



18th June 2026

Term 2 Week 9

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

Kia Ora Parents and Whānau

We had a great day at the Southland Cross Country on Friday. Well done to all our competitors, they all pushed themselves on a tricky course and were fantastic ambassadors for themselves, their families and our school. A big CONGRATULATIONS to **Kate Cruickshank** and **Jessie Polglaze** who both came third in their respective races.

Coming up next Friday we have our annual Matariki Breakfast followed by Community Assembly. Matariki Breakfast will start at 8am. This is open to all family members. Come along, bring your own cup, plates and cutlery and join us for breakfast. Students coming on the bus can also join us when they arrive if they wish - they will also need plates and cutlery. Immediately after breakfast we will have Community Assembly, starting at 9:15am. During this assembly we will be celebrating Mrs Heather Wing who has been on our staff for 30 years.

After Assembly the children will have morning tea then will be working on Matariki activities in their house groups. Parents and family members are welcome to stay and join in with these activities. The activities will teach about Matariki, but also give the students the opportunities to develop their co-operative learning skills, collaboration and tuakana-teina (family) relationships.

Also next Friday School Reports will be sent home.

During the last week of school we have parent teacher conferences. You can book your time with your child's teacher via the Hero App. Look for "School Bookings" on the App. This will be closed for bookings on Monday 29th June.

Don't forget about the Riversdale Arts Exhibition that is opening on Friday. We got to have a sneak peek yesterday after putting up the Riversdale School display. There are amazing artworks there - including ours; pop along for a look.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Nga mihi,

Bronwyn and the Riversdale Staff

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini

My success is not mine alone, it is the success of the collective

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

Certificates from Week 8



	STAR OF THE WEEK	Te Reo Māori Learner of the Week
Room 7	Edie	Aria-Lea
Room 6	Yet	Rumith
Room 5	Matthew	William
Room 4	Brianna	Harley
Room 3	Henry	Darcy
Room 2	James	Olive
Room 1	James L	Arlo

Coming Up....

Term 2

24 June	Year 5/6 Netball Festival
25 June	Year 7/ 8 Netball Festival
26 June	Matariki Breakfast followed by Community Assembly
30 June & 2 July	Parent Teacher Conferences
3 July	Term 2 Ends

Term 3

20 July	Term 3 begins
3 August	Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm. Agenda closes 12pm Thursday 30th July



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 \$10 and 4x bags for \$35.

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 (Kaweku - Yellow Bus)

Michael Lobb – 027 3725785 (Wendon - Green Bus)

Rhonda Wilson - 027 2578895 (Waipounamu - Blue Bus)

Paul Eason - 021474580 (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

Playground Fundraiser

Our final big playground fundraiser for the year is our Grocery Giveaway.

Win big while giving back! There are 5 Grocery voucher prizes (to a supermarket chain of your choice) totalling \$2000!!

Tickets are \$6 each – buy online at <https://www.trybooking.com/nz/BDZC> or scan the QR code below.

Details

- Vouchers can be for any supermarket NZ wide, so please share this far and wide – it's a raffle that can be for family/friends/colleagues in any part of the country!
- There are only 2000 tickets available (which is about 15 per student – but please don't stop at this if you can sell more, the quicker we sell them all the quicker we can do the draw!).
- Once all 2000 tickets are sold the raffle will be drawn with police presence at the next school assembly.

Catering

Thanks for everyone who has offered to help out and donate ingredients for the Balfour Dinner Club catering on 30th June. Non perishables can be dropped to box in the office between now and then, and perishables to the office fridge on Monday 29th please.

Beanies

There are about 20 Riversdale beanies left if you would like one \$35 email riversdalehas@gmail.com to order.



Help Needed

We are going to do a sausage sizzle on the last day of term – if there were a couple of parents that could please help out with cooking/serving it would be much appreciated – please get in touch with a committee member if you can help! Something will go out on hero next week for sausage orders.

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

= Home & School =

Grocery GIVEAWAY

Win big while giving back!

