

## KIA ORA – GREETINGS

We are really looking forward to having our families back into the school with the Kanohi ki te Kanohi learning conversations and also the Community Science Evening & Matariki Hangi.

## KANOHI KI TE KANOHI

On Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 of June, we will be having our Kanohi ki te Kanohi learning conversations.

**On both days, School will have an early finish of 1pm.**

You can make your 15 minute booking online with your child's whānau teacher at [schoolinterviews.co.nz](https://schoolinterviews.co.nz) by entering the following code:

8efkq

We ask that you please bring a device to your interview.

We will have wifi available should you need data.

## TE PUAWAI

Te Puawai has started up for 2022 and it was awesome to see so many tamariki coming to give it a go! The Teina group is run by Whaea Hannah with support from Mrs Best and Mrs Kenyon and they are having a great time. The Tuakana group is run by Mr Pike and Mrs Pedersen with support from Mrs Ruawai and Mrs Mabey.



# WELCOME

To our students:

We wish you happy days at Riverdale School:  
Kip- Piako Tahi

**Save the Date**  
**Community Science Evening & Matariki Hangi 2022**  
**Thursday 23rd June**  
**5pm-6pm**  
**Riverdale School**

## PINK SHIRT DAY

Pink Shirt Day was celebrated in style last week. There was talk around the teams about empathy, understanding, kindness and standing up for what we know is right. Children took part in a variety of activities from T Shirt designing, mask making and drama. Thank you for supporting this wonderful day.



## CROSS COUNTRY



Children have been training at school this term so they are ready for our school Cross Country in Week 5.

**Date: Thursday 2 June**  
**Venue: Ahimate Reserve - Old Waitoetoe Park**  
**Races for Year 4-6 9:30-11am**  
**Races for Year 1-3 11:30-1pm**

Please be aware that these are approximate times. You are welcome to come and support the students. A Coffee Cart will also be available at the event.

# CLASS CELEBRATIONS

## PAE AKE

Pae Ake have enjoyed getting out in the school environment this week as we start to plan for our Inquiry projects. We have discovered that there are so many living things we can look after and protect, just in our own neighbourhood.



## PIAKO TAHI



Our teachers are proud of the way we have been showing determination and persistence whilst training for our first Cross Country. We have been running around the school track and trying to run further than the day before. You may have seen dots on our hands, these represent the number of laps we can do!

## POUTAMA

The students in Poutama make great leaders. Students are keen to sign up to take Opt-in workshops on Fridays. We thank these wonderful students for being so organised with their workshops and for being willing to share their talents with their peers.



## PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

### Piako Tahi

*Karter* for trying his best during Literacy time  
*Amethyst* for always being kind and caring towards others

### Piako Rua

*Pippa* for having an enthusiastic attitude towards all areas of learning  
*Mila* for working hard to meet her learning goals  
*Josh* for his effort and determination in Cross Country training

### Pae Ake

*Seth* for amazing progress in Reading and a great attitude towards learning  
*Sophie* for striving for excellence in her Reading and making huge progress  
*Tāne* for incredible self management skills and being a proactive learner

### Poutama

*Grayson W* for dedication to his training for Cross Country  
*Thomas* for showing competence and confidence with his reading  
*Isaiah* for challenging himself to improve, and contributing confidently to group work

### Pounamu Atawhai

*Lukas* for going the extra mile in all areas of his learning  
*Ezra* for his dedication to improving his competence, especially in Maths  
*Luke* for challenging himself in all areas of your learning  
*Maia* for being a role model in attitude and behaviour.



## WINTER SPORT

Winter Sports are well underway this term. We have a number of teams competing in Netball, Basketball and Hockey. Thank you to all our wonderful coaches for coaching our teams. We appreciate the time and effort you put into developing not only our students' physical skills, but also their love of the game.



## DANCE EXPLORERS

Our Dance Explorers team had their first practice this week. They will be dancing to a Katy Perry mash-up. We are looking towards competing in the Dance NZ Made Competition in Term Three.



## JUNIOR TOUGH GUY & GAL MUD RUN

A reminder that the Junior Tough Guy & Gal challenge is on Monday 30th May for Years 3-6. Meet Whaea Selina at the event between 8:30 and 9:30 am to collect your race number.

## SCHOOL DONATIONS

School Donation requests were sent home with students last week. Please keep an eye out for these in school bags. Thank you to those who have already made payment.

## TERM DATES

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

### WEEK FIVE – TERM TWO

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

### WEEK SIX – TERM TWO

Monday 6 June                      Queens Birthday  
Tuesday 7 June                      Interschool Cross Country

### WEEK SEVEN – TERM TWO

Wednesday 15 June                Kanohi ki te Kanohi Meetings  
& Thursday 16 June                School finishes at 1pm both days

### WEEK EIGHT – TERM TWO

Thursday 23 June                    Interschool Ki-O-Rahi  
Thursday 23 June                    Community Science Night & Matariki Hangi - 5pm  
Friday 24 June                        Matariki Public Holiday

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

## WET LUNCHTIMES

Last week we had a couple of wet lunchtimes to start the week. The teachers put on some activities in the Hall for the children. On Monday we had the gymnastics equipment set up and on Tuesday, Georgia Lunn came in to do some dancing with the children.



It was great for the children to be able to burn off some energy on rainy days.



## PEGGY PEARL

A huge thank you to Connor Aberdein's Gran, Dorothy, for her amazing donation of knitting to 'Peggy Pearl'. Dorothy knitted close to 200 squares which will be made into blankets for those in need.

If you are a knitter and wish to knit squares for this wonderful cause please let us know.

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