RIVERSDALE SCHOOL
Inspiring Excellence

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29 October 2026

Term 4 Week 3

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

Kia Ora Parents and Whānau,

A very warm Riversdale welcome to Elli, along with her parents Steph and Tim, who have joined Room 1 this week! We are delighted to have you as part of our school whānau.



A huge congratulations to Jack, Ashlyn, Lexi, Zac, and Jimmy, who recently represented Riversdale School at the Southland Tennis Tournament. You all played with tremendous skill, grit, and sportsmanship.
A special shout-out to **Lexi** for winning and qualifying for the Southern Primary Tournament next week! We are incredibly proud of you, Lexi, and wish you all the best as you take the court.

We are also looking forward to welcoming Chris Knight to our school next Wednesday to take all classes through specialised athletics training. This will be a fantastic opportunity for our tamariki to build technique and confidence ahead of our upcoming athletic events.

A safety reminder from our Pool Committee: it has been noticed that some tamariki under 16 years of age have been swimming without adult supervision. Please ensure that adult supervision rules are strictly followed at all times. Following the swimming pool rules helps keep everybody safe, including our dedicated Pool Committee!

- **School Photos Tomorrow (Friday 30 October):** Individual and class photos are being taken tomorrow. Pre-schooler and sibling photos will begin at 8:30 am, so please ensure you arrive at the school early if you have booked in for these.
- **Golf Tournament Postponed:** The golf tournament has been postponed and will now take place next Wednesday, 4 November.
- **Chris Knight Athletics Training:** Wednesday, 4 November.
- **Pet Day – Next Friday 6 November:** Get those calves, lambs, dogs, and pets brushed and ready! Pet Day is taking place next Friday, 6 November.

Nga mihi,
Bronwyn, and the Riversdale Staff

He kuaka mārangaranga, kotahi manu e tau ki te tāhuna, tau atu, tau atu, tau atu

The godwits have swooped up into the air, one lands on the sandbank and the others follow (leaders and followers work together).

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

Certificates from Week 2



	STAR OF THE WEEK	Te Reo Māori Learner of the Week
Room 7	Bayden	Emma S
Room 6	Jessie	George
Room 5	Matthew	Kaiden
Room 4	Aliya	Brianna
Room 3	Anna, Victor, Blaire	
Room 2	Anakin	Hudson Elliott
Room 1	Esko	Jimmy

Coming Up….

Term 4 (keep an eye on the Hero Calendar)

30th October	School Photos
2 November	Riversdale School Board meeting
4th November	Golf Tournament / Chris Knight Athletics

6 November	Riversdale School Pet Day
7 December	Riversdale School Board meeting
14 December	Year 8 Graduation
18 December	Last day of school for 2026

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 review our school policies for Term 4 2026. This term we are reviewing topics in *Curriculum & Student Achievement; Reporting Student Progress; Learning Support; Māori Educational Achievement; Health Curriculum; and Privacy.*

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 2nd of November. Please submit your feedback by Thursday 29 October.

Term 4 policies	Review open 12 October–13 November
• Curriculum and Student Achievement Policy	Board review
• Reporting about Student Progress and Achievement	Board review
• Learning Support	
• Māori Educational Achievement	
• Religious Instruction*/Religious Observances*	
• Health Curriculum	Board review
• Privacy Policy	Board review

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

Riversdale School Flat
TO RENT

The board has a two bedroom attached flat to rent.

2 Bedrooms | Attached Flat | Riversdale

If you or you know of anyone who would like to rent this, please contact

Peter Johnson
027 251 3913

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.**

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.



Heads Up: **Pet Day 6th November 2026**
For children who bring pets:

1. Calves entering from Rutland Street and are located by the swings.
2. Horses entering from Kent Street are located at the Kent St side of the rugby field.
3. Lambs entering from Rutland Street are by the rugby posts at Rutland St end.
   All these pets need to be tied up please (bring a standard or suitable trailer/vehicle/post to tie them to).
4. Dogs tied up on the tennis courts (with a water container and doggy poo bags).
5. Small pets in cages in the play shed.
6. Other animals (goats, pigs etc) are behind the play shed, entering off Kent Street.

Please see the map below.

We have lots of activities for all children to enter. **All children enter at least two hall events, as well as bringing a pet if they want to.** There is no need to return an entry form, as your child makes their entries at home. There will be entry forms in the school hall first thing in the morning for you to grab and pop on the entry details.

