



13 March 2025

Term 1 Week 5

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

Kia Ora Parents and Whānau

Good luck to all our athletes competing at the Northern Athletics today.

Thank you to all the helpers who came along to help out with the REAP swimming lessons over the last 2 weeks. Also a big thank you to our Swimming Pool Committee who worked in the background to keep the water clean during this heavy use time. Swimming will continue over the next few weeks as teachers work on developing swimming skills to complement the water safety skills. These sessions will generally be once a week. Your child's class teacher will be in touch with details.

Thank you to those who were able to come along to our parent meeting on Tuesday about PITW. While we appreciate Marlene's facilitation about the programme, our school focus will be about teaching the language and life rafts, and using the games. Here is a [link to the website](#) with copies of the life rafts that you can access as parents. See below for a quick and easy poster you can put on your fridge at home.

Coming up later this term (9th April) we have got John Parsons coming to work with all our students around digital safety. We will also hold a session for parents on ways you can also protect and monitor your child as they embark into a digital world that is moving fast. The time of the meeting will be confirmed over the next couple of weeks.

A wee reminder about attendance. Please ensure you let us know if your child is going to be absent. You can do this in two ways - either use the Hero app to record absence or text the school phone. If we have not heard from you you will be contacted, generally by text, by 10am. The Government has a focus on school attendance with a target of 80% of students will have an attendance of 90% or more. Did you know by taking 1 day a fortnight off school your child will lose 20 days of learning - 4 weeks? Attending school regularly, 90% or higher, gives your child the greatest chance of making good progress throughout the year.

Have a great weekend!

*Nga mihi,
Bronwyn and the Riversdale Staff*

Aroha mai, aroha atu
Love received demands love returned
Love others and love will come back to you

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

Certificates from Week 4



	Manawaroa Resilience	Whakaute Respect	Kawenga Responsible	Kupu (word) of the Week
Room 7	Harley	Meila	Maisy	Nicole
Room 6	Ella	Max	Grayson	Bella
Room 5	Archer	Harry H	Indie F	Aroha
Room 4	Pippi	Abigail	Toby O	Indie
Room 3	Angus	Remon	Joseph	Brianna
Room 2	Blaire	Aeron	Freya	Meihana
Room 1	Anakin	Sophie	Maia	James
Tumuaki (Principal's) Award		Harley Cooper-Blackburn & Jack Orpwood		

Coming Up....

Term 1

13 March

Northern Athletics

22 March Southland Athletics
 26 March (TBC) Northern Swimming Sports
 31 March BOT Meeting, 7pm
 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

If someone is unlike you, seek to understand them.

TREAT OTHERS AS YOU WOULD LIKE THEM TO TREAT YOU





School is about stepping bravely into the unknown. The unknown is often uncomfortable. The braver you are, the more you learn.

BE BRAVE – PARTICIPATE TO PROGRESS



We don't come to school to be better than others. We come to school to better ourselves by being able to work with others.

PURSUE YOUR PERSONAL BEST NO MATTER WHO YOU WORK WITH



If you don't know why you're doing something then don't do it because it's most likely wrong.

HAVE REASONS FOR THE THINGS YOU SAY AND DO





We do the right thing because it's the best thing to do.

IT TAKES GREAT STRENGTH TO BE SENSIBLE

SELF-MASTERY CHECKLIST:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Am I doing the right thing or the wrong thing? ○ Am I making a strong decision or a weak decision? ○ Are my feelings in charge of my actions or is my thinking in charge? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Am I running away from the problem or am I dealing with it? ○ Am I being my own boss or am I inviting my teacher to be my boss? ○ Is my teacher trying to help me or hurt me?
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BE THE MASTER, NOT THE VICTIM OF YOUR FEELINGS



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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

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)



Small Sticks Hockey

<https://www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/register/046587>

Season Information
Junior Hockey Year 1-6, Winter 2025
28 April - 27 June

All age groups will play on the turf.

Please note registrations **MUST** be completed by the 23rd March (Yr 1 - Yr 6) Any registrations after this date will not be possible.

Yr 1 & 2	Fridays 3:30 - 6pm	Subs \$55	Abby Moseby 027 467 8736
Yr 3 & 4	Fridays 3:30 - 6pm	Subs \$70	Abby Moseby 027 467 8736
Yr 5 & 6	Monday 3:30 - 7.30pm	Subs \$85	Abby Moseby 027 467 8736

REGISTER VIA
GORE KIDSHUB
FACEBOOK PAGE



is getting ready to
RACE, RIDE AND COLOUR SLIDE

Saturday 22nd March 2025
Starting at 10.30am
For children aged 2-8 years old

Get ready for a day of fun and excitement!
This year, we're bringing you an all-in-one event where
your little ones can race, ride, and slide - all followed by a
fantastic open day at the Hub!

Children will take on a mini triathlon with a fun Race, Ride
& Colour Slide - a splash of color will be thrown as they
slide, making the experience even more thrilling! And
after the action, stick around for even more fun, including:

Dads and Grandads Race	Sausage Sizzle
Cookie Decorating	Bake Sale
Face Painting	Coffee Cart

\$10 PER CHILD
OR
\$20 PER FAMILY



Open Art Sessions, fortnightly 6pm on the 1st & 3rd
Wednesdays of the month, at the Riversdale Arts rooms. All welcome,
work on your project or learn something new with others. Drop in or
contact riversdalearts@gmail.com or
Christine O'Connor 0272010375 for details



Give Your Teeth A Rest

Snack All Day, Get Tooth Decay!



3 x 
as 1 snack
= 30 minutes of possible
tooth decay



 +  + 
1 x 
as 3 separate snacks
= 90 minutes of possible
tooth decay



HOW OFTEN we eat is as important as
WHAT we eat to keep our teeth healthy

The more times we eat each day = more chance for holes in our teeth

Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora

Community Oral
Health Service

Scan this code
for more great
tooth tips



14th - 16th
APRIL
9AM - 3PM

ILT STADIUM
SOUTH ISLAND

**SPORTS-TASTIC
HOLIDAY
PROGRAMME**

**\$49 PER DAY
\$135 ALL THREE DAYS**

WWW.STADIUMSOUTH.CO.NZ | 03 219 9310

TAMARIKI
5-11
YEARS





GORE WANDERERS AFC

get your
REGISTRATION
for the **2025**
season in by
the **20th March**

INCLUDES:
all Juniors, Senior Men & Women

ANY QUERIES PLEASE
email gorewanderersafc@outlook.co.nz OR message our facebook page



REAL STEEL

SOUTHERN ROADIE

REGISTER HERE for
skills, fun AND
photos with the
Southern Steel!

WINTON | INVERCARGILL | GORE | WYNDHAM
MAR 6 | MAR 11 & 18 | MAR 15 | MAR 27

Link is: <https://gwafc.co.nz/register>

To register: www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/343412



COLOSSAL SQUID: FREAKY FEATURES

TE NGŪ TIPUA: NGĀ WĀHANGA WERIWERI!

Developed and toured by the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa

Seen the eye of a colossal squid?

Touched it's beak?

*Exhibition features specimens in jars (eye, tentacle, eggs and a whole miniature squid), touch models of a tentacle and a beak; and audio visuals.
Bring an image of something from the ocean to add to our colossal collage!*

23 February - 28 April 2025

\$4 entry, or included in full museum entry \$10 (children free)
Contact us for group or school rates

Te Hiko Museum
172 Palmerston Street
Riverton / Aparima
www.tehikoi.co.nz

TE HIKOI SOUTHERN JOURNEY

TE PAPA