



**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 4 Week 1**

**Welcome: Jujhar Sidhu, Peter-Boy Davis**  
**Farewell: Taylor Faulks**

*Resilience*  
*Manawaroa*

Tena Koutou Parents, Caregivers and Whanau.

Hello everyone,

Kia ora e hoa mā.

**Our values signs are now installed and look amazing! A very big THANK YOU to SAM WILLIAMS of JOLLY ELEPHANT DESIGNS. Sam did the design work on these as a donation to the school – this is very generous of you Sam. She also sourced the printing of them by Sign Advertising Gore.**



**Some reminders as we head into Term 4:**

- Sunhats must be worn (bucket or legionnaire style, NOT caps) or children are directed to play in the shade.
- We ensure that children are seated for the first 15 mins of lunch break to eat their sandwich/bun/heat up items. They can choose what they will eat from the remaining food and they are allowed to go to play at 1.00pm.
- Have a check that all your children's clothing is named/initialled. We have lost property being donated to charity if it is unnamed and unclaimed at the end of each term.

**REMINDER: Pet Day next Friday 28 October**

**All children must enter at least 2 hall events – get baking ☺**

## School Photos:

Our school photos are being taken by Geoff Horrell again this year, on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**. If you would like a family, pre-schoolers or siblings' photo, please come to school at 8.30am and Geoff will take these first. Then he works through each class, taking both a class group photo, and individual photos of each child. Once these are all done, they come back to school with a variety of options for purchasing them.

## Pourakahua Show

On Tuesday Taki Rua Productions theatre group performed Pourakahua for our tamariki. This was all in the Kāi Tahu dialect, and told the story of Pourakahua, a cross between a human and a bird, on a journey across Aotearoa to find a new home. The puppets they used were amazing and it was an exceptionally professional and entertaining show. It was inspired by real rock art in Timaru and the many tribal narratives of Pourakahua. Waikaia School joined us for this performance.



## Coming Up....

17 October	First day of Term 4
24 October	Labour Day – School closed
28 October	Pet Day
2 November	School Photos
04 November	Waimea Athletics – Balfour hosting
07 November	BOT Meeting - in the staffroom.
11 November	Northern Athletics at Northern Southland College
19 November	Southland Athletics, Surrey Park, Invercargill
21 November	Teacher Registration Ceremony – congratulations Mrs King ☺
2 December	Teacher Only Day for teachers to write school reports.
5 December	BOT Meeting – in the staffroom.
15 December	‘Christmas in the Park’ at school starting at 6pm – picnic and carols
16 December	Reports are sent home. 2pm The Great School Water Fight.
19 December	Year 8 Graduation evening in the school hall. Everyone welcome.
20 December	Last day for 2022. School finishes at 12.45 and school buses run then.

## 2023 Term 1

Monday 6 February Waitangi Day. School closed

7 February First day for Term 1, 2023. We will welcome all our tamariki back at 9am.

## **ABSENT**

Please phone or text the school phone 0275553534 if your child is absent from school. **We do need to know why for reporting purposes to the Ministry of Education.**

## **Our bus drivers contacts are:**

Michael Lobb – 027 3725785 – Wendon route

Jan Robertson – 027 6088203 – Kaweku Waimea route

Robin Skerratt – 021 2930631 – Wendonside Waipounamu route

Paul Eason – 021 474580 – Mandeville route

Please text or phone them if your child is off the bus in the morning so that they do not wait at the pickup point.

## **Spring Clean**

Thank you to the families that have donated some time to helping out at the school, it was great to get all the tree clippings tidied and waterblasting the paths started.

If anyone has time over the next few weeks there is still more waterblasting to be done on the footpaths and even some edging of the lawns if you happened to have a tool to do some of that.

Please feel free contact Sonia Dillon on 0274916969 for questions or access to power etc. THANK YOU ALL for helping keep our school awesome.

## **HOME & SCHOOL**

### **BAKING MIXES FUNDRAISER**

A notice has gone home today with eldest/only students for our annual Baking Mixes Fundraiser.

Please get in touch with a committee member if you have any questions or if an order form doesn't come home and you want one emailed, please email [riversdalehas@gmail.com](mailto:riversdalehas@gmail.com)

***Payment and orders are due back to school by Friday 11th November.***

Thanks so much for your support!

