



**RIVERSDALE SCHOOL**  
Inspiring Excellence

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**Term 4 Week 10**

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

Kia Ora Parents and Whānau,

We had a fantastic day on Friday with the final House Challenge of the term - an obstacle race. Going into this final challenge the points were close at the top. Congratulations to Karaka House for winning the obstacle course, and Whero House for winning the house chant challenge. **The overall winner of the Term 4 House Challenge was Kowhai House!**

Coming up next week are a number of events:

- Monday night is the year 8 Graduation at 7pm in the school hall. All school families are welcome to attend to celebrate the year 8s. Please bring a supper plate to share
- Wednesday we have the Room 7 Market Day followed by the Colour Run and school water fight. Again all families are invited to come along for all these activities - bring your picnic lunch and join in the fun.
  - **Market Day starts at 12pm.** We would love to have your community support as the Room 7 students have put a lot into their products. Cash only. See the variety of products on offer below. Keep an eye out on Hero for the "TV" marketing campaign from each group.
  - **Colour Run starts at 1:45pm.** Wear a white t-shirt for the day so the colour stands out. Bring along \$2. The colour run will start after the market day and lunch. We will meet outside the hall in classes at 1.45pm. Classes will run in a set order and parents can run with their kids in classes if they want .
  - **School Water Fight.** After the colour run, bring your water pistols, bottles, buckets etc. Because of the Colour Run we will not be using the pool.
- Thursday is the Year 8 fun day in Invercargill. Come to school as usual, and we plan to be back in time for buses.
- Friday is our last day of school. **School will finish at 12:45pm** with the buses running at this time.

On Tuesday the Students from Room 6 & 7 spent the afternoon helping out a community member clearing one of his paddocks of pinecones. We have a large number of bags available to purchase - \$10 a bag or 4 bags for \$35. All proceeds from these sales will go to help out with the Year 7&8 camp to Deep Cove. These will also be available for purchase on Market Day or from the office.

Reports and class lists for 2026 will come home tomorrow - check your eldest's child's bag. 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

## 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 - <b>finish at 12:45pm</b>

### 2026

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



The poster is for the Riversdale School Year 8 Students 2025 Graduation Celebration. It features a dark blue background with a white school crest in the top left corner. The text is centered and includes the school name, student year, and the event details. A decorative Maori pattern is at the bottom.

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

## Market Day Products

All profits donated to  
Southland Otago Cancer  
Society



**Pikelets**

**3 for \$5**

**Choose your own toppings**  
strawberries  
sprinkles  
whipped cream  
chocolate syrup

MADE BY SWEET & SOUR SUGAR

**LOLLY**  
*Bags*

**MYSTERY MIX**  
**PICK YOUR MIX**

**\$1.50 EACH**

**10 LOLLIES PER BAG**



**RIVERSDALE SCHOOL MARKET DAY**



**COOKIN' GOOD LOOKIN' GOOD**

**WEDNESDAY 17TH**  
**DECEMEBER**

**ALL PROFITS DONATED TO  
SOUTHLAND OTAGO CANCER SOCIETY**

**Prices :**

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

 Crown your cavings with us now



## FRUIT PUNCH

SMALL - \$2.50

REGULAR - \$4.00

## SPIDER FLOATS

SMALL - \$2.50

REGULAR - \$4.00

- ICE CREAM SODA
- RASPBERRY
- LEMONADE

# Everyday Cowgirls

Keychains  
\$5.00



Earrings  
\$3.00



Bracelets  
\$2.00



**A touch of cowgirl for everyday.**



 **BEE NATURAL**  
**BODY PRODUCTS**

• EST 2025 •

## PRICE LIST

### LIP BALMS

**\$3.50**

Orange  
Vanilla  
Jasmine  
Peppermint

### BODY SCRUBS

**\$5.00**

Coffee Queen  
Vanilla Bliss  
Candy Cane

### SCRUNCHIES

Various Size

**\$3.00** - Small

**\$4.00** - Large

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS SOUTHLAND OTAGO CANCER SOCIETY**



