



RIVERSDALE SCHOOL
Inspiring Excellence

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Term 4 Week 9

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

Kia Ora Parents and Whānau,

We have had a busy term of staffing and have announced the new staff members for 2026. During the last week we have been through an internal appointment process for our new Deputy Principal. Miss Kimberley Harper had previously been the Deputy Principal but has decided to relinquish this role after taking another year's leave. We are pleased to announce that Mrs Lynette King will be the new permanent Deputy Principal starting in 2026.

Coming up tomorrow we have got our final house challenge. We would love to see all the children dressed in their house colours tomorrow. The house lists were posted on Hero yesterday.

Also coming up on Monday 15th of December, at 7pm, we have our annual Year 8 Graduation Celebration. All are welcome to come, please bring a supper plate to share.

On Wednesday 17th December we have a fun day planned for the school. Room 7 has been creating products for a Market Day. They are now in the marketing stage of the process - at the bottom of this newsletter has the price lists of what will be on offer. Keep an eye out on Hero for all the updates of products on offer. This will be followed by a Colour Run and water fight. We ask all children to bring along \$2 for the colour run and to wear a white T-shirt (or an old light coloured T-shirt). Parents and family members are invited to come along to both events and get involved. Come along with your picnic lunch at 12pm, bring your coins and join the fun. More details will come out later.

The Board has started the process of replacing the Big Adventure Playground and the Home and School are getting behind the fundraising efforts. In early 2026 the fundraising kicks off with a Maize Maze (see details below). This is an amazing opportunity for the whole school community to get involved, and we need lots of you. If you can help out contact Kelly-Anne Blatch.

Don't forget the Working Bee this Saturday 6th December from 9am-12pm at school. We would love to see as many of you as possible. Come along with your wheelbarrows, shovels, spades and trimming equipment.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Nga mihi nui,

Bronwyn and the Riversdale Staff

Inā kei te mohio koe ko wai koe, I anga mai koe I hea, kei te mohio koe, kei te anga atu ki hea

If you know who you are and where you are from, then you will know where you are going

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

Certificates from Term 4, Week 5



	Manawaroa Resilience	Whakaute Respect	Kawenga Responsible	Te Reo Māori Learner of the Week
Room 7	Nicole	Ben	Hannah S	Georgia
Room 6	Max	Jaelyn	Priyah	Olivia
Room 5	Aroha	Evie	Harry H	Harry S
Room 4	Toby R	Ollie	Jack S	Skylar
Room 3	Beau	Meila	Matilda	Phoebe
Room 2	Blake	Anna	Ayva	Henry
Room 1	Hugo	Jack	Isabelle	Charlie

Coming Up....

Term 4

15 December	Year 8 Graduation Night, 7pm
17 December	Colour Run and Room 7 Market Day
19 December	Last day of school - finish at 12:45pm

2026

9 February 2026	First day of Term 1
27 February 2026	Waimea Athletics Day at Balfour
9 March 2026	Teachers Only Day



RIVERSDALE SCHOOL

YEAR 8 STUDENTS 2025



All Parents and Whanau
members are invited to
join us for a ...

*Graduation
Celebration*

Monday 15 December
2025, 7pm
Riversdale School Hall





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.

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

Paul - 021474580

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.

Go Bus are on the lookout for 2 full time drivers for next year and some relief drivers. If this sounds like you contact Nicki Stevens at Go Bus 0272892624

School Grounds Working Bee

Saturday 6th Dec

9am-12pm

Group working bee for school families to help tidy up school grounds.

We know it is a busy time of the year, but it would be great to have a good turn out to the working bee for a couple of hours to help with a list of jobs.

Please bring these items if you have any:

- Wheelbarrows
- Shovels
- Spades
- Trimming equipment

Contacts

Sarah Crooks 0274 512633

Morgan Crooks 0273 205716



RIVERSDALE SCHOOL
Home & School Association

Fundraiser for New School Playground 🌟

Next year our Home & School will kick off fundraising for the brand-new school playground, planned for 2026 – something the kids of Riversdale School will enjoy for years to come.

We're excited to be launching our very first fundraiser in partnership with McClintock Contracting Ltd and the Waikaia Forest Trails Trust... and it's a Maize Maze!

McClintock Contracting has generously sectioned off one of their maize paddocks near Riversdale and it's currently being transformed into a twisting, turning puzzle that will be perfect for families and adventurers of all ages. We're confident this unique attraction will draw visitors from well beyond our local community and help raise much-needed funds for both groups.

Because we're partnering with the Waikaia Trails Trust, we can share the volunteer workload. Home & School will need to supply 8 volunteers per day. Extended family, grandparents, siblings and ex-pupils (12+) are welcome to help.

Volunteer roles include:

- Front desk (collecting money and signing people in/out)

- Sweepers (walking through the maze to ensure everyone is safe and the maze is respected)
- BBQ helpers
- Tractor & digger rides (vehicles provided)

We're still ironing out some details, but we'd love to start putting a team together for the three planned open days (10am–4pm):

- Sunday 8th February (fun end to the long weekend)
- Saturday 14th March
- Sunday 18th April — final weekend of the school holidays, with a possible 12+ “fright night” maze from 7–9pm

If you're able to help on any of these dates, please comment below or message Kelly-Anne Blatch on 0274 857 877. We know it's well in advance and plans may change, but having names down early will help us organise possible split shifts and keep the workload light — especially for the 8th February event which is just before school starts.

