



20 August 2026

Term 3 Week 5

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

Kia Ora Parents and Whānau

Polyfest is nearly here! We are excited to share our Kapa Haka learning with you and the audience in Invercargill on Monday. **See the information below** regarding what is happening on the day.

If your child is not coming because they are unwell on the day please let us know through absences on Hero so they can be marked absent on the roll. The buses will not be running in the afternoon so you will need to come and pick your child/children up from school. We will let you know when we are leaving Invercargill so you can meet them at school. If you have a younger child that needs a car seat please send that along in the morning. As always please let your bus driver know on Monday morning if your child will not be coming to school on the bus. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call. As everyone will be in Invercargill for the day any children not attending Polyfest will need to be at home.

At the end of the week, Friday 28th August, we have a number of students from years 4-8 heading up to Waikaia to compete in a Ki O rahi tournament. They will also get to join in on the Waikaia School Daffodil Day activities. Please send along a few dollars that they can spend for lunch and activities. All money raised goes to the Cancer Foundation.

Friday 4th September will be Miss Callander's final day with us as she heads off for her maternity leave. We wish her well and eagerly await the news of her new little one. We welcome back Miss Kimberly Harper who will be teaching 2 days a week in Room 3, alongside Mrs Blatch who will continue to teach the other 3 days.

Congratulations to Jimmy Blatch and James Johnstone who came 1st and 2nd on their age groups in Round Two of the Southland Speech competition. They are now off to the Northern and Western Area final in 2 weeks.



We have a number of bugs going around the school at the moment. There have been positive tests for Influenza A and a terrible tummy bug. Please keep your child home until they are well. We are having to send children home again who have come back too early. Advice is any vomiting and diarrhoea should have stopped 48 hours before a return to school or work, and Influenza can be at least 5 days, if not longer.

Nga mihi,

Bronwyn and the Riversdale Staff

Ahakoā whati te manga, e takoto ana anō te kohiwi

Although the branch is broken off, the trunk remains

Polyfest Information

The whole school is attending the Polyfest in Invercargill on **Monday 24th August** to perform as part of the Riversdale Kapa Haka group. All children need to meet in the School Hall at 8.50 am on **Monday 24th August**. We will then depart from school at approximately 9.05am and meet at Stadium Southland at 10.15am.

Parents who are coming, please come to the School Hall at 8.50am so we can organise children into their allocated vehicles to be transported to Invercargill.

Schedule: Approximate times

9.05 am Leave School

10.15am arrive by cars

Go to velodrome to eat from 10.15am-10.50am

10.50am go out the back to get changed (we need this amount of time as we have a large number of children to dress.

11.55pm perform (20 minutes)

12.20 pm get changed quickly and then watch performances if time allows

1.30pm departing to head back to school.

Children will need:

- A packed lunch (no heat ups)
- A drink bottle
- Girls need to wear their hair half in and half out (Please pack their hair brush in case their hair needs fixed after the car ride).
- Girls need plain black shorts (preferably bike shorts/tighter shorts) and a plain black thin strapped singlet to wear under their dress. (The dress and neck bands are given out at the stadium).
- Boys need a pair of plain black shorts. (They will be given a Riversdale t-shirt the day before that they will need to bring on the day and Kapa Haka sash will be given out at the stadium).

- **All Polyfest uniforms need to be handed back in after the performance.**

All Parents/Caregivers who are watching the performance need to bring a gold coin donation to give upon entry.

* Please note - The performances are live streamed on the website and some photos may be added to their facebook page. Our performance time is 11:55am

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1850320365380104/>

Website: <https://www.miharo.co.nz/murihiku-polyfest-livestream-2026>

All those taking cars and other children with you to Polyfest please pop in to school with your drivers licenses so we can check you off the list.

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

Certificates from Week 4



	STAR OF THE WEEK	Te Reo Māori Learner of the Week
Room 7	Harry	Edie
Room 6	Lucy C	Cruz
Room 5	Indie	Ruby
Room 4	Phoebe	Frankii
Room 3	Freya	Darcy
Room 2	Mitchell	Chayan
Room 1	Charlotte	Bethany

Coming Up....

Term 3 (keep an eye on the Hero Calendar)

24 th August	Polyfest in Invercargill
1st - 4th September	Life Education
11th September	Super Hero day - information later in the term
14th -16th September	Year 5 & 6 Camp to Bannockburn
24th September	Community Assembly, 1:30pm in the Hall
25th September	Last day of term 3

Term 4

12th October	Term 4 starts
6 November	Riversdale School Pet Day



Congratulations to these boys who have been selected for the Southland Country Rugby team in their age group.



