

# RIVERDALE SCHOOL

## Newsletter



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## KIA ORA - GREETINGS

A warm welcome to you all and best wishes for an enjoyable, successful and worthwhile first term of learning. What a fabulous summer we are having. We are delighted to welcome Tony West as our new Deputy Principal, along with Lauren Cameron in Poutama, Samantha Fairbairn and Kerry Bradshaw in Ponamu Atawahi who join our permanent teaching staff.



## REMINDERS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Reminders from the Principal:

Footwear – No jandals please as children need sandals or sneakers to move and play

Sunhats – only named blue bucket type

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

Emailing or contacting staff – Please only make contact between 8-9am or after 3.30 – 5pm. If necessary, during the day contact via the office

Absentees – Please phone our Absentee phone line 354 2416 or text 027 505 6376 before 9am or via Riverdale app.

## DROP OFF AND PICK UP HOURS

School is open at 8:30am and closes at 3pm. It is important that students are at school no earlier than 8:30am and are picked up by 3pm, which is when school finishes.

## SPORTS EXPLORERS

Our Sport Explorers train on a Monday and Friday morning at 8:15am.



To our students:

Kate Pitchforth, Samuel Fairey, Penny Green, Jack Symonds, Ruby Julian, Kruz Taiaroa, Elizabeth Brunn, Tryton Wills, Eden Knox, Jayden and Ruby Williams, Maryam and Taha Baig, Liam Lister, Samantha Dones, Layla Berry, Lucas Lovett, Jackson and Ella Terris, Chiquita-Leigh and Dayton Muru-Albert, Kaiden Mischewski, Anahera Lyttle, Angus Cadzow and Reuben Lauridson

We wish you happy days at Riverdale School

## "KNOWING OUR STUDENTS" LEARNING CONVERATION MEETINGS

These meetings are about establishing a partnership between home and school so our children can reach their potential. The online booking through School Interviews is now open. The purpose of these meetings is to gather knowledge from our parents about their children, their goals for the year so we know the passions and interests of the students we are teaching.

If you see your teacher on a regular basis or believe they have a full understanding of your child as they were their teacher last year you may not have to book a meeting.

We believe these meetings are vital to 'KNOWING' our children. Please note, these meetings are not about data or achievement.

School will be closing at 1.00pm on Thursday 1st March.

## 'Knowing Our Students' Meetings

Tuesday 27th February

for meetings between

3:15 pm - 6.30 pm

and

Thursday 1st March

for meetings between

1:30 pm - 6.30 pm

If you have important information to share with your child's teacher please make a time as outlined below. These meetings are not compulsory and are for the sole purpose of gathering knowledge about the student.

[www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)

Instructions: Go to the website above. Enter the event code **ggkbg** then enter parent's full name, email address and student's name. Select room/teacher, enter 'GO', select a time slot and your booking is complete. Any issues please contact the school office and they can book online for you.



# Principal's Awards

## PIAKO TAHI

Isalei Va'ai-Wells for being a great role model for our new students

Jacob Pyle for being an amazing role model for others

Sophia Waters for being a kind friend and helpful class member

## PIAKO RUA

Neva Taylor for being a kind friend to our new student

Isabelle McMinn for a positive start to the year

Ryla Burn for being amazingly responsible

## PAE AKE

Will Arnold for facing new challenges with a positive attitude

Porsha Morgan for having an outstanding attitude towards school

Ashton Woodhouse for confidently adjusting to your new learning environment

## POUTAMA

Micah Reid for showing leadership qualities in Poutama

Ethan Knauer for showing initiative in our new environment

Jack Bunyan for showing fabulous perseverance in all activities

## POUNAMU ATAWHAI

Caitlyn Pearce for being a collaborative team member

Kaden Brown for a confident start to the year

Spencer Thompson for an excellent beginning to the year as a Year 6 leader

Jazmine Hemi-McLean for leading the way in our collaboration

## DUATHLON & COMMUNITY PICNIC WEDNESDAY 7 MARCH 5.30PM



Duathlon & Community Picnic  
Wednesday 7 March 5.30pm.

This is a fun event which raises money for the school - a family event for parents, siblings, grandparents and other extended family.

You are warmly encouraged to attend.

The Duathlon races are run in age and gender groups with different distances based on age.

The PTA will be running a BBQ dinner that can be purchased.

\$5 entry to the Duathlon. There will be adult races, decorated bike competition, spot prizes and medals for our age group winners.

The flyer will go out on Monday with entry forms and will also be available for download on the new School App.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR FROM 3.15PM WEDNESDAY 7 MARCH



Held in conjunction with the Duathlon.

