



28 May 2026

Term 2 Week 6

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

Kia Ora Parents and Whānau

We have had a wonderful week filled with some great learning and exciting writing about Cross Country. Please enjoy reading some of the fantastic writing pieces from Room 3 below. Congratulations to all of our students for their fantastic effort and determination at Waimea Cross Country. It was wonderful to see everyone trying their best and showing great sportsmanship. A special congratulations to the students who have qualified to represent Riversdale School at Northern Cross Country. We wish you all the very best!

Northern Cross Country is being held on Wednesday 3rd June, at the same course as our Waimea Cross Country. **Notices have been handed out to students who have qualified.**

Coming up next week - School will be closed on the 1st and 2nd of June.

King's Birthday on Monday the 1st June.

Teacher only day on Tuesday the 2nd of June where staff will be involved with Maths PD with other local schools in Gore.

First day back at school, Wednesday the 3rd of June.

Please note the **date change for Matariki Breakfast and Community Assembly** will now be Friday 26th June due to the previous date clashing with the Yr 7&8 netball tournament.

Waimea Cross Country Results

	5 yr old boys	5 yr old girls	6 yr old boys	6 yr old girls
Placing	2nd Eli Beauchamp 3rd Arlo O'Sullivan 4th Hudson Elliott	1st Willa Blatch	1st Jack Orpwood 2nd Colton Govan 4th Kolt O'Connor 5th Leo English 6th Charlie Prattley	1st Olive Cloete 2nd Chloe Blatch 4th Izzy Gregory 6th Methuki W'NG
	7 yr olds boys	7 yr old girls	8 yr old boys	8 yr old girls
Placing	1st Myles Crooks 2nd Callum Govan 3rd Blake Sloane 6th Carter Wilson	1st Darcy Hill 2nd Daisy Jones 3rd Anna Johnstone 4th Dejh Stirling 5th Sophie Stone 6th Scout McKeown	1st Meads Blatch 2nd Edmund Coughlin 3rd Beau Prattley	2nd Matilda Evans
	9 yr old boys	9 yr old girls	10 yr old boys	10 yr old girls

Placing	1st Kaiden O'Connor 2nd Harley Martin 4th Angus Souness 5th Ollie Blatch 6th Jack Jones	3rd Aliya Watson-Gibson 4th Emily Crooks 5th Lyla Watson	1st Zac Johnstone 2nd Bede Crooks 6th Leo Watson-Gibson	3rd Lucy Crooks 5th Aroha Watson-Gibson
	11 yr old boys	11 yr old girls	12 yr old boys	12 yr old girls
Placing	1st Cruz Davidson 3rd Jimmy Blatch 4th Harry Stone	1st Kate Cruickshank 2nd Evie Stirling 3rd Margaux Simister 5th Edie Gaines	1st James Johnstone 2nd = Bayden Waite 4th Harry Crooks 5th Murphy Stone	1st Lexi McNamee 2nd Jessie Polglaze 3rd Emma Souness 4th Priyah Blythe 5th Ava Watson 6th Jaelyn Scully
	13 yr old boys	13 yr old girls		
Placing	1st Jack Horrell 2nd Yuri Stirling 3rd Cooper McKee	1st Hannah Hunt 2nd Georgia Martin 3rd Aria-Lea Matthews Cross 4th Hannah Scott 5th Emma Howden 6th Ashlyn Dillon		

Three pieces of awesome independent writing from Room 3.

On Friday me and Mum drove to cross country. On the way I felt extremely excited because I have been waiting for cross country for ages. When we got to the car park section I felt worried because all of the cars meant heaps of people. When I got into my line I had to wait for a little bit and then somebody shouted "seven year olds." We all walked to the start. We made a false start and we had to start again. Then we heard the clappers and we were off. I ran up a big hill and I ran through prickles. At the end me and Daisy were pushing and shoving. Daisy almost made me fall into cow poo. I ran so fast. I was first and Daisy was second and Anna was third and Dejh was forth. Mum was super proud of me and Dad and Jimmy were too.

By Darcy - Year 2

On Friday at one o'clock me and my brother went to Jack Horrell's farm. We lined up ready for cross country. I could hear the clapper go for the other two groups. I could see other people running their hardest and then it was our turn! We walked over to the starting line and we had a talk about running and then.... "Ready, Set..." but most people false started. We had to restart then we were off. I was jogging and at a blue truck I started to run and then I started sprinting. I was in fourth most of the race. At the end I heard Mrs Blatch yell "sprint!" I passed the Balfour kid in front of me and I got third place.

Blake - Year 3

On Friday at one o'clock it was cross country. When I saw all the cars I felt excited because I like running. Then I saw Henry. When I saw him we went to line up together. Then the man called for group 7. I went to line up then the clappers went "Bang!" Then I started running. It was fun. I ran as fast as I could and I came second. Nana was proud of me.

Callum - Year 2

Have a wonderful week.

