



20 February 2025

Term 1 Week 2

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

Kia Ora Parents and Whānau

We had a great Mihi Whakatau on Monday celebrating our new Riversdale School students, thank you to whānau members that came along to support their children. This week we have farewelled Macie and Brydon Gargiulo-Tripp (and parents Samantha and Connor) and wish them well at Woodlands.

Next Thursday 27th February is our annual Waimea Athletics day. All information for the day can be found below. Please read and ensure you know what is happening and when. School t-shirts will be given out on Wednesday. Please wear these with black shorts. The t-shirts are to be returned clean to school as soon as possible after the event. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or give the office a call.

Running the Athletics at Riversdale is a big set up. We are incredibly lucky to have Sonia and Mark Dillon who are willing to mark out the lines for the running track. But ... we do need some other helpers to come along and help mark out the rest of the events. If you have a couple of hours to spare on **Sunday morning (23rd February) from 9am** please come on down to the sports ground. We need a couple of lawn mowers to create lanes for the junior and marking other events. Many hands make light work.

Information regarding the Riverdale School touch teams has gone out. Thank you to those parents who are willing and able to coach and manage the teams. Touch starts on Thursday 27th February. Any questions contact Miss Callander.

Today we have Jack Hilton from Cricket Southland working with each class. Your child may come home eager to play cricket. If you go to the Hero app you will find the registration process pinned to the top of the page. Cricket also starts next week.

There will be no newsletter next week as we will all be at Athletics

Remember REAP Swimming starts on Monday the 3rd March. All children will need to bring their togs, towels and goggles to school everyday. Look out on your child's class Hero page as there will be some calls for parent helpers, especially in the younger classes. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to be in touch with your child's teacher.

Nga mihi,

Bronwyn and the Riversdale Staff

Ehara! Ko koe te ringa e huti puna!
 Yes, yours is the arm best suited to pull up the anchor!
 (You have it in you!)

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

Certificates from Week 1



	Manawaroa Resilience	Whakaute Respect	Kawenga Responsible	Kupu (word) of the Week
Room 7	Jack	Mason	Georgia	Jaxson
Room 6	Olivia	Aria-Lea	Sam	James
Room 5	Rumith	Mathew W	Aroha	Bentley
Room 4	Parth	Ayesha	Cooper	Kaiden
Room 3	William	Lyla	Meads	Hudson
Room 2	Blake	Resandi	Darcy	Anna
Room 1	Scout	Daisy	James	Leo
Tumuaki (Principal's) Award	Daisy Jones & Lachie Kidd			

Waimea Athletics - Important Information

Next Thursday (27th February) is Waimea Athletics, at the Riversdale Sports Grounds. The students have been out during the afternoons over the past couple of weeks learning the correct techniques. All students are expected to participate. Parents need to ensure that their child/ren are at the Riversdale Sports Grounds by 8:45 am, for a 9:00 am start.

***Senior Students Year (10, 11 and 12 year olds) running in the 1500m must be there by 8.30am.**

Children assemble in front of their age group sign at 8.55am. Five and six year olds will be taken over to the Junior programme beside the hedge and other age groups will be taken to their first event.

You must let the bus driver know if your child is off the bus in the morning and afternoon.

YOUR CHILD WILL COMPETE IN THE AGE-GROUP THAT THEY WERE ON 31st DEC 2024

WHERE:Riversdale Sports Ground

WHEN: Thursday 27th February 2025

Please arrive at the Riversdale Sports Grounds by 8.45am. Events start promptly at 9am.

TRANSPORT: You need to arrange transportation to and from Athletics Day. You do not need to come to school first. Parents/Caregivers, friends and whanau are encouraged to attend and support their child/ren if they are available. For any parents who cannot attend, buses will run as normal and drop children off at school. A staff member will stay at school until all buses have arrived to transport any bus children down to the Riversdale Sports Grounds. Please let us know if we will be expecting your child by bus on Athletics Day.

