



RIVERSDALE SCHOOL
Inspiring Excellence

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Term 4 Week 7

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

Kia Ora Parents and Whānau,

Today we have Golf Teams competing at the Southland Primary Golf Tournament in Drummond - Good luck teams.

Yesterday we had a number of students at the Mitre 10 Tough Kids Competition in Invercargill. They had a fun day of obstacle courses. Well done for being amazing ambassadors for our school.



There was also a group of senior boys competing at the Active Southland Adventure Race. The race consisted of biking, trekking and kayaking.

Coming up tomorrow we have Chris Knight here working with each class on their Athletics techniques, helping them, and their teachers, to get ready for athletics practice in the new year.

Coming up this weekend the Home and School have got their major fundraiser for the year - **BAKING MIXES**. They need as many helpers as possible to pack the ingredients ready for distribution. If you haven't already indicated you can help, it's not too late. Follow the link to the [Home and School Facebook Page](#) to find a time you can help. Or alternatively you can send an email to riversdalehas@gmail.com with an offer to help. The funds raised here help keep camp costs for our year 5-8 students down, provide technology for classrooms like headphones and ipads, and much more. Please get in behind the Home and School.

Coming up on Tuesday we have the Earthquake simulator coming so the students can learn how earthquakes happen and how to keep themselves safe.

A quick reminder that tea towel orders need to be in by Tuesday 25th November.

Finally we are pleased to announce the new teacher that will be working in Room 7 in 2026. We have appointed Mrs Treana Morton. Mrs Morton is currently working at East Gore School and has prior experience teaching year 7&8s. We are pleased to welcome her to our staff.

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

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

Certificates from Term 4, Week 5



	Manawaroa Resilience	Whakaute Respect	Kawenga Responsible	Te Reo Māori Learner of the Week
Room 7	Hazel	Ben	Lachie	Xian
Room 6	Kate	Yuri	Aria-Lea	Jessie
Room 5	Lucy C	Daisy	Aroha	Leo
Room 4	Reid	Sebika	Toby O	Toby R
Room 3				
Room 2	Blake	Meihana	Aeron	Darcy
Room 1	Chayan	Chloe	Colton	Hudson

Coming Up....

Term 4

20 November	Community Assembly
21 November	Athletics with Chris Knight
25 November	Earthquake Simulator
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
9 February 2026	First day of Term 1



Maisy and Jaxson receiving their Rotary Young Achiever awards



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	Board review
• Minimising Physical Restraints	Board review
• Stand-down, 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

Anne Brown - 027 2085448

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.

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

BAKING MIXES FUNDRAISER – help required

Thanks for getting in behind this fundraiser...now we're at the business end of putting them together and ask for a few of hours of your time please.

****PLEASE RSVP ON THE POLL ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE,
OR BY MESSAGING KELLY-ANNE 0274 857 877 ****

PACKERS – We need people to help put ingredients into bags at one of the following sessions. It's a simple job scooping flour/sugar etc and many hands make light work!

If you can't make the whole time that is fine - even just coming along for an hour helps!

- Sunday 23rd Nov AFTERNOON SESSION 2-4.30pm
- Sunday 23rd Nov EVENING SESSION 6-9pm
- Monday 24th Nov MORNING SESSION 9am-12pm
- All at the Riversdale Community Centre

A reminder to please also keep hold of boxes and countdown grocery bags for us to be able to pack orders in and we will arrange a drop off place closer to the time.

Any questions please feel free to get in touch.

Kelly-Anne Blatch & Julie Wilson

Home & School President and Secretary

CHILL OUT FRIDAYS

Thanks for supporting this Home & School and Pool fundraiser.

These will be handed out in classrooms at the beginning of lunchtime on Fridays for the next 4 weeks.



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



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



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
Spaces limited!

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








