from as far as Dunedin and Invercargill so has drawn in money from outside of our usual fundraising circles! We will share what we have raised soon once financial report done.

Thankyou to our Sponsors – These events would not be possible without McClintock Contracting. A big thankyou to Matt & Sarah McClintock who have donated their time, let us spray out some of the Maize paddock and provided machinery & staff for tractor rides etc. We would also like to acknowledge the following businesses and families who contributed funds or donations towards the events – Leigh Jackson Arizto Real Estate, The Warehouse Gore, Millenium Motors Gore (Wilson Family), Jolly Elephant Design (Elliott Family), Canvart, Naylor Love (Jones Family), Riversdale Lions, Hansen Family, Wilson Baird Building, Evans Family, Polglaze Family, H & K Blatch, Kelso Family, On the Spot Riversdale.



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

THE RIVERSDALE LAMB AND CALF COMPETITION

The Riversdale Combined Sports Bodies and the Riversdale School would like to extend thanks to all the sponsors for prizes and donations at their recent competition.

A huge thank you to all the farmers who participated this year.



A & E Bain	L & N Evans	L & J Marshall	
Castle Hill Farming	A & I Frei	Montana Flat/R Burns	B & S Shallard
J & S Crooks	B & W Hopcroft	M & J Napier	M & T Shallard
Morgan Crooks	J Wing & B Johnstone	W & J Orpwood	W & G Shirley
Glen Cunningham	R & C McKee	H & C Peeters	S & D Stiven
M & S Dillon	E & K McLeay	M & R Polglaze	Gavin Tayles
D & S Ditchfield	A & T Mann	G & A Reed	L A Tayles
G & B Weller	D & J Wing	Simon Ballentine	M & C England
C & E Smail	Scott McKee	Paul Clement	R & T Miller
H & K Gains	Marcus Pennicot	Jason Robertson	



To all our wonderful sponsors this year, thank you for your support.

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