



6 June 2024

Term 2 Week 6

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

Kia ora Whānau

This week we have welcomed into the school *Neva Dean, Ubina Giri, Brianna Salcedo, Gayuka Dedimuni, Remon Madawala and Xian Alejandro* - and their families - into our school community.

Coming up next week is the Southland Cross Country on Friday 14th June at the Waimumu Field days site. Once we know who has qualified from the Northern Cross Country today we will send home information to those who will require it. We wish our competitors at Northern all the best today and look forward to hearing how they have gone.

The year 5-8 students have been learning how to play Ki O Rahi on Friday afternoons, the year 1-4s have learnt Tapu Ae which is an adaptation. Ki O Rahi is a traditional Māori team game. Coming up on Friday 21st June we are having a Ki o Rahi tournament for children and parents. Our plan is to run the tournament after school from 3:00-5:00pm. Our Tākaro leaders will be selling sausages and bread (which school will provide) and baking (each family that comes along please bring a batch of baking) for a gold coin. The Tākaro leaders are fundraising for equipment and resources for their lunchtime activities. We would love to have as many families as possible come along and join in the fun. **If you want to learn to play Ki O Rahi come along to Friday afternoon sport from 2:00-2:45pm for the next couple of weeks. Here is a link to find out more about the games** <https://www.r2r.org.nz/games-activities-maori-youth/ki-o-rahi.html>.

On Thursday 27th June we are planning to hold a Matariki breakfast to celebrate Matariki - Māori new year. All parents, whānau and community members are invited to come along to school from 8-10am for breakfast and then time looking in the classrooms at the amazing work the students have been doing this term. More details will come out in the next few weeks.

Coming up on the 2nd and 3rd of July we will be having parent/student/teacher conferences. Please keep an eye on Hero in a couple of weeks for the timetable to book in your interview session with your child's teacher. Mid year school reports are due to come home on the 27th of June so you will be able to bring them with you to your conference.

If you have any outstanding school t-shirts or tracksuits please send them back to school as soon as you can.

Nga mihi,
The Riversdale Staff

Poipoia te kākano kia pūawai

Nurture the seed and it will bloom,
we all need love and care to fully realise our potential

Coming Up....

Term 1

6 June	Northern Cross Country
14 June	Southland Cross Country
21 June	Ki O Rahi tournament (all welcome)
24 June	BOT Meeting, 7pm
27 June	Matariki Breakfast and open morning (all welcome)
28 June	Matariki (school closed)
2&3 July	Parent, Student Teacher Conferences
5 July	End of Term 2
22 July	Term 3 begins

Lunches Requiring Cutlery

If your child requires a knife, fork or spoon to eat their lunch with please send from home. School are no longer supplying these due to children not returning them after use.

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

Paul Eason - 021 474580

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.

Michael Lobb (Wendon bus) will be on leave for the next 6 weeks. The relief bus driver is Rex Affleck 027 4327678.

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)





These are challenging times, Southland Murihiku.

Southland District Council is consulting on its Long Term Plan 2024-2034, and we need to hear from you.

How much do you think we should spend?

Are you prepared to sacrifice some levels of service in roading to keep rates down?

These vital decisions will have a bearing on your final rates.

The average Southland district rate increase for 2024/2025 in the proposed LTP is 13.66%, with most increases across the district ranging from 4% to 13% for residential rates, and from 11% to 17% for rural and business rates. There will be exceptions for individual properties.

There are four key issues, around funding of water services, roads, recycling and Te Anau Airport Manapouri.

The consultation period runs from 5 June until 5 July, with hearings scheduled on 16-18 July.

Please go to <https://makeitstick.nz/ltp2024> and let us know what you think.

Hard copies of the consultation document and submission form are available at Southland District Council's office/libraries in Invercargill, Winton, Riverton, Te Anau, Lumsden, Otautau, Oban, and Wyndham, as well as more than 20 cafes, dairies, supermarkets, retail outlets, pubs, clubs or service centres in townships throughout the district.

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