RIVERSDALE SCHOOL
Inspiring Excellence

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26 November 2026 **Term 4 Week 7**

Kia Ora, Kamusta, Āyubōvan, Sata srī akāla, Namaskāra,
Hallå, Dia dhuit, Kam na mauri, Mālō e Lelei, Hello

Kia Ora Parents and Whānau,

As we move through the second half of Term 4, there is a wonderful buzz of energy around the school with end-of-year events coming up fast. It is fantastic to see our ākonga showing great respect (whakaute), responsibility (takohanga), and resilience (manawaroa) in their learning and mahi every single day.

Just a quick reminder regarding lunchboxes as we get into the warmer weather and busy afternoons—please remember to pack a sandwich or a heat-up, and some fruit or veges, for your tamariki. Having good, filling kai is essential brain and energy food to keep them focused and thriving right through the afternoon.

A huge thank you to Janine Marshall for all of her hard work, time, and dedication to the Riversdale School and Community Pool over the years. We wish her all the very best as she steps down and bids farewell to the committee—your manaakitanga (generosity) and support for our kura and community are truly appreciated!

Next Friday, the 4th of December, the Year 8 students have planned a Touch Tournament for the whole school. We will be taking everyone down to the sports grounds around 9:15am for the day. All students have been put into teams playing in 3 different grades: Years 0-2, Years 3&4, Year 5-7. Each team will get 5-6 games over the course of the day. The Year 8s will also run a BBQ for lunch and have baking and drink available to buy. Parents are welcome to come along and support your children. If you have skills in refereeing touch I am sure the Year 8s would appreciate your support to help them out across 6 fields. If you can help out please let Miss McCall or Mrs Morton know as soon as you can (even if it is only for part of the day). The Year 8s will send out information next week via Hero.

We also have a couple of special end-of-year celebrations to pop onto the whānau calendar:

- **Year 8 Graduation: Monday 14th December,** starting at 7:00pm in the school hall. Please bring a supper plate to share as we celebrate our senior students.
- **Christmas Concert: Thursday 17th December**, starting at 5:30pm on the grass outside the hall. Bring along your picnic tea, deck chairs, and rugs. Tamariki are invited to come dressed in their best Christmas attire!

Finally, our Home and School team needs a helping hand this weekend! They are short of people to help pack **Baking Mixes** this Sunday, 29th November, at the Riversdale Community Centre. It is an easy job—just show up and help put flour, sugar, and ingredients into the bags. They are set up from 2:00pm to 9:00pm, and even if you can only spare an hour or so, every bit helps. Senior school children are very welcome to come along and help out too. Please RSVP to Kelly-Anne on 027 4857877 or via Facebook. You can also lend a hand with the **Maize Maze**. We are going to be doing the Maize Maze again in April

2027 and will be the only beneficiary from the funds raised this year. There are a few jobs that need done now that the maize has been planted - marking out and spraying. Please message Nicole 027 654 9118 if you are able to help—see the Home and School notice below for all the details.

Nga mihi,
Bronwyn, and the Riversdale Staff

Ngaua te pae hamuti

Rise to the challenge, get stuck in

From the Year 8s

Dear Parents / Caregivers

We are the year 8 students of Riversdale School and we are organising a touch tournament for our school, on Friday 4th December, to have a fun day learning new skills and to have a blast.

We would love for you to donate some sausages so we can put on a sausage sizzle and sell it to the kids for lunch. This Tournament is also to raise money for our year 8 funday. If you would like to please let us know by the 30th of November. Thanks for your consideration. If you are able to donate some sausages please leave a message with Miss McCall or Mrs Morton.

Kind Regards,
Year 8 students of Riversdale School

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

Certificates from Week 5



	STAR OF THE WEEK	Te Reo Māori Learner of the Week
Room 7	Priyah	Ava
Room 6	Ivy, Yet	Evie
Room 5	Kaiden	Meads
Room 4	Charlie	Brianna
Room 3	Scout	Daisy
Room 2	Kolt, Hugo	Hudson H
Room 1	Hunter	Esko

Coming Up….

