



RIVERSDALE SCHOOL
Inspiring Excellence

Our School Values:
We are:
Respectful - Whakaute
Responsible - Kawenga
Resilient – Manawaroa
Our Well-being – Hauora, supports these.

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Riversdale School Newsletter – **Term 1 Week 3**

*Whakaute
Respect*

Tena Koutou Parents, Caregivers and Whanau.
Hello everyone,
Kia ora e hoa mā.



Staff news: it is with very great regret that the Board of Trustees has accepted the resignation of Jessica Stevenson as from the end of Term 2, 2023.

We are very sorry to see Jess leave as she has been with us for some time now, initially in the junior school and for the last two years teaching our Year 7 and 8 tamariki. We value her expertise in organising and running all of our sports events, as well as her teaching and the relationships she has built with tamariki, staff and you our whanau. Jessica is off on her OE (somewhat of a Kiwi tradition) and we wish her well for all the new adventures she will have on the other side of the world.

Paid Union Meeting for all teachers

On next Tuesday 28 February all teachers at Riversdale School will be attending a Paid Union Meeting (PUM) in Gore at 1.30pm. It is very important that they attend, as this meeting is about their employment conditions. If possible, can you please collect your child/ren from school at the beginning of lunchtime, 12.45pm, and take them home.

For those children remaining supervision will be provided by me and one teacher's aide. Buses will run at 3pm as normal to transport remaining children home.

Please text the school (0275553534) in the next few days to advise what your children will be doing on this day e.g. if they will go home at 12.45pm or be staying at school until 3pm.

If we do not hear from you, we will keep your child/ren at school.

Many thanks for your assistance with this request.

Nga mihi,

Kay Stevens

Meet the Teacher 2 March 5.30pm – 6.30pm.

We are having an early evening meet the teacher hui here at school on Thursday 2 March, between 5.30 and 6.30pm. It is an informal opportunity to come in and meet your child's 2023 teacher, and discuss any school matters that you may have questions

or comments about. You are very welcome to bring your children with you if baby sitting is difficult as they can play outside on the playground while you pop in to chat to their teacher. We look forward to seeing you.

Sunhats – these are required to be worn when outside in Terms 1 and 4. **Please make sure they are named.**

Homework –

Andrews Transport have kindly donated your child/rens homework book. We really appreciate their support.

Vests – all children have a vest to wear to school. Please name them and make sure they are at school every day.

Coming Up.....

26 February	Lions FREE family fun day here in the school grounds. Everyone welcome.
27 February	Board of Trustees meeting 7pm in the staffroom.
28 February	NZEI Teachers Paid Union Meeting: see note in this newsletter.
2 March	Meet the Teacher 5.30-6.30pm here at school.
8 March	Waimea Athletics here at Riversdale
9 March	Pool Meeting. Everyone welcome to attend. In the staffroom at 7pm.
15 March	Northern Athletics at Lumsden
16, 17, 20 March	Life Education Van here – Teresa and Harold
25 March	Southland Athletics at Surrey Park Invercargill
27 March	Board of Trustees meeting in the staffroom 7pm.
29 March	Community Assembly 1.45pm in the hall.
31 March	Northern Swimming
4-6 April	Years 5 and 6 Camp
6 April	Last day of Term 1.
7 April	Good Friday. School holidays for the next two weeks.

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 1	<i>Quade</i>	<i>Callum</i>	<i>Isabella</i>
Room 7	<i>Lachlan</i>	<i>Sammuhang</i>	<i>Amaia</i>
Room 6	<i>Sesandi</i>	<i>Jessie</i>	<i>James</i>
Room 3	<i>Dakota</i>	<i>Kaliya</i>	<i>Zac</i>
Room 4	<i>Aliya</i>	<i>Indie</i>	<i>Bede</i>
Room 5	<i>Joseph</i>	<i>Pippi</i>	<i>Angus</i>

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

Athletics - Marking Out Sports Grounds

When: to be advised (either 4th or 5th March) note change of date.

Where: Riversdale Rugby Sports Grounds

If you can help, PLEASE come along.

