



7 March 2024

Term 1 Week 5

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

Welcome to Autumn and haven't we had a variety of weather! Welcome to Aeron Tiangco, in Room 1, and his parents Erma and Jose to our school community.

Thank you to everyone who has made sure their children have had their togs at school this week for our REAP Water Safety Lessons. We have a week's break then will be back into it on the 18-22nd March.

The Northern Zone Swimming Sports are coming up on the 28th of March for those students who are 8 years of age or older. Miss Callander and Mrs Cloete held trials yesterday where those wishing to compete needed to show they could swim 2 lengths of our pool without stopping. They will let the students know at the end of the week who has been selected. Next week those students need to bring their togs everyday as there will be practice sessions for them at lunchtimes.

Coming up on the 12th-14th of March we have the Life Education Bus working with our students. Theresa and Harold the Giraffe will be sharing with the students around food and nutrition for all classes, and for our 2 senior classes some work on the impact of our decision making. It is always fun to have the Life Ed bus at school.

The Northern Zone Athletics are on Wednesday. Those who have met the standards and been selected have been given the information for the day. If you haven't seen it, the notice may be at the bottom of a school bag! Riversdale School tracksuits will be given out on Monday.

On the 4th of April we are joining with Waikaia, Balfour and Otama Schools to take part in the Think Safe Brain Campaign promoting safety on farms for students and their families. This will be an amazing day of interactive learning. Parents and family members are encouraged to come and be a part of the day as well. As part of the day we are raising funds, sponsors and seeking grants so that every school family from all of the schools will receive a copy of Harriet Bremner's books on farm safety. See the flyer below for details and list of sponsors we already have on board. To help with this fundraising effort we would love for all the children to come to school on Monday 25th March dressed ready for our FARM DAY Dress up! We would love to see students dressed as farm animals, machinery, workers, anything to do with farming, and bring along a gold coin donation to help towards this fun day.

Our Term 1 Community Assembly will be held on Tuesday 26th March starting at 1:30pm, in the school hall. All parents and whānau members are welcome to attend. This assembly will be led by Rooms 1 and 5.

Nga mihi,

Bronwyn and the Riversdale Staff

Tūwhitia te hopo!

Banish your fears - Feel the fear and do it anyway



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

	Manawaroa Resilience	Whakaute Respect	Kawenga Responsible	Kupu (word) of the Week
Room 7	Logan	Ryan	Stella	
Room 6	Leyana	Maisy	Aoife	Kieran
Room 5	Keanu	George	Jesie	
Room 3	Vou	Aroha	Dani	Harry S
Room 2	Grayson	Frankii	Edmund	Hudson
Room 1	Carter	Kaydence	Ayva	Beau
Tumuaki (Principal) Award	Daisy Lawrence & Edmund Coughlin			

Coming Up....

Term 1

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
25 March	Farm Day Dress up
26 March	Community Assembly 1:30-3:00pm
28 March	Northern Swimming Sports
29 March - 2 April	School closed for Easter break
3 April	BOT Meeting, 7pm - Staffroom
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.

YEAR SEVEN VISION SCREENING

The Vision Hearing Technicians from Te Whatu Ora - Southern will be visiting your school to screen all year seven students for distance vision shortly.

Screening Provided:

- Distance Vision (Amblyopia & Hyperopia)**

This determines how well your child can see at a distance. It involves reading an eye chart.

If you do not wish your child to be screened, please fill out an opt-out slip, which are available at the school office before our visit.

If your child WEARS Glasses or is UNDER CARE for their eyes, there is no need to fill in this form.

As we will ask every class if there is anyone already wearing glasses or under care. Please let your child know to let us know before screening.

They will be given notification slip to take home. These children are NOT screened.

Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora

Vision Hearing Team

0800885504

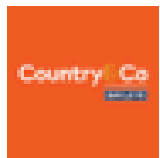
visionhearing@southerndhb.govt.nz



SAVE THE DATE:
4th April 2024

Riversdale School together with Otama, Balfour & Waikaia Schools invite you to join them for a farming day at the Riversdale Rugby Club grounds from 9:30am

Proudly sponsored by:



GORE TRACTOR SERVICES



PYRAMID VIEW FARMING

Come along and interact with practical learning modules including: Tractors, Motorbikes, NZ Police, Firearms, Trucks, Firewatch NZ, Fire and Emergency NZ, St. John and more.....

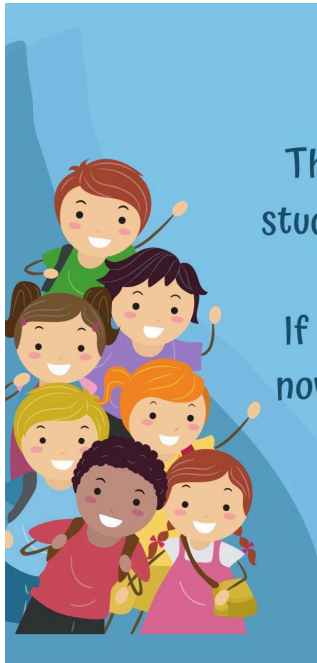
All families from these schools have been sponsored by the above businesses to take home a set of Gurt & Pops books written by Harriet Bremner-Pinckney; a local author

from the Te Anau basin & the inspiring advocate behind the Think Safe Brain Campaign.

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).



Riversdale School and Community Pool

We would love for you to jump onboard and support this swimming pool fundraiser. Click on this link <https://riversdaleschoolcommunitypoolcookiedough.raiseit.co.nz/> This fundraiser is all online and with your support we can keep our pool in the best condition for our community. Please create your own fundraising page and share it on your social media so your friends and family can get on board too. Pick up day will be April the 11th at the school hall from 3pm. Please let me know if you have any questions. Jo Russell 0273635768



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)



Community Notices

RIVERSDALE RUGBY CLUB – 2024 SEASON

Registrations are now open for the 2024 Season. Please register by Sunday 17th March.

Could all **PLAYERS** please register using this form:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/257211>

The following grades are for the Central/Western/Northern competitions our teams play in. Please select one of the below in 'Grade Playing this year' in the form:

Rippa - Year 0 - 2 Northern Rippa

C Grade - Year 3 & 4 Northern C Grade

B Grade - Year 5 & 6 CWN B Grade

A Grade - Year 7 & 8 A Grade Southland Wide

Anyone interested in **COACHING** will please need to fill in this form:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/268694>



RIVERSDALE
SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY
POOL

Mums & Bubs pool sessions
Mondays @ 10am – 11am through the school term. Sign in, into the sign in sheet at the door and swipe your FOB. Non-Fob owners, sign in & \$2 per session

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

A promotional graphic for Yamaha Agricentre BLU CRU Kids Camps. The background features a person in a colorful motocross suit and helmet riding a blue Yamaha motorcycle. In the foreground, a hand holds a smartphone displaying a registration page. The text includes the Yamaha Agricentre logo, the event name 'BLU CRU KIDS CAMPS', the location 'Gore, Southland' and dates '15 - 17 March 2024', a red button that says 'CLICK HERE TO REGISTER', and the tagline 'HOME OF YAMAHA OFF-ROAD EVENTS'.

Time is ticking!

**Don't forget to register for the
Yamaha bLU cRU Kids Camp 2024!**

The bLU cRU Kids Camps are on again this year in Gore from the 15 March - 17 March 2024. Come along as a family and learn a thing or two about riding a bike. You don't need to own a Yamaha to register, the camps are open to all brands!

Click here to Register

<https://www.imemanagement.co.nz/blucru-kids-camps/>