



KANOHI KI TE KANOHI MEETINGS

Our Kanohi ki te Kanohi conversations are scheduled to take place on **Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th of June**. On these days School will be finishing at the earlier time of 1pm. Please can you make alternative arrangements for your child's early pick up on these days. We also need to make sure we have your current email address, as this helps us when emailing out information on your child. Any changes please advise Tracey Phillips our Office Manager at tphillips@riverdale.school.nz

More details re booking your time with your child's teacher will come out in the next newsletter.

PINK SHIRT DAY

Pink Shirt Day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusiveness. It's about creating a community where all people feel safe, valued and respected, regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, age, ability, religion or cultural background.

On Friday 20 May children are welcome to wear a pink top, instead of their usual school top, in support of Pink Shirt Day. Children will take part in activities during the day to raise awareness and discuss diversity.



THE BUG MAN & THE SHARK GUY

Our Term 2 Science Inquiry kicked off with a visit from Mazda Ambassadors Ruud 'the Bugman' Kleinpaste and Shark Scientist Riley Elliott. These presentations highlighted the importance of balance within different ecosystems on our planet. They also talked to us about why sharks and insects sometimes get a bad name. A few lucky students got to put their fears to the test with a live spider Ruud had brought in for them to explore!



To our students:

We wish you happy days at Riverdale School:
Emery, Lola, Caleb, Oscar, Forrest, Reda, Kaea,
Leanna, Ela, Jake and Eleanor



EPRO 8 INTERSCHOOL

Two amazing teams of engineers and critical thinkers were lucky enough to be chosen to compete in the Manawatu Wanganui Epro 8 Semi Finals this Thursday. The Riverdale Ratchets and the Riverdale Rockets competed against 11 other teams and ended up placing 2nd and 3rd! The teams then made the Grand Final at Whakarongo School last Friday vs 11 other schools. We finished with a 5th and 7th place, in a very close competition. Only 30 points between 1st and 5th place.



PE SHED - NEW EQUIPMENT

At Riverdale School, our tamariki love getting involved and playing sports at lunchtime. Our Year 6 PE Shed Monitors ensure that all the gear is put out daily for the children to play with. We recently purchased some new equipment for the PE Shed. The Pitchforth family and McDonalds have also donated a number of small and large balls. We thank them for their generosity and know that the children will enjoy playing with them. This new equipment is proving to be a big hit in the playground.



CLASS CELEBRATIONS

POUTAMA

Poutama has had a great start to the term. This last week they enjoyed learning more about the ANZACs and produced some wonderful writing inspired by what life would have been like during the First World War.

My Dear Parents.

We are stuck in the slimy trenches. It's rat infested and gross. Last night we were bombed by the enemy so we didn't get any sleep. We had to defend ourselves. I'm writing this under the dim light of a flickering candle. So that was how my first night in 1915 went. We had to wake up very early today waiting for the enemy to attack. We waited for hours and hours. At 10.43 we were attacked. We had to move through the waist deep trenches. Blade and I had to give cover fire while our friends moved to trench 3. The mail is to come at 11.00 pm tonight. If we kept getting attacked, the mail plane could get shot down.

Also we lost 123 men and 65 officers. At 0400, we attacked. It was a moment of hell. Gunfire, bombs and machine guns. It was deafening. In your next mail, could you send something to read? It's so boring out here. Old magazines and books please, not new copies.

Yours sincerely Ethan W

PS. Could you also send something to eat? Rations taste disgusting. A block of chocolate or toffee please.

Rushing through the bushes, attempting to dodge bullets, I fell to my knees. This was it. I look at my rifle, a bullet wedged in the mechanics preventing me from shooting. I crawled forward, begging for mercy.

Suddenly, cold fingernails dug into my skin, and pulled me down into some drained lake cave thing. "Welcome to the Trenches!" a man yelled. I looked up at him, still on my knees. It was clear he had been here a while, long dirty fingernails, a long beard, and his shirt was covered in holes and dirt. What type of rats have been down here, mole-rats? He handed me a gun and signalled me to fire at the opposing force, the war continues...

By Mason L

NZ SIGN LANGUAGE WEEK

This week Poutama is celebrating NZ Sign Language Week. Student Alexandra Murray, has made a video explaining the week and her Aunt's job as a Sign Language Interpreter. You might recognise Alexandra's Aunty Angela as the Interpreter from the Covid Updates.

Copy the link into your search bar to watch Alexandra's video:

https://video.wixstatic.com/video/5d57a3_0396f2c9b2414a8eae557604ba2ef110/1080p/mp4/file.mp4

POUNAMU ATAWHAI



In Pounamu Atawhai we've started to prepare for this term's Inquiry by learning what it means to think like scientists! We're developing accuracy with our estimation and measurement skills. We're also becoming more confident to present our ideas effectively using visual language.



