



RIVERSDALE SCHOOL
Inspiring Excellence

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Term 4 Week 1

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

Kia Ora Parents and Whānau,

This week we have welcomed **Hugo Bain** and **Mitchell Watson** into Room 1 and farewelled **Parth** from Room 4. We wish you all the best at your next school Parth.

Welcome back for Term 4. Hope you have all had a wonderful holiday. We have lots of exciting things coming up this term. This week the Year 5 & 6s are away at camp and we look forward to them sharing all about their adventures when they return.

Term 4 welcomes warmer weather. Students are required to wear a **bucket style hat** that protects their ears from the sun when they are outside. If you have not already sent along a hat, please send one along with their name on it.

You may have seen in the news that educators across Aotearoa are taking part in a historic national strike on Thursday 23rd October. For the first time, principals, teachers, support staff, and Ministry specialists are standing together to call for better support in schools, fair pay, and the resources our tamariki need to thrive. It is important to note that this action is about more than just pay. Health, Education, and Emergency Services are key pillars of our society, and they are all under-funded and under-resourced. Pay is important, but our schools, like hospitals and frontline services, are not failing because of the people working in them. They are struggling because they are not being given the real investment needed to meet the needs of our communities. In education, this means making sure tamariki have the support of a teacher aide in every classroom, valuing educators fairly and giving them secure work, upholding Te Tiriti o Waitangi in education, and defending quality early childhood education. These things alone would go a long way to relieving pressure on the education system, and on my role as a Principal. At Riversdale School, our focus will always remain on caring for our students and ensuring they are safe and supported. On the day of strike action, our school will be closed for instruction. We encourage families to make alternative arrangements for the care of your children. We understand that this may cause disruption, and we thank you for your understanding and support. The decision to take this action is not made lightly, but it reflects the seriousness of the challenges facing education, and the urgent need for change.

This term we have some work going on in the classrooms - new insulation, lighting and carpet. This will mean that classes will move out of their classes for a day while work is being carried out. We will minimise disruption as much as we can while this is happening.

Starting in Week 4 this term (around the 27th of October) we will be teaching a Health unit on Puberty to the year 6-8 students, and Keeping Ourselves Safe to the Year 0-5 students. We would invite parents to a meeting at 9am-10am on Thursday 16th of October (the morning of school photos) to view the material and ask any questions about what is being taught.

Have a wonderful weekend.

*Nga mihi nui,
Bronwyn and the Riversdale Staff*

E kore au e ngaro, he kākano ahau i ruia mai i Rangiatea
I can never be lost, I am a seed sown from Rangiatea
I have a reason for being

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

Certificates from Term 3, Week 10

	Manawaroa Resilience	Whakaute Respect	Kawenga Responsible	Te Reo Māori Learner of the Week
Room 7	All of the Year 7&8s			
Room 6	Jahn	James	Olivia	-
Room 5	Dakota	Lucy C	Evie	Daisy
Room 4	Skylar	Ollie	Sebika	Abigail
Room 3	Edmund	Meila	Jujhar	Frankii
Room 2	Blaire	Carter	Daisy	Aeron
Room 1	Olive	Gurleen	Anakin	Charlie

Coming Up....

Term 4

8 -10 October	Years 5 & 6 Camp - Tautuku
13 October	Northern Tennis
14 October	BOT Meeting, 7.30pm
16 October	School Photos
16 October	Puberty and Keeping Ourselves Safe meeting 9am
20 October	Northern Golf
21 October	Junior (years 0-5) Speeches
23 October	Teachers/Support Staff/Principal Strike day
27 October	Labour Day
12 November	Room 3 & 4 Glow worm trip
17 November	Rotary Young Achievers
20 November	Community Assembly
21 November	Athletics with Chris Knight
25 November	Earthquake Simulator

15 December
19 December

Year 8 Graduation Night
Last day of school



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.

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.



RIVERSDALE SCHOOL

Home & School Association



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).



Community Notices

New Price List as at 7 October 2025



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



Junior Tennis

Saturday Tennis competition

If your child would like to play Saturday morning tennis (or you would like to know more) (years 3,4, 5 & 6 – C Grade and Year 7 & 8 A Grade) please contact Emma Hammond 0272359091 by Friday 10th October.

Childrens Golf

Friday after School

Childrens golf will start on Friday 17th October , @ 3,30pm, at the Riversdale golf club, until 4.45pm.

Clubs and golf balls are provided but children are welcome to bring their own.

For any enquiries please call Debbie Schriek, 0210462596

ORETI LINKS ORIENTEERING

Start any time between
11:30AM-1:00PM

SUNDAY **12 OCT**
2025



CLASSIC O

Registration:

Old clubrooms at Oreti Sands Golf
Course, Sandy Point, Invercargill

Explore a varied landscape of grass fairways,
pine stands, and rolling dunes.

Courses: Yellow, Orange, Short Red, and Red.

Dogs are welcome! Please keep them leashed
when near the registration area.

Entry on the day, cash only.

www.southlandorienteeringclub.co.nz

Suitable for all ages, beginners always welcome.



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