



19 March 2026

Term 1 Week 6

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

Kia Ora Parents and Whanau

Good luck to our Southland Athletes who are competing in Invercargill on Saturday: Aroha Watson-Gibson, Ava Watson, Cruz Davidson, Dani Watson, George Houghton, Georgia Martin, Hannah Hunt, Harley Martin, Hayden Polglaze, Jessie Polglaze, Kaiden O'Connor, Kate Cruickshank, Lexi McNamee, Lyla Watson, Meads Blatch, Murphy Stone, Olivia Davis, Priyah Blythe, Sam Rossiter and Zac Johnstone.

Next Wednesday we have a swim squad competing at the Northern Zone Swimming Sports in Te Anau. Good luck to Meads Blatch, Reid Waite, Pippi Wall-Young, Ollie Blatch, Hayden Polglaze, Bede Crooks, Kaiden O'Connor, Leigh Tremaine, Matthew Howden, Cruz Davidson, Jimmy Blatch, Lucy Marshall, Zac Johnstone, Jaelyn Scully, Jessie Polglaze, Bayden Waite, Ella Johnstone, Emma Souness, Sam Rossiter, James Johnstone, Ashlyn Dillon, Georgia Martin and Hannah Hunt.

Our first Community Assembly for the year is coming up on Thursday 26th March, 1:30pm-3pm in the school Hall. Come along and help us celebrate the work the students have done this term.

Next Friday, 27th March, we have our Ki O Rahi tournament for students, whānau and staff. It would be great to see as many of you come along to have fun with the students, meet and chat with the staff and other parents. See the information below regarding times and food options.

Nga mihi,

Bronwyn and the Riversdale Staff

**Te manu kai iro, nōna te ngahere; te manu kai mātauranga,
nōna te ao**

The bird that eats the miro berries, theirs is the forest; the bird that consumes
knowledge, the world is theirs

Coming Up....

Term 1

21 March	Southland athletics
23 March	Board Meeting, 7pm - Agenda closes 12 noon Thursday 19th March
25 March	Northern Swimming Sports at Te Anau
26 March	Community Assembly, 1:30pm in the school hall
27 March	After School Ki O Rahi tournament
2 April 2026	Final day of Term 1

Term 2

20 April	Term 2 begins
20-23 April	Deep Cove Camp - Year 7 & 8's
27 April	Anzac Day Observed - School Closed

Kei te pai - Well done to our STARS OF THE WEEK!

You all displayed the school values so well.

Certificates from Term 1, Week 5



	STAR OF THE WEEK	Te Reo Māori Learner of the Week
Room 7	James	Ashlyn
Room 6	Ivy	Lucy C
Room 5	Toby R	Jack J
Room 4	Harley	Brianna
Room 3	Blake	Anna
Room 2	Kolt	Jack
Room 1	Hudson E	Esko
Tumuaki (Principal's Award)		Victor

Ki O Rahi Tournament

Coming up on Friday 27th March we are having a Ki o Rahi tournament for children and parents. The students have loved learning and playing Ki O Rahi the past few years, so we thought it was about time to have another tournament and join it in with an informal meet the teacher evening. Ki O Rahi is a traditional Māori team game. The year 5-8 students have been learning to play Ki O Rahi and the year 1-4s have learnt Tapu Ae which is an adaptation.

Our plan is to run the tournament after school from 4:30-6:30pm. Our Tākaro leaders will be selling sausages and bread (which school will provide) and baking (each family that comes along please bring a batch of baking) for a gold coin. The Tākaro leaders are fundraising for equipment and resources for their lunchtime activities. Family support to help sell sausages and baking would be greatly appreciated, please let me know if you can help out with this.

We would love to have as many families as possible come along and join in the fun. Here is a link to find out more about the games

<https://www.r2r.org.nz/games-activities-maori-youth/ki-o-rahi.html>.

