



10 September 2026

Term 3 Week 8

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

Kia Ora Parents and Whānau

This term seems to have zoomed along at a very quick pace. Next week the Year 5&6 students are heading up to Bannockburn on camp from Monday to Wednesday. They have an action packed few days ahead of them and we look forward to hearing about their adventures when they get back. While they are away the Year 7s from Room 6 will be in Room 7 with Mrs Morton, and the Year 4s from Room 5 will be in Room 4 with Miss Frei.

At the Board meeting on Monday night the Board looked at the results of the Uniform survey that was conducted at the end of last term. We were very happy with the high response rate - thank you to everyone that offered their opinions. The Board has decided not to pursue a school uniform any further as there was not a large enough majority in favour. A huge thank you to Sarah Crooks, Anna Holden and Ronee Polglaze for developing the survey.

Next week Miss McCall will be away at the International Confederation of Principals Conference in Auckland. Mrs King will be in the office as the Acting Principal. As always if you have any concerns please speak to your child's teacher in the first instance.

This week we have welcomed back Miss Kimberley Harper into Room 3. Miss Harper is covering Miss Callendar's maternity leave until the end of Term 1 next year.

Don't forget Superhero Day tomorrow! Information was sent home which you can check out on the Community Feed on Hero (info has been pinned to the top).

*Nga mihi,
Bronwyn and the Riversdale Staff*

He hono tāngata kore e motu; kā pā he taura waka, e motu
Unlike a canoe rope, a human bond cannot be severed

News from the Board

At the Board meeting on Monday night we discussed and reviewed a number of our policies and procedures. There have been minor changes in wording for the following policies: Staff Conduct, Teacher and Principal Professional Growth Cycles, Minimising Physical Restraint, Cellphones and Other Personal Digital Devices, Staff Leave, Student Wellbeing and Safety, Asset Management, Property Management, Emergency Management and Inclusive School Culture. We also looked at the Complaints and Concerns Policy and will add in wording around when an acknowledgement of receiving the complaint will be sent along with a possible timeframe for response. You can check these out on our SchoolDocs site - check the details below

The Board owns 2 attached flats on Liverpool St, Riversdale. We are looking for a tenant for one of the flats. It has 2 bedrooms and is in a tidy condition. If you are interested please contact Peter Johnstone 027 2513913 with 2 references or referees.

Term dates for 2027 have been set. We will start school on Tuesday 2 February 2027 and the final day for the year is Friday 17 December 2027.

Coming Up....

Term 3 (keep an eye on the Hero Calendar)

11th September	Super Hero day
14th -16th September	Year 5 & 6 Camp to Bannockburn
24th September	Community Assembly, 1:30pm in the Hall
25th September	Last day of term 3

Term 4

12th October	Term 4 starts
30th October	School Photos
6 November	Riversdale School Pet Day
18 December	Last day of school for 2026



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)
Craig Hamilton - 027 6372583	(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 & COMMUNITY POOL

The Pool Committee met last night and has set the season opening date as Monday 12 October. To prepare for the coming season there will be a **working bee on Saturday 26th September starting at 10am**. We would love as many helpers as possible to get the pool ready for the coming season. Keep watching here for details about an opening day pool party!



The poster features a blue background with a pool tile pattern. At the top, it says 'RIVERSDALE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY POOL Fundraiser' in green and yellow. To the right, a green starburst says 'Available all year round from School Office'. Below the title is a list of items and prices: 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. At the bottom, there are illustrations of a muffin tray, a cookie, and a child in a pool ring. Below these is the text: 'Use Description and Last Name as reference Payment to: 03 0915 0285905 00'.

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



RIVERSDALE SCHOOL
Home & School Association

AGM

Nicole Evans and Melissa Cummings have joined the committee - thanks ladies!

We started planning for our annual baking mixes fundraiser - keep an eye out for details later this term (we decided we will sell them slightly earlier this year as we know of a couple of other local schools doing them in term 4 this year!). We will still do the packing in November.

Playground Fundraiser - Riversdale \$2000 Grocery Giveaway

Thanks for supporting this fundraiser - we will draw it at Community Assembly. There are still a few tickets left so if you have any opportunities to sell any between now and the 24th September it would be appreciated - every sale helps us get closer to our \$50k target!

