



**RIVERSDALE SCHOOL**  
Inspiring Excellence

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Riversdale School Newsletter – **Term 3 Week 7**

**Kia ora Whanau,**

This week we welcome Ava, Dani and Lyla Watson to our school and their parents Lauren and Glen to our school community.

Our Year 7 & 8 students are away on camp this week in Queenstown with Mrs Blatch and Miss Callander. We hope they are having a great time and can't wait to hear their stories when they return on Friday afternoon.

On Wednesday 6th September parents and whanau are invited to come to a Parents Evening to look at the material we will be delivering for our Health topic early in Term 4. We will meet in the Hall at 7pm. If you need to bring your children with you we will ensure we have some entertainment for them. You will find more information further down the newsletter.

Good luck to Hazel D'Souza who is competing in the third round of the Southland Speech Competition tonight. Isabella Houghton also qualified for this stage but is on school camp. Isabella has sent her speech through via video. We look forward to hearing how you get on.

This term's Community Assembly is being held next Thursday afternoon, 7th September. Room 1 will be leading this assembly. We would love to see you all at 1:30pm in the Hall to celebrate the learning that has been happening this term.

We have got a school Facebook page. We will regularly put up posts and pictures of different events happening at school. Go in, like the page and keep up to date with happenings.

<https://www.facebook.com/RiversdaleSchool28>

*Nga mihi and have a great weekend,  
Bronwyn and Staff*



## Coming Up....

### Term 3

|                       |   |
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| 29 August-1 September | Year 7&8 Camp                                       |
| 31 August             | Round 3, Speeches (evening)                         |
| 6 September           | Health Parents Evening                              |
| 7 September           | Community Assembly, 1.30pm, Hall - Rm 1 hosts       |
| 12 September          | Finals Speeches (evening)                           |
| 13 September          | Junior Speeches, 9.15am in classrooms (Rm 1, 2 & 3) |
| 14 September          | Riversdale School and Community Pool AGM, 7pm       |
| 18 September          | BOT Meeting - School, 7pm                           |
| 19 September          | Home and School Meeting 7.30pm - School             |
| 22 September          | Final Day of Term 3                                 |

### Term 4

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| 9 October      | Term 4 begins  |
| 1 November     | School Photos  |
| 13-14 December | School Production                                      |
| 18 December    | Year 8 Graduation                                      |
| 20 December    | Last day of school for the year - Happy Festive Season |

The students below received certificates for displaying the values of being respectful, resilient, and responsible, at Riversdale School, last week.

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

|        | Manawaroa-Resilience | Whakaute-Respect | Kawenga-Responsible |
|--------|----------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Room 5 | Mihai                | Ella             | Ryan M              |
| Room 7 | Mason                | Aoife            | Lachie              |
| Room 6 | Jaelyn               | Jahn             | Edie                |
| Room 3 | Crísen               | Harry            | Zac                 |
| Room 2 | Skylar               | Ayesha           | Ollie               |
| Room 1 | Frankii              | Khalias          | Pippi               |

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| <b><u>Principal's Awards</u></b> | Indie McKee, Elijah Sowman, Mihai Stan |
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Iti noa ana he pito mata

From a withered tree a flower blooms

## **Ways to help learn Basic Facts at home**

Click to find different activities you could do at home to help your child learn their basic facts

[New Entrants-Year2](#)

[Years 3-4](#)

[Years 5-6](#)

[Years 7-8](#)



This year our Health schedule has Sexuality Education timetabled for the students, which we plan to deliver in the first 2 weeks of Term 4. This year we are using a resource called *Navigating The Journey*. There are 5 themes in the resource and we have chosen two that are not covered in other ways during the year: *Growing and Changing* and *Staying Safe*. The teachers have gone through the resource and chosen the lessons that are appropriate to their age levels.

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| <p>Year 0-2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• My growing body and the things it can do</li><li>• My body parts</li><li>• How do we care for our body</li><li>• Standing up for myself and others</li><li>• My body is mine</li><li>• Safe and unsafe touching</li><li>• Who can help me?</li></ul>                    | <p>Year 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What I need to grow</li><li>• Our physical differences</li><li>• Moving my body</li><li>• My changing body and taking care of my body</li><li>• Standing up for myself</li><li>• I'm the boss</li></ul>                                |
| <p>Year 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stages of life</li><li>• Pubertal change</li><li>• I'm the boss</li><li>• My changing body</li><li>• Truths and myths about hygiene</li><li>• Looking after our bodies</li><li>• Supporting others</li></ul>  | <p>Year 5-6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stages of life</li><li>• Pubertal change</li><li>• Human reproduction system</li><li>• Menstruation and conception</li><li>• Truths and myths about hygiene</li><li>• Looking after our bodies</li><li>• Supporting others</li></ul> |
| <p>Year 7-8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pubertal change</li><li>• Managing pubertal change</li><li>• Getting to know our reproductive systems</li><li>• Listening to our feelings</li><li>• Online safety: Pornography and sexting</li><li>• What is on our maunga?</li><li>• Celebrating our journey</li></ul> |  |

