



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 3 Week 5**

Welcome: Harley Martin

Kia ora e hoa Whanau,

Speeches: A very big congratulations to Isabella Houghton who gained 2nd place in the Year 7 & 8 section at the first zone competition on Tuesday. Also, congratulations to Logan Wing who placed

*Resilience
Manawaroa*



3rd in the Years 5 & 6 section. Well done to Hennessy Stevens and Ryan McNamee who performed their speeches so clearly and with composure. We are very proud of you all.

Isabella goes through to the Northern Zone speech competition held at Lumsden School. We wish her well in this next phase of the competition.

Read to your children every night...

Reading to your child every night, right until they are in Year 8, is of huge benefit to them, and a lovely time for catching up with their day. Teaching professionals are noticing a big drop in the ability to concentrate, and book knowledge, in new entrant children. Corresponding to this is a drop in their oral language and general foundational skill levels – using scissors,



sitting on the mat for longer periods than 1 minute with attention, packing and unpacking their bags, holding a pencil correctly, counting numbers and forming the letters in their name from the correct start points.

Reading to children every night encourages the development of their attention, their oral language, and their knowledge and readiness for learning to read and write. It also develops a love of books. Thinking skills are developed, as while they listen, they are thinking about and discussing the meaning of the story, or some vocabulary. Their imagination is developed through listening to stories. It is a lovely bonding time, tucking children up into bed and relaxing and taking the time to read a story or the next chapter in the book. If you need any ideas for fabulous books to read, please get in touch with your children's teacher.

Please do not send sweets or chocolate treats (e.g., Freddo's) to school for lunches – these can be after school treats. Also please check that your child is not bringing chewing gum to school. This gets dropped on carpets or stuck to school furniture. We have had a couple of incidents of senior children bringing gum to school lately. We love to see healthy, delicious food like sandwiches, or a heat-up, and a small piece of fruit in lunches, as these sustain children for the afternoon learning session. Noodles must be managed by children and teachers are not expected to make these for children at school. If you wish to send them, please put them in a flask already prepared, or ensure that your child can deal with them.



Coming Up....

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| 31 August | Community Assembly – <u>1.30pm</u> in the school hall. |
| 07 September | Board Parent Elections close – remember to vote |
| 12 September | Board of Trustees Meeting 7.30pm in the staffroom |
| 28 September | Community Assembly – <u>1.30pm</u> in the school hall. |
| 30 September | Last day of Term 3 |
| 17 October | First day of Term 4 |
| 24 October | Labour Day – School closed |
| 28 October | Pet Day |

Please phone or text the school phone 0275553534 if your child is absent from school. We do need to know why for reporting purposes to the Ministry of Education.

School bus driver needed. Paul Brown has advised GoBus that he can only drive the Mandeville route for the next fortnight. He will train you, and you get paid a minimum of 2 hours in the morning, and the same for the afternoon. If anyone is interested, can you please contact me 0275553534 – I can give you some idea about the job, or call Paul on 0272224516.

Values Awards

Special congratulations to the following tamariki who received their Silver Award last week. This means they have reached 100 house points – Kei te pai!

Ben, Liam, Isla, and Casey



Congratulations to the following tamariki who received their Bronze Award last Friday:

James, Odín and Aroha



Values Certificates

The students named 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 |
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| Room 1 | <i>Jack</i> | <i>Linkin</i> | <i>Rylan</i> |
| Room 7 | <i>Ming</i> | <i>Logan</i> | <i>Meila</i> |
| Room 6 | <i>Cooper</i> | <i>Thomas</i> | <i>Emma</i> |
| Room 3 | <i>Emma</i> | <i>James</i> | <i>Bella</i> |
| Room 4 | <i>Dakota</i> | <i>Zac</i> | <i>Mathew W</i> |
| Room 5 | <i>Jack</i> | <i>Ollie</i> | <i>Kaiden</i> |

John Parsons – Cyber Safety Expert

In the next few weeks, we will be sharing his really important messages for parents/whanau. This is a link you can go into to watch one of his topics - **Live Streaming: Understand the risks for children**

<https://www.facebook.com/johnparsonsS2E/videos/244747619971043/>

Stock up now as these are great value and last ages!

Pool fundraiser price list: (these are held at the school so just text a message or pop in)

Food wrap 300m x 33cm = \$23
 600m x 33cm = \$35

Roll foil 90m x 44cm = \$22
 150m x 30cm = \$22

Baking paper 100m x 30cm = \$30

And can you please check that you have RETURNED YOUR POOL KEY TO THE SCHOOL.

