



KIA ORA – GREETINGS

Welcome back to the start of 2022.

It has been wonderful to see our tamariki and staff excited to be back together after our holiday break.

We hope you all managed to get out and enjoy the fabulous weather.

Thank you one and all for supporting us as we make our way through 'Omicron in the Community'.

Our Community has been outstanding working with us.

The tamariki are amazing at simply getting on mask and all. We appreciate your hard work and trust.

GENERAL REMINDERS

Footwear Children need sandals or sneakers to move and play. No Jandals.

Sunhats are compulsory during terms one and four. Named blue bucket type only (available from the office for \$10.00).

Parking Please!!! No parking in school grounds unless it is an emergency i.e. Call from the office regarding a sick child

Emailing or contacting staff Contact is between 8-9am or after 3.30 – 5.00pm.

Absentees Please phone our Absentee phone line 354 2416, or advise through the Riverdale School app before 9.00am.

Change to student details Please notify the school if you have a change of contact details, living arrangements, medical information.

This is very important that we are able to keep our Student Management System up to date.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP HOURS

School is open at 8:30am and closes at 3.00pm

Please DO NOT stop to drop students on any of the yellow lines at our entrances. This is a traffic offense.

For the safety of our students, it is important that students are at school no earlier than 8:30am and are picked up at 3pm.

Staff are often involved in meeting and preparation outside the contact hours.

School does start at 9am, please make sure your child has arrived with time to be ready to begin the school day.

All lateness requires a parent / caregiver to sign child in with a reason.

ASTHMA INHALERS AND MEDICATIONS

If your child has asthma and requires an inhaler to be at school please come in to the office, bring the inhaler and complete a consent form.

Any medication to be given to a child during school time must be bought into the school office by the parent / caregiver and a consent form completed.

LUNCH ORDER DAYS

Four Square lunch order day is on a Friday.

Please see the Riverdale School app under 'links' for more information.

There will be no PTA Pizza and Sushi lunches on a Wednesday while we are in the Red Light setting.



To our students:

We wish you happy days at Riverdale School
Ryan, Juno, Magnus, Theo, Maasi, Leo W, Evie, Joshua,
Grace, Reid, Leo N, Ethan, William, Amethyst-Rose,
Flynn, Cailin, Celine, Emmesyn, Anuradha, Winnie,
Stella, Haali, Sienna, Devy, DJ, Ava, Roxi, Yusi.



SWIM SAFETY

We have started the year off with safety sessions in the school pool.

Entry into the pool, floating and safety has been the main focus across the school.

We had swim instructors at Riverdale last week teaching the students and teachers the skills and knowledge needed in an emergency.

Jumping in with normal clothes to experience the feeling and why wearing life jackets are important.

The children loved the experience. Teachers will now include these skills and drills in their normal swim days.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP

COMMUNICATION TEAM

The communications team had their first meeting with Mr Bron this week. This team will be our student voice in the school and we wish them the very best! What a team we have in charge this year!



CAMP RANGI WOODS TERM 4 2022

A reminder that Camp this term has been postponed and rescheduled for Term 4 at Camp Rangī Woods. This will happen on the week of 21 November - 25 November 2022 for our Year 4-6 students.

ROAD PATROL

Road Patrollers have had a great start and were both excited and nervous on their first duty.

They feel very proud and responsible that they are taking the lead to keep our students safe while crossing the road.

Well done team!

We can help them do the best job they can by being patient, listening to their calls and using the crossing as a model to the children.

A reminder that we NEVER walk up the driveway entrance as it is unsafe for pedestrians.

Only use our pathway along the fence for coming in and out of school and keep all children, toddlers included, off bikes and scooters for everyone's safety.



RIVERDALE SCHOOL WINS ENVIRO GRANT



A Palmerston North school will be able to improve its environmental teaching after receiving a "tremendous" grant. Riverdale School was one of five schools across the country to win a Tremendous Education Programme, which is run by the Mazda Foundation and focused on environmental education.

Riverdale's project is aimed at helping its tamariki develop scientific literacy through various environmental work. "We believe providing an outdoor learning space is important for children to explore and make connections to the natural world," the school's lead science teacher Janine McIntyre said. "A key focus of these projects will be to increase the biodiversity in our local area, protecting native insects and birds from predators."

