



31 July 2025

**Term 3 Week 3**

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

Kia Ora Parents and Whānau,

This term we have welcomed new students to our school. A big welcome to *Gurleen Kaur*,  
*Jack Phillips and Ivy Dunstan* (and their families) to our school community.

Riversdale School is having a great week with **Pip and Harold from the Life Education Bus** who will be here until Friday. The students are learning about body systems and how our bodies work.

Coming up next Tuesday are the **senior school speeches**, on Tuesday. Please check in with your child's teacher if you want to come along and support your child as they deliver their speech. The teachers will be able to let you know what time your child will be delivering their speech. Between 4-6 students from each group (ys5&6, and ys7&8) will advance to our school finals. Next Thursday we will be holding the school speech final, starting at 9:30am in the school hall. We have got Mrs Gwen Grimm coming along as our judge for the finals. Round 2 speeches for the Northern and Western Cluster of schools will be held here on Tuesday 12th August.

This week we have been made aware that there may have been an unknown individual on the street outside the school allegedly taking photos or videos. The staff are all aware and are keeping a close eye out when on duty. The children are all safe within the school boundary.

During the holidays we have had all our toilet roll, hand towel and soap dispensers replaced. A huge thank you to Heather and Doug Wing for taking on this huge task for us!

The Board of Trustees are reviewing our policies around Expenditure and Camera Surveillance. If you would like to read and make any comments please click the links. Any responses need to be returned by Thursday 7th August to [principal@riversdale.school.nz](mailto:principal@riversdale.school.nz) . [Camera Surveillance](#)  
[Expenditure](#)

*Nga mihi nui,  
Bronwyn and the Riversdale Staff*

# Kotahi karihi nāna ko te wao tapu nui a Tāne The creation of the forests of Tāne

Starting small leads to growth

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

Certificates from the first week of Term 3



	Manawaroa Resilience	Whakaute Respect	Kawenga Responsible	Te Reo Māori Learner of the Week
Room 7				
Room 6	Yuri	Olivia	Edie	-
Room 5	Archer	Daisy	Maatata	Mathew W
Room 4	Macy	Abigail	Matthew	Sebika
Room 3	Phoebe	Lawrence	Charlie H	Resandi
Room 2	Angela	Ayva	Victor	Henry
Room 1	Anakin	Colton	Jack	Leo

## Coming Up....

### Term 3

30 July-1 August	Life Education Bus with Pip and Harold
31 July	Home and School AGM - 7.30pm in the staffroom
5 August	Round 1 Speeches - in classrooms
12 August	Round 2 Speeches - Riversdale School Hall
21 August	PolyFest
29 August	Teachers Only Day
17-18 September	School Production - <i>A Hint Of Snow White</i>
19 September	End of Term 3

## Riversdale School Board - Tri-election is happening this term!

The boards of all state and state integrated schools are required to hold elections regularly, and this will be happening again in 2025.

The School Board is an important part of our school as they set the strategic direction for our school, consult with our school community about our [school or kura], ensure the schools funding is spent wisely and ensure that we are giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi within our school. Our board is made up of five Parents with 3 Parent vacancies for these elections, the Principal, and a staff rep elected by the staff.

The current board have made the decision to appoint Election Pilot as the Returning Officer for our election and for the election to be provided online. They have been assisting schools with elections for over 20 years and have been the only election provider accredited by the Ministry of Education to provide online election services since online elections started in 2022. Nomination and voting forms will be sent to all eligible voters by email directly from Election Pilot. If we don't have an email address for you, nomination and voting papers will be sent by post so no one will miss out.

School Board Elections must be held in accordance with the provisions in the Education and Training Act 2020 and the Education (Board Elections) Regulations 2022. Your name and contact details have been provided to Schooled Election Pilot to enable the provision of elections services for our school as required by legislation. They will use your contact details for the provision of election services for Riversdale School only and your details will be deleted 60 days after the election date as required by legislation.

