



5 September

Term 3 Week 7

**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 to *Sophie Stone* and *Henry England (and his parents Christine and Michael)* to our school community.



Last night Sam Rossiter and Stella Smith competed in the Northern Western round of the Southland Speech Competition. Congratulations to both of you for presenting excellent speeches. Stella did so well she is now off to the Grand Final on 26th of September in Winton - Ka Rawe Stella (awesome work).

Next week we have Pip Tisdall and Harold the Giraffe at school with the Life Education Bus. All of the classes will have 2 or 3 sessions on the bus learning about different aspects of health, from food and nutrition to positive decision making.

Our next **Community Assembly is on Wednesday 25th September starting at 1:30pm**. All parents, grandparents and whānau members are welcome to come along. All the classes will share some of their learning this term, and we will celebrate our students who have had achievements both for the school and outside of school.

The Junior School Speeches are coming up on the 17th of September. Information was sent home this week. If you didn't receive it check in with your child's teacher and they can get you another copy of the information.

We still have a number of students away with either the terrible cold and coughing bug, or a tummy bug. Please ensure you let us know your child is absent every day they are sick, either by using the "report an absence" button on Hero or by texting the school phone (027 5553534).

Coming up in Term 4 we have our bi-annual Pet Day. See further down the newsletter for information about how the day runs. We will send this info out again closer to the event.

Nga mihi,
The Riversdale Staff

E ngaki ana a mua, e tōtō mai ana a muri

First clear the weeds, then plant (make time for mind weeding)

Red, Black and White Day

Next Friday 13 September is Red, Black and White Day. Please wear red, black and white and bring a gold coin donation to raise funds for Southland Charity Hospital.

Friday 13th September 2024

RED, BLACK & WHITE DAY

Show your support for Blair Vining's legacy,
the Southern Charity Hospital on
Friday 13th of September 2024

Hold a Fancy Dress day –
donning red, white and black
– and raise funds at work
or school for the Southern
Charity Hospital.



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

Certificates from Week 6

	Manawaroa Resilience	Whakaute Respect	Kawenga Responsible	Kupu (word) of the Week
Room 7	Ben	Ryan	Logan	
Room 6	Harley	Leyana	Hannah	Aria-Lea
Room 5	Archer	Kate	Murphy	
Room 4	Matilda	Phoebe	Brianna	Noah
Room 3	Jack	Vou	Leigh	Aroha
Room 2	Frankii	Angus		
Room 1	Henry	Sophie	Anna	
Tumuaki (Principal) Award		Harley Cooper-Blackburn		

Coming Up....

Term 1

9 September	Board of Trustees meeting
9-11 September	Life Education Bus Visit
13 September	Red Black and White Day (wear these colours)
16 September	Firewise
17 September	Junior Speeches (New Entrants to Year 4)
25th September	Community Assembly
26 September	Speech Competition Grand Final
27 September	End of Term 3
14 October	Term 4 starts
18 October	School Photos
22 October	Pet day

School Buses

Our four bus drivers are Jan Robertson, Michael Lobb, Rex Affleck 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 - Rex Affleck - 0274327678

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.

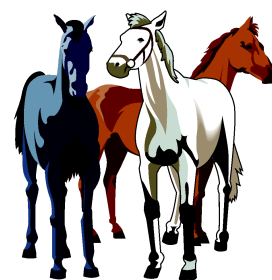
Scholastic Book Club Pamphlets

Due to the school no longer dealing with cheques and cash for this, you will have to order online please. The books will still come to school and we will hand them out as before. Remember if you want them as a gift to indicate on the form and we will phone you when they arrive.

Pet Day Information - Tuesday 22 October

We have lots of activities for all children to enter. All children enter at least two hall events, as well as bringing a pet if they want to. There is no need to return an entry form, as your child makes their entries at home, pops on the name slip, and takes it to the school hall first thing in the morning. We will have a small break for lunch – but children can eat on the run between events, if we get running late. As always, please be prepared to bid generously on a fabulous

cake for your family to enjoy. The cake auction is a big fundraiser for the Home and School. **Please ask your child's teacher if you have any questions about this day.**



Buses run as normal. Please advise your bus driver if your child is off the bus.

9.00 – 9.20 am- children take entries to the hall and display them.

9.20 am **All pets must be at school by this time.**

9.30 am - **Hall closed for judging.** No children allowed in until 11am.

9.30 am - Grand Parade – on the soccer field in front of the hall.

9.45 am - Pet/Human look alike competition (Pet & Human dressed up the same)

- Lamb Drinking race

10 am - All children go with pets for judging. Those without pets, please go and support a friend with a pet.

11am - Hall open. Children do not remove certificates or any items please, or touch any of the displayed items.