Parents, Caregivers and Whanau are invited to visit the SchoolDocs site to review our school policies for Term 3 2026. This term we are reviewing topics in *School Engagement & Culture, Enrolment & Attendance, and Concerns and Complaints.*

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

These policies will be reviewed by the Board during their meeting on the 7th of September.

Term 3 policies	Review opens 20 July
• School Community Engagement Policy	Board review
• Inclusive School Culture	Board review
• Enrolment	
• Student Attendance	Board review
• Student Uniform/Student Dress Expectations	
• Concerns and Complaints Policy	Board review

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

Pinecones For Sale

We still have heaps of bags of pinecones for sale. Winter is coming! 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.**

School Buses

Our four bus drivers are Jan Robertson, Michael Lobb, Rhonda Wilson and Susanne Davis

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

Jan Robertson – 027 6088203 (Kaweku - Yellow Bus)
Michael Lobb – 027 3725785 (Wendon - Green Bus)
Rhonda Wilson - 027 2578895 (Waipounamu - Blue 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.



RIVERSDALE SCHOOL
Home & School Association

Playground Fundraiser - Riversdale \$2000 Grocery Giveaway

The Riversdale Grocery Giveaway is underway - and there is a huge **\$2000 in grocery vouchers up for grabs!**

Tickets are just \$6 each – and can be easily purchased online at <https://www.trybooking.com/nz/BDZC> or scan the QR code on the image.

Each child has 15 tickets to sell. We're currently sitting at just over 50% sold so we need your help to make this fundraiser a success. Please share with friends, family, neighbours — everyone counts! The winners will be drawn at the next school assembly.



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 – Kelly-Anne, Nicole, Ronee, Julie & Jenna.

RIVERSDALE SCHOOL & COMMUNITY POOL



The poster features a blue background with a pool tile pattern. At the top, it says 'RIVERSDALE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY POOL Fundraiser' in green and blue. To the left is a pink cupcake and a beach ball. To the right is a yellow ring. A green starburst in the top right corner says 'Available all year round from School Office'. Below the title is a list of items and prices. At the bottom, there is a muffin tray, a cookie, and a cartoon boy in a pool ring. Text at the bottom says 'Use Description and Last Name as reference' and 'Payment to: 03 0915 0285905 00'.

Available all year round from School Office

RIVERSDALE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY POOL Fundraiser

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

Community Notices

Southland Orienteering

Call into our stand at the Expo this Sunday, try out our Orienteering Trivia course around the Mall and support the other 22 stalls.

Details for the day can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/events/2490917334754170>



The poster has a green background with a tennis court pattern. It features a basketball, a baseball, boxing gloves, and a tennis racket. The text 'SOUTHLAND SPORTS CLUB EXPO' is in large white letters. Below it, the date and time are listed. At the bottom are logos for Great South, Invercargill, and Invercargill Central.

SOUTHLAND SPORTS CLUB EXPO

SUNDAY 23 AUGUST 2026
10AM - 3PM
GROUND FLOOR,
INVERCARGILL CENTRAL MALL

GREAT SOUTH
Southland Regional
Development Agency

Invercargill
2011 CHAMPION

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INVERCARGILL
CENTRAL



Help your community vote

Register your interest to work at the 2026 General Election.

We want people from local communities to work in voting places and help people vote. The 2026 General Election will be held on Saturday 7 November and we're taking registrations from people who are interested in working with us.

We need people with different skills and backgrounds right across Aotearoa New Zealand.

Whether you want to work for several weeks or just on election day, there are roles for everybody, from students to experienced leaders.

For more information about the roles available, and to register your interest in working at this important event, visit work.elections.nz today.



ELECTORAL COMMISSION
TE Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri



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TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

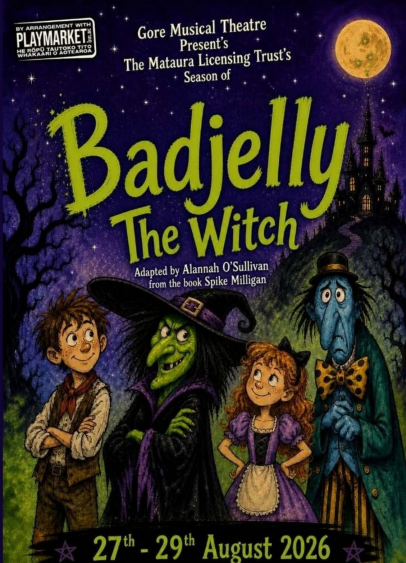



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Season of

Badjelly The Witch

Adapted by Alannah O'Sullivan
from the book Spike Milligan



7pm
Thu 27th
Fri 28th
Sat 29th

3pm
Sat 29th

27th - 29th August 2026






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5 & 6 September 2026

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