



19 February 2026

Term 1 Week 4

**Kia Ora, Kamusta, Āyubōvan, Sata srī akāla, Namaskāra,
Hallā, Dia dhuit, Kam na mauri, Mālō e Lelei, Hello**

Kia Ora Parents and Whanau

Today we have welcomed **Hudson** into Room 1 (and parents Sam and Jeremy)

We had a great day for Athletics last Friday and our students showed great sportsmanship and athleticism. Northern Athletics are on Tuesday 10th March. Those students who are going have been given information about the day. Both Mrs Morton and myself will be at Northern if anyone needs help on the day. Congratulations to Aroha Watson-Gibson, Ashlyn Dillon, Ava Watson, Bede Crooks, Campbell Tremaine, Cooper McKee, Cruz Davidson, Daisy Lawrence, Dani Watson, Edie Gaines, Edmund Coughlin, Ella Johnstone, Emily Crooks, Emma Souness, Evie Stirling, George Houghton, Georgia Martin, Hannah Hunt, Hannah Scott, Harley Martin, Harry Stone, Hayden Polglaze, Indie Fullager, Jack Horrell, James Johnstone, Jessie Polglaze, Jimmy Blatch, Kaiden O'Connor, Kate Cruickshank, Lexi McNamee, Lucy Marshall, Lyla Watson, Matilda Evans, Max Evans, Meads Blatch, Murphy Stone, Olivia Davis, Priyah Blythe, Sam Rossiter, Toby Orpwood, Yuri Stirling and Zac Johnstone.

REAP Swimming Lessons continue next week therefore please send along togs and towel every day. On Friday (tomorrow) the 2 senior classes (Rooms 6&7) will need to bring clothes for swimming, and the whole school will need clothes for swimming next Friday. It is very important that these are as natural materials as possible - nothing that is fluffy as it clogs up the filters. Please also check there are no tissues in pockets! On Wednesday day the children will be working with life jackets in the pool. If you have a suitable child's one please send it along. The swim instructors will bring some too so don't worry if you don't have access to a life jacket.

On Monday 9th March the school will be closed for a Teachers Only Day. The staff will be learning more about the new Mathematics and Statistics curriculum.

Coming up on Thursday 26th March we have our first Community Assembly for the year. Come along to the school hall at 1:30pm and see what the classes have been working on this term.

Trials for the Northern Swimming Sports have happened this week. Hopefully we will be able to let the students know if they have been selected for this event. Northern Swimming is on Wednesday 25th of March in Te Anau. We will send information out closer to the date.

The Year 8s had a great day on Tuesday at the GRIP Leadership Conference in Gore. They have come home with great project ideas - we will wait and see what happens!

We have noticed a few smartwatches coming to school. Please ensure these are set to school mode before they leave your house otherwise they can become a distraction in the classroom.

For more information about smartwatches, cellphones and other digital devices at school check out our SchoolDocs site (the big green ad below) and search for this policy.

Nga mihi,

Bronwyn and the Riversdale Staff



The year 6 & 7 students working with the Trees for Survival team planting seedlings for us to look after

Coming Up....

Term 1

2-13 March 2026

REAP Swimming

9 March 2026

Teachers Only Day

10 March 2026

Northern Athletics at Northern Southland College

21 March

Southland athletics

23 March

Board Meeting, 7pm - Agenda closes 12 noon Friday 20th March

25 March

Northern Swimming Sports at Te Anau

26 March

Community Assembly, 1:30pm in the school hall

27 March

After School Ki O Rahi tournament

2 April 2026

Final day of Term 1



Parents, Caregivers and Whanau are invited to visit the SchoolDocs site to review our school policies for Term 4 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 1 policies	Review opens 26 January
• Alcohol, Drugs, and Other Harmful Substances Policy	Board review
• Sun Protection	Board review
• Digital Technology and Online Safety	Board review
• Cellphones and Other Personal Digital Devices	

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



RIVERSDALE SCHOOL
Home & School Association

Maize Maze

Our first Maize Maze was a great success – we had over 650 people go through and most of them would have been from outside our usual fundraising circles which is great!

We have 2 more events still to go and are still in need of some additional helpers.

Please message Kelly-Anne Blatch 0274 857 877 if you can help out – all funds raised will be going towards our new school playground.

