



10 April 2025

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 Country
13 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 Miss Marshall Mrs McCallum	Whero Mrs King Mrs Tayles	Kakariki Mrs Smith Miss Wall	Karaka Mrs Cloete Miss Frei	Kikorangi Miss Callander/ Mrs Blatch	Kowhai Mrs Houghton 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



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



Angus

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

In one minute's silence I can imagine the brave young soldiers fighting for their lives. I can imagine the soldiers loading their guns and firing missiles to blow up enemy sides. I can imagine the men wishing to go home. I can imagine the dead soldiers' red blood reddening the ground. I can imagine the gunshots firing across the land in black streaks. I can imagine soldiers vowing to make it out alive. That is why every 25th of April we celebrate the soldiers that went to war.

By Joseph



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)





WAIKAIA SCHOOL

NURTURE, ENRICH, INSPIRE

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, 28th 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



BRENNY & THE BUSHWHACKERS

THE GREAT SOUTHLAND HALL PARTY

Lachie Hayes & the Tokonui Chainsaw Massacre

TICKETS \$30 AVAILABLE ONLINE **FRIDAY 9 MAY**
@ 1-TICKET **DOORS OPEN 7:00**
ON FROM THE ST JAMES (ST HW ST GORE)
 1/2 SOUTHLAND BUSINESS CHAMBER
 (25 DON ST INVERCARGILL)

RIVERSDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE
 18+ EVENT
 CASH BAR

waikaia forest trails A FUNDRAISER FOR THE WAIKAIA FOREST TRAILS



RIVERTON HERITAGE HARVEST FESTIVAL

29th & 30th March 2025
www.sces.org.nz

Childrens' activities/workshops

only \$5-\$15 per child & supervised by one of our tutors

Leaf Pressing Baked Bread Mice
 Wool Felting Natural Jewellery
 Make a Terrarium Harakeke Weaving
 Maypole Dancing

Amazing SCIENCE

Holiday Program

Tues April 15th—Thurs April 17th
 1:30-4pm at the
 Riversdale Presbyterian Church
 Ages 4-12 years


Register Now to Secure Your Place
 Sarah: 021 025 88731 or
sarahcowan3@gmail.com



Price:
 \$2 per day or
 \$5 for 3 days



MINDS IN MOTION



ABLE MINDS INVITE YOU TO JOIN OUR GROUP FOR PARENTS AND WHĀNAU WHO HAVE A CHILD IN THEIR LIFE WITH ADHD OR AUTISM


We aim to EMPOWER, EDUCATE and CONNECT parents with free support from Able Minds

5.30PM-7PM First Monday
 Every Month:
 7th April
 5th May
 2nd June
 7th July

CONNECTED EASTERN SOUTHLAND
 1 CHARLTON LANE, GORE

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT:
zavana@able.org.nz or 021360096

WWW.ABLE.ORG.NZ



SCHOOL HOLIDAY ICE SKATING

CHECKOUT FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM: @icesportssouthland

LEARN TO PLAY ICE HOCKEY

"Great introduction to Ice Hockey"
 4 - 16 year olds
 Wed 16th - 11am - 12pm

\$18 (PAID AT RECEPTION)
 All skates, sticks, helmets and coaching included.

"Limited Space Register Now"
www.tinyurl.com/teshl
issfigure@gmail.com for more info

Gore Multisports Complex
 off Robertson Street, Gore

LEARN TO SKATE

School Holiday Programme
 Wed 16th & Thurs 17th: 12.30pm - 1.30pm

Suitable for those who haven't skated before and those in Kiwiskate Tiny Tots - Basic and all skaters in between!

"A great way to fill in your School holidays"

1 Day \$18 **2 Day \$30**
 REGISTER www.tinyurl.com/tesl2

NO SKATING EXPERIENCE REQUIRED
 HELMETS COMPULSORY 4-16 YEARS

TERM 2 CHILDREN'S ICE SKATING

JUNIOR LEARN TO PLAY

"Term 2 Ice Hockey"
 Players will learn the basics of skating and stick handling and build confidence on the ice all the while feeling safe wrapped up in a full set of hockey protective equipment

Tuesday's 4.30pm - 5.30pm
 4 - 16 year olds Starts: 29th April

\$115 FOR 4 WKS
 All skates, sticks, helmets and coaching included.

"Limited Space Register Now"
www.tinyurl.com/hockeyt2
issicehockey@gmail.com for more info

KIWISKATE TERM 2

Monday Afternoons
 (During school terms. No Kiwiskate on Public Holidays)

4pm - 5pm
 Skaters spend time getting skates on, and warming up on the ice, and the lesson begins at 4.15pm.

Kiwiskate starts 28th April until 23rd June (last session).
 (No Kiwiskate on Monday June 2nd)

8 CLASSES \$100-TERM
 REGISTER www.tinyurl.com/teslhw

Please pay at the Multisports Complex reception on arrival.

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 off Robertson Street, Gore

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