



20 June 2024

**Term 2 Week 8**

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

Kia ora Whānau

Congratulations to our team that competed at the Southland Cross Country Champs last Friday. You all did so well and I was proud of you all! Special mention to Amanda Cruickshank who came third in the 12 year old girls.

Tomorrow is our Ki O Rahi tournament. Thank you to those who responded to the survey on Hero to let us know you are coming. It will be a fun afternoon. Any adults are welcome to join us tomorrow afternoon to learn how to play the game. Remember to bring coins as there will be a sausage sizzle and bake sale. If you are able to donate baked goods that would be great. The PALs are raising money for playground equipment.

Coming out tomorrow on Hero will be the booking information for Parent Teacher conferences on the 2nd and 3rd of July. These are a great opportunity to come and speak with your child's teacher about their progress both academically and socially. School reports will come out on Thursday 27th of June so you can bring these along to the interview as well.

Also coming out on Hero tomorrow will be information about our Matariki breakfast on Thursday 27th June, and a survey to indicate whether you will be attending (for catering purposes). Matariki is the celebration of the Māori new year where we reflect on the past year, give thanks, and then plan and dream for the future. We would love to have you come along for breakfast at 8-9am, then spend some time in the classrooms looking at your children's work, before all finishing in the Hall together around 10am.

As we are now in the thick of winter we have noticed a number of students not coming to school wearing warm jackets. On sunny/dry days we expect the children to play outside to get some fresh air and a little bit of vitamin D on their skin, but a number of children do not have a jacket to wear.

This year we have had a large number of juniors arrive at school therefore we will be opening a Year 1-2 class in Room 4 at the start of next term. Mrs Katie Blatch & Miss Rachel Cooke will be teaching this class. Those who are moving have already been notified of the change. At this stage we are still working on a teacher/teachers for Room 2 when Miss Callander goes on maternity leave - as soon as we have the personnel confirmed we will let you all know. Next term Mrs Smith will work full time in Room 5, and Mr Corlett will be working in Room 7 with Miss Marshall on Fridays.

This week we have done a reminder to our 2 senior classes about the place of cellphones at school. The government policy is that student cellphones are not to be at school, but we

understand that sometimes it is valuable for students to have these so they can contact families regarding practices, getting home etc. The expectation is that cellphones are handed into the office in the morning and picked up at 3pm; this is so they are either not a distraction or to keep them safe. Please have a chat with your child to remind them.

Don't forget that Friday 28th June is our Matariki public holiday so school will be closed that day.

*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**



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

	Manawaroa Resilience	Whakaute Respect	Kawenga Responsible	Kupu (word) of the Week
Room 7	Ming	Meila	Ben	Ryan
Room 6	Campbell	Kieran	Lexi	Maisy
Room 5	Indie	Sam	Bella	Jaelyn
Room 3	Maatata	Lucy	Abby	
Room 2	Jack	Beetita	Skylar	Hugo
Room 1	Ayva	Phoebe	Beau	Freya
<b>Tumuaki (Principal) Award</b>	<b>Tom Davidson &amp; Beau Prattley</b>			

# Coming Up....

## Term 1

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

This year the Riversdale school and Community Pool Committee **fundraising** approach is aiming towards more, smaller fundraisers to keep costs down for everyone in this current climate for our local community.

This enables us to keep up with our ongoing extensively high running costs and upgrading the facilities behind the scenes to a required standard.

We would love to see each family be part of creating their own fundraiser and selling croissants to their own network of people.

When we all do a small amount, together we can make this facility the best it can be and keep it around for years to come.

[Riversdale School & Community Pool Frozen Cookie Dough Fundraiser \(raiseit.co.nz\)](http://raiseit.co.nz)

Any questions or queries please contact

Jo Russell  
0273635768



The poster features a blue background with a white grid pattern. At the top center, the text 'RIVERSDALE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY' is written in a small, black, sans-serif font, with 'POOL' in a large, green, bubbly font below it. To the right of the text is a cartoon illustration of a boy in a red shirt and blue shorts standing next to a pool. Below the text is a white box containing the following information:

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: 03-0915-0285905-00</b>	
Available from the school office. (new stock just arrived)	

To the right of the white box is a cartoon illustration of a roll of yellow paper, likely representing the food wrap or foil mentioned in the table.

## Community Notices

### Superhero Holiday Program

July 16th-18th, 1:30-4pm

For kids aged 4-12 years

At the Riversdale Presbyterian Church

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

Register by July 13th - contact Sarah at 021 025 88731



# JUNIOR NETBALL PROGRAMME

Starting Term 3 - 24th July, Wednesday Afternoons.

Registrations will be open on Wednesday 12th June and will close on Wednesday 26th June. Please register by following this link

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/netballeaster/south/FutureFERNs-1>

Alternatively, you can check us out on facebook - Future Ferns Netball - GORE



futureFERNs



# GORE WINTER FETE

Sunday 23rd of June 2024

10am-3pm

Town & Country Club

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE - CLOTHING, HOMEWARES, COFFEE, JEWELLERY, CHILDREN'S ITEMS, DELICIOUS FOOD AND MORE!

\$5 entry fee (Under 16 are free)

FRIDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024

FREE ENTRY

- LIVE STAGE ENTERTAINMENT
- DISPLAYS
- FOOD VENDORS AVAILABLE
- LASER LIGHT SHOW!!

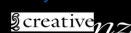
Southern Field Days site - Waimumu  
575 Waimumu Road, Gore

Come & experience our uniquely NZ festival  
1:00pm - 7:30pm

# Māruawai MATARIKI CELEBRATION

This event is brought to you by the Matariki Committee, Lower Mataura Valley Community of Learning Kāhui Ako, Pomāhaka Community of Learning Kāhui Ako, Gore and Districts Community of Learning Kāhui Ako.

This event is supported and made possible by the following generous organisations:





## 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.



# Travelling overseas soon?

You'll need to do a **New Zealand Traveller Declaration** when you come back.

[TravellerDeclaration.govt.nz](http://TravellerDeclaration.govt.nz)

**Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa**  
New Zealand Government

**New Zealand Traveller Declaration** | Whakapuakanga  
Tangata Haere ki Aotearoa

## Sugar In Disguise

### Learn to be a Sugar Sleuth!

Did you know sugar comes in many forms with different names? Be a sugar sleuth and see how many of these you can find on food and drink packets. Having sugary foods and drinks often, can weaken our tooth enamel and, overtime, lead to holes in our teeth.



Community Oral Health Service | Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora

Scan this code for more great tooth tips

