



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 1 Week 6**

Farewell: Amaia Niven

*Whakaute
Respect*

Tena Koutou Parents, Caregivers and Whanau.
Hello everyone,
Kia ora e hoa mā.



Northern Athletics yesterday

Our students did exceptionally well at the Northern Athletics Yesterday. Thank you so much to Jessica Stevenson who managed our Riversdale tamariki, and thanks to all whanau who took their children and helped out where needed.

These are the entries for Southland. It is very important that you text the school phone or Miss Stevenson today or tomorrow if your child is not going to be attending the Southland Athletics next Saturday, as this allows another child the opportunity of selection. If you have any questions about these, please contact Miss Stevenson.

George Houghton – 60m, 100m, Long Jump

Fergus Blacktopp – Long Jump

Jessie Polglaze – 60m, 100m, Relay

Lexi McNamee – Relay

Maisy Jackson – 100m, 200m, 800m, Long Jump, High Jump, Relay

Georgia Martin – 100m, 200m, Long Jump, High Jump, Relay

Olivia Davis – High Jump, Shotput

Peter-Boy Davis – Shotput

Campbell Tremaine – Relay

Amanda Cruickshank – 100m, 200m, Long Jump, Relay

Meila Scully – 800m, 1500m

Hazel d'Souza – High Jump

Ruby Marshall – Discus, Shotput

Nicole Polglaze – Discus, Shotput

Archie Jackson – 1500m

Hunter Mackey – Long Jump, High Jump, Discus, Relay

Brendan McLeay – High Jump

Monty Tremaine – Shotput

Isabella Houghton – Discus, Shotput

George Hammond – 100m, 200m, High Jump, Shotput, Relay

Congratulations to all of you. These are amazing results, and we are really proud of you.

Attendance

I have noticed that many of our children are not attending school for 90% or more of the term. Some of this is due to illness, which is unavoidable, however there are others who for unjustified reasons are not attending regularly enough. Some whanau may get an emailed letter expressing my concerns around this. It is very important for academic and social reasons that your children come to school every day.

New Classroom numbering...

It will be a big change in thinking as for long as I can remember our classrooms have been numbered as you currently know. However after a visit by the Ministry of Education Property Advisor, we have changed these. As he pointed out, if there is an emergency at the school, and the Ministry or Police are looking at a map, our Rooms are numbered differently from the official school map, and this would cause significant misunderstanding and confusion.

Therefore you will notice new numbering on doors and when referring to classrooms:

Old number	New Number
Room 1	Room 5
Room 2	Room 4
Room 3	Room 3 – the only one that is not affected ☺
Room 4	Room 2
Room 5	Room 1
Room 6	Room 2B
Room 7	Room 1B

Coming Up....

16, 17, 20 March	Life Education Van here – Teresa and Harold
25 March	Southland Athletics at Surrey Park Invercargill
27 March	Board of Trustees meeting in the staffroom 7pm.
29 March	Community Assembly 1.45pm in the hall.
31 March	Northern Swimming
4-6 April	Years 5 and 6 Camp
6 April	Last day of Term 1.
7 April	Good Friday. School holidays for the next two weeks.
Monday 24 April	Teacher Only Day.
Tuesday 25 April	ANZAC Day. We would like all children to attend the 10am service at the Riversdale Community Centre, as they perform for the community at this very significant service.
26 April	First day of Term 2 for tamariki.

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>Ella</i>	<i>Archie</i>	<i>Isla</i>
Room 7	<i>Kieran</i>	<i>Nicole</i>	<i>Luca</i>
Room 6	<i>Jaelyn</i>	<i>Bayden</i>	<i>Thomas</i>
Room 3	<i>Indie</i>	<i>Leo</i>	<i>George</i>
Room 4	<i>Kaiden</i>	<i>Abigail J</i>	<i>Abby G</i>
Room 5	<i>Jujhar</i>	<i>William</i>	<i>Pippi</i>

School Buses

Our four bus drivers are Jan Robertson, Michael Lobb, Robin Sherratt and James Nicolson.

