



6 August 2026

Term 3 Week 3

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

Kia Ora Parents and Whānau

We have welcomed **Jimmy** (and parents Tennille and Brayden) and **Charlie** (and parents Danielle and Scott) into Room 1.

We have had a great week of senior speeches. All of the students have done incredibly well with their speeches with a number of students completely out of their comfort zone, feeling the fear but doing it anyway!

The school finals will be held next Tuesday 11 August starting at 1:30pm and our judge will be Mrs Dianne Smith. Our Year 7&8 finalists are: Lexi McNamee, Kate Cruickshank, Georgia Martin, Harry Crooks and James Johnstone. Our Year 5&6 finalists are: Jimmy Blatch, Zac Johnstone, Harry Houghton, Indie McKee and Lucy Crooks.

The top 2 from each age group will then move onto the Cluster Finals on Monday 17 August.

Coming up next week the Year 6 students are off to Clued Up Kids in Gore.

PolyFest is coming up on the 24th of August. You will have seen the message on Hero regarding the permission and transport slip. Please have these back to school by Monday 10th August. PolyFest is an amazing concert that happens over the course of a week with schools from all over Southland performing and sharing their learning of waiata (song) and haka. We are very proud of our students and they always perform beautifully. If you are unable to come along with us there will be a link to the live stream that you can watch and share with family members. We will send this out once we have it.

Don't forget the Home and School AGM on Monday 10th August, 7:30pm in the staffroom. All welcome to come along.

Nga mihi,

Bronwyn and the Riversdale Staff

Ahakoā whati te manga, e takoto ana anō te kohiwi

Although the branch is broken off, the trunk remains

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

Certificates from Week 2



	STAR OF THE WEEK	Te Reo Māori Learner of the Week
Room 7	Jack	Emma S
Room 6	Dani	Harry H
Room 5	Jack J	Aroha
Room 4	Charlie	Jujhar
Room 3	Anna	Leo
Room 2	Colton	Athalia
Room 1	Patricia	Esko

News From the Board

At the recent Board meeting we looked at the mid year Reading, Writing and Maths achievement and progress results. These results have been assessed against the new curriculums that were released in October 2025 and show that around 69% of our students are achieving at or above the expected level for their year group. Teachers are working hard to fill the gaps between the old curriculum and the new one, and have had some excellent professional development to increase their understanding of the new expectations.

Coming up early next year the Board has mid-term elections. Currently we have 4 elected members and 1 co-opted member, which leaves a vacancy that will be filled early next year. More information will come out about this early in the new year.

Over the next 6 months there may be some building work going on around the school, fixing weatherboards, replacing radiators and replacing lighting fixtures. Hopefully over the summer break we will have external painting and an upgrade of Rooms 6 & 7.

Coming Up....

Term 3 (keep an eye on the Hero Calendar)

10th August	Home and School AGM, 7.30, School Staffroom
24 th August	Polyfest in Invercargill
1st -4th September	Life Education
7th September	Super Hero day - information later in the term
14th-16th September	Year 5 & 6 Camp to Bannockburn
24th September	Community Assembly
25th September	Last day of term 3

Term 4

12th October	Term 4 starts
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Parents, Caregivers and Whanau are invited to visit the SchoolDocs site to read our school policies. Each term the Board reviews a number of policies and procedures. Parents, Whanau and Families are invited to read and make comment when these come up for review. To read any of our policies follow the steps below

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. Click into the *Parents Quick Links* tab to easily find the policy you require.

Pinecones For Sale

We still have heaps of bags of pinecones for sale. Winter is coming! If you would like to purchase pinecones, come on down and grab them from school. **They are 1x bag for \$5 and 4x bags for \$15.**

School Buses

Our four bus drivers are Jan Robertson, Michael Lobb, Rhonda Wilson and Susanne Davis

Please inform the driver if your child is off the bus in the morning.

Jan Robertson – 027 6088203 (Kaweku - Yellow Bus)
Michael Lobb – 027 3725785 (Wendon - Green Bus)
Rhonda Wilson - 027 2578895 (Waipounamu - Blue Bus)
Susanne Davis - 022 1363509 (Mandeville - Red Bus)

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

AGM - 10th August

Our Home and School AGM is being held on 10 August at 7.30 in the staff room.

We warmly invite anyone interested to come along and would love to welcome some new faces to our general committee— there's no expectation to take on a formal role (unless you want one!)— but we need a few others to contribute ideas, help with planning, and lend a hand from time to time.

Apologies to Julie 0278254954

Playground Fundraiser - Riversdale \$2000 Grocery Giveaway

The Riversdale Grocery Giveaway is underway - and there is a huge **\$2000 in grocery vouchers up for grabs!**

Tickets are just \$6 each – and can be easily purchased online at <https://www.trybooking.com/nz/BDZC> or scan the QR code on the image.

Each child has 15 tickets to sell. We're currently sitting at just over 50% sold so we need your help to make this fundraiser a success. Please share with friends, family, neighbours — everyone counts! The winners will be drawn at the next school assembly.



Riversdale Beanies - \$35

To order email riversdalehas@gmail.com .

Facebook Page

Please join our Facebook page 'Riversdale Home and School' to keep up to date with all our latest info.

Thanks

Home & School Committee – Kelly-Anne, Ronee, Julie & Jenna.

RIVERSDALE SCHOOL & COMMUNITY POOL



**RIVERSDALE
SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY
POOL
Fundraiser**

Available all year round from School Office

Baking Paper (100m x 30cms)	\$35
Roll Foil (150m x 44cms)	\$30
Roll Foil (150m x 30cms)	\$30
Foodwrap (300m x 33cms)	\$26
Foodwrap (600m x 33cms)	\$36

Use Description and Last Name as reference
Payment to: 03 0915 0285905 00

Community Notices



**8th August 2026
12-3 pm**

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**

Food and Drink provided on the day by
Rapid Relief Team,
Mad Cow Coffee and 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

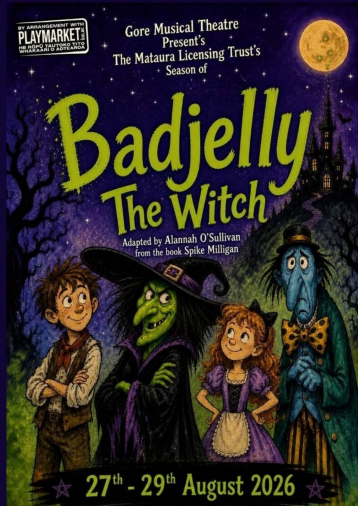
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Gore Musical Theatre
Present's
The Mataura Licensing Trust's
Season of
Badjelly The Witch
Adapted by Alannah O'Sullivan
from the book Spike Milligan



GMT
GORE MUSICAL THEATRE

7pm
Thu 27th
Fri 28th
Sat 29th

3pm
Sat 29th

iTICKET

27th - 29th August 2026