



RIVERSDALE SCHOOL
Inspiring Excellence

Our School Values:

We are:

Respectful - Whakaute

Responsible - Kawenga

Resilient – Manawarora

Our Well-being – Hauora, supports these.

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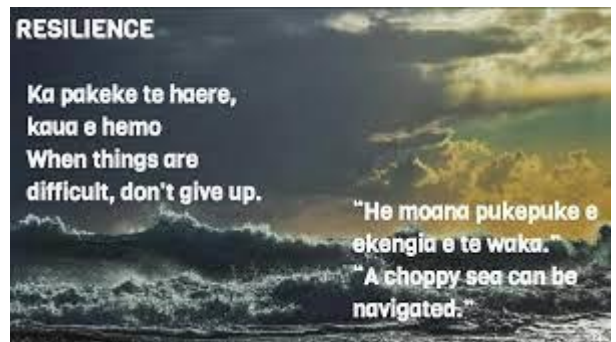
Riversdale School Newsletter - **Term 2 Week 3**

Welcome: Lawrence Walker

Kia ora e hoa Whanau,

This term, our children are doing some more learning around our NZ History through our social sciences unit on Culture, Heritage, and Organisation. Teachers have looked at the new document and the learning intentions within this and have developed exciting activities to engage your child/ren in this area of learning. In the middle and senior areas children will be doing lots of this learning through reading and writing. In the junior school, teachers will be providing information that children can access and designing interesting activities where they can show their learning. We look forward to sharing this at our evening assembly at the end of this term. If any whanau have expertise in any area of NZ History, we would love to hear from you.

*Resilience
Manawarora*



Pink Shirt Day 2022

Riversdale School is joining the movement on **Pink Shirt Day tomorrow, Friday 20 May 2022**, and encouraging our staff and students to Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!

Bullying in Aotearoa is a real problem. We have the third-highest rate of school bullying out of 36 OECD countries and one in 10 workers feel discriminated against or bullied at work.

Those bullied are far more likely to experience mental health issues. Pink Shirt Day works to reduce bullying by celebrating diversity in all its forms and supporting schools, workplaces and communities to be safe, supportive, welcoming and inclusive for everyone.

To celebrate this important kaupapa *we encourage students to wear lots of pink to school tomorrow and bring a gold coin donation.*



Diary this date: Matariki Breakfast – You Are Invited...



We are celebrating Matariki (Māori New Year) with breakfast for all tamariki (children), whanau and parents in our school hall on Wednesday 22 June, arriving at 7.15am for a 7.30am start. Children are learning waiata and will perform for you. You don't need to bring any food along; however, you will need to bring a cereal bowl, spoon, and cup. We look forward to having you join us. After breakfast is finished you can collect your child's dishes up and leave your child/ren here ready for the start of school. If you can't come along, buses will still be running at the normal times.



Coming Up....

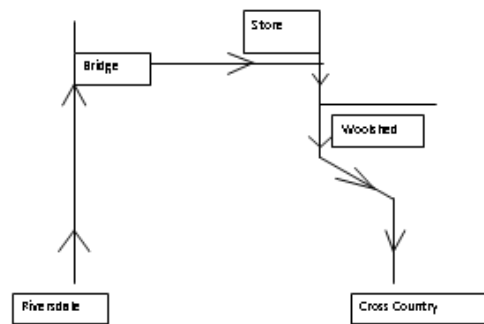
23 May	Board of Trustees Meeting, 7.30pm
25 May	Waimea Cross Country
30 May-3 June	Year 7 & 8 Camp to Deep Cove
02 June	Northern Cross Country
6 June	Queens Birthday observed – school closed
9 June	Community Assembly – save the date! Our first for a long time.
20 June	Board of Trustees Meeting, 7.30pm
22 June	Matariki Breakfast – all whanau are invited.
23 June	Teacher Only Day – children do not come to school
24 June	Matariki Observed – school closed
28 June	Home and School AGM
6 July	Community Assembly in the evening so all whanau can come along.
8 July	Reports sent home. Last day of Term 2.
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25 July	Term 3 begins
27 July	Parent/Whanau/Child/Teacher progress meetings
28 July	Parent/Whanau/Child/Teacher progress meetings

Waimea Cross Country

Where:	Waikaia
When:	Wednesday 25 May No postponement date.
Time:	1:00pm sharp

You must contact the bus driver if your child is off the bus.

On Wednesday 25 May all of our children will travel to Waikaia for the Waimea Schools Cross Country. The Cross Country is held at the property of Mr Ray Ferguson on Blakie Road, it is signposted from the Waikaia Bridge (refer to the map above). **We ask that parents please provide transport.** If you are unable to do this, please find a ride with someone else for your child/ren, and send a note to school advising us of this. Teachers will be able to transport a number of children.



Cross Country is not an optional event – every child displays our school vision and values by participating and doing their best. Each child who does their best and competes receives House Points.

Children come to school as normal, by bus or walking/biking. **We will depart from school at 12:20pm to arrive at Waikaia by 12:45pm. Children will have an early lunch prior to leaving school. Please meet your child at the front or back school gate.**

The 5 year old children are the first to race, with 6 years, then 7 years and so on up. Last are the 12 and 13 year olds. Ages are as at 31 December **2022**, and will be written on children's hands by their teacher. 8yrs – 13yrs can qualify for the Northern Cross Country event (depending on finishing times).

Upon arrival children must line up in an orderly manner, in their age groups, and racing will commence. At the end of each race the first ten or so boys and girls are lined up in finishing order and their names recorded.

Once your child/ren have run, you are free to take them home.

Please ensure your child has warm clothing, a change of footwear (including socks) as it can be very wet underfoot, and a jacket and hat to put on. It may be appropriate for them to run wearing a hat if it is very cold. Also ensure that they do have a drink for when they finish the race. Gym shoes are worn to run in, as per Southland Primary School rules.

Toilets are back in the township beside the Waikaia Store.

- 3-4 marshals are required from **each school**, Parent/Teacher
- Field marshals report to Michelle Houghton on arrival.
- We are not running behind a motorbike so it is important that we have Marshalls all around the course.
- Toilets will be open at the Museum.
- It is highly recommended that competitors have a spare set of clothes to change into and a towel.
- As per Southland Primary School rules, gym shoes must be worn (No sprigs, spikes, socks or bare-feet)

If you have any questions regarding cross country, please either ask your child's teacher, or phone the school. We look forward to a fine day and encouraging each of our children to do the best that they can.

Please contact the bus driver if your child is off the bus and let your child's teacher know if they need a ride to Cross Country.

Values Certificates

Congratulations to the following tamariki who received their Bronze Award last Friday: Casey, Monty, Liam, Jayden, Callum, Kaiden and Zeke. We are very proud of you!



The students below received certificates for displaying the values of being respectful, resilient, and responsible, at Riversdale School, last week.

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

	Manawaroa-Resilience	Whakaute-Respect	Kawenga-Responsible
Room 1	Rylan	Sapphira	Monty
Room 7	Stella C	Aoife	Mihai
Room 6	Amaia	Aria-Lea	Cooper
Room 3	Harry	Addison	Murphy
Room 4	Mathew W	Leigh	Lucy M
Room 5	Jack J	Abby	Taylor

Please continue to text the school phone 0275553534 if you or your child/ren test positive for Covid.

Home & School Term 2 Fundraiser

We are doing a Whittaker's Chocolate Slab fundraiser this term. A box of chocolates and a notice will go home with eldest/only children next week with details.

We appreciate your support!

The Home & School Committee.



Fundraising Chocolate

