



21 March 2024

**Term 1 Week 7**

**Kia Ora, Kamusta, Āyubōvan, Nihao, Sata srī akāla, Namaskāra,  
Mālō e lelei, Bula, Hallå, Buna ziuā, Dia dhuit, Hello**

Happy Thursday Whānau!

This week we have had the autumn equinox, and hasn't there been a noticeable change in the weather!

Congratulations to all our students who competed at the Northern Athletics last week. We have a fabulous group of students who will be competing the Southland Primary Athletics on Sunday in Invercargill: Zac Johnstone, Vou Taufa, George Houghton, Jessie Polglaze, Priyah Blythe, Maisy Jackson, Georgia Martin, Campbell Tremaine, Olivia Davis, Amanda Cruikshank, Meila Scully, Trelise Evans, Ella Hammond, Nicole Polglaze, Ruby Marshall, Archie Jackson, Ming Li, Hunter Mackey, and Mihai Stan. Congratulations team!

Coming up next Thursday 28th March, are the Northern Swimming Sports in Te Anau. Students who are competing will receive a letter from Miss Callander today or tomorrow.

We have noticed recently some medications such as antibiotics are coming to school in lunchboxes. Our school policy says that any medication to be given to students at school is to be done so through the office. Therefore, if you are sending anything to school please bring it to the office so we can give you the appropriate form to sign, this keeps everyone safe. We would hate for someone to miss an essential dose at the correct time, or for medication to be lost.

At Riversdale School we have an expectation that all students will wear hi-viz safety vests to and from school everyday. By doing this the children are highly visible to traffic on the roads and are kept safe. We have noticed a few students not wearing their vest or bringing them to school. Please help us to keep your children safe by ensuring your child has their vest everyday. If you cannot find your child's one or they need a new one see the ad below.

Next weekend 29 March-2 April is the annual Easter break. This year is one of the unusual years where it falls in term time rather than holidays. Riversdale School will be closed for instruction on the Friday, Monday and Tuesday of Easter.

This week the students have been able to get out on the courts to play basketball with our new hoops. A big THANK YOU to Blake O'Connor and his team for getting these up for us.

Farm Dress Up Day is on Monday. We can't wait to see all the costumes coming to school. Gold coin donation towards our Think Safe Brain day on the 4th of April (see below).

*Have a great weekend*

*Nga mihi,*

*Bronwyn and the Riversdale Staff*



Well done to our 2 teams that competed at the Kids Lit Quiz on Monday at Māruawai Junior Campus



**Tūwhitia te hopo!**

Banish your fears - Feel the fear and do it anyway



Swimming with the REAP  
team today





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

	Manawaroa Resilience	Whakaute Respect	Kawenga Responsible	Kupu (word) of the Week
Room 7	Ella	Archie	Tom	Meila
Room 6	Emma	Mason	Priyah	Ashlyn
Room 5	Edie	Dinew	Evie	Bayden
Room 3	Lucy	Bentley	Abigail	Kaiden
Room 2	Skylar	Lyla	Cooper	Ollie
Room 1	Blake	Phoebe	Meila	Sophia
<b>Tumuaki (Principal) Award</b>		Keanu Ayto-Tipa		

## Coming Up....

### Term 1

18-22 March	REAP Water Safety lessons - week 2
24 March	Southland Athletics
25 March	Farm Day Dress up
26 March	Community Assembly 1:30-3:00pm
28 March	Northern Swimming Sports
29 March - 2 April	School closed for Easter break
3 April	BOT Meeting, 7pm - Staffroom
4 April	Farm Safety Day with Waikaia and Otama Schools
12 April	Term 1 ends
25 April	ANZAC Day
29 April	Term 2 begins
29 April - 3 May	Year 7&8 Deep Cove Camp

  
**Think Safe Brain**  
CAMPAIGN



**Proudly sponsored by....**

- The Godman Charitable Trust  
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# SAVE THE DATE:

