



RIVERSDALE SCHOOL
Inspiring Excellence

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Term 3 Week 8

**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 *Chloe Blatch* into Room 1 at Riversdale School.

Rehearsals for our production of *A Hint of Snow White* are progressing well. It is going to be a great show. Show dates are Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th of September starting at 6:30pm at the Riversdale Community Centre.

Next week we will be starting to work at the Community Centre. The year 7&8 students will be there all week setting the show on the stage and classes will pop down during the day to practice their individual items. Next Thursday & Friday everyone will be at the Community Centre all day. There will be no ability to have heat ups on those days.

On Friday 5th September from 2:00pm 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! We need helpers to bring drills and hammers to get the stage together. If you are able to help please contact Bronwyn principal@riversdale.school.nz or Katie Blatch katie.blatch@riversdale.school.nz.

Don't forget to send in your hamper items for the Home and School to raffle to help with our production costs. Non-perishable items include things sweet and or savoury, regifting, home & garden, health & beauty, etc. Send these along to the school office and there will be a box to put them in

Voting in the Riversdale School Board Elections closes on Wednesday 10th September at 4pm (no electronic or paper votes will be accepted after this time). Our Board of Trustees plays a vital role in shaping the future of our school, supporting staff, and ensuring the best outcomes for all our tamariki. Your vote helps strengthen our school community and make sure every voice is heard. If you have any questions, please contact the Election Pilot team on 0800 VOTENZ (0800 868 369) or election@electionpilot.nz.

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


Coming Up....

Term 3

15 September Board of Trustees meeting
17-18 September School Production - **'A Hint Of Snow White'**, 6.30pm start at the Riversdale Community Centre
19 September 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



SchoolDocs
Policies and Procedures

Parents, Caregivers and Whanau are invited to visit the SchoolDocs site to review our school policies for Term 3 2025. This term we are reviewing topics in Health, Safety and Welfare Policy section. Reviews are open to the Board, staff and school community (parents/caregivers/whanau)

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. Go to *Current Reviews* and click the links to read the policies currently under review
5. Click the *Policy Review* button at the top right hand of the page
6. Select reviewer type - "Parent"
7. Enter your name (Optional)
8. Submit your ratings and comments

Term 3 policies	Review opens 30 June
• Child Protection	Board review
• Abuse Recognition and Reporting	Board review
• Food and Nutrition	Board review
• Safety Checking	Board review
• Police Vetting	Board review
• Missing Student Procedure	Board review

These are the policies specified on the review schedule. You can also review any policy that has a review button.

To view any of our policies go to the above site and search for the appropriate policy

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 and Hamper Donations Needed

The Home and School will be doing hamper and prize raffles on both production nights to help raise money to cover productions costs (lighting/sound/costumes etc).

Thanks to those families and local businesses who have donated towards our bigger prizes, there are some great ones!

Hampers - donations needed

For the hampers, we would ask if each family could please kindly donate an item or two that would be suitable to go in a hamper e.g. non-perishable sweet & savoury, regifting, home & garden, health & beauty etc.

There will be a box in the office next week for items to be sent to school.

Thank you for your support!

Home & School Committee

	<p>Home & School Fundraiser</p> <p><u>RIVERSDALE BEANIES - \$33</u></p> <p><i>\$3 from each beanie goes to Home & School</i></p> <p>To order email riversdalehas@gmail.com</p> <p><small>*Comes with a second beanie that was misprinted RIVESDALE</small></p>
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	<h3>SCHOOL VESTS</h3> <p>The Home & School provide each new student at Riversdale School with a vest.</p> <p>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).</p> 
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Community Notices



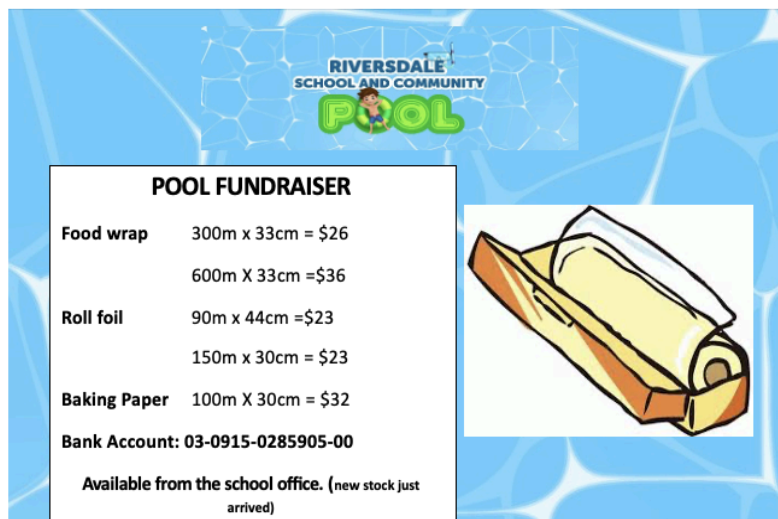
Riversdale School and Community Pool - Fundraiser