We will have a small break for lunch – but children can eat on the run between events, if we are running late. As always, please be prepared to bid generously on a fabulous cake for your

family to enjoy. The cake auction is a big fundraiser for the Home and School. **Please ask your child's teacher if you have any questions about this day.**

There will be a BBQ available on the day from 11.30am. This is a swimming pool fundraiser. There will be buns, patties and coleslaw available along with other treats. **Please see attached flyer.**

There is also a coffee car on site from 10am.

Please let us and the bus driver know if your child will be off the bus in the morning.

Buses run as normal. Please advise your bus driver if your child is off the bus.

Be aware that times are approximate and you may need to be flexible with these on the day.

9.00–9.20am - children take entries to the hall and display them.

9.20 am	**All pets must be at school by this time.**
9.30 am	- **Hall closed for judging.** No children allowed in until 11am.
9.30 am	- Grand Parade – on the soccer field in front of the hall.
9.45 am	- Lamb Drinking race
9.50 am	- Pet/Human look alike competition (Pet & Human dressed up the same)
10 am	- All children go with pets for judging. Those without pets, please go and support a friend with a pet.
11am	- Hall open. Children do not remove certificates or any items please, or touch any of the displayed items.
11.30 am	- Cake auction

Short lunch break (BBQ available on the day, coffee car available from 10am)

12.30pm	- Bike events on the soccer field.
1.00pm	- Remote controlled car race.
1.30pm	- Ag Sports Teams event.

End of day – please collect up all your belongings and you may go home.

Schedule of Events – Students must enter at least two Hall events.

If the weather is wet, all Hall events will continue in the morning, but pet events will not occur.

Event Groups:

Years 0 – 2 Years 5-6
Years 3 – 4 Years 7-8

Note – Please complete the entry slip that will be in the hall. One slip to go with each entry. Attach to your entry face down and place that entry in the correct section in the school hall before 9.30am.

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Pony Events

⬜ Event 1 **Pony sack race** – please bring your own sack. Ride pony quarter way down the rugby field to the cones, dismount and get into the sack, and hop/jump while leading pony back to the finish line.
Pony Barrel race – ride pony halfway down the rugby field, around a desk, and back to the finish line.

⬜ Event 2 Best presented pony.

Pets – Children to be able to answer questions orally and must be able to explain how they look after it. **Dogs must bring doggy-doo-doo bags**

⬜ Event 3 Best presented pet lamb.
⬜ Event 4 Best presented calf.
⬜ Event 5 Best presented dog.
⬜ Event 6 Best presented for any other animal (rabbits, guinea pigs, rats, fish, crocodiles etc.) other than the above, in or large animals e.g. goats behind the play shed.

Best Trained Pets The pets in this section need to show that they follow their owner's commands.

⬜ Event 7 Best trained lamb – follows its owner.
⬜ Event 8 Best trained calf – on a lead.
⬜ Event 9 Best trained dog. Responds to 'sit' command. Walks with on lead for short distance. Other commands as shown to judges.

⬜ Event 10 Lamb drinking race – 300ml milk in own bottle.
⬜ Event 11 Pet Human Look Alike (Pet & Human dress the same)

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Hall Events (Children must enter at least two of these events)

The following sections will be judged in age groups. All entries are completed at home. All items below go into the hall.

Pet Diaries Without Pets

⬜ Event 12 Diary/scrapbook kept by the child about their pet that is not at the show. (Great for cats rather than bringing them on the day).

Flowers

⬜ Event 13 Y0 to Y2 and Y3 to Y4 – Sand Saucer. (Flowers arranged in a sand saucer)
⬜ Event 14 Flowers in an unusual container.
⬜ Event 15 Vase arrangement of flowers.
⬜ Event 16 Environment/scene in sand (e.g. plastic dinosaurs in pre-historic times, farm scenes, barbie scene, beach scene, motocross etc).

Crafts and Novelty

⬜ Event 17 Vegetable Animal.
⬜ Event 18 An item made from recycled material.

⬜ Event 19 Lego type (i.e. Duplo, Lego, Lego Technics, K'nex or similar construction equipment).
⬜ Event 20 Best dressed doll.
⬜ Event 21 Best dressed bear.
⬜ Event 22 Best handcraft by child e.g. Sewing, knitting, cross-stitch
⬜ Event 23 Colouring Competition - given out at school and coloured in at school.

Baking

⬜ Event 24 Best Chocolate Cake (to be auctioned on the day)
⬜ Event 25 Chocolate chippie biscuits (3 on a plate)
⬜ Event 26 Best Decorated Cake (to be auctioned on the day.)
⬜ Event 27 Best other baked goods e.g. carrot cake, loaf (to be auctioned on the day.)
⬜ Event 28 Best decorated cupcakes (3 on a plate)

Wearable Art – Recycled Materials

⬜ Event 29 Wearable Art – display on a coat hanger or free standing.