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

Community Notices

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**




**Help your
community
vote**

**Register your interest to work
at the 2026 General Election.**

We want people from local communities to work in voting places and help people vote. The 2026 General Election will be held on Saturday 7 November and we're taking registrations from people who are interested in working with us.

We need people with different skills and backgrounds right across Aotearoa New Zealand.

Whether you want to work for several weeks or just on election day, there are roles for everybody, from students to experienced leaders.

For more information about the roles available, and to register your interest in working at this important event, visit work.elections.nz today.



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TRAINING AFTER YOUR LOCAL TOUCH MODULE

FOUR TOURNAMENTS

SUN 18 OCT 2026 — WINTON
SUN 1 NOV 2026 — QUEENSTOWN
SUN 15 NOV 2026 — INVERCARGILL
SUN 6 DEC 2026 — WINTON

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Every interested player gets a go.

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Brunch on Us

JOIN US FOR BRUNCH AT A LOCATION NEAR YOU

2026 all-sector get together from 11.00am - 1.30pm
We are rural support, together.

GORGE ROAD Wednesday 2 nd September Gorge Road Country Club 1242 Seaward Downs-Gorge Road, Gorge Road	WYNDHAM Thursday 3 rd September Wyndham Rugby Club Memorial Drive, Wyndham	MABEL BUSH Wednesday 9 th September Mabel Bush Hall, 471 Rakahouka-Hedgehope Road, Mabel Bush
DRUMMOND Thursday 10 September Drummond Rugby Club McFarlane Park, Domain Road Drummond	CLIFDEN Wednesday 16 September Tuatapere Golf Club 4 Domain Road, Clifden	MOSSBURN Thursday 17 September Community Hall/Rugby Club, Devon Street, Mossburn
WILLOWBANK Wednesday 23 September Waikaka Valley Hall/Church 15 Waikaka Road, Willowbank	WAIKAIKA Thursday 24 September Community Hall/Rugby Club 33 Wylam Street, Waikaka	DIPTON Wednesday 30 September Dipton Golf Club Bryce Road, Dipton

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TERM 3 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
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HOLIDAY
PROGRAMME

Mon 28 - Wed 30
September

Sports-Tastic School
Holiday Programme

Time: 9:00am-3:00pm (drop-off from 8:30am)

Cost: \$60 per day | \$165 for all three days

ZERO EFFORT, MAX PARENTING POINTS.
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ADVENTURE PARK
ft. BOUNCE HOUSE

Tues 29 September -
Sat 3 October

Adventure Park
ft. Bounce House

Sessions: 10am, 11am, 12pm, 2pm, 3pm & 4pm daily

Cost: \$15 General Admission

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK:
STADIUMSOUTH.CO.NZ

BUSHCRAFT & SURVIVAL SKILLS
Holiday Experiences

CHILD VS WILD [Multi Days]
 An Adventure quest in different locations. The first days are spent learning *bushcraft and survival skills ready to be tested on the final day in a teamwork survival challenge.
 7 to 13 year olds
 Invercargill
 8.45am to 3pm
 28th Sep to 1st October [4 days]
 5th Oct to 7th Oct [3 days]

BUSH KIDS [1 Day]
 A one day bushcraft and survival skills experience.
 5 to 16 year olds
 Invercargill & Gore
 8.45am to 3pm
 Friday 2nd October GORE
 5th, 6th, 7th and 9th October Invercargill

***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

NATURAL COOKING
CREATORS [1 Day]
 A one day creative cooking experience preparing nourishing meals in the kitchen from scratch. Children will come home enthused, feeling capable and independent after a day with Geraldine from the Ferment Kitchen.
 5 to 16 year olds
 Invercargill
 8.45am to 3pm
 Thursday 8th October

www.trueinnature.com  **Katie: 0226381497**

ATHLETICS
GORE

Athletics for Term 4 starts on Tuesday the 13th October 2026, 5:30pm at Newman Park.

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

Any queries please contact
 Sarah Wiegiersma 021 141 6518
 Nadia Hicks 021 213 9186

Lego Fun
Holiday Program

Tuesday Oct 6th to
Thursday Oct 8th
1-3.30pm
At the Riversdale
Presbyterian Church
Ages 4-12
\$5 per day or \$10 for 3 days
(Family Discounts Apply for 3 or More Kids)

Includes:
Crafts, Games, Bible Stories,
DIY Snacks, and LOADS of
Lego Fun!

Contact Sarah to register-
021 025 88731 or sarahcowan3@gmail.com