



3 April 2025

**Term 1 Week 8**

**Kia Ora, Kamusta, Āyubōvan, Sata srī akāla, Namaskāra,  
Hallå, Dia dhuit, Kam na mauri, Hallo, Hello**

Kia Ora Parents and Whānau

Welcome to *Chayan Maheshwaram* to Room 1 (and parents Charitha and Kalyan).

Last Friday we had a number of students competing at the Northern Swimming Sports in Te Anau. Congratulations to our place getters

- ★ Ella Johnstone - 1st Breastroke, 2nd Freestyle, 2nd Backstroke, 2nd Medley
- ★ Sam Rossiter - 2nd Freestyle
- ★ Ashlyn Dillon - 2nd Backstroke
- ★ Nicole Polglaze - 2nd Medley, 3rd Breastroke
- ★ Nicole Polglaze, Meila Scully, Jaxson McCleery & Georgia Martin - 2nd Open Relay

Coming up next week we have John Parsons visiting. Parents are invited to come along and hear him speak at 6pm on Wednesday 9th April. See below for information on what he will speak about.

This term we are revitalising our school houses and the students have been working on creating a house chant and banner to represent their houses. Next Friday (11 April) we are having a dress up day and would love for the students to come along dressed in their house colours. See below for the house your child is in.

Next week is the final week of Term 1 - we finish on Friday 11th April. During the holidays we will be celebrating ANZAC Day. As a school we have been learning songs to share at the Riversdale ANZAC Parade and we would love to see as many students at the parade as possible. Look out in next week's newsletter for more details.

Have a great weekend!

*Nga mihi,*

*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 7



	Manawaroa Resilience	Whakaute Respect	Kawenga Responsible	Kupu (word) of the Week
Room 7	Lachlan	Hannah S	Amanda	
Room 6	Murphy	Olivia	Priyah	Jahn
Room 5	Lucy M	Daisy	Neva	Leo
Room 4	Indie	Cooper	Toby O	Reid
Room 3	Beau	Noah	Gayuka	Lyla
Room 2	Aeron	Blake	Dejh	Bryn
Room 1	Maia	James	Sophie	Charlie

## Coming Up....

### Term 1

3 April	Community Assembly
8 April	Year 8s at GRIP Leadership Day
9 April	John Parson - Digital Safety Parents Information Evening
11 April	End of Term 1, House Dress Up Day
25 April	Riversdale ANZAC Day Service
28 April	Term 2 Begins

Poetry from Aria-Lea  
Matthews-Cross



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	George Houghton	Harry Stone
Archer Lord	Evie Stirling	Dani Watson	Lucy Marshall	Indie Fullager	Daisy Lawrence
Rumith WYVG Don	Neva Dean	Maatata Bwakura	Mathew Walker	Cruz Davidson	Kaiden O'Connor
Jack Sloane	Abigail Johnstone	Matthew Howden	Ubina Giri	Crisen Ferrer	Aroha Watson-Gibson
Indie McKee	Ayesha Dizon	Parth Parth	Toby Orpwood	Leigh Tremaine	Skylar Kamo
Hadley Blythe	Cooper Watson	Toby Robins	Reid Waite	Bede Crooks	Frankii Matthews-Cross
William Cooper	Joseph English	Edmund Coughlan	Hayden Polglaze	Ollie Blatch	Meads Blatch
Lyla Watson	Pippi Wall-Young	Lawrence Walker	Harley Martin	Aliya Watson-Gibson	Remon Madawala
Beetita Bwakura	Gayuka Dedimuni	Emily Crooks	Hudson Boyte	Jack Jones	Resandi Liyansa
Noah Blatch	Meila Cummings	Phoebe Bain	Myles Crooks	Angus Souness	Blake Sloane
Beau Prattley	Meihana Kamo	Carter Wilson	Matilda Evans	Jujhar Sidhu	Aeron Tiangco
Darcy Hill	Callum Govan	Freya Lord	Dejh Stirling	Brianna Salcedo	Anna Johnstone
Bryn Fullager	Sophie Stone	Blaire Gaines	Victor Souness	Ayva Walker	Scout McEwan
James Gibson	Jack Orpwood	Henry England	Daisy Jones	Leo English	Colton Govan
	Maia Hokai-Browne	Chayan Maheshwaram	Anakin Conn	Angela Alejandro	
				Charlie Prattley	

# Child Protection, Cyber Safety Presentation

**Empowering parents and adults working with young people.**

**Presented by:** John Parsons  
[Learn more about John Parsons](#)



## Why Attend?

In today's digital world, young people face an increasing range of risks in their online activities.

Equip yourself with the tools to reduce these risks and confidently address issues when they arise.

Join us to learn how to reduce risks and maximise the benefits for your children.

## What You'll Learn:

- **ONLINE SEXUAL PREDATORS:** Spotlight on Online Dangers. Understanding how predators operate on social media, online gaming platforms and mobile phones.
- **PORNOGRAPHY AND EXTREMISM:** Shielding from Inappropriate Content. Learn how to safeguard children and young people from harmful exposure.
- **CYBER BULLYING:** Tackling Internet-Based Abuse. Identify warning signs and know how to intervene.
- **Mobile Phones:** Excessive Screen Time. Learn about the risks, the signs, and strategies to reclaim balance.
- **SEXTORTION:** The Reality of Sextortion. How to protect against this growing world-wide threat.
- **THE IMPORTANCE OF SLEEP.** Why digital discipline is essential for mental and physical well-being.

## Why This Matters

**Risk factors and protective factors are identified:** We look forward to seeing you at this important child protection presentation. If you cannot attend, please nominate another adult to represent your family. Together, through the school partnership children will flourish.

## Event Details:

17 July

**Date:** Wednesday 9 April

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**Time:** 6:00pm

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**Location:** Riversdale School



**CYBER EQ-IQ PROJECT**  
with John Parsons

**Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Invercargill East Charitable Trust**



## 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.



### 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).



## Community Notices



### 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

**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, 28<sup>th</sup> of April). Remuneration will be in line with the Teacher Aide Pay Equity Settlement.

Applications close: Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> of April 2025

To apply:

Please send a cover letter and CV to:

Phillipus Gerber – [principal@waikaia.school.nz](mailto:principal@waikaia.school.nz)



## BRENNY & THE BUSHWHACKERS

### THE GREAT SOUTHLAND HALL PARTY

Lachie Hayes & the Tokonui Chainsaw Massacre

TICKETS \$30 AVAILABLE ONLINE

@ I-TICKET

OR FROM THE ST JAMES (100 ST GOOSE)

6 SOUTHLAND BUSINESS CHAMBER

(25 DON ST INVERCARGILL)

FRIDAY 9 MAY

DOORS OPEN 7:00

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](http://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](mailto: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:

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