## Pricing

Brownie \$3.50

Caramel Slice \$3.50

fudge \$3.50



Sugar and sweet makes the best treat





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**



## **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 🥰





[https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A\\_\\_preciouslabels.co.nz\\_-3Fref-3DRIVERSDALESCHOOL&d=DwlFaQ&c=Zm2Kb9yJrso4r0-N78Ezl-a6DfgMbllSn5tZXXqWk4&r=IEJAY8uYyqRMzp1RaRQt0KRX0EgsZTmBlse72kSFIYE&m=wwwFXmCgGX3uiSBHfTUnQ5YfO18sL2RMMGX7FfT6rG8GI8PfgCxLUfqQB510f-tt&s=Diaerxg7DDvydGzHmlchNkfx665WVNBhKIPuXvxTPkg&e=](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__preciouslabels.co.nz_-3Fref-3DRIVERSDALESCHOOL&d=DwlFaQ&c=Zm2Kb9yJrso4r0-N78Ezl-a6DfgMbllSn5tZXXqWk4&r=IEJAY8uYyqRMzp1RaRQt0KRX0EgsZTmBlse72kSFIYE&m=wwwFXmCgGX3uiSBHfTUnQ5YfO18sL2RMMGX7FfT6rG8GI8PfgCxLUfqQB510f-tt&s=Diaerxg7DDvydGzHmlchNkfx665WVNBhKIPuXvxTPkg&e=)



**PRECIOUS LABELS**  
tag 'em all!


**Cute, Colourful and Durable Labels**


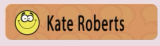

Lunch Box and Drink Bottle Labels Of Different Sizes  
Iron On & Sticky Clothing Labels For Uniforms  
Washable Durable and Super Sticky Labels







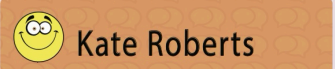
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and bundles with 5 different label sizes!

**Name your belongings at School or Daycare**







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**PRECIOUS LABELS**  
tag 'em all!

**FUNDraising**

**Cute, Colourful and Durable Labels**

**Join our Fundraiser Programme**

**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

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**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](mailto:info@preciouslabels.co.nz)

[www.preciouslabels.co.nz](http://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](mailto: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!



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

# Xmas Eve

## 9-Hole Ambrose

## Everyone Welcome

Waikaia Golf Club, 12:30 pm



4-person team, no entry fee

Just a bit of fun before Santa arrives

BYO refreshments/nibbles

# CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL + PARADE

**Santa Parade:**  
12 Noon  
Main Street, Gore

**Christmas Carnival:**  
1:00pm - 4:30pm  
Main Reserve, 40 Ardwick St

**Sunday 14 December 2025**

**COME JOIN THE FUN!**

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY:

**GO RURAL CITY RE LIVING** **Mercury** **Harcourts Gore** **creative 123**

**Fonterra** **level** **AMIGOS** **REGIONAL FORD** **Community Trust South**

**McDONOUGH CONTRACTING** **the warehouse** **STINKA**

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

PRIZE BOOKS SPONSORED BY **ILT** For Our Community Invercargill City Libraries & Archives

# 2025 SUMMER

## READING CHALLENGE

**AGES 0-18!**

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

2025 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

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# EPIC HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

IS YOUR CHILD OR TEEN INTERESTED IN TECHNOLOGY?



JANUARY 2026

For beginner & advanced coders  
Ages 9&10, 11&12, 13&14, 15 to adult  
Fun, Free & Educational!

Sign up at [codingnz.com/holidays](https://codingnz.com/holidays)

# GLENHAM TRAINWRECK TRAIL



**SATURDAY 17 JANUARY 2026**  
RACES START FROM 10am

10km - Walk, Run or Mountain Bike  
15km - Run or Mountain Bike  
21km - Run or Mountain Bike  
43km - Mountain Bike  
43km - E-Bike  
Other distances for E-bike recreational only

Register online at:  
[www.glenhamtrainwreck.co.nz](https://www.glenhamtrainwreck.co.nz)  
or on the day from 8.30am at  
Glenham Hall  
Cash only (No EFTPOS available)

Facebook: GLENHAM TRAINWRECK TRAIL

Compete in any of the Mountain Bike events and go in the draw to win a  
**MOUNTAIN BIKE VALUED AT \$2000**  
thanks to M&T and CrossRoad Cycles

Fundraiser for Glenham Community Centre



# GORE A&P SHOW

FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

**Kids can enter:**


- Baking - Crafts - Art work - Photography -
- Colouring Competition - Flowers - Fresh Produce -
- As well as your pets!

You might win a prize or certificate!!

The full schedule is available to download from  
- [www.goreapshowgrounds.co.nz](https://www.goreapshowgrounds.co.nz) -

The A&P show in Gore has been going for over 140 years, and incorporates livestock, show jumping, wood chopping, Highland Dancing, market tent as well as loads of free entertainment on the day!

Entry to the show is free to children (under 16) and only \$15 for the grown-ups!




# 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](https://www.trueinnature.com)  Katie: 0226381497



# Travelling overseas in the school holidays?

You must do a New Zealand Traveller Declaration when you come back

**TravellerDeclaration.govt.nz**

**New Zealand Traveller Declaration** | Whakapuakanga Tangata Haere ki Aotearoa

**Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa**  
New Zealand Government