



13 August 2026

Term 3 Week 4

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

Kia Ora Parents and Whānau

This week we had our senior speech finals. Mrs Diane Smith came along as our judge - Thank You, Mrs Smith, for helping us out! Our section winners are off to Round 2 of the competition on Monday at Dipton School. Congratulations ...

- Year 5 & 6
 - First - Jimmy Blatch
 - Second - Lucy Crooks
- Year 7 & 8
 - First - James Johnstone
 - Second - Lexi McNamee



At the end of July the Waikaia Volunteer Fire Brigade had their Employers Appreciation and Awards Dinner. We are very lucky to be able to support Mrs Tina Mann as a volunteer Fire Fighter. We also want to take the opportunity to thank all our school parents that give their time to be part of the volunteer Fire Service in both Riversdale and Waikaia. We appreciate all that you do to help keep our community safe.

The year 6s had a great day on Tuesday at Clued Up Kids in Gore where they learnt about support services in our area.

Plans for PolyFest are well underway and the students are sounding amazing! This is an event not to miss. Thanks to all those who have sent in their permission forms and offered transport. Information will be coming out soon.

Nga mihi,

Bronwyn and the Riversdale Staff

Ahakoā whati te manga, e takoto ana anō te kōhiwi

Although the branch is broken off, the trunk remains

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

Certificates from Week 3



	STAR OF THE WEEK	Te Reo Māori Learner of the Week
Room 7	Georgia	Priyah
Room 6	Zac	Ivy
Room 5	Emily	Kaiden
Room 4	Myles	Hudson
Room 3	Sophie	Bryn
Room 2	Hudson H Olive	
Room 1	Jimmy Charlie	

Coming Up....

Term 3 (keep an eye on the Hero Calendar)

17th August	Round 2 of Speeches at Dipton School
24 th August	Polyfest in Invercargill
1st - 4th September	Life Education
7th September	Super Hero day - information later in the term
14th -16th September	Year 5 & 6 Camp to Bannockburn
24th September	Community Assembly
25th September	Last day of term 3

Term 4

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



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



**RIVERSDALE
SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY
POOL
Fundraiser**

Available all year round from School Office

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

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

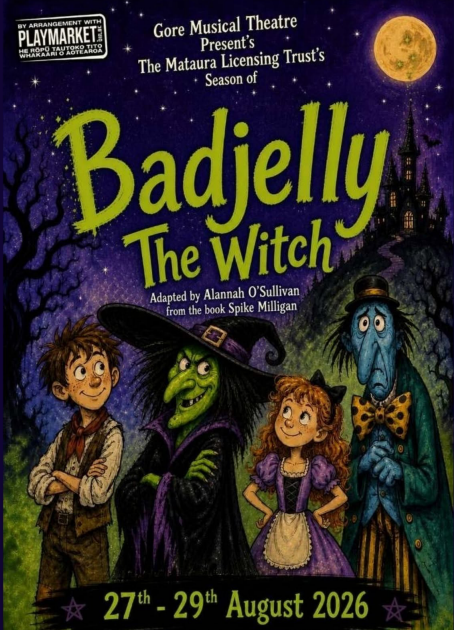


**GMT
GORE MUSICAL THEATRE**

Gore Musical Theatre
Present's
The Mataura Licensing Trust's
Season of

**Badjelly
The Witch**

Adapted by Alannah O'Sullivan
from the book Spike Milligan



27th - 29th August 2026

7pm
Thu 27th
Fri 28th
Sat 29th

3pm
Sat 29th





in association with



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