



26 July 2024

**Term 3 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 3. We hope you all enjoyed the break from rushing to school in the mornings.

This week we have welcomed *Gracie McGowan* (and her family) into Room 2, and *Mrs Adele McCallum* to our staff.

Coming up on Wednesday 31st July we are holding a parents evening about our Maths programmes in the school, in Room 5. You are invited to come along at 5:30pm-6:30pm to hear Averil Lee, our Maths curriculum expert from the University of Otago, talk about how we teach Maths and how you can support your child's learning at home. If you would like to come and need to bring your children along please do as there will be supervision for them in Room 3. It will be great to see you there.

On Monday 5th of August, 10am, we are holding a Mihi Whakatau (Māori welcome celebration) to welcome all the new students and their families that have started since February. Invitations will be sent out to the families next week. All other families/whanau are welcome to come along to welcome the new families into our school community. More details will be in next week's newsletter.

Coming up this term is the senior students' speech competition. The class competitions, years 7 & 8 and years 5 & 6, will be held on the 8th of August. Your child's class teacher will let you know the times. The school final will be held the next week for the top 4-5 in each section. The cluster round for the top 2 in each age group will be held in Dipton on the 21st of August. The junior speeches will be held sometime in the first week of September (your child's teacher will confirm these details with you).

At the end of August is the annual Southland Polyfest performance, in Invercargill. Polyfest is a festival of Māori and Pasifika kapa haka (song, dance and haka). We will be taking our kapa haka group to perform. Our senior students, year 5-8, are all in the kapa haka group, and students from years 1-4 have been able to choose to be part of kapa haka this term. This is a wonderful experience for our students to perform on a big stage. Last year our performance was amazing so it will be good to be a part of it again in 2024. More information will come out closer to the time.

We still have a few outstanding sports t-shirts. Please have a good hunt around your houses. We need them back asap so we can hand them out to students in our various sports teams etc.

*Nga mihi,  
The Riversdale Staff*

## He ihu kurī, he tangata haere

As a dog follows a scent, a traveller relies on the hospitality of others  
(Beware blindly following your nose. Be deliberate, make good choices)

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

Certificates from the end of Term 2

	Manawaroa Resilience	Whakaute Respect	Kawenga Responsible	Kupu (word) of the Week
Room 7	Gurjeet	James	Sam	Mihai
Room 6	Ashlyn	Elijah	Lachlan	Emma
Room 5	Addie	Ubina		
Room 3	James	Parth	Mathew W	Neva
Room 2	Harley	Frankii	Lawrence	Joseph
Room 1	Carter	Resandi	Matilda	
<b>Tumuaki (Principal) Award</b>				

## Coming Up....

### Term 1

31 July	Parent meeting about our Maths Curriculum
5 August	Mihi Whakatau, 10am
5 August	Firewise programme
8 August	Class speech competition
12-15 August	School Speech Competition Final sometime this week
21 August	Round 2 of the Senior Speech Competition
27 August	PolyFest in Invercargill
4 September	Round 3 of the Speech Competition (Northern & Western)
9-11 September	Life Education Bus Visit
10 September	Clued up Kids (Years 5 & 6)
26 September	Speech Competition Grand Final
27 September	End of Term 3

### School Buses

Our four bus drivers are Jan Robertson, Michael Lobb, Paul Eason 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 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.

## 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).

An illustration on the left shows a group of seven diverse children of various ethnicities and ages, some with backpacks, smiling. To the right of the text is a green high-visibility school vest with reflective white stripes.

## Home and School AGM - 5th August 2024

Home and School AGM is on Monday 5th August at 7 pm at the riversdale hotel. **Treasurer and Secretary roles need to be filled**, please reach out to a committee member if you have any questions about the roles.

## Riversdale School and Community Pool



**RIVERSDALE  
SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY  
POOL**

<b>POOL FUNDRAISER</b>	
<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>	
<small>Available from the school office. (new stock just arrived)</small>	

An illustration of a roll of yellow foil, partially unrolled, showing the texture and the roll's structure.

## Community Notices

**RIVERSDALE COMMUNITY  
QUIZ**

**RAFFLES**  
**AUCTIONS**

**REFRESHMENTS**  
**LIGHT SUPPER**

Friday  
9th August  
2024  
Riversdale Community Centre  
Doors open  
6.30pm

 **waikaia  
forest trails**

 **Riversdale Tennis Club**

**\$40 per team of 4**  
**To register a team contact:**  
**Sue Sanson 0272025606**

## Riversdale Arts Visit