We would also appreciate any help with (again please contact Kelly-Anne):

- Media or advertising contacts/ideas to help spread the word
- Donations of sausages for the BBQ

Thank you for supporting our school and our kids 🌿

Riversdale Home & School Committee



Labels

Looking to buy clothing or book labels or stamps for next year?
We've got a fundraising code setup using the link below and Home & School will get 20% of the value of your order back 🎉

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Follow the steps below to participate in our fundraiser

- 1 Go to <https://preciouslabels.co.nz/?ref=RIVERSDALESCHOOL>
- 2 Choose your label pack
- 3 Go to Checkout
(Enter your School's name in the 'Notes' box on the Checkout page)
- 4 See the 'Fundraiser' tab on the website for more info

Thankyou for your support !

20% of your purchase will go to our school

Don't forget to spread the word!
Forward this website url to your family and friends!

Questions?

Please email us at - info@preciouslabels.co.nz
www.preciouslabels.co.nz 09 3930093



Home & School Fundraiser

RIVERSDALE BEANIES - \$33

\$3 from each beanie goes to Home & School

To order email riversdalehas@gmail.com

*Comes with a second beanie that was misprinted RIVESDALE



SCHOOL VESTS

The Home & School provide each new student at Riversdale School with a vest.

If you need to replace yours - they are now available to purchase in a range of sizes from Mrs Mann in the school office for \$10 (cash payments only).



Community Notices

RIVERSDALE RECREATION RESERVES COMMITTEE NOTICE OF AGM

Wednesday 21st January 2026, 7.30pm, Rugby Clubrooms

- To organise the Annual Prime Lamb & Calf Competition which will be held 20th Feb 2026
- This Major fundraiser supports the Riversdale School and other local non-profit organisations.

For more information-

- Lambs, Murray Napier 021475853
- Calves, Greg Reed 0272764410 and Glen Cunningham

We would like a representative from each of the following groups to attend the AGM please:
Bowls, Golf, Tennis, Cricket, School, Pony Club, Swimming Pool, St John, Hockey, Rugby, Grounds keeper, Persons in charge of contacting Farmers and sponsors.
Also welcome to the public!



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



Runs from 1st of December 2025 until 31st of January 2026

PRIZE BOOKS SPONSORED BY
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2025 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Ages 0-18!

Read books, enter prize draws and earn a free book to keep!





BUSHCRAFT & SURVIVAL SKILLS Holiday Experiences

CHILD VS WILD [5 Days]

7 to 13 year olds
Invercargill
9am to 3pm

15th December to 19th December 2025
19th January to 23rd January 2026

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

NATURAL CREATORS [1 Day]

5 to 16 year olds
Invercargill
9am to 3pm

22nd December 2025
27th January 2026

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.

BUSH KIDS [1 Day]

7 to 16 year olds
Invercargill & Gore
9am to 3pm

Monday 26th January GORE
Wednesday 28th January Invercargill
Thursday 29th January Invercargill
Friday 30th January Invercargill

A one day bushcraft and survival day experience:

Advanced fire starting skills
Knife work, whittling, carving
Bush exploration, navigating, orienteering
Shelter building
Cooking on gas stoves/ fires
Survival first aid
Plant medicine
Foraging

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

www.trueinnature.com



Katie: 0226381497

Market Day Price Lists



Pricing

Brownie \$3.50
Caramel Slice \$3.50
fudge \$3.50

Sugar and sweet makes the best treat



PRICE LIST

LIP BALMS	BODY SCRUBS	SCRUNCHIES
\$3.50	\$5.00	Various Size
Orange	Coffee Queen	\$3.00 - Small
Vanilla	Vanilla Bliss	\$4.00 - Large
Jasmine	Candy Cane	
Peppermint		

ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS SOUTHLAND OTAGO CANCER SOCIETY



Everyday Cowgirls



Keychains \$5.00



Earrings \$3.00



Bracelets \$2.00

A touch of cowgirl for everyday.



FRUIT PUNCH

SMALL - \$2.50
REGULAR - \$4.00

SPIDER FLOATS

SMALL - \$2.50
REGULAR - \$4.00

- ICE CREAM SODA
- RASPBERRY
- LEMONADE



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Prices :

LARGE POPCORN BAG	\$3.50
MEDIUM POPCORN BAG	\$3.00
RARO (DRINK)	\$1.00



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RIVERSDALE SCHOOL MARKET DAY

SAUSAGE BROS



\$2.50

COOKIN' GOOD LOOKIN' GOOD

WEDNESDAY 17TH
DECEMBER

ALL PROFITS DONATED TO
SOUTHLAND OTAGO CANCER SOCIETY

MADE BY SWEET & SOUR SUGAR

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Southland Otago Cancer
Society

The Golden Stack

Pikelets
3 for \$5

Choose your own toppings
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