

RIVERDALE SCHOOL

Newsletter



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GREETINGS TO ALL. KIA ORA. KONICHIWA. TALOFA LAVA

It has been wonderful to return from my sabbatical to the happy, welcoming Riverdale community. What a delight to see the huge smiles and receive the multitude of hugs from your amazing children. I know you have adored your family time over the holidays as everyone has returned refreshed, ready to reconnect and continue our learning together.
Nikki Harland

TE AO MAORI EVENING

Thanks to all the whanau who came to last night's Te Ao Maori Evening. It was a wonderful forum in which to start the conversation around what is happening at Riverdale in Te Ao Maori.

We shared our action plans which outline our goals for learning in Te Reo, Tikanga and Te Puawai. The akonga (learners) present supported us by singing the waiata they are learning in Te Puawai.

Tash Whitta presented the Matuapiringatahi Roopu - Facebook group, which we will use to communicate with whanau in Te Puawai.

Te Puawai whanau please keep an eye out for a notice to sign up to the Facebook group coming out soon.

Any issues with getting connected contact Tash Whitta, tash@riverdale.school.nz



FROM THE COMMS TEAM...

Gymnastics

By Pyper, Layla and Emma

Gymnastics is an activity for students in the hall at lunch time. With 6-7 helpers, 1 supervising teacher and our own equipment. It happens every Friday lunch at 1:10 pm. The students have 2 strips of floor to do the roly poly's and cartwheels, a trampoline and mat to do their flips, some beams to balance on and many more fantastic things.

Gymnastics at lunch is a great chance to get fit and healthy. It releases happy emotions and lots of energy. It is also a great way to get you focused for learning.

STOCKCAR

This week the entire school had a visit from Brendon Learmonth who owns this stock car.

Everyone was so excited to see it do some laps on our school field. It even did a skid! It was very exciting to see on the first week back. Thank you Brendon.



To our students:

**Phoebe Clement, Courtney Stretch, Amberley Sandhar,
Kylah Brodie, Ava Whitta.**

We wish you happy days at Riverdale School

RIVERDALE SCHOOL WALKATHON 2018

TUESDAY 29 MAY

All Students will be participating in our annual Walkathon around the streets of Riverdale. Students are encouraged to join in and raise beneficial funds the PTA put towards ongoing initiatives. Previous fundraising has seen the money put towards sport tracksuits, sandpit upgrade and joining forces with the school for the new playground.

The Walkathon courses will utilise our school and a loop around the streets. The children will have to get their cards marked as they go through each checkpoint around the course. Their job is to get their cards marked as many times as possible and to get as many sponsors as they can. We will be using Awatapu students, our own teachers and staff, and our Community Constable to ensure the children enjoy a fun event safely.

There are three Loop Tracks, Year 1-2, Year 3-4 and Year 5-6. We encourage parents to walk/run with their children and use this as a way to build fitness for the Cross Country. Times for each age group are on the walkathon sponsor sheet, which will be sent home next week, along with all details about the prizes for furthest distance completed, most money raised, spot prizes for 10 or more sponsors. Sponsoring a child is easy, you can either sponsor for distance or laps, or a donation towards their walking.

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CROSS COUNTRY

FRIDAY 1 JUNE



The school cross country is held every year at Waitoetoe Park and the children in each team have already started their training during the school day.

We have Cross Country Explorers who run with Mr Bron at lunchtimes.

Information for the day will be posted on the School App closer to the time.

MEDICATIONS / INHALERS

If your child requires medicine or an inhaler to be given during school time please come into the office and complete a consent form.

Medicine needs to be picked up by a parent / caregiver after school.

All inhalers are kept in the school medical room.

Principal's Awards

PIAKO TAHI

Mason Lewis for always being eager to learn.
Elizabeth Brunn for always showing kindness to others.
Sophie Adam for always being a kind and helpful member of Piako Tahi.

PIAKO RUA

Ryla Burn for a determined effort to become our first Candyladder.
Fai'ana Tu'ipulotu for being an excellent Piako Rua role model.
Cruz Ramea-Pongi for being a focused learner.

PAE AKE

Devon Blackburn for showing perseverance in all areas of school life.
Bentley Jaggard for demonstrating logic and reasoning in maths.
Anoushka Antony for being a positive and enthusiastic member of Pae Ake.

POUTAMA

Quinn Thompson for being a helpful and thoughtful member of Poutama.
Lucas Brown-Samuelsson for being an exemplary role model in Poutama.
Mikayla Wickins for being a conscientious worker, striving for excellence in all that she does.

POUNAMU ATAWHAI

Hannah Cadzow for displaying outstanding leadership skills.
Hunter Busbridge for focus and excellent problem solving in Tutaeporoporo.
Lucas Warren for showing great initiative in learning and getting stuck into his work.
Layla Urquhart for being a respectable and well organised member of Pounamu Atawhai.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Andrew Cho and family who won the Chromebook in the School Donation prompt payment draw. Thank you to all who have paid the donation.

RIVERDALE SCHOOL AND CLOUD 9 FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE



Riverdale School are participating in a new fundraising programme that is also raising awareness of plastic bottles and sustainability within our community.

We have teamed up with a scheme that will be operated by a new Trampoline Park in Palmerston North called 'Cloud 9 Trampoline Park' which will be on the corner of Taonui Street and Maire Street and will open in April. Cloud 9 is locally owned and operated and want to support local schools and charities.

Facebook Page: Cloud 9 Palmy Trampoline Park

They have made the commendable decision to not sell or profit from any single use plastic drinking bottles. Instead they have invested in a refrigerated bottle filling station and customers are encouraged to bring their own reusable drink bottles. If customers still forget, they are able to buy a stainless steel bottle on site, or else pay 50c for a small paper cup of water.

All of this 50c (plus an additional \$1 of all general admission ticket sales) will be donated to charity by means of a token voting system.

There will be three charities that Cloud 9 will be supporting on a rotation basis.

A Manawatu school

A sustainability charity

A miscellaneous registered charity (generally nominated by the public)

The local schools charity choice will rotate through all of the Manawatu schools that wish to participate. How often the schools will be rotated will depend on how many schools participate.

We will inform you in advance when Riverdale will be available for voting at Cloud 9. The more tokens we put in the voting booth, the bigger the donation to our school.

Please get behind this innovative idea of fundraising and support Cloud 9 Trampoline Park.

Term Dates

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

WEEK THREE TERM TWO

Thursday 17 May BoT Meeting
Winter Basketball starts

WEEK FIVE TERM TWO

Tuesday 29 May Walkathon
Friday 1 June School Cross Country

WEEK SIX TERM TWO

Monday 4 June Queen's Birthday - school
Tuesday 5 June closed
Postponement day for school
Cross Country

WEEK SEVEN TERM TWO

Wednesday 13 June Interschool Cross Country

WEEK TEN TERM TWO

Tuesday 3 July School Production - Regent
Theatre
Friday 6 July End of Term 2

KELLY SPORTS

Kelly Sports are back at Riverdale School after School every WEDNESDAY to take clinics from

3:10pm - 4:10pm for the next 6 weeks. This programme is a great way to challenge and improve your child's motor skills and coordination within a FUN environment.

For more info contact Zac Topping 027 226 7808



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