



16 October 2024

**Term 4 Week 1**

**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 back to Term 4. We hope you all managed to get some relaxation and refreshment.

At the end of Term 3 we farewelled Odin Stirling. Odin has gone on to Northern Southland College. We wish him well at his new school.

This week we have welcomed *Scout McKeown* ( and parents Freya and James) and *Daisy Jones* to Room 1 and our school community.

It has been great to see the sun over the last few days - long may it continue. We are back in sunhat time of year. Our school policy says that all students must wear a sunhat when outside during Terms 1 and 4. All sun hats must be the bucket style, or the legionnaires (a cap with flaps at the sides and back) so that the ears and neck are covered - caps are not acceptable. From Monday onwards we will be enforcing this with all students. Those who do not have an appropriate sunhat will need to play under the big tree at the front of the school. A big thank you to the Home and School for organising new school sun hats late last term. Children may bring a hat from home as long as it meets our criteria.

We are looking forward to Pet day on Tuesday. At the bottom of the newsletter is the full schedule for the day. This was also posted on Hero yesterday. The weather forecast looks good for the day so please ensure you bring along your own sun protection for the day.

You will have noticed the new fence going up over the holiday break. It is almost complete with the finishing touches being added over the next week or so. It is very important that during the school day the gates are closed properly - if you come please check them. After school and weekends the gates can be left open.

A reminder that we have a **Teachers Only Day** on **Tuesday 29th of October**. On this day the teachers will be learning about the new Mathematics Curriculum so we can begin to introduce it during 2025.

Good luck to our Tennis and Golf teams as they compete over the next week.

Touch starts today - good luck to those teams also. The draw each week is found on the Touch Southland website; look for the Eastern Primary and Secondary tab

<https://www.touchesouthland.co.nz/>

*Nga mihi,  
The Riversdale Staff*

E ngaki ana a mua, e tōtō mai ana a muri

First clear the weeds, then plant (make time for mind weeding)

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

Certificates from Week 10



	Manawaroa Resilience	Whakaute Respect	Kawenga Responsible	Kupu (word) of the Week
Room 7	Gurjeet	Jaxson	Amanda	
Room 6	Emma	Trelise	Georgia	Lexi
Room 5	Emma	Jahn	Ella	
Room 4	Gayuka	Jujhar	Phoebe	Meihana
Room 3	Daisy	Crisen	Lucy	Leigh
Room 2	Lyla	Edmund	Lawrence	
Room 1	Blaire		Anna	

## Coming Up....

### Term 4

17 October	Touch starts in Gore
18 October	Northern Tennis Tournament
22 October	Pet day
23 October	Northern Golf Tournament
28 October	Labour Day - School closed
29 October	Teachers Only Day - School closed for students
6-8 November	Year 5 & 6 School Camp
16 December	Year 8 Graduation
19 December	Term 4 Celebration
20 December	Last day of school

## 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

### **Baking Mix Fundraiser**

**Reminder Baking mix order forms are due back to school by 3pm tomorrow (Friday 18 October).**

**Any questions please contact Kelly-Anne Blatch or email [riversdalehas@gmail.com](mailto:riversdalehas@gmail.com)**

### **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



**RIVERSDALE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY POOL Fundraiser**

Pre Order in time for Xmas

**Rainbow Goggle.....\$20**  
For Under 5's, oval shaped eye piece, clear lens

**Oracle Junior Goggle.....\$22**  
For ages 3 - 12yrs, oval shaped eye piece, clear lens

**Funkies Goggle.....\$28**  
For ages 3 - 12yrs, teardrop shaped eye piece, clear lens  
Green and Orange      Pink and Purple

**Oracle Goggle.....\$25**  
For ages 10 yrs +, oval shaped eye piece

Order deadline 31st Oct 2024. Just message the page to place your order.  
Use Goggle Name and Last Name as reference  
Payment to: 03 0915 0285905 00



**RIVERSDALE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY POOL**

**POOL FUNDRAISER**

<b>Food wrap</b>	300m x 33cm = \$26
	600m X 33cm = \$36
<b>Roll foil</b>	90m x 44cm = \$23
	150m x 30cm = \$23
<b>Baking Paper</b>	100m X 30cm = \$32
<b>Bank Account:</b>	03-0915-0285905-00
Available from the school office. (new stock just arrived)	

## Community Notices

### PRIMARY SCHOOL GOLF

Our "School Pupils" Golf Club will begin again on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October. 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 Friday during the summer terms.

