



RIVERSDALE SCHOOL
Inspiring Excellence

Our School Values:

We are:
Respectful - Whakaute
Responsible - Kawenga
Resilient – Manawaroa
Our Well-being – Hauora, supports these.

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Riversdale School Newsletter – **Term 1 Week 9**

Welcome: Resandi Jahin-Mudiyanse

Farewell: Miss P, Max and Izzy Deans

Tena Koutou Parents, Caregivers and Whanau.
Hello everyone,
Kia ora e hoa mā.

This afternoon we say a final farewell to Miss P. As previously said, she will be missed by the children, the staff and Board and of course you, our whanau.

As Tiffany said Riversdale is a special place and she has valued your support over the years. Tiffany will be back down for various events so I am sure that we will see her, Max and Izzy every now and again.

The Year 5 and 6 tamariki will return home this afternoon from the most amazing camp experience. I suspect that there will be quite a few 'sleeping in' on Good Friday morning, and some mums and dads doing the same! Thank you so much Tiffany and Marion for all the organisation that goes with taking a school camp. Also a very big thanks to Andrea Robins for being the camp cook (gourmet food for sure!) and all the whanau/parents who helped make the camp such a success. Without your support we could not run these camps. They are a very special time to see tamariki outside the school setting, and to celebrate the successes that they achieve during their time away.

Northern Swimming results:

Thank you to Jessica Stevenson for being the team manager up at Te Anau last Friday. Our tamariki did extremely well, and that was due to their dedication in attending lunchtime practices and the expert coaching from Miss Stevenson.

Finals Results:

George Hammond – 1st backstroke.
Rylan Dillon – 3rd breaststroke, 3rd medley.
Monty Tremaine – 2nd freestyle, 2nd medley.

**Whakaute
Respect**

Respect people's feelings. Even if it does not mean anything to you, it could mean everything to them.

Ryan Wing – 6th freestyle, 6th backstroke.
 Brendan McLeay – 5th freestyle, 1st breaststroke, 6th backstroke.
 Hunter Mackey – 3rd freestyle, 5th backstroke.
 Kieran Waite – 2nd freestyle, 1st breaststroke, 3rd medley.
 Jaxson McCleery – 6th freestyle
 Harrison McCleery – 1st freestyle, 6th backstroke.
 Meila Scully – 2nd breaststroke, 1st medley.
 Nicole Polglaze – 3rd breaststroke, 4th medley,
 1st backstroke.
 Lily Hawker – 5th freestyle, 6th backstroke.
 Georgia Martin – 4th freestyle, 2nd breaststroke,
 2nd medley, 1st backstroke.
 Ashlyn Dillon – 2nd freestyle, 2nd backstroke.
 Campbell Tremaine – 2nd freestyle
 Ella Johnstone – 5th freestyle, 1st backstroke.
 Bayden Waite – 2nd freestyle
 Sam Rossiter – 3rd freestyle, 3rd backstroke.



Relay team results:

8yrs Riversdale mixed – 2nd.
 9yrs Riversdale mixed – 2nd.
 10yrs Riversdale girls – 2nd.
 11yrs Riversdale mixed – 1st.
 Open Riversdale mixed – 2nd.

ANZAC DAY Ceremony



This is a very special event in our community, and the school has a large role in it. That is why we ask all of our tamariki and whanau to come along to it, because all of our children are part of the school choir that performs at this memorial event.

When: Tuesday 25 April
Where: Riversdale Community Centre



Start Time: 10am – we ask all children to meet in the Mavor Hall (small hall) at **9.45am** to have a final practice of the choir songs. Children will sit at the front of the hall on reserved seating and join whanau at the end of the ceremony.

After the ceremony inside the community centre, we are piped to the cenotaph, and Year 8 tamariki lay a wreath. Then everyone walks to the school. The flag ceremony takes place and poppies are placed around memorial stones. Then all whanau and tamariki are invited back to the Community Centre for morning tea.

Coming Up....

- 6 April** Very tired Years 5 and 6 return from camp at approximately 3.30pm.
6 April Last day of Term 1.
7 April Good Friday. School holidays for the next two weeks.
Monday 24 April Teacher Only Day. School closed for instruction.
Tuesday 25 April ANZAC Day. We would like **all children to attend the 10am service at the Riversdale Community Centre, as they perform in the school choir at this very important community service. See details in this newsletter.**
26 April First day of Term 2 for tamariki. School starts at 9am.

The students below received certificates for displaying the values of being respectful, resilient, and responsible, at Riversdale School, last week.

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

| | Manawaroa-Resilience | Whakaute-Respect | Kawenga-Responsible |
|--------|----------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Room 1 | <i>MacKenzie</i> | <i>Brendan</i> | <i>Zachary</i> |
| Room 7 | <i>Tom</i> | <i>Aoife</i> | <i>Lexi</i> |
| Room 6 | <i>Emma</i> | <i>Peter-Boy</i> | <i>Addison</i> |
| Room 3 | <i>Dakota</i> | <i>Leo</i> | <i>Mathew</i> |
| Room 4 | <i>Indie</i> | <i>Jack S</i> | <i>Bede</i> |
| Room 5 | <i>Harley</i> | <i>Toby</i> | <i>Joseph</i> |

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

On behalf of the Board and staff, we wish you Happy...



