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4 July 2024 Term 2 Week 10

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

Kia ora Whānau

We have reached the end of the term, and what a busy term it has been. Hopefully this term break will give all the students and staff the well needed break to get rid of all the bugs we have had around the school. We want to say thank you for your patience as we have dealt with staff illness. Finding relievers is getting increasingly difficult and we are very lucky with the high calibre relieving pool we have available to us.

This week we farewell Miss Callander as she goes off on parental leave. We wish her well for the birth of Baby Elder, and can't wait to have snuggles when they come for a visit.

We are very lucky to have Miss Sage Campbell coming to work in Room 2 for the rest of the year.

Miss Campbell is an ex-pupil of Riversdale and has been teaching at Waikaia School.

Thank you to everyone that was able to come in for interviews this week. It is always a great opportunity to catch up with where your children are at and what their next steps are in learning and socially. The Room 3 and 5 interviews will be held in week 2 or 3 next term, you will receive a Hero notification closer to the time to book your slot. Please remember if you have any concerns that you can be in touch with your child's teacher at any time, do not leave it until formal interviews.

We are noticing that a lot of 2 minute noodles are coming to school. Unfortunately we are also finding a lot of rubbish from the noodles being dropped outside, children taking a long time to get themselves organised at lunchtime, and mess being left around the sink and microwave. Because of this we will not be providing facilities for noodles to be made at school from the beginning of next term.

All school t-shirts and tracksuits need to be sent back to school by the end of the week please.

Coming up next term we are planning an evening on the 31st of July for parents to come along and learn about our Maths programme. Please keep this date free and we will send out more details closer to the time.

Have a relaxing holiday break and see you back at school on Monday 22nd July. 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)

Coming Up....

Term 1

5 July End of Term 2 22 July Term 3 begins

22, 23 & 26 July Class visits to the Arts Exhibition

31 July Parent meeting about our Maths Curriculum

5-9 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)

10 September Clued up Kids (Years 5 & 6)
26 September Speech Competition Grand Final

27 September End of Term 3

Crystal the SuperHero

"Hi everybody, welcome to the Midnight Show. Today I am going to interview Crystal, the famous SuperHero," shouted Ronald.

"Whooooo!" called the crowd.

"Let the show begin," said Ronald. Clap, clap, clap, clap, clapped the crowd.

A red velvet curtain lifted revealing Crystal. The crowd went wild. "So Crystal," began Ronald, "everybody wants to know how you found out you had ice and water powers?"

"Well," said Crystal, "I was 8 years old and I was moving my hands around, but just then ice and water came out of my hands."

"Okay, next question. What do you wear as a superhero?" asked Ronald.

"I wear a white dress with puffy ends, blue lipstick, blue heels and white hair. I sense when people are in trouble."

By Daisy Lawrence, Year 4

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 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.



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)

Any questions or queries please contact Jo Russell 0273635768



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









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.