RIVERSDALE SCHOOL
Inspiring Excellence

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

Kia Ora Parents and Whānau,

It has been another full and rewarding week here at Riversdale School as our ākonga continue to bring our vision to life—inspiring excellence as today's learners and tomorrow's leaders. Across all our mahi, our tamariki are living out our core values of Whakaute (Respect), Takohanga (Responsibility), and Manawaroa (Resilience). A heartfelt thank you to everyone in our wonderful community who came out to lend a hand and support Pet Day. Your time, encouragement, and manaakitanga (generosity and support) helped make it a memorable occasion for all our children and families. The Riversdale School & Community Pool committee would also like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who supported the BBQ at Pet Day, with a special thanks to ANZCO and Graham Davidson for supplying the patties, and to The Riversdale Lions for supplying and cooking the delicious BBQ.

We have some wonderful celebrations to share across our school community this week. Congratulations to Lexi and Jack for their outstanding performances at the Southern Tennis Championships last Friday, where Lexi placed third overall and Jack also took out the consolation cup. Ka rawe, team! We are also extremely proud of Cooper McKee and Georgia Martin, who have been named as Riversdale School's Gore Rotarian Young Achievers for 2026 and will be celebrating with a special dinner on Monday evening. Additionally, our older students are fortunate to have Chris Knight from Athletics Southland back with us on Wednesday to help refine their athletic techniques, speed, and endurance.

Next week is shaping up to be an energetic one on the sporting front. We send our best of luck to all our tamariki taking part in the Mitre 10 Toughkids competition, as well as those heading out to represent Riversdale in Southland Golf and The Adventure Race. Good luck as well to our Year 7 and 8 rugby team who are gearing up for a great day on the field at the Jonty Carran 10s tournament. We know you will all represent our school with pride and fantastic sportsmanship.

Nga mihi,
Bronwyn, and the Riversdale Staff

Ngaua te pae hamuti
Rise to the challenge, get stuck in

Coming Up….

Term 4 (keep an eye on the Hero Calendar)

18 November	Mitre 10 Toughkids, Chris Knight (Southland Athletics)
19 November	Southland Golf Champs
20 November	Jonty Carran 10s Tournament
7 December	Riversdale School Board meeting
14 December	Year 8 Graduation
16 December	Year 8 Fun Day
18 December	Last day of school for 2026 (12.45pm finish)

Term 1, 2027

2 February	First day of school 2027

SchoolDocs
Policies and Procedures

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://policies.schooldocs.co.nz/riversdale
2. Click into the *Parents Quick Links* tab to easily find the policy you require.

A **BIG THANK YOU** to all the judges who came and helped out on Pet Day this year

Ross McKee	Sam Lee (NSV)	Matt McCall (Carrfields)
Balfour Young Farmers	Brian Dickison	Trish MacKay
Gareth McCall (Bell Booth)	Heather Fowler	Paula O'Connor
Rachel Nicholson	Christine O'Connor	Emma Smail
Erin Hurley	Kate Stone	Heather Wing
Katie and Philip Blatch	Riversdale Pool Committee	Ange McHutchon (FMG)

School Buses

Our four bus drivers are Jan Robertson, Michael Lobb, Craig Hamilton and Susanne Davis

Please inform the driver if your child is off the bus in the morning.

Jan Robertson – 027 6088203 (Waipounamu - Blue Bus)
Michael Lobb – 027 3725785 (Wendon - Green Bus)
Craig Hamilton - 027 6372583 (Kaweku - Yellow 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.

Pinecones For Sale

We still have heaps of bags of pineconces 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.**

RIVERSDALE SCHOOL & COMMUNITY POOL

The Riversdale School and Community Pool is running a battery collection fundraiser. Collecting use car and machinery batteries. These will be on sold to be recycled. Helps clear the yard, while raising much needed funds for our pool. Please get in touch with Jo Russell 0273635768 for more info or collection.







https://www.cashforcommunities.co.nz/

RIVERSDALE SCHOOL
Home & School Association

BAKING MIXES - help needed packing

We will be packing baking mixes on Sunday 29th November and need helpers please!

For those that are new - it's putting flour/sugar etc into the baking mix bags. Everything is supplied and it's at the community hall in Riversdale.

Two sessions - afternoon 2-5pm and an evening session 6-8.30pm , but we're set up the whole time from 2pm onwards so plenty of flexibility in what works best for you - even if it's just an hour or so, everything helps! Senior school children are welcome to come help also.

Please RSVP on our facebook page or to Kelly-Anne 0274857877 so we can make sure we have enough people.

Thankyou!

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