There will be plenty of books for every age group, available for parents to purchase for their children or as a donation to our school.

## BOW TIE OR GLASSES DAY - GOLD COIN DONATION



Sadly, we are letting our school families know that Drew Pouniu has been diagnosed with cancer.

Our best wishes and support go out to Drew, Nat and Vilisoni. If you feel you would like to contribute in some way; petrol and supermarket vouchers can be brought into the school office. These will be passed on to Drew and family by Debra. Riverdale School will have a 'wear a bow tie or glasses' gold coin donation day on Friday 2 March. More details to follow next week.

# Term Dates

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

### WEEK THREE TERM ONE

Thursday 22 February Board of Trustees Meeting

### WEEK FOUR TERM ONE

Tuesday 27 February Learning Conversation Meetings

Tuesday 27 February PTA Meeting at 7.30pm

Thursday 1 March Learning Conversation Meetings -  
School closes at 1pm

Friday 2 March Bow tie / Glasses day for Drew - Gold  
coin donation

Friday 2 March Poutama Assembly at 12.30pm

### WEEK FIVE TERM ONE

Wednesday 7 March Duathlon and Book Fair

### WEEK SIX TERM ONE

Wednesday 14 March Interschool Triathlon

Friday 16 March School Swimming Sports

### WEEK SEVEN TERM ONE

Tuesday 20 March Weetbix Tryathlon

### WEEK 8 TERM ONE

Friday 30 March Good Friday - School closed

### WEEK 9 TERM ONE

Monday 2 April Easter Monday - School closed

Tuesday 3 April Easter Tuesday - School closed

### WEEK TEN TERM ONE

Friday 13 April End of Term 1

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP

### PEER MEDIATORS

The Peer Mediators are off to a flying start, watching over our junior students, helping to solve issues in the playground and promoting Peace. They operate in five teams at morning tea where they are developing the skills of conflict resolution aiming to spread this throughout the school.

### ROAD PATROL

Our new Year 6 Patrol Team have been keeping our families safe as they cross Slacks Road and the busy car park. We can help them do the best job they can by; being patient, listening to their calls and using the crossing as model to the children. These have been happening which is pleasing to observe.

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.

### PE SHED

This is already a well oiled machine and the PE Shed is looking spick and span with this organised group of students. They issue gear at lunchtime and really take pride in the service they offer. We are so pleased with how they have started.

### COMMUNICATION TEAM

14 students were selected in 2017 to make up our Communication Team. They will lead the school in many events and will develop the skills of high level communication.

## RIVERDALE SCHOOL SUMMER SPORTS

### B Grade Primary Cricket

Starting Saturday 17 February

### Dual Pitch Cricket

Starting Tuesday 20 February

### Junior Hockey for Years 1-4

Starting Tuesday 20 February

### Junior Hockey for Years 5 & 6

Starting Wednesday 21 February

Teeball is played on a Saturday morning.

Same team as Term 4 2017.

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

Teeball – same teams as 2017

## HEALTH WATCH

Currently a younger sibling of children attending Riverdale School in Pae Ake and Pounamu Atawhai is undergoing an intensive round of Chemotherapy. During this time their immune system will be greatly compromised. One of the ways we as a group can support this family is to inform the office if your child is off school with a gastro bug, chicken pox, measles, the flu or another contagious illness. We thank you very much for your support in this matter.

## COMPLAINTS PATHWAY

What should I do?

See the Whanau  
Teacher  
'Work Together'

(Unsatisfied/Unresolved)

See the Team Leader

Piako Tahī: Nikki Harland  
Piako Rua: Jo Lunn  
Pae Ake: Kelly Mercer  
Poutama: Selina McCallum  
Pounamu Atawhai: Jared Bron

(Unsatisfied/Unresolved)

See the Lead Deputy Principal  
Tony West

(Unsatisfied/Unresolved)

See the Principal  
Debra Peck

(Unsatisfied/Unresolved)

Write to your  
Board of Trustees

## RIVERDALE SCHOOL QUERY/CONCERN/ISSUE

There may be times at Riverdale School where you need help with a query, concern or issue about your child or children.

The Complaints Pathway is important to follow as you will generally be speaking to the person who has the most information and knowledge about your child and other in their environments.

We do our very best to work together for manageable solutions.

## APPOINTMENT GUIDELINES

*Please note that the classroom teachers are very busy and endeavour to give your children quality learning time. Should you need to discuss an issue.*

*Please make an appointment with them, prior to 8:30am or after 3pm. They would like to give you the time you need and deserve.*

*Open communication is a priority.*

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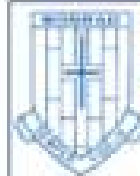
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