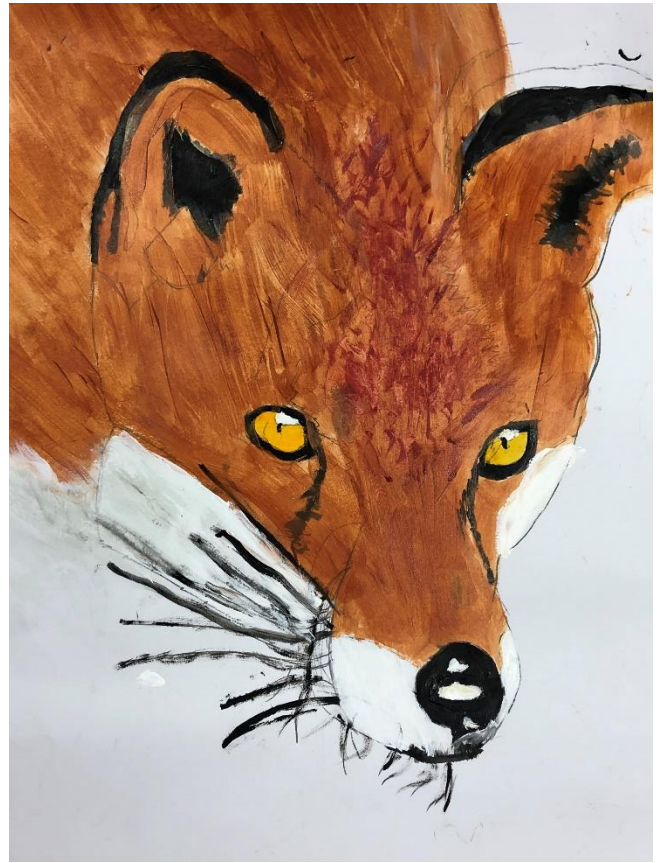
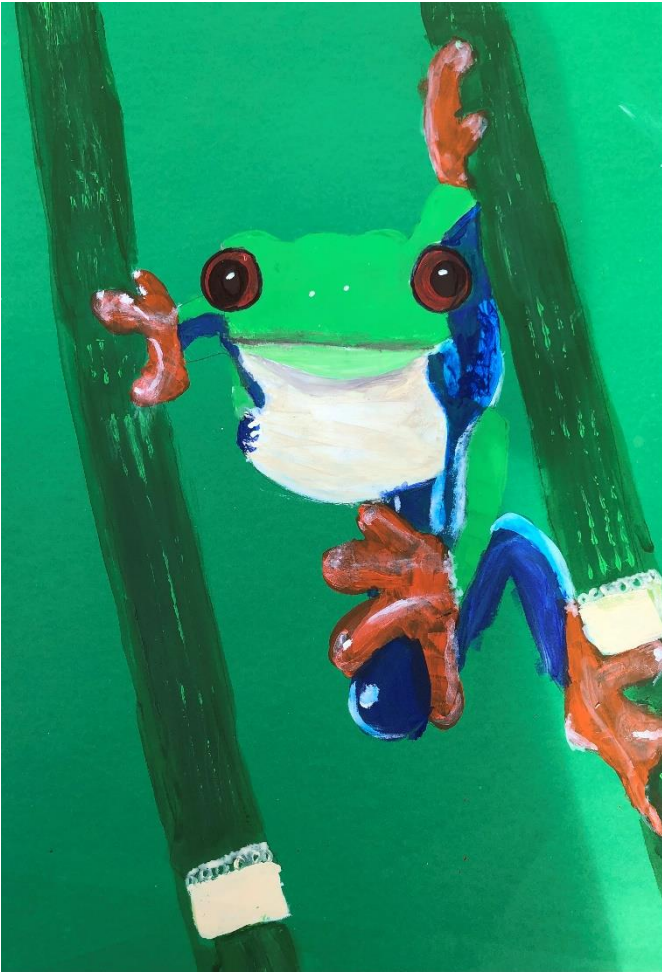


Congratulations to the Longford 8A team who have Hennessy, Casey and Billie-Mya playing for them. They had a great season in which they were runners up in the 4th grade for the Eastern Netball Competition 2022.

*Billie-Mya - Most Improved Player for the season
Casey - Most Valuable Player for the season*

Also, Casey was named 4th Grade, Player of the Day on finals day 20th August.

Over the past four weeks, some of our Year 5 and 6 tamariki have been attending REAP Art classes in the hall with Kathy Martin. Below is some of their latest work, which is amazing and gorgeous. Well done Meila (fox) and Ben (frog).



On Wednesday morning we had Felicity from OfficeMax here teaching our children how to use some of the digital technology tools that we purchased last year. Below are photos of Rooms 4 and 5 children using the Botley's (wee wheeled robots you can program).





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Riversdale School Teachers Aide Part-time Position

We are looking for a reliable, confidential person who loves working with children to support their learning. This position commences on Monday 26 September 2022.

