



**RIVERSDALE SCHOOL**  
Inspiring Excellence

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**Term 3 Week 7**

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

Kia Ora Parents and Whānau,

Congratulations to *James Johnstone* for winning the Year 5 & 6 section of the Northern and Western Area Speech competition. James is now off to the Grand Final held in Invercargill in two weeks time.



Rehearsals for our production of *A Hint of Snow White* are progressing well. It is going to be a great show. Show dates are Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th of September starting at 6:30pm at the Riversdale Community Centre.

**On Friday 5th September from 3:15pm onwards we will be at the Community Centre setting up the stage for our school production. We would love lots of helpers - the more we have the quicker we can get it done! We need helpers to bring drills and hammers to get the stage together. If you are able to help please contact Bronwyn [principal@riversdale.school.nz](mailto:principal@riversdale.school.nz) or Katie Blatch [katie.blatch@riversdale.school.nz](mailto:katie.blatch@riversdale.school.nz).**

Classes have sent out information on costumes for production. We need all costumes to school by next Friday 5th September in a named bag. If you are having any trouble sourcing any costume items please let your child's teacher know and we will be able to help out.

Don't forget Teachers Only Day tomorrow, Friday 29th August, school will be closed for the day as the staff learn about the new Mathematics Curriculum.

The Swimming Pool AGM is coming up on Monday 1st September at 7pm in the school staffroom. All welcome to attend.

*Nga mihi nui,  
Bronwyn and the Riversdale Staff*

*Me te toroa e tau ana i runga i te au  
Like the albatross nestled upon the elegance of nature  
Manifesting resilience with the elegance of nature*

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

Certificates from Week 6



	Manawaroa Resilience	Whakaute Respect	Kawenga Responsible	Te Reo Māori Learner of the Week
Room 7	Ben	Hazel	Cooper	Xian
Room 6	Emma H	Grayson	Jaelyn	Murphy
Room 5	Bentley	Zac	Aroha	Maatata
Room 4	Jack S	Toby O	Lily	Parth
Room 3	Angus	Noah	Harley	Edmund
Room 2	Henry	Darcy	Carter	Ayva
Room 1	Maia	Olive	Anakin	Hudson
Tumuaki/Principal Award		Everyone who performed at PolyFest - Tu Meke!		



# Coming Up....

## **Term 3**

29 August	Teachers Only Day
15 September	Board of Trustees meeting
17-18 September	School Production - <i>A Hint Of Snow White</i>
19 September	End of Term 3

## **Term 4**

6 October	Start of Term 4
8 -10 October	Years 5 & 6 Camp - Tautuku
16 October	School Photos
15 December	Year 8 Graduation Night
19 December	Last day of school



Parents, Caregivers and Whanau are invited to visit the SchoolDocs site to review our school policies for Term 3 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 3 policies	Review opens 30 June
• <a href="#">Child Protection</a>	Board review
• <a href="#">Abuse Recognition and Reporting</a>	Board review
• <a href="#">Food and Nutrition</a>	
• <a href="#">Safety Checking</a>	Board review
• <a href="#">Police Vetting</a>	
• <a href="#">Missing Student Procedure</a>	

These are the policies specified on the review schedule. You can also review any policy that has a review button.

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.



**RIVERSDALE SCHOOL**  
Home & School Association

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## **School Production Fundraiser – Raffle Donations**

Each year, the Home & School Committee runs raffles to help cover costs (sound, lighting, costumes, props, and stage setup etc.) for the School Production. Raffle tickets are sold at the hall on show nights, and we draw winners each evening. We usually have 8–10 prizes per night, including a mix of high-value items and hampers.

We're reaching out to see if our school community can help with raffle prizes:

1. **Businesses or families keen to donate a larger prize** – This could be a full prize or a cash contribution that we can pool with others to buy something bigger. In the past, prizes have included helicopter flights, firewood, kids' kayaks, sports gear, tractor toys, service vouchers, chilly bins, meat processing, meal vouchers, and beauty treatments.
2. **School families donating smaller items** – Things like food, home and garden goodies, or beauty products are always appreciated. We'll send a reminder closer to the production date and set up a collection point in the office.

If you'd like to help, or know someone who might, please message Kelly-Anne Blatch or email [riversdalehas@gmail.com](mailto:riversdalehas@gmail.com).

Thank you for your support!

**Home & School Committee**





## Home & School Fundraiser

### RIVERSDALE BEANIES - \$33

*\$3 from each beanie goes to Home & School*

To order email [riversdalehas@gmail.com](mailto: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



### POOL FUNDRAISER

**Food wrap** 300m x 33cm = \$26

600m X 33cm = \$36

**Roll foil** 90m x 44cm = \$23

150m x 30cm = \$23

**Baking Paper** 100m X 30cm = \$32

**Bank Account: 03-0915-0285905-00**

**Available from the school office. (new stock just arrived)**



## Riversdale After-school Care

Starting Wednesday August 13th we will be offering after-school care for children aged 5-13 years, from 3pm to 5:30pm Tuesdays-Fridays, at the Riversdale Presbyterian Church.

Our services include:

Pick-up from Riversdale School, fun and engaging activities, help with homework, and afternoon tea.

For more information, including fees and available hours, please email Sarah at [riversdalecare@gmail.com](mailto:riversdalecare@gmail.com)  
Or visit [riversdalecare.weebly.com](http://riversdalecare.weebly.com)

### Help Wanted:

We're also looking for one or two people to join our staff on a casual basis (paid), to relieve our permanent carers when needed.

If you're interested email Sarah at the address above.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING RE: HELICOPTER PAD

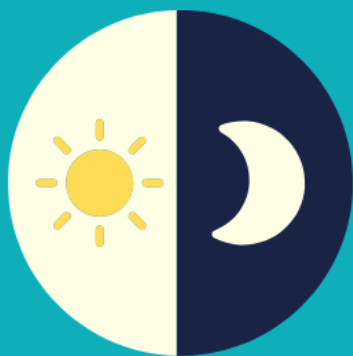
**Tuesday 2nd September 2025**  
**Riversdale Community Centre**  
**6.30 PM**

The proposed site for the helicopter pad is the grass area on the south side of the Riversdale Community Centre.

**Graeme Gale** from Otago Helicopters and Southland District **Mayor Rob Scott** will be attending to answer any questions from the public.

# Remember to Brush...

**Morning  
& Night**



**Every Day**

### Why Brush?

Plaque is a sticky white layer full of germs (bacteria) that coats our teeth. Brushing twice a day gets rid of plaque. If we don't brush our teeth, these germs aren't removed and plaque quickly builds up. Over time, the plaque can cause holes in our teeth and also harm our gums



**2+2**  
is best to do!

**2 minutes** to brush all surfaces  
**2 x daily** with fluoride toothpaste

**Health New Zealand**  
Te Whatu Ora

**Community Oral**  
Health Service



**Talkteeth Southern**