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Term 1 Week 9

Kia Ora, Kamusta, Āyubōvan, Sata srī akāla, Namaskāra, Hallå, Dia dhuit, Kam na mauri, Hallo, Hello

Kia Ora Parents and Whānau

We have made it to the end of Term 1 - hasn't it gone quickly!

We had a great day with John Parsons yesterday. The students had excellent sessions with him and learnt heaps. If you weren't able to make it last night but would still like to access some information we are waiting for John to send some clips that we can share with you. As soon as we have the links they will be posted in Hero. A huge THANK YOU to Invercargill East Rotary Club for sponsoring John's work in Southland Schools, free of charge.

The Year 8 students had a fabulous day at the GRIP Leadership Conference in Gore on Tuesday. They learnt lots of skills about leadership and how to develop and plan out their ideas or projects. We look forward to seeing these young leaders step up in the coming term.

This term the whole school has been learning songs about ANZAC Day to be ready and prepared for the annual **Riversdale ANZAC Service on the 25th of April, 10am, at the Community Centre**. We would like as many of our school students as possible to come along and join us in presenting these songs. If your children are able to come along please meet Miss McCall and Mrs Blatch in the small room at the Community Centre entrance at 9:45am where we will get them organised and give them poppies. We will sit together as a school and at the conclusion of the service your children can then join you to walk along to the cenotaph then past the school to the lane of poppies. While you walk past the school you may like to pop in the gates and view the children's artwork in the windows. Tidy dress please.

Tomorrow, Friday, is our final day for Term 1. We would love for all the children to come to school dressed in their house colours so they can share their house chants and banners they have been working on this term. The house colours are below.

Have a great Holiday break! Nga mihi nui, Bronwyn and the Riversdale Staff

Me te wai kōrari Like the nectar of a flax flower

Joy in small things

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

Certificates from Week 8



	Manawaroa Resilience	Whakaute Respect	Kawenga Responsible	Te Reo Māori Learner of the Week
Room 7	Ashlyn	Xian	Trelise	Jaxson
Room 6	Emma S	Emma H	Lachie	Dinew
Room 5	Bentley	Ubina	Mathew	Indie
Room 4	Ayesha	Jack Jones	Abigail	Pippi
Room 3	Remon	William	Hudson	Harley
Room 2	Freya	Ayva	Myles	Callum
Room 1	Chayan	Angela Anakin		Jack
Tumuaki (Principal's) Award		Jaxson McCleery		

Coming Up....

Term 1

11 April End of Term 1, House Dress Up Day 25 April Riversdale ANZAC Day Service

28 April Term 2 Begins

21 May Waimea Cross Country @ Waikaia

5 June Northern Cross Country13 June Southland Cross Country

19 June Matariki Breakfast and Community Assembly

24 & 26 June Parent Teacher Interviews

27 June End of Term 2

School Houses and Colours

Waiporoporo	Whero	Kakariki	Karaka	Kikorangi	Kowhai
Miss Marshall	Mrs King	Mrs Smith	Mrs Cloete	Miss Callander/	Mrs Houghton
Mrs McCallum	Mrs Tayles	Miss Wall	Miss Frei	Mrs Blatch	Kerry
Ben Tayles	Lachlan Blatch	Amanda Cruickshank	Hazel D'Souza	Nicole Polglaze	Mattie McBride
Meila Scully	Harrison McCleery	Leyana Milana	Mason McBeath	Harley Cooper-Blackburn	Tom Davidson
Emma Howden	Trelise Evans	Jaxson McCleery	Maisy Jackson	Xian Alejandro	Campbell Tremaine
Ashlyn Dillon	Ava Watson	Lachie Kidd	Lexi McNamee	Hannah Scott	Priyah Blythe
Grayson Lord	Harry Crooks	Cooper McKee	Aria-Lea Matthews-Cross	Yuri Stirling	Georgia Martin
Murphy Stone	Hannah Hunt	Dinew Jayasinghe	Jack Horrell	Olivia Davis	Sam Rossiter
Emma Souness	Edie Gaines	Ella Johnstone	Kate Cruickshank	Bayden Waite	Jahn Walker
Lucy Crooks	Bella Smith	Jimmy Blatch	James Johnstone	Jaelyn Scully	Harry Houghton
Bentley Metternich	Dakota Boyte	Leo Watson	Zac Johnstone	Max Evans	Jessie Polglaze
Archer Lord	Evie Stirling	Dani Watson	Lucy Marshall	George Houghton	Harry Stone
Rumith WYVG Don	Neva Dean	Maatata Bwakura	Mathew Walker	Indie Fullager	Daisy Lawrence
Jack Sloane	Abigail Johnstone	Matthew Howden	Ubina Giri	Cruz Davidson	Kaiden O'Connor
Indie McKee	Ayesha Dizon	Parth Parth	Toby Orpwood	Crisen Ferrer	Aroha Watson-Gibson
Hadley Blythe	Cooper Watson	Toby Robins	Reid Waite	Leigh Tremaine	Skylar Kamo
William Cooper	Joseph English	Edmund Coughlan	Hayden Polglaze	Bede Crooks	Frankii Matthews-Cross
Lyla Watson	Pippi Wall-Young	Lawrence Walker	Harley Martin	Ollie Blatch	Meads Blatch
Beetita Bwakura	Gayuka Dedimuni	Emily Crooks	Hudson Boyte	Aliya Watson-Gibson	Remon Madawala
Noah Blatch	Meila Cummings	Phoebe Bain	Myles Crooks	Jack Jones	Resandi Liyansa
Beau Prattley	Meihana Kamo	Carter Wilson	Matilda Evans	Angus Souness	Blake Sloane
Darcy Hill	Callum Govan	Freya Lord	Dejh Stirling	Jujhar Sidhu	Aeron Tiangco
Bryn Fullager	Sophie Stone	Blaire Gaines	Victor Souness	Brianna Salcedo	Anna Johnstone
James Gibson	Jack Orpwood	Henry England	Daisy Jones	Ayva Walker	Scout McEwan
	Maia Hokai-Browne	Chayan Maheshwaram	Anakin Conn	Leo English	Colton Govan
				Angela Alejandro	
				Charlie Prattley	

