



24 July 2025

Term 3 Week 2

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

Kia Ora Parents and Whānau,

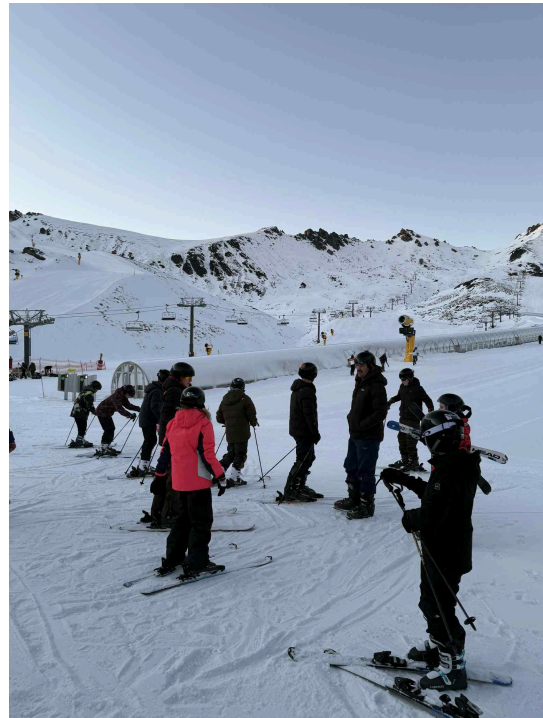
What a busy start to the term we have had. It has been a great few weeks and the children have all jumped straight back into their learning which has been great to see.

We have a few events this term. These can be found on the calendar on the school website <https://www.riversdale.school.nz/dates>. This is updated regularly.

Classes have loved visiting the **Riversdale Arts Exhibition** this week and seeing the art come to life with the Artivive app. The Riversdale Arts committee have done an amazing job setting up and running the exhibition this year. We feel very lucky to have such wonderful and creative people in our community who organise events like this for us to experience.

The Year 7/8 have had a great week at **ski camp** this week. The weather was fantastic, the food was delicious and everyone had the best time. We can't wait to hear more about their week when they get back. A big thank you to everyone who helped make this camp possible.





Life Education Bus with Pip and Harold are visiting in week 3 from the **30th July to 1st August**. Harold's bus will be parked either out the front or back gate. Please be mindful of this when picking up or dropping off as there will be limited parking spots, especially at the back gate.

The annual **speech competition** for **Years 5-8 students** will be held this term - **week 4 Tuesday 5th August**. Speeches are written at home with the support of parents and teachers if they are needing extra help. Teachers need to check speeches so get these written and handed to your teacher by next week, then you can start practising ready for week 4. **Please check the Hero post for more information about speeches.**

This term the students will be working hard on crafting and perfecting their performance for **PolyFest** which is on **Thursday 21st August**. Last year the students loved performing and did an amazing job. We are looking forward to seeing the whole school on stage this year and wowing their audience with their amazing talent. Notices will be coming home soon so keep an eye out for these.

At the end of the term we have our **school production** - *A Hint Of Snow White*. Performance nights are **Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th of September**. The year 7 and 8 children are the main parts and all other classes have been written in as different characters to suit the theme. Your child/s teacher will send out more information in the coming weeks about the theme for their class and what they will need for costumes.

*Nga mihi nui,
Bronwyn and the Riversdale Staff*

Kotahi karihi nāna ko te wao tapu nui a Tāne

The creation of the forests of Tāne

Starting small leads to growth

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

Certificates from the first week of Term 3



	Manawaroa Resilience	Whakaute Respect	Kawenga Responsible	Te Reo Māori Learner of the Week
Room 7	Georgia	Nicole	Lexi	Campbell
Room 6	Lachie	Ivy	James	Grayson
Room 5	Neva	Lucy M	Indie	-
Room 4	Aliya	Indie	Kaiden	Skylar
Room 3	Beau	Hudson	Lyla	Matilda
Room 2	Daisy	Anna	Meihana	Blaire
Room 1	Hudson	Kolt	Gurleen	Charlie

Coming Up....

