



RIVERSDALE SCHOOL
Inspiring Excellence

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Term 4 Week 10

Merry Christmas - Meri Kirihimete

Kia ora Whānau

Welcome to the final newsletter of the year - and what a year we have had!

Our end of year Cultural Christmas concert is being held tonight. You are invited to come along with your picnic meal from 5:30pm to the soccer field in front of the hall. **We ask that the children have all eaten by 5:50pm at which time we will assemble them all together.** The evening should be finished around 7:30pm. School whānau and community members are all welcome to come and join us.

Reports will go home today, please check school bags! Included are the class lists for next year.

Friday

This is our final day of the year. **We will be finishing school at 12:45pm** and the buses will run at this time. Friday will be our final clean up of the year so if your child is tired from the full week we have planned please feel free to keep them at home.

On Monday night we had a fabulous Year 8 Graduation ceremony. Our graduating students all presented excellent speeches. Our award winners were:

Switzer's Prize for Academic Achievement - **Ryan McNamee**

Riversdale School Leadership Award - **Stella Smith**

Miller Cup for All Round Consistent Effort - **Archie Jackson**

Manawanui Cultural Cup - **Mihai Stan**

Elder Trophy for Sports - **James Rowlands and Ella Hammond.**

Last Friday afternoon Heather Fowler and Hamish McKay from the local Lions Club came and presented the Room 6 & 7 students with certificates and prizes for their Peace Posters. A big congratulations to Daisy (Zixin) Wu for coming second overall in the Southern (south of the Waitaki) District. Her poster will be displayed at the National conference in March 2025.

Congratulations also to the other prize winners: Amanda Cruickshank, Georgia Martin, Ashlyn Dillon, Trelise Evans and Ben Tayles.

We look forward to seeing you all on our first day back next year, Monday 10 February 2025.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year

Nga mihi,

The Riversdale Staff



Peace Poster Award Winners



**From the Staff and Board
of Riversdale School**

Coming Up....

Term 4

19 December

Term 4 Celebration, 5.30pm (see info below)

20 December

Last day of school, finishing 12.45pm

2025

10 February

First day for 2025

End of Year Concert / Celebration

On Thursday 19th December the children of Riversdale School will put on a "Cultural Christmas Concert." This is to take place outside the school hall on the grass.

Families are invited to bring along a picnic dinner to have. We ask that children eat from 5.30pm - 6pm so that they can sit with their class while the show is happening to ensure it runs smoothly.

The concert will start at 6pm and run for approximately 1 1/2 hours. Each class will be sharing their learning about the culture their class has been studying for the term. There will also be Christmas Carols and acts.

Feel free to dress up yourselves and younger brothers and sisters as this is a fun evening to get into the Christmas spirit.

We look forward to seeing everyone there.

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



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



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)