So we can get a gauge of numbers for the sausage sizzle, please let us know using the form below if you would like to join us - **Are you coming to our tournament?**

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR

KI O RAHI TOURNAMENT

AT RIVERSDALE SCHOOL BESIDE THE HALL

FRIDAY 27TH MARCH FROM: 4:30PM-6:30PM

THERE WILL A SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND A BAKING STAND FOR AFTERNOON TEA - GOLD COIN FOR EACH. IF ATTENDING PLEASE BRING SOME BAKING TO SELL AT THE BAKING STAND TO HELP RAISE MONEY FOR OUR TAKARO LEADERS.

PARENTS BE READY TO PLAY - YOU CAN LEARN ON THE NIGHT.

COME ALONG AND JOIN THE FUN!



Parents, Caregivers and Whanau are invited to visit the SchoolDocs site to read our school policies. Each term the Board reviews a number of policies and procedures. Parents, Whanau and Families are invited to read and make comment when these come up for review. To read any of our policies follow the steps below

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. Click into the *Parents Quick Links* tab to easily find the policy you require.

Consent information YEAR SEVEN VISION SCREENING

The Vision Hearing Technicians from Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora - Southern will be visiting your school to screen all year seven students for distance vision shortly.

Screening Provided:

Distance Vision (Amblyopia & Myopia)

This determines how well your child can see at a distance. It involves reading an eye chart.

The screening results will be given to your child, and a Vision technician will be in contact to discuss any further action, if required.

If your child WEARS Glasses or is UNDER CARE for their eyes, there is no need to fill in an Opt-Out form.

We will ask each class if there is anyone already wearing glasses or under care.

- Please let your child know to tell us prior to screening.

They will be given a notification slip to take home. **These children are NOT screened.**

By sharing this consent information, we are providing the opportunity for you to Opt-out of our screening programme.

If you do not wish your child to be screened, please fill out an opt-out slip, which are available at the school office before our visit.

What happens to your child's screening information? The vision results are recorded on the Ministry of Education data system – ENROL.

This information will also be saved via the Vision and Hearing screening team data system.

You can access your child's information by contacting the Vision Hearing Screening team:

visionhearing@southernhnb.govt.nz or contacting Patient Enquiries:

- Phone: Consumer Experience Feedback Team, phone (03) 214 5738
- E-mail: feedback@southernhnb.govt.nz
- Website: www.tewhatuora.govt.nz

All staff with access to this documentation adhere to the Health Information Privacy Code.

Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora

Vision Hearing Team

0800885504

visionhearing@southernhnb.govt.nz

National Public Health Service

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

Michael Lobb – 027 3725785

Rhonda Wilson - 027 2578895

Paul Eason - 021474580

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

Maize Maze

Our first Maize Maze was a great success – we had over 650 people go through and most of them would have been from outside our usual fundraising circles which is great!

We have 1 more event still to go and are still in need of some additional helpers.

Please message Kelly-Anne Blatch 0274 857 877 if you can help out – all funds raised will be going towards our new school playground.

Saturday 18th April – RIVERSDALE FIELD OF FEAR

- Open 5-9pm (arrive 4.15ish for setup)
- 3 more people who can help out on the day (taking money/carparking etc)
- **A DOZEN OR SO SCARERS** - We're looking for brave (and slightly dramatic!) members of our community to help bring Riversdale Fields of Fear to life!
 - o Volunteers to be scare actors inside the maze – hiding in the corn, jumping out, creating spooky scenes, and giving our visitors a night they won't forget!
 - o You'll be stationed in one spot within the maze & children will be paired with an adult supervisor.
 - o Friends can sign up together and plan costumes. Full horror vibes – the scarier the better!
 - o Guaranteed laughs (for you, maybe not for them...)
 - o If you (or your child) are keen to be involved, please get in touch.
- We also need some scary props/costumes – think ghosts/ghouls/chainsaw massacre/bride of chuckie...all ideas welcome – please get in touch if you have any Halloween stuff and may be able to help with this.