Sessions times will be 3:30 pm – 4:45 pm for primary school pupils and 4:45 – 6:00pm for older pupils. There is no cost for these Friday sessions and all gear is provided.

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 021 2037547.

Kind regards  
Stuart Riordan

### Waikaia St Marys Church Service

22nd October, 12 noon at the Waikaia Hotel.

Lunch at Waikaia Cafe afterwards 1.00 pm.

# ATHLETICS GORE



Athletics for Term 4 starts on Tuesday the 15 October 2024, 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 Sarah Wiegiersma 021 141 6518



**FREE ENTRY**

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## HOKONUI CULTURE FEAST

Friday 18 October 2024 | 5:30pm - 8:30pm  
MLT Events Centre, Gore Multisports Complex


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Food - Workshops - Performances

Dress for the occasion - *be bright, bold and colourful!* Food, drink and more available to purchase. Cash only.

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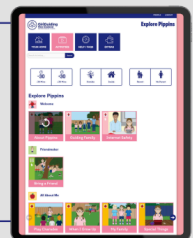
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**\$8.75 per month**

### What is Explore?


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Explore gives tamariki the chance to engage with real-world activities, develop real-life skills they can apply day-to-day, as well as grow their confidence and sense of adventure. They are supported by interactions with our trained Guiding Leaders, and even earn REAL badges along the way!



### Why choose Explore?

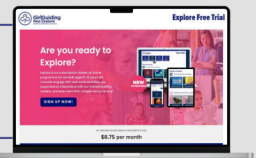
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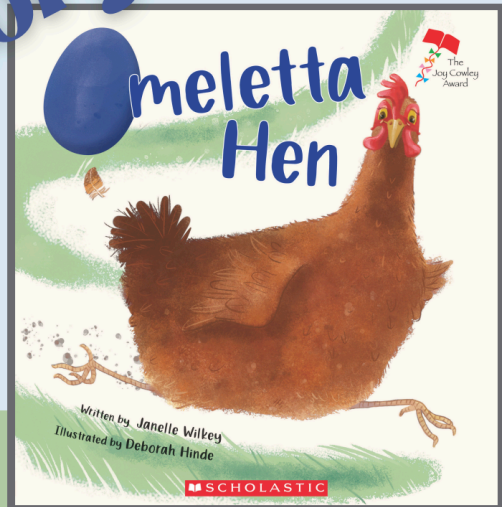
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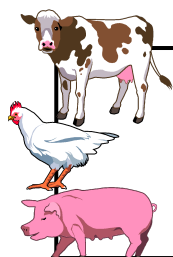


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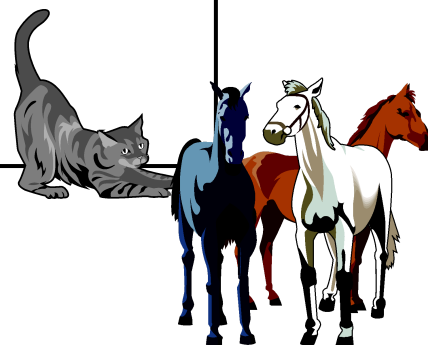
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**RIVERSDALE SCHOOL PET SHOW  
TO BE HELD AT THE SCHOOL ON  
Tuesday 22 October, 2024**



Buses run as normal. Please advise your bus driver if your child is off the bus.

9.00 – 9.20 am- children take entries to the hall and display them.

**9.20 am**      **All pets must be at school by this time.**

9.30 am      - **Hall closed for judging.** No children allowed in until 11am.

9.30 am      - Grand Parade – on the soccer field in front of the hall.

9.45 am      - Pet/Human look alike competition (Pet & Human dressed up the same)  
- Lamb Drinking race

10 am      - All children go with pets for judging. Those without pets, please go and support a friend with a pet.