Any parents that wish to come in and review the resources before we start teaching are invited to come into a parent evening on Wednesday 6th September at 7pm, in the Hall. We will have a movie in another classroom if any of you need to bring your children along. There will be an opportunity to look at the teaching material and ask questions.

### 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

## 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).



### Touch Rugby this Season

If you are in year 5-8 and interested in playing Touch Rugby this season please register using this link (all information is in the link) <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/252413>



## **AGM**

**Thursday 14 September**

**7pm**

**Riversdale School Staff Room**

Followed by general meeting

Welcoming all new and existing volunteers

Keeping the pool operational is a huge undertaking and we welcome all with a passion for the pool facilities to come along

If any interested in a committee role please come along  
or message Janine Marshall on 0275489785

*Let's make a splash!!*

## **WENDONSHIDE HALL AGM**

Thursday 31 August 2023

7.30pm at the Wendonside Hall

A general meeting will follow the AGM

All Welcome.

Secretary/Treasurer role up for grabs

Apologies to Tina Mann 0275629915





# CALENDAR COMPETITION

**BEST ARTWORK TAKES HOME \$500 CASH**

**WANTED:** Paintings, drawings, sketches or cartoons of your interpretation of farming, pets or vets. Local landscapes are also OK.

There is no age restriction, the competition is open to all (children, students and adults). Artwork needs to be of sufficient quality for our website or 2024 calendar. The contributing artist will be recognised.

Conditions of entry: All art remains the property of NSVets and is able to be used for publicity purposes. It must be of A4 size in the landscape setting. All entries must be delivered to our Riversdale Clinic no later than 5pm 30th September 2023. By entering the entrant agrees to these terms and conditions.

Email: [fiona@nsvets.co.nz](mailto:fiona@nsvets.co.nz)  
101 Berwick Street  
Riversdale  
(03) 202 5636

## Eastern Southland Gallery Fundraising G&T Auction

**Friday 1 September 2023, 7.30pm**

**The Maruawai Centre, Norfolk Street, Gore**

A fundraising auction with a difference, this evening promises to be a lot of fun with mystery lots, lucky ticket, and raffles. Over 50 lots offering an exciting and diverse range of experiences, services, art, and special packages. Auction items/lots will be on display at the Eastern Southland Gallery from 29 – 31 Aug, and 1 Sept, and on our website at <https://www.esgallery.co.nz/fundraising-auction-2023>. More items and packages are being added every day so keep an eye on the website, Facebook and Instagram. All proceeds to the East Gore Art Centre project.

**Tickets \$35pp** - includes refreshments and food by Jude Taylor.

**Tickets available from:** Eastern Southland Gallery, 14 Hokonui Drive, Gore, phone 03 208 9907, email [artgallery@goredc.govt.nz](mailto:artgallery@goredc.govt.nz)



All proceeds towards the East Gore Art Centre project.

# FUNDRAISING G&T AUCTION

ART | SERVICES | SPECIAL PACKAGES | EXPERIENCES

FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER, 7:30pm, The Māruawai Centre, Norfolk St, GORE



View Auction Items  
[esgallery.co.nz](https://www.esgallery.co.nz)



# NEW ZEALAND MALE CHOIR

*Te Kōwhiri Waiata Tira Tira O Aotearoa*

## ***South Island Tour***

***September 2023***



*Experience the magic of male voices and the joy of an all female chorus*

***In concert with SGHS Femme and The Ensemble***

***Sunday 17th September 2023, 2.30pm***

***First Presbyterian Church, 155 Tay Street, Invercargill***

***Adult Tickets \$25, Tertiary Students \$15; Secondary & Primary Students free***

***Tickets through [ticketing@eventfinda.co.nz](mailto:ticketing@eventfinda.co.nz);***

***Door sales available if not sold out (left-pos available)***

***<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2023/nz-male-choir-in-concert-with-southland-girls-high-school/invercargill>***

***[www.newzealandmalechoir.co.nz](http://www.newzealandmalechoir.co.nz)***

