



5 December 2024

Term 4 Week 8

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

Kia ora Whānau

December has arrived! We are in the final few weeks of school for the year.

There are a couple of events coming up in the last week of school.

1. **Year 8 Graduation** is on Monday 16th December, 7pm, in the school hall. All family and community members are invited to come along and celebrate our awesome year 8s. If you come along please bring a supper plate to share.
2. Our **End Of Year Celebration** is on Thursday 19th of December. You are invited to come along with your picnic tea at 5:30pm. We ask that all the children have eaten by 6pm so we can assemble them together and they will share with you their learning from this term and come Christmas songs. If the weather is fine we will be on the grass out the front of the school hall, if it is wet and cold we have the Community Centre booked. We would love the children to come dressed in Christmas theme. If you could please send along any Christmas attire you have in a named bag by Friday 13th December so we can see who has what - if you don't have anything don't worry, we have a big box at school that children can choose items out of. Please feel free to dress up yourselves.
3. Our last day of school is Friday the 20th of December, finishing at 12:45pm. Those children on buses will be picked up at 12:45pm, and those of you that are picking up our own children please be at school by 12:45pm.
4. School reports will be sent home on Thursday 19th December.

Well done to all our touch teams. Unfortunately you didn't get many games because of the weather, but we hope you had fun when you did get to play. Thank you to all our parents, coaches and managers for taking time to be with the teams.

The 2025 school year will kick off on Monday the 10th of February for students. The teachers will have a teachers only on Friday the 7th of February to look at the new Maths curriculum and how we will give effect to it at Riversdale School. We hope this will be less disruptive than taking a day during the term.

Have a great weekend

Nga mihi,

The Riversdale Staff

Ehara! Ko koe te ringa e huti punga!

Yes, yours is the arm best suited to pull up the anchor?
You have it in you!

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

Certificates from Week 6



	Manawaroa Resilience	Whakaute Respect	Kawenga Responsible	Kupu (word) of the Week
Room 7	Ryan	Amanda	Logan	Mattie
Room 6	Lachlan	Maisy	Bella	Aoife
Room 5	Dakota	Jessie	Murphy	Kate
Room 4	Matilda	Gayuka	Carter	Sophia
Room 3	Zac	Abigail	Parth	Bede
Room 2	Hudson	Ayesha	Skylar	Harley
Room 1	Henry	Blaire	Dejh	

Coming Up....

Term 4

16 December

Year 8 Graduation, 7pm

19 December

Term 4 Celebration, 5.30pm

20 December

Last day of school, 12.45pm

10 February

First Day of 2025 School Year

27 February

Waimea Plains Athletics Day @ Riversdale

News from the Board

At the meeting on Monday night the Board discussed the following policies. If you would like to see any of them with the changes, or the new ones added please contact the principal for copies.

Safety checking Teaching Staff Stages of Appointments School Staffing Staff Funding
Secondary Employment Police Vetting School Social Media Staff Induction
Employment Policy (currently employer responsibility policy)
Equal Employment Opportunities Flexible Working Arrangements
Appointment Policy (currently appointment procedure) Performance management
Employment Agreements Salary Units (Primary) Classroom Release Time Timetable
Teacher Relief Cover Ending Employment School Community Conduct Expectations
Professional development Principal Professional Growth Cycle Attendance Procedures
Teacher professional growth cycle Staff leave Media Staff Conduct Food & Nutrition
EOTC - External Providers and Contractors EOTC - Event Planning & Approval

End of Year Concert / Celebration

On Thursday 19th December the children of Riversdale School will put on a "Cultural Christmas Concert." This is to take place outside the school hall on the grass.

Families are invited to bring along a picnic dinner to have. We ask that children eat from 5.30pm - 6pm so that they can sit with their class while the show is happening to ensure it runs smoothly.

The concert will start at 6pm and run for approximately 1 1/2 hours. Each class will be sharing their learning about the culture their class has been studying for the term. There will also be Christmas Carols and acts.

We would like all children to be dressed in a Christmas theme. If you could please send along any Christmas attire you have in a named bag by Friday 13th December so we can see who has what - if you don't have anything don't worry, we have a big box at school that children can choose items out of.

Feel free to dress up yourselves and younger brothers and sisters as this is a fun evening to get into the Christmas spirit.

We look forward to seeing everyone there.

School Buses

Our four bus drivers are Jan Robertson, Michael Lobb, Rhonda Wilson and James Nicolson.

Please inform the driver if your child is off the bus in the morning.

Kaweku/Waimea Bus - Jan Robertson – 027 6088203

Mandeville Bus - James Nicolson – 027 2848816

Waipounamu/Wendonside bus - Rhonda Wilson - 027 2578895

Wendon Bus - Michael Lobb – 027 3725785

Please try to be at your child's bus stop 5 minutes before their pick up time in case the bus is running early.

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 pick up or 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.

Bus Drivers Wanted!



Riversdale Area

School Bus Drivers

Part-time or Casual on call

Are you a stay-at-home mum or dad who does the school drop off/pick up and wouldn't mind taking a few extra kids on the way?

Are you a retiree but aren't ready to put your feet up quite yet? Would you like to supplement your income and do something productive and helpful in your community?