11am      - Hall open. Children do not remove certificates or any items please, or touch any of the displayed items.

11.30 am      - Cake auction.

**Short lunch break**

12.30pm      - Bike events on soccer field.

1.00pm      - Remote controlled car race.

1.30pm      - Ag Sports Teams event.

**End of day – please collect up all your belongings and you may go home.**

**Schedule of Events – Students must enter at least two Hall events.**

**Event Groups:**

Years 0 – 2

Years 5-6

Years 3 – 4

Years 7-8

If the weather is wet, all Hall events will continue in the morning, but pet events will not occur.

**Note – Please complete the entry slip that will be in the hall. One slip to go with each entry. Attach to your entry face down and place that entry in the correct section in the school hall before 9.30am.**

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## Pony Events

- Event 1 **Pony sack race** – please bring your own sack. Ride pony quarter way down the rugby field to the cones, dismount and get into the sack, and hop/jump while leading pony back to the finish line.  
**Pony Barrel race** – ride pony halfway down the rugby field, around a desk, and back to the finish line.
- Event 2 Best presented pony.

**Pets** - Children to be able to answer questions orally and must be able to explain how they look after it.

### **Dogs must bring doggy-doo-doo bags**

- Event 3 Best presented pet lamb.
- Event 4 Best presented calf.
- Event 5 Best presented dog.
- Event 6 Best presented for any other animal (rabbits, guinea pigs, rats, fish, crocodiles etc.) other than the above, in or large animals e.g. goats behind the play shed.

**Best Trained Pets** The pets in this section need to show that they follow their owner's commands.

- Event 7 Best trained lamb – follows its owner.
- Event 8 Best trained calf – on a lead.
- Event 9 Best trained dog. Responds to 'sit' command. Walks with on lead for short distance. Other commands as shown to judges.
  
- Event 10 Lamb drinking race – 300ml milk in own bottle.
- Event 11 Pet Human Look Alike 9 Pet & Human dress the same)

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## Hall Events (Children must enter at least two of these events)

**The following sections will be judged in age groups. All entries are completed at home. All items below go into the hall.**

### Pet Diaries Without Pets

- Event 12 Diary/scrapbook kept by the child about their pet that is not at the show. (Great for cats rather than bringing them on the day).

### Flowers

- Event 13 Y0 to Y2 and Y3 to Y4 – Sand Saucer. (Flowers arranged in a sand saucer)
- Event 14 Flowers in an unusual container.
- Event 15 Vase arrangement of flowers.
- Event 16 Environment/scene in sand (e.g. plastic dinosaurs in pre-historic times, farm scenes, barbie scene, beach scene, motocross etc).

### Crafts and Novelty

- Event 17 Vegetable Animal.
- Event 18 An item made from recycled material.
- Event 19 Lego type (i.e. Duplo, Lego, Lego Technics, K'nex or similar construction equipment).
- Event 20 Best dressed doll.
- Event 21 Best dressed bear.
- Event 22 Best handcraft by child e.g. Sewing, knitting, cross-stitch

- Event 23 Colouring Competition - given out at school but coloured in by your child at home.

### Baking

- Event 24 Best Chocolate Cake (to be auctioned on the day)
- Event 25 Chocolate chippie biscuits (3)
- Event 26 Best Decorated Cake (to be auctioned on the day.)
- Event 27 Best other baked goods e.g. carrot cake, loaf (to be auctioned on the day.)
- Event 28 Best decorated cupcakes (3)

### Wearable Art – Recycled Materials

- Event 29 Wearable Art – display on a coat hanger.

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### Bikes and remote controlled cars.

- Event 30 Best decorated bike. (These are displayed around the elm tree on the front lawn).
- Event 31 Slow bike race. (After lunch on back field) Children must have a helmet.
- Event 32 Fastest bike races. (After lunch on back field) Children must have a helmet.
- Event 33 Remote control car race.

### Ag Sports Team of 3 - mixed ages – Years 4 - 8

- Event 34 Put up an electric fence – 3 standards – and take it down