PAE AKE

We have loved getting back into our learning after the holidays! It's great to see all the enthusiasm and excitement about new maths skills such as tricky multiplication and coordinates!



PIAKO TAHI

Smart Moves is one of our favourite parts of the day and it helps us to improve our balance, coordination and our ability to cross our mid-line. We have lots of fun moving our bodies and participating in each of the activities.



PIAKO RUA

We have had a great start to the term in Piao Rua and are enjoying getting back into learning! PE is always a class favourite for us, and lately we have been developing the skills we need for winter sports.

The children have been loving exploring using soccer balls, hockey sticks and our brand new basketballs!



KIND HEARTS

Members of our Kind Hearts Club were interviewed this week as part of a video that will be shared with other schools in our community. They were able to tell them all about Riverdale's involvement with the Parents Initiative, where items are donated to the PN Hospital.

If you wish to make a donation to this cause, these can be left in the box in the school foyer.



PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Patiki

Marissa for using her computer independently

Piako Tahī

Ethan for being an excellent role model in Piako Tahī
Harley for putting lots of effort into her learning and showing pleasing progress

Piako Rua

Aile for stepping up as a leader in our classroom
Quinn for consistently demonstrating excellent self management skills
Armani for her enthusiasm and excitement towards learning

Pae Ake

Nina for showing kindness to others and having enthusiasm for learning
Zach for having an amazing attitude towards all your learning
Noah for an amazing Maths knowledge and great problem solving skills

Poutama

Tryton for determination to improve his writing skills
Trinity for showing competence in her Reading and Maths knowledge
Amberley for consistently making a great effort in all curriculum areas

Pounamu Atawhai

Rudra for persisting in all areas of his learning
Declan for consistently completing high quality work
Aria for consistently challenging herself across the curriculum
Bella for having a very positive attitude to all her learning

SCHOLASTIC

Lucky Book Club

Issue 3 is out now.

Orders due by: Wednesday 18 May 2022

TERM DATES

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

WEEK THREE – TERM TWO

Thursday 19 May BOT Meeting (distance)
Friday 20 May Pink Shirt Day

WEEK FIVE – TERM TWO

Monday 30 May Junior Tough Guy & Gal
Thursday 2 June School Cross Country

WEEK SIX – TERM TWO

Tuesday 7 June Interschool Cross Country

WEEK SEVEN – TERM TWO

Wednesday 15th June Kanohi ki te Kanohi Meetings
& Thursday 16th June

WEEK EIGHT – TERM TWO

Thursday 23 June Interschool Ki-O-Rahi

Term 2 ends Friday 8 July
Term 3 starts Monday 25 July

DANCE EXPLORERS

Last week, we held auditions for our Dance Explorers team. Each year a team of Year 4 to 6 students compete in Dance NZ Made, which this year will be held at the end of August and the beginning of September. Once again we have Georgia Lunn, a former Riverdale student, choreographing our competition dance this year.

Thank you to all those students who auditioned and made the decision of who made the team a tough choice.



CHOIR – STARTING UP

On Tuesday afternoon, Whaea Hannah took the children who have shown an interest in joining Choir. The children spent the afternoon singing and it was lovely to have their voices heard across the school.



TOUGH GUY AND GAL MUD RUN

Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge Palmerston North, Monday 30 May 2022. Riverdale School will be supporting those that enter on this day by collecting numbers at the event and a meeting place to gather before the race. Parents are to be responsible for their own children including transport and supervision at the event.

THIS IS NOT A SCHOOL RUN EVENT.

To make this a fun and exciting event you may like to dress up. Get creative and represent Riverdale School with pride! All information and a link to register is available on the Riverdale School App.

Please read through the entry information for the Online Entry Process: Parents/Caregivers enter and pay for children online. It is VERY IMPORTANT that the parents select the correct entry/day (MONDAY 30 MAY) and venue (PALMERSTON NORTH). Parents must also select (THE TEACHER WILL PICK UP THE RACE NUMBER) when they come to the bib collection question if they are attending as part of the school group.

PTA PIZZA & SUSHI LUNCH ORDERS

The PTA Pizza & Sushi Wednesday Lunch Orders are starting back up from Week 3 - 18 May 2022. Please see the Riverdale School App under 'Links' for more information.

PTA – NEW PLAYGROUND EDGING

Our wonderful PTA has kindly donated the funds needed to get the edging of the Junior Playground rebuilt. We sincerely thank them for the work they do raising money for our School. Their contribution allows us to continue to provide a beautiful and safe outside environment for our tamariki.