11.30 am - Cake auction.

Short lunch break

12.30pm - Bike events on soccer field.

1.00pm - Remote controlled car race.

1.30pm - Ag Sports Teams event.

End of day – please collect up all your belongings and you may go home.

Schedule of Events – Students must enter at least two Hall events.

Event Groups:

Years 0 – 2

Years 5-6

Years 3 – 4

Years 7-8

If the weather is wet, all Hall events will continue in the morning, but pet events will not occur.

Note – Please complete the entry slip that will be in the hall. One slip to go with each entry. Attach to your entry face down and place that entry in the correct section in the school hall before 9.30am.

Pony Events

Event 1

Pony sack race – please bring your own sack. Ride pony quarter way down the rugby field to the cones, dismount and get into the sack, and hop/jump while leading pony back to the finish line.

Pony Barrel race – ride pony halfway down the rugby field, around a desk, and back to the finish line.

Event 2

Best presented pony.

Pets - Children to be able to answer questions orally and must be able to explain how they look after it.

Dogs must bring doggy-doo-doo bags

Event 3

Best presented pet lamb.

- Event 4 Best presented calf.
- Event 5 Best presented dog.
- Event 6 Best presented for any other animal (rabbits, guinea pigs, rats, fish, crocodiles etc.) other than the above, in or large animals e.g. goats behind the play shed.

Best Trained Pets The pets in this section need to show that they follow their owner's commands.

- Event 7 Best trained lamb – follows its owner.
- Event 8 Best trained calf – on a lead.
- Event 9 Best trained dog. Responds to 'sit' command. Walks with on lead for short distance. Other commands as shown to judges.
- Event 10 Lamb drinking race – 300ml milk in own bottle.
- Event 11 Pet Human Look Alike 9 Pet & Human dress the same)

Hall Events (Children must enter at least two of these events)

The following sections will be judged in age groups. All entries are completed at home. All items below go into the hall.

Pet Diaries Without Pets

- Event 12 Diary/scrapbook kept by the child about their pet that is not at the show. (Great for cats rather than bringing them on the day).

Flowers

- Event 13 Y0 to Y2 and Y3 to Y4 – Sand Saucer. (Flowers arranged in a sand saucer)
- Event 14 Flowers in an unusual container.
- Event 15 Vase arrangement of flowers.
- Event 16 Environment/scene in sand (e.g. plastic dinosaurs in pre-historic times, farm scenes, barbie scene, beach scene, motocross etc).

Crafts and Novelty

- Event 17 Vegetable Animal.
- Event 18 An item made from recycled material.
- Event 19 Lego type (i.e. Duplo, Lego, Lego Technics, K'nex or similar construction equipment).
- Event 20 Best dressed doll.
- Event 21 Best dressed bear.
- Event 22 Best handcraft by child e.g. Sewing, knitting, cross-stitch
- Event 23 Colouring Competition - given out at school but coloured in by your child at home.

Baking

- Event 24 Best Chocolate Cake (to be auctioned on the day)
- Event 25 Chocolate chippie biscuits (3)
- Event 26 Best Decorated Cake (to be auctioned on the day.)
- Event 27 Best other baked goods e.g. carrot cake, loaf (to be auctioned on the day.)
- Event 28 Best decorated cupcakes (3)

Wearable Art – Recycled Materials

- Event 29 Wearable Art – display on a coat hanger.

Bikes and remote controlled cars.

- Event 30 Best decorated bike. (These are displayed around the elm tree on the front lawn).
- Event 31 Slow bike race. (After lunch on back field) Children must have a helmet.
- Event 32 Fastest bike races. (After lunch on back field) Children must have a helmet.
- Event 33 Remote control car race.

Ag Sports Team of 3 - mixed ages – Years 4 - 8


- Event 34 Put up an electric fence – 3 standards – and take it down



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)



Community Notices

2025 Prime Lamb and Calf competition – February 2025

Just a reminder about this annual fundraiser – half the proceeds go to the School.

Keep 1 calf or 3 lambs out NOW to be in to WIN some great prizes and support the community and School

Contacts - Lambs Murray (Curly) Napier 021475853 - Calf Greg Reed 0272764410

Riversdale Junior Netball Club AGM

Friday 13 September 3:15pm

Riversdale Hotel

All Welcome

Contact Jo Smith 0274970061



RIVERTON ENVIRONMENT CENTRE

FIND OUT MORE HERE: WWW.SCES.ORG.NZ



We can also bring our community workshop programme to your town or neighbourhood!

Our experienced team of professional educators is offering over 50 different workshops on a wide range of topics, including:

Bread making; Growing native plants; Making candles; Composting; Growing food; Making Biochar; DIY skincare products, Solar food dehydrators and MUCH MORE...