Saturday 14th March – FINAL DAYTIME MAZE

- Maze open 10am-4pm (arrive 9.15 to setup)
- We need 2-3 more people who can help out on the day (taking money/carparking marshal/cook BBQ etc).
- 1-2 experienced digger operators who may be able to relieve some of Matt McClintocks digger drivers for an hour or so at some stage throughout the day (people are getting a turn to try and dig up a winning golf ball)

Saturday 18th April – RIVERSDALE FIELD OF FEAR

- Open 5-9pm (arrive 4.15ish for setup)
- 3 more people who can help out on the day (taking money/carparking etc)
- **A DOZEN OR SO SCARERS** - We're looking for brave (and slightly dramatic!) members of our community to help bring Riversdale Fields of Fear to life!
 - o Volunteers to be scare actors inside the maze – hiding in the corn, jumping out, creating spooky scenes, and giving our visitors a night they won't forget!
 - o You'll be stationed in one spot within the maze & children will be paired with an adult supervisor.
 - o Friends can sign up together and plan costumes. Full horror vibes – the scarier the better!
 - o Guaranteed laughs (for you, maybe not for them...)
 - o If you (or your child) are keen to be involved, please get in touch.
- We also need some scary props/costumes – think ghosts/ghouls/chainsaw massacre/bride of chuckie...all ideas welcome – please get in touch if you have any Halloween stuff and may be able to help with this.

Sponsors – This maze would not be possible without McClintock Contracting. A big thankyou to Matt & Sarah McClintock who have donated their time, let us spray out some of the Maize paddock and provided machinery & staff for tractor rides on the day. We would also like to acknowledge the following businesses and families who contributed towards the first event - The Warehouse Gore, Carrfields, Millenium Motors Gore, Jolly Elephant Design, Canvart, Naylor Love, Riversdale Lions, Hansen Family, Wilson Baird Building.

MAIZE MAZE

A fundraiser for Waikaia Forest Trails Grade 3 Blue Trail and Riversdale Home and School new School Playground



FINAL DAYTIME MAZE

14 MARCH | OPENS 10AM
DIGGER TREASURE HUNT
BBQ - TRACTOR RIDES

MAZE ENTRY
ADULTS (13+) - \$10
KIDS - \$5, UNDER 5 FREE
\$30 FAMILY
(2 ADULTS, 3 KIDS)



RIVERSDALE FIELD OF FEAR

RESTRICTED

13

18TH APRIL | \$20PP

IT'S NOT JUST A MAZE ANYMORE...
THE FIELDS COME
ALIVE AFTER DARK

CASH PREFERRED - EFTPOS AVAILABLE | 741 MANDEVILLE-KINGSTON CROSSING ROAD

 **RIVERSDALE MAIZE MAZE - FOR MORE INFO**

School Buses

Our four bus drivers are Jan Robertson, Michael Lobb, Rhonda Wilson and Paul Eason

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

Paul Eason - 021474580

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



\$3 per Sausage & \$2 per Juices

SPACES AVAILABLE



Funshine Early Learning Centre

Riversdale

8am - 4.30pm Mon-Fri



CONTACT JESS OR ANNA FOR ENROLMENT

03 202 5065

OFFICE@FUNSHINE.CO.NZ



Junior Hockey - Registrations OPEN

It's time to register for junior hockey this year. Please follow the link below:

<https://www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/register/9e65e7>

Information

Junior Hockey (Year 1-6), Winter 2026, Eastern Southland Hockey - Gore
20 Apr 2026 - 03 July 2026

Pricing information

Yr 1 & 2 Fridays 3:30 - 6pm Subs \$55

Yr 3 & 4 Fridays 3:30 - 6pm Subs \$70

Yr 5 & 6 Monday 3:30 - 7.30pm Subs \$85

Note: year 5/6 will go a few weeks into term 3.

If you are happy/keen to coach we would love to hear from you - please could you also fill out the form in the link under the "coach" tab.

Can you please make payment to 03 1355 0594658 01 and use your child's name and Year group in the code field.

Additional information

All age groups will play on the turf.

Please note registrations **MUST** be completed by the 20 March (Yr 1 - Yr 6) **Any registrations after these dates will not be possible.**

Eastern Southland Junior Hockey Committee



"PARENTING THROUGH BIG BURSTING BEHAVIOURS"

WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

Ever wonder what's actually going on when your child's emotions suddenly "burst"?

In this workshop, we'll look at the "why" behind the meltdown and what's happening in your child's brain and body during those tough moments.

You'll walk away with playful, hands-on ideas to help both you and your child stay steady through the big bursting moments.

Presenter Andrea Greer is a certified Synergetic Play Therapist and trauma therapist who helps children navigate "big feelings" and emotional dysregulation. While she understands the science of the brain, Andrea's most valuable insights come from her own living room. As a mum of two—including a child with sensory processing challenges—she has truly "walked the talk." Andrea blends her professional background with real-world, lived experience to offer parenting advice that is as practical as it is compassionate.

WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH

COST: \$10 PER PERSON

TIMES: 6.30PM - 8PM

CALVIN COMMUNITY CHURCH
25 ROBERTSON STREET,
GORE

CONTACT SOUTHERN REAP TO REGISTER:

☎ 0800 111 117 📧 info@reap.co.nz



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