



RIVERSDALE SCHOOL
Inspiring Excellence

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Term 4 Week 8

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

Kia Ora Parents and Whānau,

Today we have welcomed *Isabelle Gregory* to Riversdale School (and parents Caroline and Glen).

This week has been a little messy for some classes as new carpet is being laid. The carpet is looking great and the team should be finished by Tuesday.

We have noticed that a number of town students are arriving at school before 8:30am. Please ensure your child does not come early, unless you have made a specific arrangement with their teacher.

There have also been a number of incidents of chewing gum at school. Please check your child is not bringing this to school.

Last week we had teams competing at the Southland Golf Tournament. Our team of Bayden, Kate, Ella and Sam came third overall - Congratulations!



On Tuesday night we were privileged to celebrate with 2 of our amazing teachers who have received their full teachers registration. When teachers first graduate or are new to the New Zealand system from overseas they have 2 years of further mentoring on the job. Congratulations Meg Cloete and Keralee Marshall.

We had a great time last Friday with Chris Knight from Athletics Southland. He worked with each class on their running and jumping skills ahead of our Waimea athletics next year on the 27th of February.

Next Friday we are having the final round of the House Challenge that has been running this term. We would love for all the children to come dressed in their house colours. We will post the house lists early next week so you can be reminded which colour they need to wear.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Nga mihi nui,

Bronwyn and the Riversdale Staff

Tini whetū ki te rangi, he iti te pōkēao ka ngaro

A small cloud overhead will obscure the stars

A small group can overcome the multitude, can overcome a myriad of difficulties

Coming Up....

Term 4

1 December	Board meeting, 7pm, staffroom - Agenda closes 12pm Friday before meeting
15 December	Year 8 Graduation Night, 7pm
17 December	Colour Run and Room 7 Market Day
19 December	Last day of school - finish at 12:45pm

2026

9 February 2026	First day of Term 1
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 **SchoolDocs**
Policies and Procedures

Parents, Caregivers and Whanau are invited to visit the SchoolDocs site to review our school policies for Term 4 2025. This term we are reviewing topics in Health, Safety and Welfare Policy section.
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

Term 4 policies	Review opens 6 October
• Bullying and Harassment	Board review
• Behaviour Management	Board review
• Searches, Seizures, and Retention of Property	
• Minimising Physical Restraints	Board review
• Stand-downs, Suspension, and Exclusion	
• Staff Wellbeing and Safety	

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

School Buses

Our four bus drivers are Jan Robertson, Michael Lobb, Rhonda Wilson and Anne Brown

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

Jan Robertson – 027 6088203

Michael Lobb – 027 3725785

Rhonda Wilson - 027 2578895

Paul - 021474580

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.

Go Bus are on the lookout for 2 full time drivers for next year and some relief drivers. If this sounds like you contact Nicki Stevens at Go Bus 0272892624

School Grounds Working Bee

Saturday 6th Dec

9am-12pm

Group working bee for school families to help tidy up school grounds.

We know it is a busy time of the year, but it would be great to have a good turn out to the working bee for a couple of hours to help with a list of jobs.

Please bring these items if you have any:

- Wheelbarrows
- Shovels
- Spades
- Trimming equipment

Contacts

Sarah Crooks 0274 512633

Morgan Crooks 0273 205716



RIVERSDALE SCHOOL
Home & School Association



Home & School Fundraiser

RIVERSDALE BEANIES - \$33

\$3 from each beanie goes to Home & School

To order email riversdalehas@gmail.com

**Comes with a second beanie that was misprinted RIVESDALE*

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).



Community Notices



**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



30th November 2025 Open Day

This a day for the public to come along and see us operating. There will be training going on and EAZ will be available for visitors to take a Trial Flight or for Club members to give a friend or a family member an introduction to aviation.

We also have a special guest coming along, Russell Gustchlang. Russell started out at the Club, even some instructing before going onto gaining the 4th CPL helicopter license in New Zealand courtesy of Sir Tim Wallace, who also held the 3rd CPL helicopter CPL.

Russell flew well into his 80s.

He has also written a book of his experiences, Stories of Wings, Rotors and Butt-Clenching Moments (BCMs)!

