



## KIA ORA – GREETINGS

We would like to acknowledge the Community for your support as we navigate these Covid times.

For those of you in isolation, we wish you a speedy recovery. Thank you for keeping us informed of your child's absence and their reason for being away. This helps with the number of daily tracing calls we have to make.

We are delighted that so far the number of positive cases has remained low and that our tamariki are attending school regularly. This helps to keep everything as normal as is possible each day. Our Staff are doing an amazing job of business as usual as their team colleagues come and go.

**Please get in touch with us as soon as you can if your child has tested positive for COVID-19.**

If you know of a family in our community who is struggling, please encourage them to reach out for support. For example to access food, medicine, or access financial support: [Help is available – COVID-19 Health Hub.](#)

## RIPPA RUGBY 2022

What a great day for the Rippa Rugby team having players from the Turbos and Cyclones rugby teams here to share some of their skills.



## COVID – RATS & MASKS

We have a supply of Rapid Antigen Tests and disposable masks at school. Should you need any of these please make contact with the office.

## MURALS IN PROGRESS

We are lucky to have GEMBOL back in the school creating the next set of murals around the pool area. Watch this space to see the finished product in the weeks to come.



To our students:

We wish you happy days at Riverdale School  
Charlie Rose & Sadie



On Wednesday our Riverdale School team competed at the Interschool Triathlon at Skoglund Park. The students have been training hard with Mr Bron over the past few weeks to prepare for this event. The children ran 1km, cycled 3km and swam 75m. We are thrilled with the results of all the teams and would like to particularly congratulate Zac Wormgoor who came 3rd in the Year 6 Boys and Liam Van Zyl 4th in the Year 5 Boys. Our team not only displayed great athleticism but also fabulous sportsmanship. Thanks to Matt Ahern for his help with transport and supervision on the day. Well done kids. We are extremely proud of you all.



# CLASS CELEBRATIONS

## POUNAMU ATAWHAI

For Haututū, the teachers gave us a challenge to raise awareness about cutting the elastic off disposable masks. You could make something on Canva, make a movie or lots of other things. Noah and I chose Canva. On my poster, I said to cut the strings off the mask and throw it in the bin. The reason you should cut the elastic off the mask is because the sea animals are getting tangled in the elastic which is not good.

By Reuben, Pounamu Atawhai.



Creative teamwork happening in Pounamu Atawhai, creating papier mâché piñata.



## POUTAMA

With the conclusion of swimming, Poutama's PE focus has shifted to Team Games. The games are promoting the students to work together with their peers in a collaborative way. This is helping build positive relationships between the students and provides an opportunity to practise whanaungatanga within the team.



## ENVIRO

The Green Team had their first session last week. We cleaned up the gardens and outdoor learning space before adding some compost and planting a range of new produce in the veggie gardens. It was fantastic to see so many children from across our Year 4 - 6 teams keen to take part this year.



## TERM DATES

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

### WEEK SEVEN TERM ONE

Friday 25 March EPRO 8 in school event

### WEEK EIGHT TERM ONE

### WEEK NINE TERM ONE

Tuesday 5 April Rippa Rugby Competition

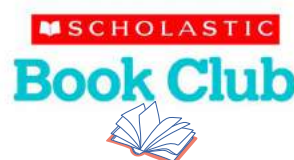
### WEEK TEN TERM ONE

Wednesday 13 April EPRO 8 inter school event

Wednesday 13 April Rippa Rugby Finals

Term 1 ends Thursday 14 April 2021

Term 2 begins Monday 2 May 2022



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Happy reading everyone!