



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 2 Week 1**

**Welcome: Gurjeet Singh, Meila Cummings,
Noah Blatch and Khalias Williams**

Farewell: Skyla Forsyth-Stevens

**Whakaute
Respect**

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

Thank you all for your support at ANZAC day this week. It was wonderful to have so many of our tamariki perform in the school choir. All children are members of the choir, and it is fabulous to see them sing so well at important public events like ANZAC day. This was acknowledged by Jamie Mackay, the guest speaker, and something that is not seen in many other communities. We feel very proud of Isla Hawker, who presented the karakia, and George Hammond and Ryan Wing who recited poems. Congratulations to Lachie Kidd who piped us to the school. You were all outstanding. I would like to especially thank Katie Blatch whose contribution to leading our children at this event is so very appreciated. Katie helps set up all of the music, and the programme for the ANZAC service as well as coaching and ensuring our school choir is as fabulous as they are. You are a gift to our school and community Katie, and we are very grateful for the time that you spend on this.

Farewell Mrs Roy

It is with great sadness and regret that we inform you of Mrs Roy's resignation. Mrs Roy has been a teachers aide at Riversdale School for 12 years. She has had a huge impact on many of our tamariki across all levels. Mrs Roy is a very skilled educator having completed training in Feuerstein, Better Start Literacy

Approach, PMP, Speech Language programmes and working across a range of other specialised programmes. We are really going to miss you Victoria. Mrs Roy's last day at Riversdale School is Friday 5th May. Good luck with your future "adventure" and we will still see you around town.

Winter Sport....

Our winter sports sessions start tomorrow afternoon.

Rugby – all junior players (touch and tackle Yrs 0-6) who choose to play rugby, walk down to the sports grounds, escorted by parents. The bell rings three times at around 1.20pm and this is the signal for them to line up at the front gate. They **must have a mouthguard and rugby boots, and wear their school vest.** If you need rugby boots for your child, please let us know as we may be able to put you in touch with a parent who can sell you a second-hand pair. Children's feet grow so quickly that they soon are out of one size and into another. **See information at the end of this newsletter.**

All other children will be doing invasion games with their teacher. Please ensure that they have suitable footwear and warm clothing.

Coming Up....

26 April	First day of Term 2 for tamariki. School starts at 9am.
10 May	Taku Waimare show for all children here at school at 1.30pm
24 May	Community Assembly in the hall at 1.45pm
25 May	Waimea Cross Country at Waikaia
1 June	Northern Cross Country
5 June	King's Birthday – School Closed
8 June	Southland Cross Country at Waimumu field days site.
28 June	Community Assembly in the hall at 1.30pm
30 June	Last day of Term 2

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>Logan</i>	<i>Stella</i>	<i>Hunter</i>
Room 7	<i>All tamariki got camp certificates</i>		
Room 6	<i>Edie</i>	<i>Emma S</i>	<i>Murphy</i>
Room 3	<i>Fergus</i>	<i>Lucy M</i>	<i>Zac</i>
Room 4	<i>Silas</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Hadley</i>
Room 5	<i>William</i>	<i>Pippi</i>	<i>Hudson</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

Scholastic Book Club

They were handed out today. 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 out as before. Remember if you want them as a gift to indicate on the form and we will phone you when they arrive.

Swimming Pool....

The pool has closed. Please return all keys to the school as soon as possible.

Thank you to all our amazing pool volunteers who have kept the pool running across the season for our community. Their commitment to this is very much appreciated, as without volunteers the pool would not be operating.

RIVERSDALE JUNIOR RUGBY

It's time to sign up for Junior rugby this year - please register at this link below for Riversdale Rugby Club.

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

Rugby will start Saturday 13th May 2023. Rippa and C grade play in Mossburn each week and B & A grade play in different locations each week.

Follow the Riversdale Junior Rugby Facebook page for more details.

Friday practices start tomorrow for Rippa, C and B Grade Rugby Players.

- Children need to bring their rugby gear (boots and a mouthguard) to school on Friday morning.
- Children need to wear clothes they're happy to run around/train in to school on Fridays.
- 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 meet the rugby parents walking them to the Riversdale rugby grounds that week.
- Parent help is greatly appreciated to help walk the children to and from practice...we've got 27 Rippa's this year! If you're available any week please meet at the front of school just before 1.20pm.
- Children will be back at school in time for assembly and 3pm pick up.
- Children will be given their playing uniform this week (Riversdale jersey and socks) that are theirs to wear and look after for the season. They will need their own black shorts for Saturday games.

RIVERSDALE JUNIOR NETBALL AGM

Friday 5th May, 3:30pm; Riversdale Hotel (**note new date**)

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

Waimea Plains Pony Club AGM and General Meeting.

7.00pm, Monday 1st May 2023 at the Riversdale Hotel (Restaurant area)

All welcome – have a meal while at the meeting if you like.

Apologies to:

Grace Mercer whiterigdairyfarm@gmail.com

Tina Mann alistairtina@gmail.com or 0275629915

Ella Hammond competed at the National teams tennis tournament in Christchurch.
She was awarded the Good Sport Award tournament medal
for 12 yr old girls- player voted.

Congratulations Ella



Book Sale

Balfour Lions

12 May Friday 5-7 pm
13 May Saturday 9-5 pm
14 May Sunday 9-2 pm

Any books, puzzles, music, magazines etc you have to spare we'd greatly appreciate.

Please drop off to MacGregor Hobbs
or phone 03 2016 242 for collection

See you there.

Balfour Hall

Proceeds to the Otago Southland
Rescue Helicopter Trust