WHAT TO TAKE:

- Please wear our Riversdale School T-shirt which will be sent home on Wednesday, and black bottoms. (T-shirts need to be washed in cold water and returned after Athletics Day)
- Sneakers (your child will not be able to compete in throwing events without covered in footwear)
- Water Bottle
- Lunch and snacks for the day. (Plus money if purchasing food from the canteen)
- Sunscreen/sunhat

Balfour Home and School will be selling sausages in bread, toasties and baking. Items are limited so please also bring some of your own kai. See below for menu.

NB – Footwear is essential for shot put competitors.

After lunch line back up behind age group signs – Preschool Races and 5 and 6 year old sprints will be on the main running track.

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ATHLETICS DAY MENU

**SAUSAGE
IN BREAD** **\$3.00**

TOASTIE **\$3.00**

BAKING **\$2.00**

Thank you for supporting the
Balfour Home and School

Coming Up.....

Term 1

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|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 27 February | Waimea Athletics Day |
| 3-14 March | REAP Swimming Lessons |
| 11 March | Play Is the Way Parents Information Evening |
| 13 March | Northern Athletics |
| 22 March | Southland Athletics |
| 26 March (TBC) | Northern Swimming Sports |
| 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 |

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)



INVITATION FROM BALFOUR AND RIVERSDALE LION CLUBS

BOOK LAUNCH

The Waimea Plains Railway and The Waikaia Branch Railway

AUTHOR ALEX C GLENNIE

362 A4 pages, maps, plans, photographs,
personal interviews, memories and much more

2.00PM SATURDAY 1ST MARCH 2025

RIVERSDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE
26 BERWICK STREET, RIVERSDALE

AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED
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\$65
PLUS POSTAGE
\$14.50 anywhere
in New Zealand

Books can be pre-ordered and will be available
after the book launch on 1st March 2025.

Bank Account: 03 1394 0076458 000 | Westpac

INQUIRIES

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BLU CRU KIDS CAMPS

Are you looking for a fun weekend of riding away with your family? Get ready for Yamaha Off-Road Events, coming to a town near you. All bike brands are welcome!

Wyndham Mokoreta Road, Redan
28 February - 2 March 2025

At our BLU CRU kids camps, you can expect:

- 2 full days of riding on various trails
- Coaching sessions for both kids and adults
- Mechanic workshops
- Fun-filled games and activities for kids
- Exciting demo bike trials

Spaces are limited, so registration is essential to avoid disappointment.

HOME OF YAMAHA
OFF-ROAD EVENTS

To learn more about the event and secure your registration, simply scan the QR code.

YMF YMI YAMALIFE

Mandeville Fly-in & Steam Festival

22-23 FEBRUARY 2025
EXPERIENCEMANDEVILLE.NZ

ADULTS \$5, CHILDREN FREE



Incredible Years



Incredible Years

Incredible Years is a free programme designed for parents/caregivers of child/children/tamariki aged 2½ to 8 years who would like to strengthen their parenting skills and learn how to manage challenging behaviour.

We acknowledge that parenting is one of the most important jobs adults can do and this programme aims to encourage positive and strong family relationships.

Incredible Years will start in Gore on the 4th March, every Tuesday from 10am – 12.30 pm

Gore Baptist Church 23 Ardwick Street

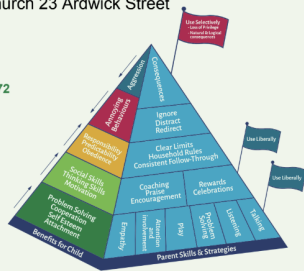
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Ngā Tau Miharo
The Incredible Years Aotearoa



DELIVERERS WANTED



Immediate Start

Get fit with part time work delivering newspapers and mailers into letterboxes.



If you are aged 11 or older, join our dynamic team.

- Regular weekly work
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TO APPLY



Must be over 11 Years old.