Nga mihi,

Lynette and the Riversdale Staff

**Ko te hoa tino pono rawa, ko tērā e toro atu ai tōnu ringa ki tōu,
engari ka titi kaha ki tōu manawa te kōhengihengi**

A true friend is someone who reaches for your hand but touches your heart

New Enrolments

With the 1st of June approaching quickly and farming change overs, Riversdale School is just wanting to highlight the Enrolment Zone put around us by the Ministry of Education. If you have new staff coming to work for you after the 1st of June and they have children [please check out our enrolment zone map and procedure](#). Unfortunately we are unable to accept students outside of our zone. The next ballot for out of zone students will be held in Term 4 for the 2027 school year.

For those inside the zone our school online enrolment form can be found at <https://www.riversdale.school.nz/enrol>. All new enrollments need to supply a proof of address and birth certificate. Any overseas enrolments also need to have copies of passports and student visas. All of these documents can be emailed to office@riversdale.school.nz or dropped into the school office before start dates.

Coming Up....

Term 2

1 June	King's Birthday - school closed
2 June	Teachers Only Day - school closed
3 June	Northern Cross Country at Waikaia
12 June	Southland Cross Country at Waimumu
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
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Scholastic Lucky Book Club

Due to the school no longer dealing with cheques and cash for this, you will have to order online please. The books will still come to school and we will hand them out as before. Remember if you want them as a gift to indicate on the form and we will phone you when they arrive.



Parents, Caregivers and Whanau are invited to visit the SchoolDocs site to review our school policies for Term 2 2026. This term we are reviewing topics in *Safety On and Off School Grounds and Education Outside the Classroom*. Reviews are open to the Board, staff and school community (parents/caregivers/whanau)

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. Go to *Current Reviews* and click the links to read the policies currently under review
5. Click the *Policy Review* button at the top right hand of the page
6. Select reviewer type - "Parent"
7. Enter your name (Optional)
8. Submit your ratings and comments

These policies will be reviewed by the Board during their meeting on the 15th of June.

Term 2 policies	Review opens 20 April
• Daily School Bus*	
• School Swimming Pool*/ Swimming Off Site*	Board review
• Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC)	Board review
• EOTC Governance Roles and Responsibilities	
• EOTC Risk Assessment and Management	

To view any of our policies go to the above site and search for the appropriate policy

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.



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



Community Notices

MICHAEL ARMSTRONG

Paintings from a Recent Past



Michael Armstrong, *Despite the Deniers*, 2023, acrylic on canvas

25 April - 21 June

Michael Armstrong (born 1954) is a New Zealand painter and sculptor. Based in Timaru, he is recognised for his dynamic mixed media work that blends figuration, abstraction, vibrant colour and humour. A graduate of the University of Canterbury (1976) and recipient of the 1984 Frances Hodgkins Fellowship, Armstrong has exhibited regularly since 1969 and previously taught at Aoraki Polytechnic (now Ara Institute).

His practice is defined by energetic compositions incorporating cartoon like figures, fragmented forms, and bold colour to address social, political, and environmental themes. Working across oil, watercolour, and varied media, Armstrong produces both paintings—including shaped or rough edged canvases—and sculptural works. His accolades include a QE2 Arts Council grant and the 1990 CSA Guthrey Travel Award, and his work is represented in major public collections throughout New Zealand.

This exhibition presents a selection of recent canvas paintings that showcase Michael Armstrong's distinctive expressive figures, dynamic linework, and vibrant, energetic use of colour.



Eastern Southland Gallery, 14 Hokonui Drive, Gore | Phone: 02 208 9907 | www.esgallery.co.nz



David Elliot, *Beaufort Wind South*, synthetic polymer, paper, marble, and acrylic

DAVID ELLIOT

Wind and Waves

Exhibition: 25 April - 21 June

In *Wind and Waves*, people and creatures, in, on, above and near the ocean become characters that are interwoven with histories of exploration and scientific research, as well as mythological tales and high sea adventure. Port Chalmers and Otago Harbour - Kōpūtai and Ōtākou - serve as inspiration for many of the works in the exhibition, as do the natural elements, which are personified as giant entities that command the weather. Other works reflect David's on-going fascination with books and the imagined worlds they contain, delving into the classic literature of the sea. Winds howl through their pages, storms rage against their bindings, tiny ships are flung across their pages and strange creatures are cast up onto their margins.

David Elliot is an award-winning illustrator and writer for children. He has illustrated over 50 books for authors around the world, and produced ten picture-books of his own, notably earning national and international accolades along the way.

David has lived in Port Chalmers for more than 35 years and much of his work has been inspired by the surrounding coast, its history, wildlife and ever-changing weather. *Wind and Waves* brings together his life-long love of drawing and his enduring passion for books with a more recent foray into sculpture.

Artist Floor Talk: Sunday 7 June, 4pm

David Elliot will share insights into his current exhibition *Wind and Waves* at this upcoming artist talk. Learn more about the tales and myths behind some of David's imagined creatures and see how his stories come to life from original concept to final illustration.



Eastern Southland Gallery, 14 Hokonui Drive, Gore
Phone: 02 208 9907 | www.esgallery.co.nz



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