

KIA ORA – GREETINGS

We are making our way through a couple of wet weeks. We have several events over the next few weeks, they have been previously advertised via the App and newsletter. Please check the App for reminders over the weekend.

KANOHI KI TE KANOHI – FACE TO FACE TEACHER – PARENT INTERVIEWS

A reminder that 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 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.

ALL THE BEST TO SAMMIE STRATFORD

We would like to wish Mrs Stratford all the best as she goes on maternity leave. Sarah Ruawai will be joining Pae Ake from week 8 this term.



LUNCH WITH MRS PECK

Mrs Peck took two of our fabulous runners on a lunch date last week. This was a super special occasion to celebrate the boys' success. At the School Cross Country, both boys won their respective races but they also caught the 'rabbit' which was the Awatapu student leading each race around the track. Liam went a step further than just catching the 'rabbit'. He actually BEAT the 'rabbit'!

This has never happened in our recent memory, so Mrs Peck decided that both boys' efforts were worthy of a lunch out. Congratulations Liam and Zac. We are very proud of you.



To our students:

We wish you happy days at Riverdale School:
Sophie and Cillian - Piako Tahī



HOUSE CAPTAINS

Last week the Year 5 and 6 students that wished to apply for the positions of House Captain and Deputy House Captain, presented a speech at their House meeting. We were very impressed with the number of students who came with a prepared speech ready to state their case in the hopes of being selected to represent their House.

We would like to congratulate the following students:

Kakapo House Captains: Ryla & Peyton

Kakapo Deputy Captains: Lucas & Gaia

Tui House Captains: Hunter & Amelia

Tui Deputy Captains: Courtney & Lukas

Kereru House Captains: Guy & Holly

Kereru Deputy Captains: Kalais & Jacob

Takahe House Captains: Kaleb & Charlie

Takahe Deputy Captains: Kruz & Sophia



CLASS CELEBRATIONS

POUNAMU ATAWHAI

Bon Appétite

After researching some of the environmental benefits of eating insects as part of our Science Inquiry, the students in Pounamu Atawhai were challenged to complete a piece of persuasive writing explaining why we should or shouldn't include these tasty invertebrates in our diet.

After a bit of research, many of the children who originally thought this was a disgusting idea, changed their minds so we decided to give it a go! Serving trays of lightly salted locusts and crickets were passed around for the children and teachers to feast on. Some of us were even pleasantly surprised!



PIAKO RUA

As part of our Science Inquiry, Piako Rua students have been learning about birds, bugs and plants. Last week, some of us had a go at writing 'Who am I?' stories where we described an insect for our reader to guess. Can you guess which bugs we are describing?



I am only found in New Zealand and my body is long and stripy. I have 6 legs and my back legs are the longest because I use them to jump. What am I?
By Nathaniel

My body is stripy and I am black and yellow. I collect pollen and make honey. I have see through wings and live in a beehive. I also have a stinger. Can you guess what I am?
By Aile M

I have three colours which are white, black and orange. I came from a cocoon. I lay eggs on swan plants and I can fly. After I lay my eggs I go somewhere else. What am I?
By Laura

POUNAMU ATAWHAI

We did some writing in class this week about our experiences competing in the Cross Country.

Cross country 2022 was amazing. As I ran past the kids at cross country I could feel my heart beating faster than a humming bird's wings.. I could smell the excitement coming from other people. The wind blew into my face as I ran the track. I was sweating and puffing but I didn't care. I was coming 2nd to last but I didn't care. As i ran to the mark that I made in my mind, I felt puffed. I remembered the advice - keep running, it's just a mind illusion. The track was muddy and wet. I touched the bushes and then I heard parents cheering on their children. My dad was the loudest.. it was embarrassing. I saw the fallen trees behind me. As i ran to the finish line all the kids gave me a high five. I was amazed at my hard work. My face was as red as a tomato. I came 17th..wow not last! I gave my mum and dad a big high five.

BY DANIEL - YEAR 4



I came out of the bush and I could see the finish line. I could taste the cheering from the other side. But I could feel Bella right behind me. I could not let her pass me. Because I was coming first. I could hear people breathing so heavily. My legs were telling me to slow down. But I didn't. I could not let her pass me. When I turned the corner I felt myself start to slow down. So I pushed myself to not give in. I could hear millions of people saying go Mele! Soon I could see the bright blue flag that was as blue as a blueberry. It was over! I came first! I got my number from Mir Carter and I walked back. My legs felt like they had been shaken by Alannah. While I cheered the others on, Mrs Mabey walked around taking photos. That was the best day of my life partly because Harper gave me a lolly. There were a million smiles racing around my bones. I was so proud of myself.

BY MELEANE - YEAR 4

SUPPORT STAFF WEEK

We wish to publicly acknowledge the incredible work that our wonderful Support Staff do at Riverdale School. Their dedication to working with and for your children continues to make a significant difference to their learning and the positive experiences that they have here at Riverdale.

To Tracey, Kerry, Rachael, Karina, Maryanne, Pieta, Kelly, Lynne, Jaxon and Kate, we thank you for all you do to support our teachers and our students.





Cross Country this year was a little different. Unfortunately, the rough weather meant we had to cancel it for our Year 1-3 students and make adjustments for the older students who really wanted to compete.

We had around a hundred Year 4-6 students that were still keen to do the Cross Country in any given weather.



It was great to see the commitment and determination of all the runners that competed.



KIND HEARTS

It was wonderful to see the video of our Kind Hearts Club last week. They are doing a fantastic job at sharing kindness in our school and wider community. Congratulations to you all. Click on this link to see the video on youtube.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oTUV8ryelj0>

The club will be attending the Kind Hearts Regional Event at the Racecourse in August.

TERM DATES

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

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

WEEK TEN TERM TWO

Friday 8 July	Last Day of Term
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Term 2 ends Friday 8 July
Term 3 starts Monday 25 July



Congratulations to our Year 5 & 6 Interschool Cross Country team.

Gaia , April , Brooklyn , Alyssa, Indi, Liam V, Elliott, Angus, Lukas H, Lucas L, Faiana , Charlie, DJ, Ryla, Keira, Zac W, Kaito, Lloyd, Hunter, Kade.

Riverdale School came 2nd overall out of all the schools in the Palmerston North and surrounding areas.

The Year 5 girls, the Year 5 Boys and the Year 6 Girls teams all came first.

All our runners made a tremendous effort, and we are super proud of their efforts and achievements.

A special mention needs to be made to Zac W, who came 1st in the Year 6 boys event and Gaia, who came 2nd in the Year 5 Girls event.



PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS



Piako Tahī

*Hunter Y for his enthusiasm in all areas of learning.
Frank for putting lots of effort into his learning and showing pleasing progress.*

Piako Rua

*Anika Hori for putting your best effort into all learning opportunities.
Olly Buerkeman for having a positive attitude towards all areas of learning.
Ivey-Roux Ratahi for always showing kindness towards others.*

Pae Ake

*Aurora Kiriona for an amazing attitude to learning and always showing kindness.
Cameron Stretch for Striving for excellence in all areas of his learning.
Mackenzie Green for being a fantastic role model in class.*

Poutama

*Rin Fukuoka for improving her story writing.
Harper Brown for showing determination and competence with her Maths.
Isabella Dixon for perseverance and determination to improve her reading.*

Pounamu Atawahi

*Cruz Ramea-Pongi for enthusiastically stepping up to new challenges as a Year 6.
Lloyd Moocarme for showing competence in all areas of his learning.
Jessica Coughy for demonstrating resilience and determination during our cross country training.
Penny McLean for being an independent learner who constantly challenges herself.*