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Kia Ora, Kamusta, Āyubōvan, Nihao, Sata srī akāla, Namaskāra, Mālō e lelei, Bula, Hallå, Buna ziua, Dia dhuit, Hello

Kia ora Whānau

What a great day we had yesterday at the Think Brain Safe day at the sports grounds. Everyone, children and adults, learned many ways to think and keep themselves safe on the farm. Today all families will receive copies of Harriet's books. See some photos below of the day. A big thank you must go out to Jenna Orpwood for her fantastic organisation of the day for us all to enjoy.

Last Thursday we had a number of students competing at the Northern Swimming Sports. Congratulations to Ashlyn Dillon 2nd in backstroke; Georgia Martin 3rd backstroke, 4th freestyle, breaststroke and medley; Kieran Waite 2nd medley, 4th breaststroke, backstroke and freestyle; Nicole Polglaze 2nd breaststroke, 3rd medley; Ruby Marshall 3rd breaststroke; Jaxson McCleery 3rd medley; Meila Scully 4th medley and breaststroke; and our 11 year old relay team of Keiran Waite, Nicole Polglaze, Jaxson McCleery and Meila Scully came first!

Coming up during the holidays is the annual ANZAC Day service, 25th April, at the Community Centre at 10am. All of our students have been practising songs to share at the service. We would love as many of our students to be involved as possible. Please come along and meet Mrs Blatch at the Community Centre before the service.

All school t-shirts and tracksuits need to be returned as soon as possible please.

Miss McCall will be away from school from Wednesday next week, travelling to an educational leadership conference, and Mrs Smith is away with one of her older children on a school trip. As usual if you have any concerns your child's teacher is always the first port of call.

Next week is our final week of the term.

Have a great weekend Nga mihi, Bronwyn and the Riversdale Staff

He iti hoki te mokoroa nāna i kakati te kahikatea

While the mokoroa grub is small it cuts through the white pine - there is power in small things!



Coming Up....

Term 1

12 April Term 1 ends 25 April ANZAC Day 29 April Term 2 begins

29 April - 3 May Year 7&8 Deep Cove Camp

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

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.

Scholastic Book Club Pamphlets

Due to the school no longer dealing with cheques and cash for this, you will have to order online please. The books will still come to school and we will hand them out as before. Remember if you want them as a gift to indicate on the form and we will phone you when they arrive.



Riversdale School and Community Pool

We would love for you to jump onboard and support this swimming pool fundraiser. Click on this link https://riversdaleschoolcommunitypoolcookiedough.raiseit.co.nz/ This fundraiser is all online and with your support we can keep our pool in the best condition for our community. Please create your own fundraising page and share it on your social media so your friends and family can get on board too. Pick up day will be April the 11th at the school hall from 3pm. Please let me know if you have any questions. Jo Russell 0273635768





Community Notices

PRIMARY SCHOOL GOLF

Our "School Pupils" Golf Club has started again on Friday's. For the benefit of any new players, I have outlined some of the details about this activity below.

This Club is open to all pupils from year 3 and above, and will meet at the Riversdale Golf Course each Friday during the summer terms.

Sessions times will be 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm for primary school pupils and 4:45 - 6:00 pm for older pupils. There is no cost for these Friday sessions and all gear is provided.

If your child is interested in being part of this activity, or if you have any questions about this club, please do not hesitate to phone me at 021 2037547.

Kind regards Stuart Riordan

New Zealand Traveller Declaration - help to promote new digital system

The NZTD (<u>travellerdeclaration.govt.nz</u>) is an online system that travellers can use to complete a declaration before they travel into New Zealand. The new digital NZTD was launched in August 2023 and not many people know they can now do it online – replacing the paper card you used to fill out on the plane.





HOLIDAY PROGRAMME - True in Nature

True in Nature offer bush craft and survival skills holiday programmes in Invercargill, Gore and Otautau.

There is something for all ages but mainly aimed at 7-12 year olds.

We also offer learning in nature programmes, 1 day a week during school time. Enrollments for Term 2 are now open. These programmes are ideal for practical learners, students that need challenging or struggle in a classroom environment, those that thrive in the outdoors or perhaps need extra support and guidance with social interactions.

Please go to www.trueinnature.com to book or email garethandkatie@trueinnature.com for more details.