Are you looking for part time work, thinking of re-joining the workforce or looking to earn some extra dollars in a responsible and enjoyable job?

We will provide you with training and support, morning and afternoon work during term time and all while getting paid! Nights, weekends and school holidays off!

What you need:

- A Class 2 Licence is preferred.
- A Full Class 1 Licence for at least two years. (We will help you get your P endorsement.)

To apply call Belinda on

021 724 981 or email

Belinda.VonRandow@gobus.co.nz



Home and School

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



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

WAIMEA PLAINS VINTAGE TRACTOR & MACHINERY CLUB

are holding their
Annual Xmas Parade in Riversdale,
 leaving the Clubrooms
 at 2.30pm on
Sunday December 8th

- BBQ Lunch (at Clubrooms)
- Lolly Scramble
- Big Stationary Engine Running

All Welcome


Afternoon Tea to follow at the Clubrooms
 (53 Liverpool Street, Riversdale)

*Tractor Drivers to contact:
 Richard Dillon 03 201 6264*



MARTIN MUSIC PRESENTS
 13 & UNDER STUDENTS

LITTLE BOOTS



FREE **4PM**

LIVE MUSIC

PUT YA BOOTS ON!

Riversdale Hotel
Sunday Dec 8th
 Bookings - For Meals
 Recommended

CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL + PARADE

Santa Parade:
 12 Noon on Main Street, Gore

Christmas Carnival:
 12:30pm - 4:00pm
 Main Reserve, 40 Ardwick

Sunday 8 December 2024

COME JOIN THE FUN!



PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY:

GO RURAL CITY RE LIVING | Mercury | Community Trust South | creative COMMUNITIES NZ

Fonterra | Gigit Bubbles by TINKA | AMIGOS | level | Ford Regional Ford

McDONOUGH ENTERACTIVES | thewarehouse | Harcourts Gore

Join the

Read & Roam 2025

Summer Reading Challenge

Runs from January 1 - 31, 2025

Pick up your maps at Gore and Matura Libraries today.

Free fun for children of all ages - plus exciting prizes!



GORE DISTRICT LIBRARIES | GO RURAL CITY RE LIVING

GLENHAM TRAINWRECK TRAIL

SATURDAY 18 JANUARY 2025
RACES START FROM 11am

10km - Walk, Run or Mountain Bike
15km - Run or Mountain Bike
21km - Run or Mountain Bike
43km - Mountain Bike
43km - E-Bike
Other distances for E-bike recreational only

Register online at:
www.glenhamtrainwreck.co.nz
or on the day from 9.30am at
Glenham Hall
Cash only (No EFTPOS available)

Facebook: GLENHAM TRAINWRECK TRAIL

Compete in any of the Mountain Bike events and go in the draw to win a **MOUNTAIN BIKE VALUED AT \$2000** thanks to MLT and CrossRoad Cycles

Fundraiser for Glenham Community Centre

Logos: vetco, BRUCE DICKENS TREE TOPPING LTD, G-Link, VetSouth, PGG Wrightson Seeds, Wyndham, MALLOCH McLEAN, CROSSROAD CYCLES, THREE RIVERS, Matura Licensing Trust, GLENHAM TRAIL, Edsign

HELICOPTER
Golf Ball DROP
waikaia forest trails
HIGH COUNTRY HELICOPTERS

23 DECEMBER
5pm start Waikaia Golf Course - Ball drop 7pm

BBQ
Kids Activities - Lolly Scramble
Santa Visit
\$5 Chuck and Putt
\$5 Longest Drive

WIN \$1000
If your ball lands closest to hole

\$10 a ball
\$50 for 6 balls

five \$100 prizes for next closest to hole

Purchase balls by depositing directly to Waikaia Trails Trust 12-3434-0030198-01
Particulars: Your Name Reference: Phone Number
CASH SALES AVAILABLE AT LOCAL OUTLETS

All funds go towards Stage 3 Mountain Bike Trails

SDC SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Get #ActiveAS with our #FunAS Holiday Programme

LOCATIONS

- Wyndham - Tuesday 21st January
- Tuatapere - Thursday 23rd January
- Te Anau - Friday 24th January
- Winton - Monday 27th January
- Otautau - Tuesday 28th January
- Riversdale - Thursday 30th January
- Mossburn - Friday 31st January
- Stewart Island - Wednesday 5th February

\$6 PER CHILD

5-12 YEARS

Free play
Sports
Swimming
10AM - 3PM
And more

To register, visit our event page on our website: www.activesouthland.co.nz
Registrations close 5pm, 17th January

Logos: Southern REAP, Active Southland

Travelling overseas soon?

You must do a **New Zealand Traveller Declaration** when you come back.

TravellerDeclaration.govt.nz

Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa
New Zealand Government

New Zealand Traveller Declaration
Whakapuakanga Tangata Haere ki Aotearoa

Two weeks ago Brendan, Archie and Jayden were lucky to be asked from DLS, Limehills Rugby team to play in the Jonty Carran memorial 10 a side rugby tournament in Otautau. They won most of their games and made it to the finals, but unfortunately lost to Southland boys. What a great experience for these boys and their team.