Riversdale School and Community Pool are running a Pepper & Me fundraiser. This will run from now until the 21st of September. Every purchase made using the code FUNDRSC25 or following the link below, the pool will receive 20% of the total. Products will be sent directly and straight away, so people can support from anywhere in New Zealand. No pick up and drop offs! Easy.

We would love to see all our school families share the link on their social media and with their friends and family.

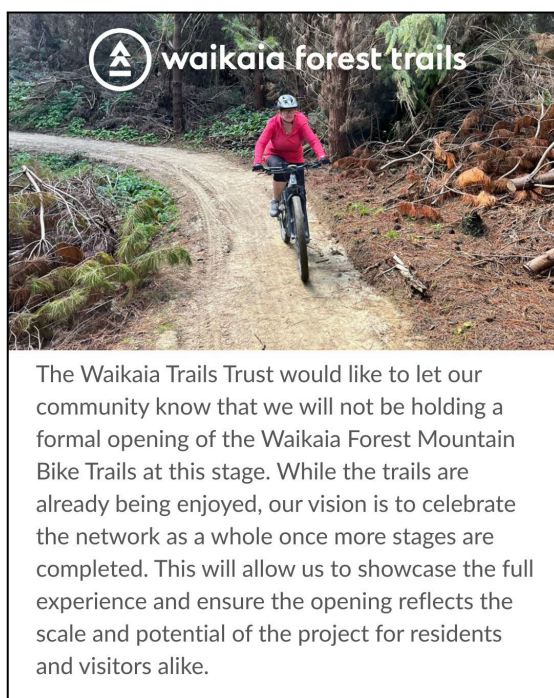

These are very popular products that will elevate any dish, We are sure you will love them. The company has just rebranded and the owner Cherie, has just released a new cookbook. It's also a great time to start thinking about popping away things for Christmas too while supporting our local pool.

https://pepperandme.co.nz/?fbclid=IwDGRjcAMjrsxleHRuA2FibQlXMQABHhaG31V7iZSAFuiaeGC_LS_ONUkAHZ2I2KWMaHhRdKzh47Si1byKXhoVoGxGE_aem_CnPbPrCKIc4DcoF-KVe-CQ



**RIVERSDALE
SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY
POOL**

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)	



waikaia forest trails

The Waikaia Trails Trust would like to let our community know that we will not be holding a formal opening of the Waikaia Forest Mountain Bike Trails at this stage. While the trails are already being enjoyed, our vision is to celebrate the network as a whole once more stages are completed. This will allow us to showcase the full experience and ensure the opening reflects the scale and potential of the project for residents and visitors alike.



**LEARNING OUTDOORS
TRUE
IN
NATURE**

**SPRING HOLIDAYS
SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER**

CHILD VS WILD (7-13) A three day adventure quest 22nd September - 24th September Invercargill 29th September - 1st October Invercargill	A WILD DAY OUT (11-16) A Wild and Game cooking experience Friday October 3rd - Invercargill
BUSH KIDS (7-16) One day of bushcraft and survival skills Monday September 22nd - Invercargill Tuesday September 23rd - Invercargill Thursday September 25th - Gore Friday September 26th - Gore Monday September 29th - Invercargill Tuesday September 30th - Invercargill	BUSH, MAKE & BAKE (5-16) Bushcraft, Crafting & Damper Making Thursday October 2nd
WILD WOMEN A wild evening for the ladies, mums and grandmums. A night around the fire and some fun night orienteering! Friday October 10th 6pm-8pm	

LIMITED TO 15 PLACES EACH DAY

Gareth and Katie Oliver at: GarethandKatie@trueinnature.com
www.trueinnature.com Phone: 0226381497