Sponsors – This maze 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 on the day. We would also like to acknowledge the following businesses and families who contributed towards the first event - The Warehouse Gore, Carrfields, Millenium Motors Gore, Jolly Elephant Design, Canvart, Naylor Love, Riversdale Lions, Hansen Family, Wilson Baird Building.



MAIZE MAZE

A fundraiser for Waikaia Forest Trails Grade 3 Blue Trail and Riversdale Home and School new School Playground



FINAL DAYTIME MAZE

14 MARCH | OPENS 10AM
DIGGER TREASURE HUNT
BBQ - TRACTOR RIDES

MAZE ENTRY

ADULTS (13+) - \$10
KIDS - \$5, UNDER 5 FREE
\$30 FAMILY
(2 ADULTS, 3 KIDS)



RIVERSDALE FIELD OF FEAR

RESTRICTED

13

18TH APRIL | \$20PP

IT'S NOT JUST A MAZE ANYMORE...
THE FIELDS COME
ALIVE AFTER DARK

CASH PREFERRED - EFTPOS AVAILABLE | 741 MANDEVILLE-KINGSTON CROSSING ROAD



RIVERSDALE MAIZE MAZE - FOR MORE INFO

Community Notices



SPACES AVAILABLE

Funshine Early Learning Centre
Riversdale
8am - 4.30pm Mon-Fri

CONTACT JESS OR ANNA FOR ENROLMENT
03 202 5065
OFFICE@FUNSHINE.CO.NZ



Screenshot

Junior Hockey - Registrations OPEN

It's time to register for junior hockey this year. Please follow the link below:

<https://www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/register/9e65e7>

Information

Junior Hockey (Year 1-6), Winter 2026, Eastern Southland Hockey - Gore
20 Apr 2026 - 03 July 2026

Pricing information

Yr 1 & 2 Fridays 3:30 - 6pm Subs \$55

Yr 3 & 4 Fridays 3:30 - 6pm Subs \$70

Yr 5 & 6 Monday 3:30 - 7.30pm Subs \$85

Note: year 5/6 will go a few weeks into term 3.

If you are happy/keen to coach we would love to hear from you - please could you also fill out the form in the link under the "coach" tab.

Can you please make payment to 03 1355 0594658 01 and use your child's name and Year group in the code field.

Additional information

All age groups will play on the turf.

Please note registrations **MUST** be completed by the 20 March (Yr 1 - Yr 6) **Any registrations after these dates will not be possible.**

Eastern Southland Junior Hockey Committee

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
@ iLT STADIUM
SOUTHLAND



School holiday fun sorted!



Tickets available at
www.stadiumsouthflticket.co.nz

RIVERTON HERITAGE HARVEST FESTIVAL
 28th & 29th March 2026 - Aparima College Hall

Competitions for Adults & Children
 \$3,000 of fruit trees to be won!

-  *The best bunch*
-  *A beautiful bloom*
-  *Your harvest basket*
-  *Prized vegetables and fruits*
-  *Famous fruit pies*

Bring your entries down to the festival hall between
 10am and 3pm on Saturday 28th March
www.sces.org.nz/harvest-festival
 Workshops, stalls, displays, food!
 Gold Coin Entry



45° Fibre
Deep South Fibre Festival
 10am Saturday 2nd May 2026
 Gore Town & Country Club
 2 Bury Street
 Gore, NZ

- * Woolcraft
- * Fibre
- * Displays
- * Traders
- * Food carts
- * Devonshire teas



Family Friendly
People Coming Together



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KID'S CRAFT
Craft Stations

- *Mermaid Neckless (shells, beads and diamonds) and also a Plaited Headband - using wool
- *Felt Purse (felt template- embroider blanket stitch and embellishments)
- *Needle Felting- Pumpkin or Apple (wool and felt needle)
- *Flax flower using flax as fibre
- *Dance Sticks (wood handle, ribbon and decorations)
- *Pom Pom animals (wool, felt and cardboard)
- *82 bags to decorate and become the carryall. (Bags, paint pens)
- *Sales table