Term 3

30 July	Board of Trustees meeting, 7pm
30 July-1 August	Life Education Bus with Pip and Harold
5 August	Round 1 Speeches - in classrooms
12 August	Round 2 Speeches - Riversdale School Hall
21 August	PolyFest
29 August	Teachers Only Day
17-18 September	School Production - <i>A Hint Of Snow White</i>
19 September	End of Term 3

Riversdale School Board - Tri-election is happening this term!

The boards of all state and state integrated schools are required to hold elections regularly, and this will be happening again in 2025.

The School Board is an important part of our school as they set the strategic direction for our school, consult with our school community about our [school or kura], ensure the schools funding is spent wisely and ensure that we are giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi within our school. Our board is made up of five Parents with 3 Parent vacancies for these elections, the Principal, and a staff rep elected by the staff.

The current board have made the decision to appoint Election Pilot as the Returning Officer for our election and for the election to be provided online. They have been assisting schools with elections for over 20 years and have been the only election provider accredited by the Ministry of Education to provide online election services since online elections started in 2022. Nomination and voting forms will be sent to all eligible voters by email directly from Election Pilot. If we don't have an email address for you, nomination and voting papers will be sent by post so no one will miss out.

School Board Elections must be held in accordance with the provisions in the Education and Training Act 2020 and the Education (Board Elections) Regulations 2022. Your name and contact details have been provided to Schooled Election Pilot to enable the provision of elections services for our school as required by legislation. They will use your contact details for the provision of election services for Riversdale School only and your details will be deleted 60 days after the election date as required by legislation.

If you have any questions about the election process, please contact the Returning Officer directly on 0800 VOTENZ (0800 868 369) or election@electionpilot.nz.

We will continue to keep you updated through the various stages of the election process, and our election details are below:



Below is the election timetable for your kura for the 2025 triennial school board elections

PARENT & STAFF ELECTION TIMETABLE	
CLOSE MAIN ROLL	Wednesday 16 July
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS	Friday 18 July
CLOSE SUPPLEMENTARY ROLL	Monday 4 August
NOMINATIONS CLOSE	12 noon Wednesday 6 August
VOTING PAPERS ISSUED	Wednesday 13 August
ELECTION DAY	Wednesday 10 September
CLOSE POLL	4pm on Wednesday 10 September
COUNT VOTES & DECLARE RESULTS	Tuesday 16 September
BOARD TAKES OFFICE	Wednesday 17 September

If you have any questions, please contact the Election Pilot Mission Control Team.

School Buses

Our four bus drivers are Jan Robertson, Michael Lobb, Rhonda Wilson and Anne Brown

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

Anne Brown - 027 2085448

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




POOL FUNDRAISER

Food wrap	300m x 33cm = \$26
	600m X 33cm = \$36
Roll foil	90m x 44cm = \$23
	150m x 30cm = \$23
Baking Paper	100m X 30cm = \$32

Bank Account: 03-0915-0285905-00

Available from the school office. (new stock just arrived)



**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

9th August 2025. 12pm till 3pm

Food and Drink provided on the day by
Rapid Relief Team.
Moreish food and coffee & Bees Bites.



Raffles available to purchase on the day

**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



friends & family deals are here!

From 21 July - 3 August 2025

cost* + 5%

Computers, Whiteware, TVs and Cellular*

cost* + 7.5%

Storewide, exclusions apply*

15% off tech support & product protection*

(excludes 2egg screen protector service)



Offers in this flyer run between 21st July - 3rd August 2025, while stocks last. *Cost reflects the average cost price of the product. ** Conditions and exclusions apply. See full terms and conditions for offer rules.

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FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH

**Teens and Preteens (10+) are invited
to join us 7pm at Riversdale
Presbyterian Church on Friday nights
for food, games, and Bible time**

**For More Info Contact Dave Christie:
027 233 4758**

Meals @ the Hub

Come along for a hot meal
and some company -
completely free!



Everyone Welcome



**Drop in between 6:30 and
8pm Tuesday Nights**

**From August 5th—
September 23rd**



At the Hub



68 Newcastle St, Riversdale