George representing Southland tennis in the weekend (no2 12 boys) won all his matches and Ella no 2 for Otago 12 girls – well done, great results



PRIMARY SCHOOL GOLF

Our “School Pupils” Golf Club will begin again on Friday 10 February. 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 – 6:00pm 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



Athletics for Term 1 starts on Tuesday the 7th January 2022, 5:30pm at Newman Park.

Looking forward to seeing everyone again, new members most welcome.

Any queries please contact
Vicky Muir 021 265 5712 or Michelle Houghton
027 9532 630.

Southland: it's time for something completely new! The George Begg Festival (30 March – 2 April) is a retro motorsport event like never before. If you've noticed the flags in Invercargill's inner-city, or you've spotted the George Begg Festival exhibit at Invercargill Central, and you're wondering what it's all about, keep reading. Combining the best in classic racing with fun for the whole whānau, there's set to be something for everyone. See motorsport legends like Greg Murphy, Paul Radisich, and Jim Murdoch take to the track; dress up and enjoy the atmosphere of the Kids Zone, retail precinct, and food and beverage vendors; check out live entertainment including festival headliners The Beat Girls and the Trends On The Track best-dressed competition; give little ones a go on the track with the pedal car race; or get amongst the fun of the Begg's Barmy Rally (a scavenger hunt throughout Southland in support of charity Cure Kids) and Studio GB (retro disco at Bill Richardson Transport World). Visit www.georgebeggfestival.nz for more information and to buy tickets.

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

BALFOUR PUMP PARK

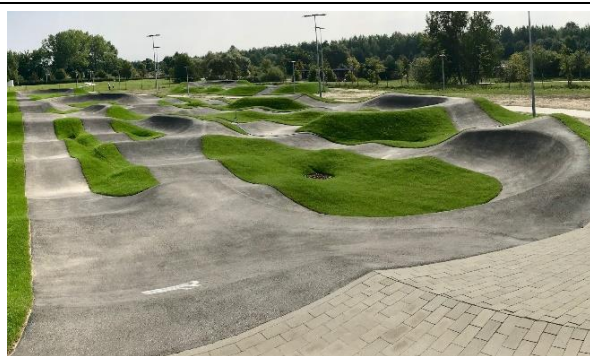
'OPENING'

SATURDAY *March 4th* AT 10.00AM

**"HELMETS" ARE ESSENTIAL,
BRING A BIKE, SCOOTER OR SKATEBOARD AND WATCH A
DEMONSTRATION BY THE PUMP DESIGNERS**

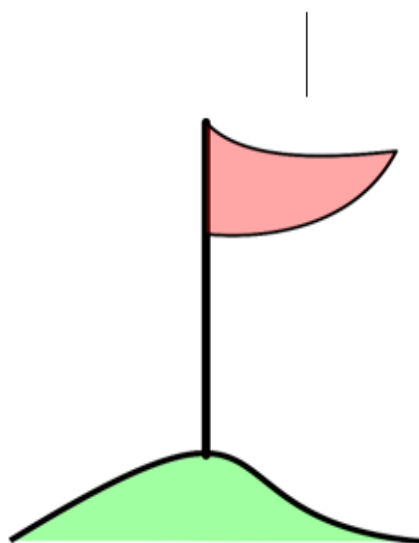
ALL WELCOME

(situated next to the Balfour Community Playground)



Riversdale Ladies Golf

She Loves Golf – Have a Go



Join us for a fun introduction to golf, women of all ages and abilities welcome. Clubs available.

Thursday evenings 2nd, 9th and 16th March

6pm to 7.30pm

Cost \$5 each week

Nibbles Supplied and Refreshments available

Enquires and expressions of interest to

Robyn Crooks 0276881362

FAMILY FUN DAY

SUNDAY 26th FEBRUARY

at the

RIVERSDALE SCHOOL

11.00 AM - 3.00 PM

MINI JEEPS

Bouncy Castles

Water Cylinders

BUMPER BALLS

SUMO SUITS



**FOOD AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE:
SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND DRINKS**

*Come along and enjoy a great day
out with all your family!*

FREE ENTRY & RIDES

Organisers:

RIVERSDALE LIONS CLUB

Enquiries to:

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