



15 February 2024

Term 1 Week 2

**Kia Ora, Kamusta, Āyubōvan, Nihao, Sata srī akāla, Namaskāra,
Mālō e lelei, Bula, Hallå, Buna ziuā, Dia dhuit, Hello**

Welcome to Fields Days week. We hope those of you who have made it out to Waimumu have found it valuable.

This week we welcome Meihana Kamo, Myles Crooks, Freya Lord, and Trelise, Max and Matilda Evans (and parents Nicole and Logan) to our school community.

On Monday we had a fabulous Mihi Whakatau (Māori welcome celebration) to welcome our new students and their families and our new staff. It was a lovely way to start the year, and for everyone to be introduced. We plan to hold another one at the beginning of Term 3 for any new students and families between now and then.

This year we have moved to a new student management system called Hero. In this system we keep student information, parent contact details, check attendance and much more. This system is also a platform to communicate with parents. In the past we have used School Stream to send out notices, newsletter, alerts etc, and this will still be used till the end of February of this year. This communication will now be done through Hero. We are still learning how to use it ourselves, so there are bound to be some teething problems. Also through Hero you can report student absences. We would encourage you to go to your App Store and download the Hero App



- Search for **Hero by linc-ed** and download onto your phone
- Open up and type in your email address, click **next**
- Click **new user**. An email will be sent to set your password.
- Once set you will see your child's/children's photo and be able to access the parent portal.

Many of you have already downloaded the app and are beginning to interact with it, thank you so much. If you have any difficulties please let us know and we can help you out, or if you do not get the reset password email or it bounces back it may mean that the email address we have for your family is incorrect. Please update these details with the office as soon as you can.

Our Meet the Teacher/Goal Setting Interviews are being held next week - Tuesday and Thursday. Please check your child's bag today as those of you who have booked a time will have information sent home today. There is a page for you to fill out about your child's strengths and interests. We do encourage your children to be part of the discussion, please bring them along. If you still wish to book a time you can. There are limited places on Tuesday, but quite a few available on Thursday.

Coming up on the **29th of February are the Waimea Athletics**. This involves Riversdale, Balfour, Waikaia and Garston (only their year 7&8s) Schools. We will all meet together at the Riversdale Sports ground on this date (1st March is our postponement day). Please save the date in your calendars and we will send out more information closer to the time. We will hold a

working bee on Sunday 25th February at the grounds, time to be confirmed. We would appreciate helpers.

As always if you have any concerns regarding your child at school please contact your child's teacher in the first instance. If the matter needs further discussion then the principal will be brought into the conversation. We want to partner with you in your child's education, when we can talk about small things and resolve them we can stop big situations or issues from happening.

*Nga mihi,
Bronwyn and the Riversdale Staff*

Coming Up....

Term 1

16 February	Year 7 & 8 Manual starts
20 & 22 February	Meet the Teacher/Goal Setting Conferences
25 February	Athletics working bee
29 February	Waimea Athletics
4-8 March	REAP Water Safety lessons - week 1
12-14 March	Life Education Bus visit
13 March	Northern Zone Athletics
18-22 March	REAP Water Safety lessons - week 2
24 March	Southland Athletics
26 March	Community Assembly 1:30-3:00pm
28 March	Northern Swimming Sports
29 March - 2 April	School closed for Easter break
4 April	Farm Safety Day with Waikaia and Otama Schools
12 April	Term 1 ends
25 April	ANZAC Day
29 April	Term 2 begins
29 April - 3 May	Year 7&8 Deep Cove Camp

School Buses

Our four bus drivers are Jan Robertson, Michael Lobb, Robin Sherratt and James Nicolson.

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

Jan Robertson – 027 6088203

James Nicolson – 027 2848816

Robin Sherratt – 021 2930631

Michael Lobb – 027 3725785

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.

Scholastic Book Club Pamphlets

Due to the school no longer dealing with cheques and cash for this, you will have to order online please. The books will still come to school and we will hand them out as before. Remember if you want them as a gift to indicate on the form and we will phone you when they arrive.

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).



Country Schools Netball 2024

We are getting ready for another season of Netball!

Year 7 and 8s, boy's and girl's welcome!

We will also allow 1 Year 6 player. Please submit your interest should you child wish to be considered for this spot.

Games are held at the MLT Event Centre in Gore Saturdays from April through to August 2023

If your child is interested in playing Netball this year, please contact me for more information or to submit your interest.

Melissa 027 537 2483 or email melissa.jeremy@outlook.co.nz



Community Notices

PRIMARY SCHOOL GOLF

Our “School Pupils” Golf Club has started again on Friday’s. For the benefit of any new players, I have outlined some of the details about this activity below.

This Club is open to all pupils from year 3 and above, and will meet at the Riversdale Golf Course each Friday during the summer terms.

Sessions times will be 3:30 pm – 4:45 pm for primary school pupils and 4:45 – 6:00pm for older pupils. There is no cost for these Friday sessions and all gear is provided.

If your child is interested in being part of this activity, or if you have any questions about this club, please do not hesitate to phone me at 021 2037547.

Kind regards
Stuart Riordan

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PARADE & MARKET DAY

HEADLINE ACT - THE TOPP TWINS

2ND MARCH 2024
GATES OPEN 10AM
ADULTS \$10 CASH AT GATE | KIDS/TEENS FREE

WINDING TRAILS TO
WAIKAIA
CAVALCADE 2024

GRAND CAVALCADE STREET PARADE 12 NOON . CRAFT STALLS .
LICENCED BAR . LIVE ENTERTAINMENT DURING THE DAY FROM TOPP TWINS, KAYLA
MAHON & HALTON HART. COWBOY CHALLENGE . KANINE KAOS . FOOD STALLS

FREE KIDS ENTERTAINMENT
PONY RIDES | FACEPAINTING | BOUNCY CASTLES | GAMES!

Catalyst Performance Agronomy
Community Trust South
TE POU ARATAKI POUNAMU O MURIHIKU
jolly elephant DESIGN STUDIO

WWW.WAIKAIA.CO.NZ | FACEBOOK: WAIKAIA CAVALCADE 2024

INVERCARGILL MUSICAL THEATRE
presents

nickelodeon
THE
**SPONGEBOB
MUSICAL**

ON SALE
NOW!

imtinc youth
edition

14 - 16 MARCH 2024

CIVIC THEATRE INVERCARGILL **TICKETEK**




**SOUTHLAND
A&P SHOW**
*Saturday 2nd March
Donovan Park*



SCARECROW
Creations

Are you needing something creative to add to your term one planner? Sections include: Preschool, Year 0-4 & Year 5-13. Check out our schedule of classes online to see further details!



HOME
Industries

Be sure to check out the attached schedule of classes, there is literally something for everyone to be involved in!



COLOURING
Competition

Our colouring competitions are on our website for children to complete if they wish. The children must bring them along to the show so please encourage them to do this!



For more information check out our website
www.southlandapshow.co.nz

 Find us on Facebook