



RIVERSDALE SCHOOL
Inspiring Excellence

Our School Values:

We are:
Respectful - Whakaute
Responsible - Kawenga
Resilient – Manawaroa
Our Well-being – Hauora, supports these.

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Riversdale School Newsletter – **Term 2 Week 2**

Welcome: Areke Ngarangione, Kaydence MacKay and Ayesha Dizon.

Farewell: Mrs Roy 🗣️👋

**Whakaute
Respect**

Tena Koutou Parents, Caregivers and Whanau.
Hello everyone,
Kia ora e hoa mā.

We hope that everyone is enjoying the gorgeous Autumn weather – our tamariki at school certainly are. Now that it is a ‘winter’ term we ask that if your children are playing games where they are likely to get muddy e.g. touch, soccer, they bring a spare pair of trousers to pull over shorts and muddy legs. This saves our classroom carpets and furniture from getting mud over them. All children remove their footwear year-round when entering buildings.

Classes are into cross country training. This is coming up, so we are getting tamariki prepared for this event with our daily fitness consisting of sustained running. I have included last year’s details at the end of this newsletter for your information. It will probably be the same format this year, and I will update you of any changes to this in next week’s newsletter.

Coming Up....

10 May	Taku Waimare show for all children here at school at 1.30pm
24 May	Community Assembly in the hall at 1.45pm
25 May	Waimea Cross Country at Waikaia
1 June	Northern Cross Country
5 June	King’s Birthday – School Closed
8 June	Southland Cross Country at the Waimumu field days site.
28 June	Community Assembly in the hall at 1.30pm
30 June	Last day of Term 2

The students below received certificates for displaying the values of being respectful, resilient, and responsible, at Riversdale School, last week.

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

	Manawaroa-Resilience	Whakaute-Respect	Kawenga-Responsible
Room 5	<i>Serinity</i>	<i>Quade</i>	<i>Stella</i>
Room B1	<i>Harry</i>	<i>Luca</i>	<i>Cooper</i>
Room B2	<i>Jahn</i>	<i>Ella</i>	<i>Thomas</i>
Room 3	<i>Bentley</i>	<i>Daisy</i>	<i>Lucy C</i>
Room 2	<i>Silas</i>	<i>Skylar</i>	<i>Leigh</i>
Room 1	<i>Meila</i>	<i>Noah</i>	<i>Khalias</i>

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

Scholastic Book Club

They were handed out last week. 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 out as before. Remember if you want them as a gift to indicate on the form and we will phone you when they arrive.

Swimming Pool....

The pool has closed. Please return all keys to Challenge Service Station as soon as possible.

RIVERSDALE JUNIOR NETBALL AGM

Friday 5th May, 3:30pm; Riversdale Hotel (**note new date**)

If you are interested in playing a part in your child's netball (year 5-8) please come along!

Apologies to:

Jo Smith 0274970061

Megan Horrell 021463470

RIVERSDALE JUNIOR RUGBY

It's time to sign up for Junior rugby this year - please register at this link below for Riversdale Rugby Club.

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/riversdalerugby/registration-forms-1/junior-players>

Rugby will start **Saturday 13th May 2023**. Rippa and C grade play in Mossburn each week and B & A grade play in different locations each week.

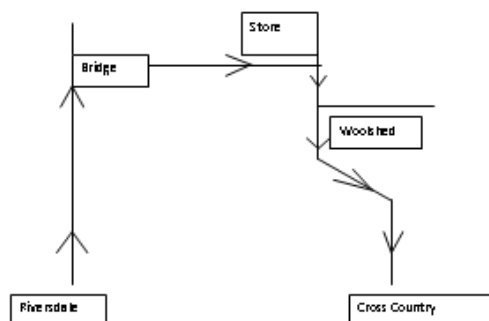
Follow the Riversdale Junior Rugby Facebook page for more details.

Friday practices started last week for Rippa, C and B Grade Rugby Players.

- Children need to bring their rugby gear (boots and a mouthguard) to school on Friday morning.
- Children need to wear clothes they're happy to run around/train in to school on Fridays.
- Children will eat their lunch then be released to go and change and have a play. A "rugby bell" will ring at 1.20pm for children to head to the front gate and meet the rugby parents walking them to the Riversdale rugby grounds that week.
- Parent help is greatly appreciated to help walk the children to and from practice...we've got 27 Rippa's this year! If you're available any week, please meet at the front of school just before 1.20pm.
- Children will be back at school in time for assembly and 3pm pick up.
- Children will be given their playing uniform this week (Riversdale jersey and socks) that are theirs to wear and look after for the season. They will need their own black shorts for Saturday games.

Waimea Cross Country

Where: Waikaia
When: Thursday 25 May
No postponement date.
Time: 1:00pm sharp



You must contact the bus driver if your child is off the bus.

On Thursday 25 May **all of our tamariki** will travel to Waikaia for the Waimea Schools Cross Country. The Cross Country is held at the property of Mr Ray Ferguson on Blakie Road, it is signposted from the Waikaia Bridge (refer to the map above). **We ask that parents please provide transport.** If you are unable to do this, please find a ride with someone else for your child/ren, and send a note to school advising us of this. Teachers will be able to transport a number of children.

Cross Country is not an optional event – every child displays our school vision and values by participating and doing their best.

Children come to school as normal, by bus or walking/biking. **We will depart from school at 12:20pm** to arrive at Waikaia by 12:45pm. Children will have an early lunch prior to leaving school. **Please meet your child at the front or back school gate.**

Ages are as at 31 December **2023**, and will be written on children's hands by their teacher. 8yrs – 13yrs can qualify for the Northern Cross Country event (depending on finishing times).

Upon arrival children must line up in an orderly manner, in their age groups, and racing will commence. At the end of each race the first ten or so boys and girls are lined up in finishing order and their names recorded.

Once your child/ren have run, you are free to take them home.

Please ensure your child has warm clothing, a change of footwear (including socks) as it can be very wet underfoot, and a jacket and hat to put on. It may be appropriate for them to run wearing a hat if it is very cold. Also ensure that they do have a drink of water for when they finish the race. Gym shoes are worn to run in, as per Southland Primary School rules.

Toilets are back in the township beside the Waikaia Store.

- 3-4 marshals are required from **each school**, Parent/Teacher
- Field marshals report to Michelle Houghton on arrival.
- We are not running behind a motorbike so it is important that we have Marshalls all around the course.
- Toilets will be open at the Museum.
- It is highly recommended that competitors have a spare set of clothes to change into and a towel.
- As per Southland Primary School rules, gym shoes must be worn (No sprigs, spikes, socks or bare-feet)

If you have any questions regarding cross country, please either ask your child's teacher, or phone/text the school. We look forward to a fine day and encouraging each of our tamariki to do the best that they can.

Please contact the bus driver if your child is off the bus and let your child's teacher know if they need a ride to Cross Country.