Your Home & School Committee - Wendy, Emily, Ronee, Jordan & Kelly-Anne

## **Swimming Pool**

The pool will open on Saturday 22nd October.

Keys are \$100 (flat rate) for the season, and are available from the Challenge Service Station, from Wednesday 19th October.

We need pool volunteers to support the running (chemicals, daily open and close up, vacuuming etc) of the pool. It is not hard and there are very detailed instructions for every element of the pool operation.

If you can take a turn please contact Janine Marshall on 0275489785.



## Values Awards

Special congratulations to the following tamariki who received their Gold, Silver or Bronze Award last week. Kei te pai!

### Gold – Amelia



Silver – Addison, Jessie, Ben, Callum, Ashlyn, Zac, Evie, Kate and Harry



### Bronze – Bayden, Reid and Jack J



## Values Certificates

The students named 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 1	<i>Hennessy</i>	<i>Blake</i>	<i>Casey</i>
Room 7	<i>Mihai</i>	<i>Archie</i>	<i>Elijah</i>
Room 6	<i>Ashlyn</i>	<i>Aria-Lea</i>	<i>Cooper</i>
Room 3	<i>Jahn</i>	<i>Fergus</i>	<i>George</i>
Room 4	<i>Matthew H</i>	<i>Bede</i>	<i>Ruby T</i>
Room 5	<i>Frankii</i>	<i>Lawrence</i>	<i>Hayden</i>

**Stock up now as these are great value and last ages!**

**Pool fundraiser price list:** (these are held at the school so just text a message or pop in)

Food wrap            300m x 33cm = \$23  
                             600m x 33cm = \$35

Roll foil                90m x 44cm = \$22  
                             150m x 30cm = \$22

Baking paper        100m x 30cm = \$30

## **PRIMARY SCHOOL GOLF**

Our “School Pupils” Golf Club will begin again on Friday 11 November. 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 Thursday during the summer terms.

Sessions times will be 3:30 pm – 4:45 pm for years 3 – 6, and 4:45 – 6:00 for older players

There is no cost for these Friday sessions, but pupils who wish to use the facilities at other times may join the Golf Club as a “Primary School Pupil Member” at a cost of \$25:00 for the summer.

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 0212037547.

Kind regards  
Stuart Riordan

## **Congratulations for making Southland Country Cricket Teams**

Good luck Ben, Liam Ryan W, Rylan and Blaine for tournament in January



Athletics for Term 4 starts on Tuesday the 18th  
October 2022, 5:30pm at Newman Park.

Looking forward to seeing everyone again, new  
members most welcome.

Any queries please contact  
Vicky Muir 021 265 5712 or Michelle Houghton  
027 9532 630.

Want to learn how to run, jump or throw?  
The skills you learn in athletics are the perfect foundation for almost any sport.  
Every student can give athletics a go.  
Our local athletics club Athletics Gore is welcoming new members now and we  
encourage students to get involved and get active.  
Contact details for all athletics clubs nationwide are available  
here [athletics.org.nz/FindaClub](https://athletics.org.nz/FindaClub) and become a member.



## Register your child for the 2022 Safety Champs programme!

Farm safety is a crucial topic not just for those who work on farms, but also those who live and grow up on them.

To help navigate conversations with little ones about farm safety, BASF has introduced its Safety Champs programme, which is free for New Zealand farming families.

By registering online, your family can receive a Safety Champs pack that includes a child-sized safety vest and ear-muffs as well as interactive activities designed to facilitate conversations between families about how they can all be safer on farms.

Learn more or register for the 2022 programme at: [basf.link/SafetyChampsNZ](https://basf.link/SafetyChampsNZ)



## 2023 Prime Lamb and Calf competition – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023

*Just a reminder about this annual fundraiser – half the proceeds go to the School!!*

We have also pledged a donation of \$10,000 to the new St John Building and need your support for this.

Keep 1 calf or 3 lambs out NOW to be in to WIN some great prizes and support the community and School!

**Contacts - Lambs** Murray (Curly) Napier 021475853 - **Calf** Greg Reed 0272764410