



22 August 2025

Term 3 Week 6

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

Kia Ora Parents and Whānau,

What a fabulous day we had at PolyFest yesterday! All of the Riversdale students were amazing ambassadors for themselves, their families and the school. We were all so proud of them! If you didn't get the chance to see the livestream follow the link below, head to *Thursday* and we come on stage at 3hours 24minutes. <https://www.miharo.co.nz/murihiku-polyfest-livestream-2025> It is well worth watching!



Coming up next week is Round 3 of the Southland Speech Competition where Amanda Cruickshank and James Johnstone will be sharing their speeches. Good luck to you both!

Next Friday, 29th August, will be our second Ministry of Education approved Teachers Only Day to get a more in depth look at the new Mathematics and Statistics Curriculum. We will be joining the Gore schools for this professional development. Riversdale School will be closed on Friday 29th August.

On Friday 5th September from 3:15pm onwards we will be at the Community Centre setting up the stage for our school production. We would love lots of helpers - the more we have the quicker we can get it done! If you are able to help please contact Bronwyn principal@riversdale.school.nz or Katie Blatch katie.blatch@riversadale.school.nz.

Nga mihi nui,
Bronwyn and the Riversdale Staff

Me te toroa e tau ana i runga i te au
Like the albatross nestled upon the elegance of nature
Manifesting resilience with the elegance of nature

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

Certificates from Week 5



	Manawaroa Resilience	Whakaute Respect	Kawenga Responsible	Te Reo Māori Learner of the Week
Room 7	Mattie	Trelise	Amanda	Tom
Room 6	Jessie	Sam	Priyah	Ivy
Room 5	Neva	Dani	Daisy	Mathew
Room 4	Reid	Bede	Leigh	Lily
Room 3	Beetita	Resandi	Hudson B	Brianna
Room 2	Freya	Scout	Dejh	Meihana
Room 1	Kolt	Jack	Hudson	Gurleen
Tumuaki/Principal Award		Cooper McKee and Jujhar Sidhu		

Coming Up....

Term 3

29 August

15 September

17-18 September

19 September

Teachers Only Day

Board of Trustees meeting

School Production - *A Hint Of Snow White*

End of Term 3

Term 4

6 October	Start of Term 4
8 -10 October	Years 5 & 6 Camp - Tautuku
16 October	School Photos
15 December	Year 8 Graduation Night
19 December	Last day of school

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

School Production Fundraiser – Raffle Donations

Each year, the Home & School Committee runs raffles to help cover costs (sound, lighting, costumes, props, and stage setup etc.) for the School Production. Raffle tickets are sold at the hall on show nights, and we draw winners each evening. We usually have 8–10 prizes per night, including a mix of high-value items and hampers.

We're reaching out to see if our school community can help with raffle prizes:

1. **Businesses or families keen to donate a larger prize** – This could be a full prize or a cash contribution that we can pool with others to buy something bigger. In the past, prizes have included helicopter flights, firewood, kids' kayaks, sports gear, tractor toys, service vouchers, chilly bins, meat processing, meal vouchers, and beauty treatments.
2. **School families donating smaller items** – Things like food, home and garden goodies, or beauty products are always appreciated. We'll send a reminder closer to the production date and set up a collection point in the office.

If you'd like to help, or know someone who might, please message Kelly-Anne Blatch or email riversdalehas@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support!
Home & School Committee



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



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)



Riversdale After-school Care

Starting Wednesday August 13th we will be offering after-school care for children aged 5-13 years, from 3pm to 5:30pm Tuesdays-Fridays, at the Riversdale Presbyterian Church.

Our services include:

Pick-up from Riversdale School, fun and engaging activities, help with homework, and afternoon tea.

For more information, including fees and available hours, please email Sarah at

riversdalecare@gmail.com

Or visit riversdalecare.weebly.com

Help Wanted:

We're also looking for one or two people to join our staff on a casual basis (paid), to relieve our permanent carers when needed.

If you're interested email Sarah at the address above.



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