**4th April 2024 10am sharp.**

**Riversdale, Otama, Waikaia and Balfour  
Schools invite you to join them at the  
Riversdale Rugby Club Grounds for their  
'Think Safe Brain' farming day!**



**Come along and interact with practical learning  
modules including: Tractors, Motorbikes, NZ Police -  
Firearms, Trucks, Fire and Emergency NZ, St John and  
more.**

**All families have been sponsored to take home a set  
of Gurt and Pops books written by our local Author  
Harriet Bremner-Pinckney!**

## School Buses

**Our four bus drivers are Jan Robertson, Michael Lobb, Robin Sherratt and James Nicolson.**

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

Jan Robertson – 027 6088203

James Nicolson – 027 2848816

Robin Sherratt – 021 2930631

Michael Lobb – 027 3725785

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.

### Scholastic Book Club Pamphlets

Due to the school no longer dealing with cheques and cash for this, you will have to order online please. The books will still come to school and we will hand them out as before. Remember if you want them as a gift to indicate on the form and we will phone you when they arrive.

**Home and School meeting tonight, Thursday 21 March, 7pm,  
in the Staffroom.**



## 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).

## Riversdale School and Community Pool

We would love for you to jump onboard and support this swimming pool fundraiser. Click on this link <https://riversdaleschoolcommunitypoolcookiedough.raiseit.co.nz/> This fundraiser is all online and with your support we can keep our pool in the best condition for our community. Please create your own fundraising page and share it on your social media so your friends and family can get on board too. Pick up day will be April the 11th at the school hall from 3pm. Please let me know if you have any questions. Jo Russell 0273635768

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SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY  
POOL

### POOL FUNDRAISER

**Food wrap** 300m x 33cm = \$26

600m X 33cm =\$36

**Roll foil** 90m x 44cm =\$23

150m x 30cm = \$23

**Baking Paper** 100m X 30cm = \$32

**Bank Account: 03-0915-0285905-00**

**Available from the school office. (new stock just arrived)**



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### Mums & Bubs pool sessions

Mondays @ 10am – 11am through the school term. Sign in, into the sign in sheet at the door and swipe your FOB. Non-Fob owners, sign in & \$2 per session



# Community Notices

## RIVERSDALE RUGBY CLUB – 2024 SEASON

Registrations are now open for the 2024 Season. Please register by Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

Could all **PLAYERS** please register using this form:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/257211>

The following grades are for the Central/Western/Northern competitions our teams play in. Please select one of the below in 'Grade Playing this year' in the form:

Rippa - Year 0 - 2 Northern Rippa

C Grade - Year 3 & 4 Northern C Grade

B Grade - Year 5 & 6 CWN B Grade

A Grade - Year 7 & 8 A Grade Southland Wide

Anyone interested in **COACHING** will please need to fill in this form:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/268694>

## PRIMARY SCHOOL GOLF

Our “School Pupils” Golf Club has started again on Friday’s. For the benefit of any new players, I have outlined some of the details about this activity below.

This Club is open to all pupils from year 3 and above, and will meet at the Riversdale Golf Course each Friday during the summer terms.

Sessions times will be 3:30 pm – 4:45 pm for primary school pupils and 4:45 – 6:00pm for older pupils. There is no cost for these Friday sessions and all gear is provided.

If your child is interested in being part of this activity, or if you have any questions about this club, please do not hesitate to phone me at 021 2037547.

Kind regards  
Stuart Riordan

**YAMAHA** agricentre  
**bLU cRU**  
**KIDS CAMPS**

Gore, Southland  
15 - 17 March 2024

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

HOME OF YAMAHA  
**OFF-ROAD EVENTS**

**Time is ticking!**

**Don't forget to register for the  
Yamaha bLU cRU Kids Camp 2024!**

The bLU cRU Kids Camps are on again this year in Gore from the 15 March - 17 March 2024. Come along as a family and learn a thing or two about riding a bike. You don't need to own a Yamaha to register, the camps are open to all brands!

**Click here to Register**

<https://www.imemanagement.co.nz/blucru-kids-camps/>