1 ST PRIZE	2 ND PRIZE	3 RD PRIZE	4 TH PRIZE	5 TH PRIZE
≈ \$750 ≈	≈ \$500 ≈	≈ \$250 ≈	≈ \$250 ≈	≈ \$250 ≈

= TICKETS \$6 EACH =



PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS
ONLINE AT:
<https://www.trybooking.com/nz/BDZC> →



FUNDRAISING FOR A
**MUCH NEEDED
NEW SCHOOL PLAYGROUND**





MAIZE MAZE

A special and heartfelt thank you to McClintock Contracting and McClintock Farming for the extraordinary support you gave to the McClintock Maize Maze fundraiser. Matt, you have been a pleasure to work with.

As this was our very first maze event, your guidance was invaluable. You helped us shape a setup that worked both for the farm operation and for us as organisers, and your practical experience gave us confidence every step of the way. The result was two daytime mazes that were perfect for families and a night "spook" experience that struck exactly the right balance for a younger audience.

Your contribution went far beyond allowing us to create a maze in your crop. You provided tractor rides, organised the digger treasure hunt, supplied staff to operate vehicles, and brought contracting equipment on site to create a true event atmosphere. You also provided lighting for the night spook and carefully managed the parking paddock, so it was safe and practical for visitors. Those details made a huge difference to the overall experience for the 1,500+ people who attended.

Just as important was your time and commitment. You joined us for press coverage, attended planning and debrief meetings, turned up at each event — often with other family members — and were always available to respond to messages, answer calls, and offer advice. Your open and honest communication made the entire process enjoyable and collaborative.

We are especially grateful for your willingness to put the success of the event and the benefit of our two community groups ahead of commercial considerations. Your generosity, ideas, and hands-on involvement exceeded every expectation.

On behalf of everyone involved with the McClintock Maize Maze, Riversdale Home and School, and Waikaia Forest Trails, thank you for your partnership, trust, and outstanding community spirit. This event simply would not have happened without you.

With thanks,

Kelly-Anne & Julie
Riversdale Home & School Committee

Hilary
Waikaia Trails Trust







RIVERSDALE SCHOOL & COMMUNITY POOL



Available all year round from School Office

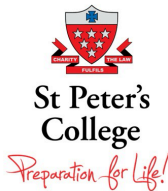
RIVERSDALE
SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY
POOL
Fundraiser

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



College Open Night

Wednesday 29th July

5.30pm

We wish to invite all current and prospective families to visit us and experience the great things happening at St Peter's College



Enrolments for 2027 close Friday 25th September 2026

For further information, contact:
Phone: 03 208 9060
Email: office@stpetersgore.school.nz



Family Fun & Food Festival
10am - 4pm

Thursday 9th July
Sunday 12th July
FREE ENTRY

Entry Available For Food And Activities

Badminton Hall
beside the ILT Stadium

Donut Dude

Southland Mini Jeeps
#8

Astroball
#5

Water Cylinders
2 Sizes available #15

Jousting Arena
#5

Bouncy Castles
Various sizes From \$10 a day

Inflatable Animals & Aliens

Bumper Balls
#5

Food Canteen
NERF Guns
Face painting
Plus Lots More

Spicecraft
Connect four
Zumba Class

Some activities are free

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LEARNING OUTDOORS



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BUSHCRAFT & SURVIVAL SKILLS
Holiday Experiences

CHILD VS WILD [3 Days]
7 to 13 year olds
Invercargill
8.45am to 3pm
6th July to 8th July
15th July to 17th July

An Adventure quest in different locations. Children spend two days learning and acquiring bushcraft and survival skills ready to be tested on the final day in a teamwork survival challenge.

BUSH KIDS [1 Day]
5 to 16 year olds
Invercargill & Gore
8.45am to 3pm
Thursday 9th July Invercargill
Monday 13th July Invercargill
Tuesday 14th January GORE

A one day bushcraft and survival skills experience

WILD FAMILY DAY [1 Day]
All Ages - A Family Day Out
Invercargill
10am to 3pm

Matariki Public Holiday Friday 10th July
Join us for a Wild Family Day out where families come together to slow down, reconnect, and celebrate the season out in nature, learning new skills and sharing nourishing food

***Bushcraft and Survival Skills experiences include:**
Advanced fire starting skills
Knife work, whittling, carving
Bush exploration, navigating, orienteering
Shelter building
Cooking on gas stoves/ fires
Survival first aid
Herbal medicine
Foraging
Natural Crafts
Nature Discovery

Our adventures explore the bush, estuary, beach and pine forests

*Every day brings a different adventure. Activities are weather, location and seasonally dependent

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Katie: 0226381497



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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