COVID-19 PLANNING

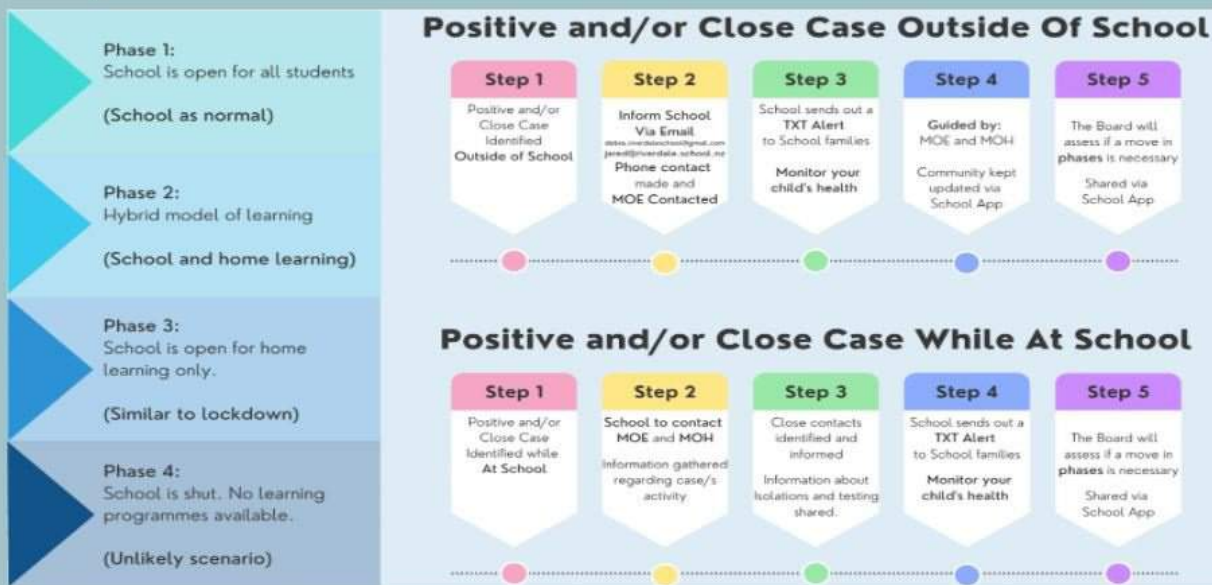
Below you will find the procedures to follow if Covid-19 is in our School Community. We have been working hard behind the scenes to ensure school remains as normal as possible for our students and community.



Riverdale School School Community Plan

Riverdale's flexible response to Covid-19 will depend on the various scenarios that could play out within our school community. With the support of the staff, we will look to implement strategies that work best for our school context, with the health and safety of our students at the forefront of our planning. At all times we will be following the requirements set out by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health.

Please see below a step-by-step process of how we will inform you of a positive case within our school community and the steps we will all be required to take to manage the situation
(Please refer back to our School App under Links for future reference)



TERM DATES

Events also on the Parent Calendar via the School App and on the School Website;

WEEK THREE TERM ONE

Thursday 24 February B.O.T Meeting, 5.30pm

WEEK FOUR TERM ONE

Term 1 ends Thursday 14 April 2021
Term 2 begins Monday 2 May 2022



RIVERDALE SCHOOL APP

Please make sure you have downloaded our school app and changed your subscription settings if your child has moved environments.

We use our app as one of our main sources of information to keep you all as up to date as possible.

<https://schoolappsnz.co.nz/install/>

RIVERDALE SCHOOL SUMMER SPORTS

Summer Hockey

Yr 3 / 4 - Starts Wednesday 23 February 2022

Yr 5 / 6 - Starts Thursday 24 February 2022

TeeBall U7 - Starts Saturday 19 February 2022

Netball

Yr 1 & 2 - Starts Monday 21 February 2022

Yr 3 & 4 - Starts Wednesday 16 February 2022

Team and links to the draws are available on the 'Sports Hub' via the school website and App.

All sports fees must be paid before the first game.