



27 August 2026

Term 3 Week 6

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

Kia Ora Parents and Whānau

This week we have welcomed *Shriji* (with parents Jalpa and Dixit) and *Malakai* (with parents Rochelle and Nudge) into Room 1.

We had an amazing day on Monday at Polyfest. The students were amazing ambassadors for our school and their families. If you haven't seen our performance yet go to this website <https://www.miharo.co.nz/murihiku-polyfest-livestream-2026> find the Monday recording and our performance is about 3 hours 15 minutes in. A huge **THANK YOU** to Mrs King and Whaea Carol for all the effort you put in to make us amazing!



On Tuesday 1st September we have Jimmy Blatch and James Johnstone competing at the Northern and Western Area Speech finals in Dipton - good luck boys!

Coming up next week we have the Life Education Bus here along with Pip and Harold the Giraffe. Pip and Harold will be working with each class several times across the week. This year's focus for learning is about food and nutrition, healthy food choices, how we fuel our bodies etc.

On the 24th of September we have our Term 3 Community Assembly, 1:30pm in the school hall. This is a great time for whānau to come along and see what the students have been doing this term. At the Assembly the Home and School will be announcing the winners of the Grocery Giveaway Vouchers so get selling them over the next couple of weeks.

*Nga mihi,
Bronwyn and the Riversdale Staff*

Ahakoā whati te manga, e takoto ana anō te kohiwi

Although the branch is broken off, the trunk remains

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

Certificates from Week 5



	STAR OF THE WEEK	Te Reo Māori Learner of the Week
Room 7	James	Olivia
Room 6	Maatata	Yet
Room 5	Abigail	Hayden
Room 4	Pippi	Jack
Room 3	Callum	Maia
Room 2	Willa	Kovin
Room 1	Arlo	James

Coming Up....

Term 3 (keep an eye on the Hero Calendar)

1st - 4th September	Life Education
7th September	School Board Meeting, 7pm
11th September	Super Hero day - information later in the term
14th -16th September	Year 5 & 6 Camp to Bannockburn
24th September	Community Assembly, 1:30pm in the Hall
25th September	Last day of term 3

Term 4

12th October	Term 4 starts
30th October	School Photos
6 November	Riversdale School Pet Day
18 December	Last day of school for 2026



Parents, Caregivers and Whanau are invited to visit the SchoolDocs site to review our school policies for Term 3 2026. This term we are reviewing topics in *School Engagement & Culture, Enrolment & Attendance, and Concerns and Complaints*.

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 7th of September.

Term 3 policies	Review opens 20 July
• School Community Engagement Policy	Board review
• Inclusive School Culture	Board review
• Enrolment	
• Student Attendance	Board review
• Student Uniform/Student Dress Expectations	
• Concerns and Complaints Policy	Board review

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

Pinecones For Sale

We still have heaps of bags of pinecones 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, Rhonda Wilson and Susanne Davis

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

Jan Robertson – 027 6088203 (Kaweku - Yellow Bus)
Michael Lobb – 027 3725785 (Wendon - Green Bus)
Rhonda Wilson - 027 2578895 (Waipounamu - Blue 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.



RIVERSDALE SCHOOL

Home & School Association

AGM

Nicole Evans and Melissa Cummings have joined the committee - thanks ladies!

We started planning for our annual baking mixes fundraiser - keep an eye out for details later this term (we decided we will sell them slightly earlier this year as we know of a couple of other local schools doing them in term 4 this year!). We will still do the packing in November.

Playground Fundraiser - Riversdale \$2000 Grocery Giveaway

Thanks for supporting this fundraiser - we will draw it at Community Assembly. There are still a few tickets left so if you have any opportunities to sell any between now and the 24th September it would be appreciated - every sale helps us get closer to our \$50k target!

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

RIVERSDALE SCHOOL & COMMUNITY POOL

RIVERSDALE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

POOL Fundraiser

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

Community Notices

RIVERSDALE

Home & School

Grocery

GIVEAWAY

Win big while giving back!

1 ST PRIZE	2 ND PRIZE	3 RD PRIZE	4 TH PRIZE	5 TH PRIZE
\$750	\$500	\$250	\$250	\$250



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Help your community vote

Register your interest to work at the 2026 General Election.

We want people from local communities to work in voting places and help people vote. The 2026 General Election will be held on Saturday 7 November and we're taking registrations from people who are interested in working with us.

We need people with different skills and backgrounds right across Aotearoa New Zealand.

Whether you want to work for several weeks or just on election day, there are roles for everybody, from students to experienced leaders.

For more information about the roles available, and to register your interest in working at this important event, visit work.elections.nz today.



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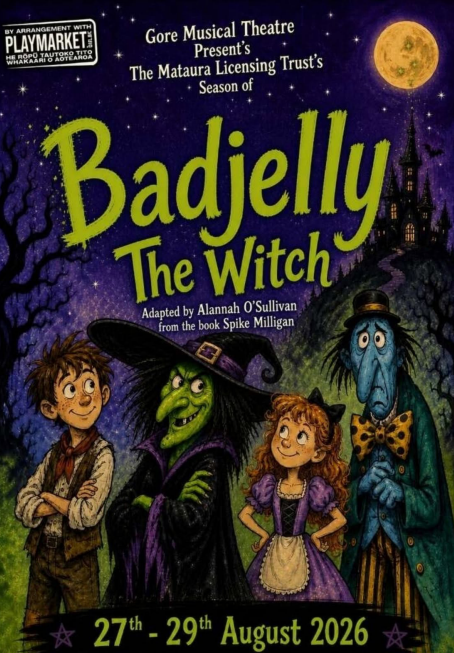



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