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

Jan Robertson – 027 6088203

James Nicolson – 027 2848816

Robin Sherratt – 021 2930631

Michael Lobb – 027 3725785

An Extract from the

Southland Region School Trustees Newsletter Term 1 2023

This may give some additional context for one of the reasons why teachers (secondary and primary) are striking this week on Thursday.....

As I am writing this newsletter the elections for the Southland Executive are underway and I wish all the participants success in this election.

Education in NZ has a lot to do with the teaching staff and the Board of Trustees running the school. I trained to be a teacher in 1988 and at that time in NZ, teachers were on the top scale—equivalent to the pay of a backbencher in Parliament. Now the top pay scale for a Secondary teacher is \$90,000. And the pay for a backbencher is now \$160,00 to \$170,000.

I worry about the future of education when a student can leave school and drive a truck or be a stock agent and earn \$30,000 more than a teacher. At this time of teacher shortages and demands on education we need to be able to attract more high-quality teachers and improve the standard of education in New Zealand.

Thanks for the work you do on Boards of Trustees.

Malcolm Jones

Southland Regional Chair

Are you and your whānau protected from measles?

With people travelling overseas again, there's a risk that someone with measles could unknowingly bring the disease back to Aotearoa.

Measles spreads easily and quickly, usually between people who are unimmunised or only partially immunised. It can be serious and life threatening. In the 2019 measles outbreak in Aotearoa more than 30% of the people infected had to be admitted to hospital.

The best protection against measles is the free MMR vaccine. It will protect you and your whānau, and prevent the virus from spreading.

You will be protected against measles if you:

- had 2 doses of the MMR vaccine
- had measles before
- were born before 1 Jan 1969.

If you're unsure if you or your tamariki have had any or both doses of the MMR vaccine, check by calling your GP or hauora provider. Alternatively, check your Plunket Well Child Tamariki Ora book. If you're still not sure, be safe and get immunised – there are no safety concerns with having an extra dose. MMR vaccines are free at your local health provider and many pharmacies.

As measles still occurs in many countries, if you're travelling overseas these holidays it's especially important to be immunised to prevent the risk of being unknowingly infected and causing an outbreak in Aotearoa on your return.

More information about the measles vaccination can be found here:

[Measles vaccination – Ministry of Health](#)

Wendon- Riversdale Sheep Dog Trial Club

Annual Trials

Friday 17 March

Pyramid Creek Road, Wendon

Heading and Huntaway Courses

Come along at any time during the day to watch.

Easy access to the heading courses which are in paddocks next to the road.





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.

AB Lime	Livestock Supplies
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Brian Mahon Engineering	R D Petroleum
Carpentry South	Riversdale Golf Club
Carters Tyres	Riversdale Hotel
CCS Construction	Riversdale Joinery
Challenge Riversdale	Riversdale Supermarket
Chem4U	SBS
Collins Spraying	Shear Tech Ltd
Dave Hurley Hedgecutting	South Pacific Meats
David Stevenson Auto	Tremaine Farming Ltd
Ewan Allan Honda	Van de Water Jewellers
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G K Building	Waipounamu Contracting
Gore Tractor Services	Weller Livestock
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High Country Helicopters	

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A & E Bain
Blatch Families
Ian & K Clark
Glen Cunningham
M & S Dillon
R & R Dingle
D & S Ditchfield
A & I Frei
Hayden Gaines
Haisman Family
J Wing & B Johnstone
M & H Kelso
R & C McKee
James McKee
Scott McKee
Tyler McKee
E & K McLeay
A & T Mann
L & J Marshall
R & T Miller
Montana Flat
M & J Napier
M & C O'Connor
H & C Peeters
M & R Polglaze
G & A Reed
M & J Shallard
M & T Shallard
W & G Shirley
C & E Smaill
S & D Stiven
Gavin Tayles
Lindsay Tayles Family
G & B Weller
D & J Wing