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Bikes and remote controlled cars.

⬜ Event 30 Best decorated bike. (These are displayed around the elm tree on the front lawn).
⬜ Event 31 Slow bike race. (After lunch on back field) Children must have a helmet.
⬜ Event 32 Fastest bike races. (After lunch on back field) Children must have a helmet.
⬜ Event 33 Remote control car race.

Ag Sports Team of 3 - mixed ages – Years 4 - 8

⬜ Event 34 Put up an electric fence – 3 standards – and take it down



RIVERSDALE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY POOL



SNACKS & DRINKS

PET DAY 2026



MEAT PATTY & COLESLAW BUN

$6



LOLLY BAG

$2



CAN OF DRINK

$2



SAUSAGE IN BUN

$3

(LIMITED NUMBERS)

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.





RIVERSDALE SCHOOL
Home & School Association

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

Junior Riversdale G f

Children's golf wi"

Friday 23rd October 5pm

at th .

NO children's golf this week on Friday, as the course is closed.

bu ...is are provided

...welcome to bring their own.

For any enquiries, please call Debbie Schriek, 0210462596

RIVERSDALE TENNIS CLUB
AGM

Wednesday 4th November 2026
5pm

Hammond Davidson
69 Newcastle Street
Riversdale

All Welcome

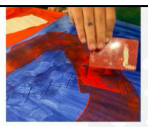
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Ever wondered what happens at a Dab-Art-Do art workshop?

Join DAB ART DO @ the Switzers Museum



Southland Arts Trail 2026
31 Oct & 1 Nov

Come and enjoy the creative process! Explore a selection of children's artwork, contribute to an interactive installation and get hands-on with art activities for all ages.

Saturday 31 October & Sunday 1 November
11 am – 4 pm
at The Switzers Museum in Waikaia



Join us in the *mornings to paint the DAB-ART-DO way*, and in the *afternoons to explore printmaking* – simple, playful and full of surprises!



Explore the student exhibition, add your mark to a collaborative painting or print and contribute to our interactive art installation.

Come along, have a look around and...

try something unexpected!

Riversdale Lions Club

CAR BOOT SALE

Entry $10 - Car or Stall
Also a Donation Stall

SATURDAY - 7 NOVEMBER at the Riversdale Community Carpark

From 10.00am to 2.00pm

Set-up Time:
From 8.30am

Refreshments Available....

BBQ ...
Run by the Lions Club ... Also ...
Cake Stall





Come along, grab a bargain and support great causes!!

CONTACT:
Bert Henson - Phone: 027 763 9538
OR
Rhys Houghton - Phone: 027 392 9687

Inside stalls in the Mavor Room - $20 per stall -

Rural Support · beef+lamb new zealand · Forsyth Barr Investment Advice · Rabobank · Bayleys · Ballance

12TH NOV • 630PM

RIDE • YARN • RECHARGE

This months BBQ Sponsors:

ARGYLE STATION
UMBRELLA RANGE ANGUS

CHALLENGE!

REGISTER & RIDE INFO:
www.waikaiaforesttrails.co.nz/ruralriders

waikaia forest trails

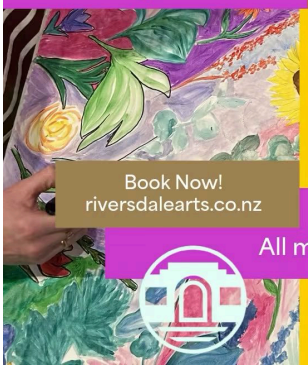
RURAL RIDERS
A CHANGE OF GEAR



Skoodles illustration



COLLABORATIVE FLORAL PAINTING Workshop



Book Now!
riversdalearts.co.nz

Riversdale Arts with Skoodles Illustration

10am-1pm
28th November
Riversdale Arts Centre

Collaboratively create a stunning floral art piece using pencils, paint and pastels

$40pp
All materials supplied

Riversdale Arts

Miss Reid's CRAFTS



MISS REID'S KID'S CREATE Workshop



Book Now!
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Riversdale Arts with Miss Reid's Crafts

11am-12:30pm
29th November
Riversdale Arts Centre

Exclusively for Kids 5+ years!
Create a
CHRISTMAS MASTERPIECE!

$45pp
All materials supplied

Riversdale Arts

Miss Reid's CRAFTS

Miss Reid's PAINT & SIP Workshop



2pm-4pm
29th November
Riversdale Arts Centre

BYO 18+
An adult creative session.

Relax with a paintbrush in one hand & a refreshment in the other!

Nibbles & art materials supplied **$75pp**

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Riversdale Arts