



RIVERSDALE SCHOOL
Inspiring Excellence

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Term 4 Week 6

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

Kia Ora Parents and Whānau,

Yesterday was a very quiet day at school with Rooms 3 and 4 at the Glow worm Caves in Te Anau. They had an amazing time!



We also had 8 teams at the Northern Golf Tournament in Mossburn. Congratulations to Murphy, Ella, Jimmy and Alfie Gunton (from Waikaia School) who won the year 5 & 6 age group. Edie, Kate, Sam and Bayden placed 5th in the year 5 & 6 age group. Cooper, Jaxson, Georgia and Ashlyn placed 7th in the year 7 & 8 age group.

These teams will be off to the Southland Tournament (Grand Final) next Thursday 20th November.

Over the past couple of weeks we have been working through the process of filling some teacher vacancies. I am pleased to announce **Mrs Michelle Houghton** and **Ms Sofia Wall** have both been appointed to permanent positions. We have one more fixed-term position to confirm and will announce it as soon as possible.



At this time of year we start to think about our Year 8 award winners. On Monday night we have the Rotary Young Achievers Dinner where we choose 2 students who have achieved in a number of ways. This year's recipients are **Maisy Jackson** and **Jaxson McCleery**. Congratulations!

Next Thursday, 20th November, we have got our termly Community Assembly. Come along to the school hall at 1:30pm to share in the great work our students have been involved in this term.

Next Friday, 21st November, we have Chris Knight coming to school to work with our students on their Athletics skills. Chris coaches both children and young adults in athletics in Southland and we are very lucky to have him for the whole day.

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

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

Certificates from Term 4, Week 5



	Manawaroa Resilience	Whakaute Respect	Kawenga Responsible	Te Reo Māori Learner of the Week
Room 7	Amanda	Campbell	Hannah S	
Room 6	Emma S	Sam	Ivy	Harry
Room 5	Maatata	Crisen	Indie	Evie
Room 4	Aliya	James	Bede	Indie
Room 3	Beetita	Jujhar	Lyla	
Room 2				
Room 1	Charlie	Kovin	Leo	Gurleen

Coming Up....

Term 4

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
17 December
19 December
9 February 2026

Year 8 Graduation Night
Colour Run and Room 7 Market Day
Last day of school
First day of Term 1



Indie, Maatata, Harry and Dani all attended the REAP art class this term and have created these amazing masks.



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
• Search, Seizure, and Retention of Property	Board review
• 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

BAKING MIXES FUNDRAISER – help required

Thanks for getting in behind this fundraiser...now we're at the business end of putting them together and ask for a few of hours of your time please.

****PLEASE RSVP ON THE POLL ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE,
OR BY MESSAGING KELLY-ANNE 0274 857 877 ****

PACKERS – We need people to help put ingredients into bags at one of the following sessions. It's a simple job scooping flour/sugar etc and many hands make light work!

If you can't make the whole time that is fine - even just coming along for an hour helps!

- Sunday 23rd Nov AFTERNOON SESSION 2-4.30pm
- Sunday 23rd Nov EVENING SESSION 6-9pm
- Monday 24th Nov MORNING SESSION 9am-12pm
- All at the Riversdale Community Centre

A reminder to please also keep hold of boxes and countdown grocery bags for us to be able to pack orders in and we will arrange a drop off place closer to the time.

Any questions please feel free to get in touch.

Kelly-Anne Blatch & Julie Wilson

Home & School President and Secretary

CHILL OUT FRIDAYS

Riversdale School and Community Pool, and the Riversdale Home and School Association are doing a combined fundraiser this term - **Frozen Juicies at Lunchtime on Fridays.**

Friday 21st November – Friday 12th December

Please fill in the form that will be sent home this week and return to school and make payment by Wednesday 19th November to:

Riversdale School and Community Baths

03-0915-0285905-00 Reference: Name & Juicies

Please note this is a different account to the Home and School and School bank accounts.

Please contact Jo Russell on 027 363 5768 with any questions.



Home & School Fundraiser

RIVERSDALE BEANIES - \$3.3

\$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).



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



GORE A&P SHOW

FEBRUARY 7TH, 2026



Kids can enter:

- Baking - Crafts - Art work - Photography -
- Colouring Competition - Flowers - Fresh Produce -

As well as your pets!

You might win a prize or certificate!!



The full schedule is available to download from
- www.goreapshowgrounds.co.nz -

The A&P show in Gore has been going for over 140 years, and incorporates livestock, show jumping, wood chopping, Highland Dancing, market tent as well as loads of free entertainment on the day!



Entry to the show is free to children (under 16) and only \$15 for the grown-ups!







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  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!



These diet drinks...



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