We will have the BBQ fired up from 12:00pm on and Russell will be entertaining us at 1:30pm.

Contacts: 027 632 5856 027 433 9828

CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL + PARADE

Santa Parade:
12 Noon
Main Street, Gore

Christmas Carnival:
1:00pm - 4:30pm
Main Reserve, 40 Ardwick St

Sunday 14
December
2025

COME
JOIN THE
FUN!



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GORE A&P SHOW

FEBRUARY 7TH, 2026

Kids can enter:

- Baking - Crafts - Art work - Photography -
- Colouring Competition - Flowers - Fresh Produce -

As well as your pets!
You might win a prize or certificate!!

The full schedule is available to download from
- www.goreapshowgrounds.co.nz -

The A&P show in Gore has been going for over 140 years, and incorporates livestock, show jumping, wood chopping, Highland Dancing, market tent as well as loads of free entertainment on the day!

Entry to the show is free to children (under 16) and only \$15 for the grown-ups!





Riversdale Arts

Christmas Workshops

Book now at
www.riversdalearts.co.nz

**DISCOVER
THE ART
OF DAIRY
PANTRY BASICS** With Clare Ryan

**Saturday
22nd Nov.
10am-12pm
\$75pp**



Book now at www.riversdalearts.co.nz/classes

**DISCOVER
THE ART
OF MAKING
MOZZARELLA** With Clare Ryan

**Saturday
22nd Nov.
1pm-3pm
\$75pp**



Book now at www.riversdalearts.co.nz/classes

Wire Christmas Trees
with Queenstown artist,
Lee van der Geest

**Sunday
30 Nov.
9am-12:30pm
1:30pm-5pm
\$240pp**



Book now www.riversdalearts.co.nz

**DISCOVER
THE ART
OF MAKING
BLUE CHEESE** With Clare Ryan

**Sunday
23rd Nov.
10am-3pm
\$150pp**



Book now at www.riversdalearts.co.nz/classes

GLENHAM TRAINWRECK TRAIL




SATURDAY 17 JANUARY 2026
RACES START FROM 10am

10km - Walk, Run or Mountain Bike
15km - Run or Mountain Bike
21km - Run or Mountain Bike
43km - Mountain Bike
43km - E-Bike
Other distances for E-bike recreational only

Register online at:
www.glenhamtrainwreck.co.nz
or on the day from 8.30am at
Glenham Hall
Cash only (No EFTPOS available)

Compete in any of the Mountain Bike events and go in the draw to win a
MOUNTAIN BIKE VALUED AT \$2000
thanks to MLT and CrossRoad Cycles

Fundraiser for Glenham Community Centre










BUSHCRAFT & SURVIVAL SKILLS Holiday Experiences

CHILD VS WILD [5 Days]
7 to 13 year olds
Invercargill
9am to 3pm
15th December to 19th December 2025
19th January to 23rd January 2026
An Adventure quest in different locations. Children spend four days learning and acquiring bushcraft and survival skills ready to be tested on the final day in a teamwork survival challenge.

BUSH KIDS [1 Day]
7 to 16 year olds
Invercargill & Gore
9am to 3pm
Monday 26th January GORE
Wednesday 28th January Invercargill
Thursday 29th January Invercargill
Friday 30th January Invercargill

NATURAL CREATORS [1 Day]
5 to 16 year olds
Invercargill
9am to 3pm
22nd December 2025
27th January 2026
A one day creative cooking experience preparing nourishing meals in the kitchen from scratch. Children will come home enthused, feeling capable and independent after a day with Geraldine from the Ferment Kitchen.

A one day bushcraft and survival day experience*:
Advanced fire starting skills
Knife work, whittling, carving
Bush exploration, navigating, orienteering
Shelter building
Cooking on gas stoves/ fires
Survival first aid
Plant medicine
Foraging

*Every day brings a different adventure. Activities are weather, location and seasonally dependent

www.trueinnature.com  Katie: 0226381497



Travelling overseas in the school holidays?

You must do a **New Zealand
Traveller Declaration**
when you come back

TravellerDeclaration.govt.nz

Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa
New Zealand Government

**New Zealand
Traveller
Declaration**

Whakapuakanga
Tangata Haere ki
Aotearoa