RIVERSDALE JUNIOR NETBALL AGM

to be held on FRIDAY 28 April, 3:30pm at the Riversdale Hotel

If you are interested in playing a part in your child's netball (year 5-8) please come along!

Apologies to:

Jo Smith 0274970061

Megan Horrell 021463470



waikaia forest trails

The Waikaia Trails Trust (WTT) has decided to withdraw from its intention to host the 2024 Cavalcade that is set to finish in Waikaia.

This difficult decision was made based on knowledge gained and further detailed information received, after Trust members attended the most recent Cavalcade event in March 2023. The key drivers of our decision were:

Significant volunteer time needed:

The WTT had underestimated the volunteer commitment required to run a successful event. We have been very fortunate to have received great volunteer support for events held to date and felt that we would be unfairly burdening the volunteer community of Waikaia by asking them to assist us with the Cavalcade.

Reliance on grant and sponsorship funding to generate a cash surplus to distribute:

Recent information received from previous host town events reiterated the importance of, and reliance on, successful grant applications and sponsorship to generate a meaningful cash surplus. In conjunction with running a successful event, WTT felt it is very important to provide a good cash surplus to recognise the time that would be invested by the trust and the generosity of the Waikaia volunteer community. Over the last 18 months, the WTT has applied for, and received funding from many organisations that we would then be reliant on again for funding to assist with the Cavalcade. After considering our recent successful funding and the post covid current economic environment, the Trustees felt strongly that it would be very difficult for the WTT to be able to secure funding to generate a worthwhile cash surplus.

Based on the above factors, WTT felt that withdrawing as the host of the event would be the responsible thing to do.



Attention: Rugby Parents/Guardians

REGISTRATION

If your child would like to play rugby this year they need to be registered online by Monday 10th April.

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/riversdalerugby/registration-forms-1/junior-players>

PRACTICES

Friday practices will begin the first Friday of Term 2 (28th April) for all Rippa (D Grade), C Grade tackle and B Grade tackle players. Children need to bring their rugby gear to school on Friday morning - they will need rugby boots and a mouth guard. Children will eat their lunch then be released to go and change and have a play. A "rugby bell" will ring at 1.20pm for children to head to the front gate and the rugby parents walking them to the Riversdale rugby grounds that week. If you are available to walk the children to and from the rugby grounds please get in touch with Graeme or Phil (details below). Children will be back at school in time for assembly and 3pm pick up.

UNIFORMS

Uniforms for game day will be handed out at the first practice. Your child needs to have their own black shorts, mouth guard and boots. They will be given a Riversdale jersey and socks that are theirs to wear and look after for the season. If you are available on Friday 28th April to help hand out uniforms it would be a great help.

MERCHANDISE

There have been some delays from the manufacturers end in getting the Rugby Club shop live this season. Hopefully we will have this sorted soon and those that want to order rugby club apparel (hoodies/beanies/training tops etc) will be able to. Keep an eye on the Junior Facebook page for it going live.

SATURDAY GAMES/DRAW

Rippa (D Grade) and C Grade tackle play at Mossburn every Saturday. Children are to meet at the rugby grounds in Mossburn at 11am for a 11.30am start. At the end of the games the Riversdale teams meet together for a quick debrief and to award players of the day. If your child gets player of the day then that family is kindly asked to bring the half time oranges for the following week.

B Grade players play home and away games. The draw will be issued after the grading games. Occasionally a game is played midweek in the evening if it is a public holiday weekend etc and coaches will keep families informed of these changes.

Key dates for all teams for the season/weekends with no play are on the Facebook page - including details of the compulsory tackle clinic for all C Grade players/coaches and scrum clinic for all A Grade players/coaches.

SUBS/CATERING

We are very fortunate that Riversdale Rugby Club kindly do not charge any Junior players subs, they just ask that in return for Riversdale Rugby Club Junior parents cater the meal provided for senior players for each senior home game on Saturday evenings. Each family of Junior players needs to please volunteer for ONE session. All food is provided, from approximately 4pm you will need to prep and serve the meal the club has organised - often it's a casserole already in a slow cooker, then you just need to peel & boil/mash potato and cook some frozen veggies etc. It's very easy! The meal is served around 6-6.30 and after a quick clean up you're usually away by 7. There are 4 confirmed home games this season (potentially an additional finals game tbc). Please comment on the post on the Facebook Page with which game you are able to do.

A GRADE

Coaches will be in touch with all A grade players about practices/clinic dates etc once confirmed.

CLUB INFORMATION

There is a Riversdale Junior Rugby Facebook page that keeps up to date with all the admin for the season. If you haven't already, please join to keep informed.

If you have any other questions please message the Facebook page or contact Graeme Davidson (Junior Conveyor) - 0273147892 or Phil Blatch - 0272916470