Term 4 (keep an eye on the Hero Calendar)

7 December	Riversdale School Board meeting
14 December	Year 8 Graduation
15 December	The Great Riversdale School Water Fight
16 December	Year 8 Fun Day
17 December	Christmas in the Park (5:30pm)
18 December	Last day of school for 2026 (12.45pm finish)

Term 1, 2027

2 February	First day of school 2027
26 February	Waimea Athletics Day

SchoolDocs
Policies and Procedures

Parents, Caregivers and Whanau are invited to visit the SchoolDocs site to read our school policies. Each term the Board reviews a number of policies and procedures. Parents, Whanau and Families are invited to read and make comment when these come up for review. To read any of our policies follow the steps below

To review policy documents:

1. Visit the website link: https://policies.schooldocs.co.nz/riversdale
2. Click into the *Parents Quick Links* tab to easily find the policy you require.

School Buses

Our four bus drivers are Jan Robertson, Michael Lobb, Craig Hamilton and Susanne Davis

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

Jan Robertson – 027 6088203 (Waipounamu - Blue Bus)
Michael Lobb – 027 3725785 (Wendon - Green Bus)
Craig Hamilton - 027 6372583 (Kaweku - Yellow Bus)
Susanne Davis - 022 1363509 (Mandeville - Red Bus)

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.

Pinecones For Sale

We still have heaps of bags of pineconces for sale. If you would like to purchase pinecones, come on down and grab them from school. **They are 1x bag for $5 and 4x bags for $15.**

RIVERSDALE SCHOOL & COMMUNITY POOL

The Riversdale School and Community Pool is running a battery collection fundraiser. Collecting use car and machinery batteries. These will be on sold to be recycled. Helps clear the yard, while raising much needed funds for our pool. Please get in touch with Jo Russell 0273635768 for more info or collection.







RIVERSDALE SCHOOL
Home & School Association

BAKING MIXES - more help needed please

We are sorted for the Monday but need more people to help pack baking mixes on Sunday 29th November at the community centre in Riversdale.

It's easy - just show up and help put flour/sugar etc into the baking mix bags.

Two sessions - afternoon 2-5pm and evening session 6-8.30pm , but we're setup the whole time from 2pm onwards so plenty of flexibility in what works best for you - even if it's just an hour or so, everything helps! Senior school children are welcome to come help also.

Please RSVP on our facebook page or to Kelly-Anne 0274857877 so we can make sure we have enough people.

MAIZE MAZE

We are excited that we are going to be doing the Maize Maze again in April 2027 and will be the only beneficiary from the funds raised this year. We will only be opening for one weekend to help with volunteer workload and will put a call out for that next year. However there is one job we need to do now that the Maize has been planted. Please contact Nicole below if you can help.

Spraying - help needed next few weeks.

McClintock Contracting have planted the Maize and we will need to spray the maze paths out while plants are small.

- This will need to happen within the next couple of weeks but dependent on weather/growth so can't give confirmed dates yet.
- Located 5 mins from Riversdale
- BYO knapsack with a good strong brew.
- Tracks will be marked out in spraypaint and will be able to do it in your own time (day or evening - we can provide a map).

Please message Nicole Evans if you can help with this 027 654 9118.

Riversdale Beanies - $35

To order email riversdalehas@gmail.com

Facebook Page

Please join our Facebook page 'Riversdale Home and School' to keep up to date with all our latest info.

Thanks Home & School Committee

Community Notice













Join the Ewan Allan Honda team for our Honda Kids Bike Demo Day, where young riders will have the opportunity to experience Honda's kids' motocross range and get a taste of the excitement of riding.

Facebook Event
https://www.facebook.com/share/1CdVp4jNVb/

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL
Save up to $500 on selected bikes*
Receive a FREE Honda backpack full of gear when you purchase a qualifying kids' MX bike.*
Give the kids a Christmas they'll never forget!

Parents must be present

