



RIVERSDALE SCHOOL
Inspiring Excellence

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Term 4 Week 9

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

Kia ora Whānau

Welcome to our penultimate newsletter of the year. Next week is our final week of school before we break for the summer holidays. We have a number of events planned for next week.

Monday

Our **Year 8 Graduation is on Monday night starting at 7pm** in the school hall. School and community families are welcome to join us to celebrate our Year 8s. The year 8 students need to be at school by 6:50pm at the latest please.

Tuesday

The Great School Water Fight will be happening on Tuesday after lunch. We invite the children to bring along their water pistols, buckets, bottles etc (no water balloons). They will also need to bring togs and a towel to change into for the water fight (we suggest a t-shirt or rash vest to keep being sunsafe). The juniors and seniors will be in different parts of the school. For those that do not want to participate there will be an inside alternative. If any parents would like to come and join the fun you are most welcome.

Wednesday

The year 8 Fun day is on Wednesday. Year 8s can come to school on the bus as usual and we will be leaving school at 9am. They will need their lunch and a water bottle, togs and towel. We should be back at school by 3:30pm, please arrange to come and pick up your children.

Thursday

Our end of year Cultural Christmas concert is being held on Thursday early evening. You are invited to come along with your picnic meal from 5:30pm to the soccer field in front of the hall. **We ask that the children have all eaten by 5:50pm at which time we will assemble them all together.** The children are to come dressed in a Christmas theme, unless you have had a notice from your child's teacher about other items they may need for their presentation. The evening should be finished around 7:30pm. School whānau and community members are all welcome to come and join us.

Reports will go home on Thursday.

Friday

This is our final day of the year. **We will be finishing school at 12:45pm** and the buses will run at this time. Friday will be our final clean up of the year so if your child is tired from the full week we have planned please feel free to keep them at home.

We look forward to seeing you all on our first day back next year, Monday 10 February 2025.
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 8



	Manawaroa Resilience	Whakaute Respect	Kawenga Responsible	Kupu (word) of the Week
Room 7	Daisy	Sammuhang	Hunter	Hazel
Room 6	Grayson	Mason	Lexi	Georgia
Room 5	Jaelyn	Dinew	Cruz	George
Room 4	Blake	Jujhar	Beau	
Room 3	Harry	Vou	Bentley	
Room 2				
Room 1	Aeron	Foli	Ayva	

Coming Up....

Term 4

16 December

Year 8 Graduation, 7pm

19 December

Term 4 Celebration, 5.30pm (see info below)

20 December

Last day of school, finishing 12.45pm

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 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.

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

HELICOPTER

Golf Ball DROP

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

\$6 PER CHILD

5-12 YEARS

10AM - 3PM

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

Activities: Sports, Free play, Swimming

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



TRUE NATURE

SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

<p>NATURAL CREATORS (Ages 5-16) Invercargill</p> <p>Creating and Cooking Join us for an inspiring day of creating through arts and cooking</p> <p>Your child's imagination will be truly ignited as they bring their creativity to life using a variety of NATURAL materials and textiles such as clay, wool, flowers and plants to explore as well as preparing nutritious meals to enjoy and that they can cook at home.</p> <p>Children will go home feeling fulfilled, inspired, capable and independent.</p> <p>Natural Christmas Creators (3 days) 15th - 18th December</p> <p>Natural Creators 15th & 16th January</p> <p>Bush, Make and Make Natural Creators and Bush Kids combined, 27th January</p>	<p>BUSH CRAFT (Ages 7-13) & (Ages 11-16) Invercargill, Gore and Otautau</p> <p>Adventures, Challenges and Connection to Nature. One day and three day options (not overnight)</p> <p>Five starting, cooking on fire and gas stoves, whittling navigation, team survival challenges, foraging, nature discovery, exploration in the bush, at the beach and down at the estuary and much more.</p> <p>CHILD VS WILD (7-13) Invercargill 16th - 20th December (5 days) 15th - 17th January (3 days)</p> <p>A WILD DAY OUT (11-16) Invercargill 20th January (1 day)</p> <p>BUSH KIDS (7-13) (1 day) Invercargill 21st & 22nd January</p> <p>BUSH, MAKE & MAKE (Bush Kids & Natural Creators combined) 27th January</p> <p>BUSH KIDS (7-13) (1 day) Gore 23rd & 24th January</p> <p>BUSH KIDS (7-13) (1 day) Otautau 28th January</p>
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Travelling overseas soon?

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

TravellerDeclaration.govt.nz

New Zealand Traveller Declaration		Whakapuakanga Tangata Haere ki Aotearoa
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Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa
New Zealand Government