



27 June 2024

Term 2 Week 9

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

Kia ora Whānau

This week we have welcomed *Darcy Hill* and *Parth Parth* (and their families) to our school community.

This morning we had a great time celebrating Matariki with our annual breakfast. It was lovely to see our school families coming together and sharing a meal together. This was followed by time in the classes and a presentation and performance. As a reminder tomorrow is the Matariki public holiday, therefore school will be closed for the day.

Last week you will have received a notification on Hero to book your school interviews. If you haven't managed to book your time yet, open the Hero app, go to the home page and you will find School Bookings. That is where you will be able to book your time slot. This will stay available until lunchtime on Tuesday.

School reports are coming home today, please check your child's bag for them.

As we are now in the thick of winter we have noticed a number of students not coming to school wearing warm jackets. On sunny/dry days we expect the children to play outside to get some fresh air and a little bit of vitamin D on their skin, but a number of children do not have a jacket to wear.

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 next week please.

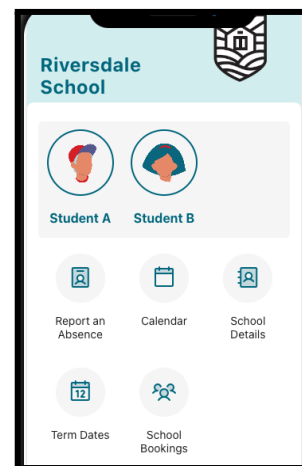
Coming up next term we are planning an evening on the 31st of July for parents to come along and learn about our Maths programme. Please keep this date free and we will send out more details closer to the time.

If you are looking for a Matariki celebration this weekend you can go to the Gore Garden tonight from 5-9pm to the Kahui Whetu light show, or out to Waimumu to the Māruawai Matariki festival from 1-7pm.

Have a great long weekend, Manawatia Matariki

Nga mihi,

The Riversdale Staff



Poipoia te kākano kia pūawai

Nurture the seed and it will bloom,
we all need love and care to fully realise our potential



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

	Manawaroa Resilience	Whakaute Respect	Kawenga Responsible	Kupu (word) of the Week
Room 7	Tom	Hunter	Mattie	
Room 6	Aria-Lea	Trelise	Ava	
Room 5	Dinew	Lucy	Leo	
Room 3	Neva	Vou	Jack	Zac
Room 2	William	Demund	Ayesha	Reid
Room 1	Noah	Myles	Sophia	Foli
Tumuaki (Principal) Award		Areiah Ayto, Mihai Stan & Callum Scott		

Coming Up....

Term 1

28 June	Matariki (school closed)
2&3 July	Parent, Student Teacher Conferences
5 July	End of Term 2
22 July	Term 3 begins
31 July	Parent meeting about our Maths Curriculum

School Buses

Our four bus drivers are Jan Robertson, Michael Lobb, Robin Sherratt 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.



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

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 \(raiseit.co.nz\)](https://www.raiseit.co.nz)

Any questions or queries please contact
Jo Russell
0273635768



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

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

Protecting Yourself from Scams

FREE SEMINAR RIVERSDALE

Join us as we cover what common scams look like, what to be aware of and how to protect yourself and your whanau from scammers.



RIVERSDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE

WHEN : THURSDAY 4TH JULY

TIME : 10.30AM

Please RSVP by July 1st to secure your spot.
Morning Tea Provided
 Sharlene 0272794367
ns@cnt.org.nz

FRIDAY 28th JUNE 2024

FREE ENTRY

- LIVE STAGE ENTERTAINMENT
- DISPLAYS
- FOOD VENDORS AVAILABLE
- LASER LIGHT SHOW!!

Southern Field Days site - Waimumu
575 Waimumu Road, Gore

Come & experience our uniquely NZ festival
1:00pm - 7:30pm

Māruawai MATARIKI CELEBRATION

This event is brought to you by the Matariki Committee, Lower Mataura Valley Community of Learning Kāhui Ako, Pomāhaka Community of Learning Kāhui Ako, Gore and Districts Community of Learning Kāhui Ako.

This event is supported and made possible by the following generous organisations:

COOKING & Kid's
SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLASSES - GORE

www.reap.co.nz

Come along and have a fun day learning various cooking and baking techniques.

Practice safety in the kitchen with utensils and good hygiene practices.

During the day children will make:

- ↳ Macaroni Cheese
- ↳ Scrolls
- ↳ Weetbix Slice

* Please bring a packed lunch & containers to take food home *

*** Please note these classes are for students aged 8 - 12 years old.**

Wednesday 10 July
Southern REAP - 6 Fairfield Street, Gore
9.30am - 2.30pm
\$50
Tutor: Claire Burgess

For more information, or to enrol in this class please phone 0800 111 117 or email info@reap.co.nz

Southern REAP
RURAL EDUCATION ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME

KĀHUI WHETŪ

THURSDAY 27 JUNE 5:00PM - 9:00PM
GORE GARDENS
Between Ardwick Street & Fairfield Street

Come and enjoy the Matariki festivities!
LIGHT SHOW • FACE PAINTING • FOOD TRUCKS

(Kāhui - cluster, Whetū - stars)
Meaning a constellation, Kāhui Whetū refers to the stars as a gathering of the people of the land.

Generously supported by

FREE

MAKE - CREATE - PLAY
10-15 JULY 2024

Great South presents

ILT Kidzone FESTIVAL

10.30AM - 3.30PM DAILY
SOUTHLAND GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL
INVERCARGILL

Admission \$21 per person (booking fees inclusive)

BUY TICKETS NOW AT ILTKIDZONE.CO.NZ

GREAT SOUTH

TRUE IN NATURE
JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

NATURAL CREATORS

(Ages 5-16)
 Invercargill & Otautau

Creating in Nature with Nature.
 Quality arts & crafts projects using natural materials and textiles. Making candles, clay creations, balms, wet and dry felting, tree sculpture trail, magical leaf and flower potions and more.

11th & 12th
 Invercargill
17th & 18th
 Otautau

BUSH CRAFT

(Ages 7-12) & (Ages 11-16)
 Invercargill, Gore and Otautau

Adventures, Challenges and Connection to Nature.
 One day and three day options (not overnight)
Fire starting, cooking on fires and gas stoves, whittling, navigation, team survival challenges, foraging, nature discovery, exploration in the bush, at the beach and down at the estuary and much more.

CHILD vs WILD (7-12)
 8th - 10th - 3 days Invercargill

BUSH KIDS (7-12)
 8th, 9th, 18th Invercargill

BUSH KIDS (7-12)
 11th, 12th Gore

BUSH KIDS (7-12)
 19th Otautau

TEEN vs WILD (11-16)
 15th - 17th - 3 days Invercargill

A WILD DAY OUT (11-16)
 15th & 16th Invercargill

LIMITED TO 15 PLACES EACH DAY!

Gareth and Katie Oliver at: GarethandKatie@trueinnature.com
www.trueinnature.com Phone: 0226381497



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.