Some amazing ANZAC Writing from our Year 3s

In one minute's silence I can imagine...

In one minute's silence I can imagine that guns fire shots from far away in sandy lands. In one minute's silence I can imagine soldiers getting off the ships. In one minute's silence I can imagine soldiers getting shot and blood everywhere. In one minute's silence I can imagine soldiers in the smoking trenches. In one minute's silence I can imagine soldiers crying to go home. In one minute's silence I can imagine soldiers with another soldier's blood on their face. On the 25th of April we have Anzac Day. We will remember them.

By William

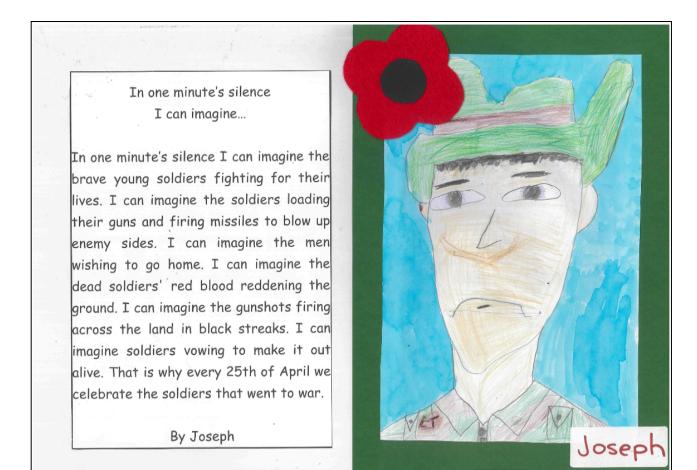


In one minute's silence I can imagine...

In one minute's silence I can imagine soldiers loading their rifles non-stop and barrels red hot. In one minute's silence I can imagine men going down one after another and blood going everywhere. In one minute's silence I can imagine bombs falling like rain from the sky. In one minute's silence I can imagine thousands of lands going up in flames. That is why we celebrate their lives on Anzac Day.

By Angus





The Riversdale School and Community Swimming Pool will be closing for the season at the end of the school holidays.

A huge thank you to the committee, headed up by Jo Russell, for all the amazing work you have done over the season to keep the pool water quality to such a high standard, and to the volunteers who have tirelessly come along and helped with testing and cleaning. We appreciate all the work you have done to keep this amazing resource.

School Buses

Our four bus drivers are Jan Robertson, Michael Lobb, Rhonda Wilson and Tony Cooney Please inform the driver if your child is off the bus in the morning.

Jan Robertson – 027 6088203 Michael Lobb – 027 3725785 Rhonda Wilson - 027 2578895 Tony Cooney - 021 1333791

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.

Community Notices



POOL FUNDRAISER

Food wrap 300m x 33cm = \$26

600m X 33cm =\$36

Roll foil 90m x 44cm =\$23

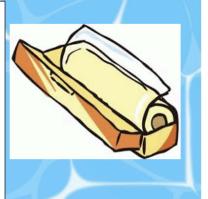
150m x 30cm = \$23

Baking Paper 100m X 30cm = \$32

Bank Account: 03-0915-0285905-00

Available from the school office. (new stock just

arrived)





Teacher Aide Vacancy

Waikaia School is seeking a caring and committed Teacher Aide to join our supportive team. This permanent position is for 3 days per week during term time and involves working alongside teachers to support the learning and wellbeing of our tamariki.

We are a small rural school with strong community values and a positive, inclusive culture. The successful applicant will:

- Work collaboratively with teachers to support students in their learning
- Show empathy and build positive relationships with children
- Be flexible, reliable, and proactive
- Have excellent communication and organisational skills
- Ideally have previous experience as a Teacher Aide (though not essential)

Start date is start of Term 2 (Monday, 28 $^{\rm th}$ of April). Remuneration will be in line with the Teacher Aide Pay Equity Settlement.

Applications close: Friday, 11th of April 2025

To apply

Please send a cover letter and CV to: Phillipus Gerber – principal@waikaia.school.nz