**If you have any questions about the election process, please contact the Returning Officer directly on 0800 VOTENZ (0800 868 369) or [election@electionpilot.nz](mailto:election@electionpilot.nz).**

We will continue to keep you updated through the various stages of the election process, and our election details are below:



Below is the election timetable for your kura for the 2025 triennial school board elections

PARENT & STAFF ELECTION TIMETABLE	
CLOSE MAIN ROLL	Wednesday 16 July
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS	Friday 18 July
CLOSE SUPPLEMENTARY ROLL	Monday 4 August
NOMINATIONS CLOSE	12 noon Wednesday 6 August
VOTING PAPERS ISSUED	Wednesday 13 August
ELECTION DAY	<b>Wednesday 10 September</b>
CLOSE POLL	4pm on Wednesday 10 September
COUNT VOTES & DECLARE RESULTS	Tuesday 16 September
BOARD TAKES OFFICE	Wednesday 17 September

If you have any questions, please contact the Election Pilot Mission Control Team.

## 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.

# Community Notices




## POOL FUNDRAISER

<b>Food wrap</b>	300m x 33cm = \$26
	600m X 33cm = \$36
<b>Roll foil</b>	90m x 44cm = \$23
	150m x 30cm = \$23
<b>Baking Paper</b>	100m X 30cm = \$32

**Bank Account: 03-0915-0285905-00**

**Available from the school office. (new stock just arrived)**



**Taking People of all ages with Special Needs  
Or Life long Medical Conditions**

**For a ride in a Big Rig, Classic Car or Hot Rod**

**VENUE: Southern Field Days Site, Waimumu**

**9th August 2025. 12pm till 3pm**

Food and Drink provided on the day by  
Rapid Relief Team.  
Moreish food and coffee & Bees Bites.



**Anyone wanting to Volunteer  
their Time, Truck or Car to help out on the day  
please contact Dianne 027 7732700 or Ian on 0204 335500**

**Check out our Facebook Page : Southland Hug a Rig Day**



## friends & family deals are here!

**From 21 July - 3 August 2025**

**cost\* + 5%**

Computers, Whiteware, TVs and Cellular\*

**cost\* + 7.5%**

Storewide, exclusions apply\*

**15% off tech support & product protection\***

(excludes 2egg screen protector service)



Offers in this flyer run between 21st July - 3rd August 2025, while stocks last. \*Cost reflects the average cost price of the product. \*\* Conditions and exclusions apply. See full terms and conditions for offer rules.

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# FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH

**Teens and Preteens (10+) are invited to join us 7pm at Riversdale Presbyterian Church on Friday nights for food, games, and Bible time**

**For More Info Contact Dave Christie: 027 233 4758**

# Meals @ the Hub

Come along for a hot meal and some company - completely free!

**Everyone Welcome**

**Drop in between 6:30 and 8pm Tuesday Nights**

From August 5th—September 23rd

**At the Hub**  
68 Newcastle St, Riversdale

LUG South Otago Trust  
in association with TOYWORLD INVERCARGILL

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# THE SOUTHLAND BRICK SHOW

**23rd & 24th Aug 2025**

\$2 entry per person • 10am - 4pm Daily  
The Gore Town & Country Club | 3 Bury Street, Gore  
Visit facebook.com/LUGSouthBrickEvents for more info!

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# MINDS IN MOTION

Able Minds invite you to join our group for parents and whanau who have a child in their life with ADHD or Autism

We aim to EMPOWER, EDUCATE and CONNECT parents with free support from Able Minds

5.30PM-7PM  
First Monday of each month

CONNECTED EASTERN SOUTHLAND  
1 Charlton Lane  
Gore

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT:  
zavana@able.org.nz or 021360096  
www.able.org.nz

# sugar and our Teeth

**Did you know...**

**The TYPE of sugar really does matter when it comes to looking after our teeth**

**Free or Added Sugar**  
Any sugars added to food and drinks, and the unbound sugars naturally found in honey, fruit juice, and syrups. These sugars are easy for bacteria to use to cause tooth decay

**Intrinsic or Natural Sugar**  
Naturally found sugar that is tightly bound in the cell structure of whole foods - fresh fruit, vegetables, wholegrains, and milk. Unlike 'free' sugar, this form is much harder for bacteria to use to cause tooth decay

**HOW OFTEN we eat and drink sugar each day is more important than HOW MUCH**

Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora Community Oral Health Service Talkteeth Southern