The position has two components:

1. Permanent part-time position, Monday to Thursday from 9am - 12.45pm.
2. Fixed term position, Monday to Thursday 1.45pm - 3pm.

If you are interested in joining a collegial team and working with lovely tamariki, please apply with your covering letter. We need a brief Curriculum Vitae, stating your strengths and previous work history, as well as the names of two referees and email it all to principal@riversdale.school.nz.

Applications close Friday 16 September at 5pm. If you would like further information about this flexible position, please phone Kay Stevens on 027 555 3534.

Information for parents, whānau and caregivers

Reopening international borders and low immunisation rates, has increased the chances of disease outbreaks including measles. (Worldwide, reported measles cases increased by 79% in the first two months of 2022 compared to the same time last year.) Measles only occurs in New Zealand when it is brought into the country.

Measles is even more contagious than COVID and can be life-threatening to those who have not been vaccinated. It is important to be able to quickly identify anyone who might be at risk during an outbreak.



- Measles is preventable if you are fully vaccinated. If you're not sure you have been vaccinated against measles, it's best to get immunised.
- It is free for anyone born after 1969 who has not had two MMR vaccinations or if you don't have any proof of vaccination. There are no safety concerns with having additional MMR doses.
- You can get your MMR vaccinations at participating pharmacies, your GP or family doctor, the Dunedin Immunisation Centre, Civic Theatre Immunisation Centre in Invercargill and participating Maori and Pacific Health Care Providers.

For a full list and more information please see: [Southern Measles](#)

For more information about measles and the MMR vaccination visit [here](#) (Ministry of Health), [here](#) (Health Navigator) [here](#) (KidsHealth – Paediatric Society of NZ and Starship Foundation) or [here](#) (The Immunisation Advisory Centre)

Please feel free to contact your Public Health Nurse if you would like more information and / or email publichealthnursing@southerndhb.govt.nz.

If you would like posters, brochures to display please email: MMR@southerndhb.govt.nz.



Dyslexia Support South

where hope meets learning

by Learning Differences Aotearoa Trust

Kia ora Koutou, welcome to our August bi-monthly newsletter. We have had a busy few months and we are looking forward to the warmer weather and colourful flowers of spring! We hope you enjoy reading our newsletter, please get in touch if you have any questions, we are always here to help. -

Chris Cole, Learning Advisor and Philippa Christie, Programme Co-ordinator. Email support@learningdifferences.org.nz



Our programme for children aged 6 - 12 years, Growing Stars, was held in the July holidays. Four girls and four boys attended at the new venue, Southland Loss and Grief Centre. We hold Growing Stars with another local charity Able Minds - <http://www.able.org.nz/> and we work together to promote the workshops and both organisation's provide trained volunteers. We have been running Growing Stars for five years, and have families who have travelled from Wanaka and Te Anau to attend the workshops. We have also had children who have attended the workshops more than once. We welcome and encourage children/families to come back a second time, especially if the children have participated when they were very young. They get a confidence boost and still get more out of it.

Thank you to ILT and ILT Foundation, whose funding means that we can continue to run these invaluable workshops. To our partner Able Minds and all our volunteers, thank you!

We want
your feedback



We want to know how we can support parents of children with Dyslexia. Would interested in a once a term get together? Online or in person? If you have any idea this link https://fb.watch/eHmxv382_e/ to go to our facebook page and leave a co or drop us an email.

In Southland August is typically the month when our high schools hold their open da applications are due in by Friday 26 August.

If your child is heading off to a new school next year, here are some great articles website about what questions to ask when considering a new school, and how to s your child through the transition.

<https://www.dyslexiasupportsouth.org.nz/parent-toolkit/school-information/choosing-a-nsitioning-to-a-new-school/>



Southland Youth Forum

24 September, 11am - 4pm

Stadium Southland Velodrome

[Click here](#) for more information

Growing Stars Workshop

Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th October

[Click here](#) for more information and to register

Dyslexia Awareness Week

October 5 - 11

RUGBY JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING 2022

Please see details below. Rippa photos will commence at 3.30pm sharp.

To order team photos photos:

Please message Kelly-Anne Blatch 0274 857 877 or on Facebook with which team/s photos and quantity you would like the order and then transfer money by 23rd August. \$20 per photo.

HJ KA Blatch

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Please use the players grade and name as reference.

See you there!



RIVERSDALE RUGBY CLUB



JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING 2022

THURSDAY 25TH AUGUST
Riversdale Clubrooms
3.30pm

Rippa photos will commence at 3.30pm sharp, followed by C, then B and then A Grade - please have kids ready in their rugby uniforms.

You will hand your jersey/socks in after your photo. Photos are \$20 each. Photo orders and payment to Kelly-Anne Blatch by 23rd August.

Followed by Prizegiving Ceremony around 4pm.

Afternoon tea provided for kids at the end.

Family & Friends Welcome