Riverdale School Newsletter

KIA ORA – GREETINGS

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As my first official post as Tumuaki, I want to express my gratitude for the support I have received since assuming the role here at Riverdale school.

I would like to acknowledge the Board of Trustees at Riverdale School for their professionalism whilst working alongside an independent consultancy for the hiring of our new Tumuaki. Their passion, dedication, and commitment to this school are truly commendable. Together with staff, I know we will continue to foster a culture of excellence and provide students with the best possible learning experiences.

To our tamariki, thank you for your enthusiasm, the smiles and the lovely conversations of support I have received over the past week. It is my pleasure to serve as your Principal, and I am committed to supporting your growth, well-being, and success.

Lastly, I want to thank parents and caregivers who have entrusted myself and our amazing staff with the education and care of your children. Your ongoing support, collaboration, and involvement in their educational journey are vital to their success. The door is always open and I look forward to the journey ahead.

Ngā mihi

Jared Bron

RIVERDALES GOT CULTURE ASSEMBLEY

On Friday 2nd June Riverdale will be holding Riverdale's Got Culture Assembly 2 - 2.45 pm.

This Assembly is a time for children to share a cultural talent with the school. They may like to share a cultural dance, song, act or a speech in their native language. Items should be a maximum of 3 minutes in length to ensure there is time for everyone who wishes to take part and perform.

Siblings may wish to perform together, perhaps even as a whānau.

If your child wishes to perform, or you have any queries, please contact Mrs Kenyon no later than Friday 26th May at lynette@riverdale.school.nz



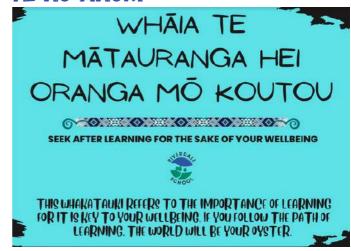
Friday 19th May 2023



To our new students:

We wish you happy days at Riverdale School Bailey G, Esmay F, Hailee B, Brax H, Dallas H, Ahlya H

TE AO MAORI



PINK SHIRT DAY

Our tamariki have had a fabulous week being involved in a range of activities in class for Pink Shirt Day.



We have had conversations about what it means to be kind and to stand up for others.













Congratulations to the following tamariki for their fabulous t-shirt designs, which won them a prize - Matthew H, Sadie W, Jacob N, Annie C, Saoirse G, Nina M, Peyton L, Pippa C.

NZ SIGN LANGUAGE WEEK

Last week Riverdale School celebrated New Zealand Sign Language Week. As you may know NZSL is one of our three official languages. Each class learnt a song in Sign Language to sing at School Singing on Friday, and spent the week learning some new signs.

One of the students in Poutama, uses NZSL as their main form of communication. The children in that team have been learning Sign Language all year with the support of Learning Assistant Pieta. They have been working towards holding a sausage sizzle for their team. They had to ask for their sausage on bread entirely in Sign Language. The PTA kindly donated the ingredients for the Poutama's sausage sizzle.









SPORTS EXPLORERS

Congratulations to these tamariki who have got into Sports Explorers. They are already proving a committed and dedicated bunch of young athletes.



SOCCER GOALS

Our amazing PTA has refurbished our School football goals. They look quite flash on our school field and are getting plenty of use. A special thankyou to Damien Mulcahy at Total Sheetmetals for their amazing work once again around our school.



KIND HEARTS

As part of our Kind Hearts programme, tamariki are always involved in sharing kindness in our community.

Last week, tamariki in Pounamu Atawhai made some delicious lollylog and superwine slice for the Arohanui Hospice.



Poutama helped create a number of Love Letters for Starship Hospital. These letters are used to brighten up the rooms of the children in hospital and have stories on the back of them for the children to read











SCHOOL DONATIONS

Thank you to everyone who has paid the school donation for their child for 2023. School donations provide the necessary gap between Government funding and the total amount of funds required to provide the extra educational facilities necessary for a fully rounded education of children. Students at Riverdale School have access to outstanding learning resources provided by the Board of Trustees through donations.

If you haven't already done so, please make payment of the school donation for 2023 through our BNZ Bank Account - 02-0727-0011376-00 Ref: Name of Student Particulars: Donation.

PHOTOLIFE SCHOOL PHOTOS

Unique codes have been sent out for your to view and order your school photos via www.photolife.co.nz.

Place your orders by Sunday May 21st 2023 to take advantage of the free delivery to school.

WINTER SPORTS

Winter Sports are now all underway. We have a large number of children participating in hockey, basketball, flippaball and table tennis.

Thank you to those who have already paid the fees. If you haven't yet please make payment to the school bank account as these are now overdue.

Hockey - \$45

Basketball - \$86

FlippaBall - \$40 Table Tennis - \$25

TERM DATES

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

Term 2 2023

Week 6

Junior Tough Guy & Gal - Tuesday 30th May School Cross Country - Friday 2nd June Riverdales Got Talent Assembly - Friday 2nd June 2pm

Week 7

Interschool Cross Country - Wednesday 7th June

Week 9

Ki O Rahi Tournament - Wednesday 21st June

Week 10

Matariki Hangi & Concert - Thursday 29th June Last day of Term 2 - Friday 30th June

Term 3 2023

First Day of Term 3 - Monday 17th July

PRINCIPALS AWARDS

Piako Tahi

Marlee B - showing amazing leadership with her peers. Ka Rawe!

Hannah W - showing great manners in the classroom. Tīno pai.

Piako Rimu

Sadie W - being a kind and caring friend to everyone in Piako Rimu.

Ethan P - for always striving for excellence in all of your learning, particularly showing growth in Reading.

Piako Rata

Oscar P - showing confidence and expression when Reading. Ka Pai!

Anna P - for being a Tohunga and sharing your knowledge during our Space Inquiry.

Pae Ake

Armani B - for her amazing efforts in all areas of her learning

Isla D - for efforts over and above the expectations

Aria W - being an outstanding role model in Pae Ake

Poutama

Jontae H - for sharing his knowledge of Sign Language with us

Miwa H - showing determination and passion in her literacy work. Ka pai!

Mila L - for dedication to improve her numeracy and being responsible

Pounamu Atawhai

Levi R - for his awesome enthusiasm and progress in maths. Keep up the good mahi!

Jacob N - for your leadership and dedication in Te Ao Māori. Me he tē!

Jack S - being a tohunga in our science inquiry **Charlotte W** - being a kind, thoughtful person who constantly challenges herself.

Kind Hearts

Kate P - for sharing her love of reading while on Library duty



MATARIKI CELEBRATION / HANGI SAVE THE DATE

Thursday 29th June Time TBC Riverdale School

We're pleased to inform you that we will be holding a community evening to celebrate the start of *Matariki*. The evening will include a shared school hangi and student led waiata.

Order forms and more information about this will come out later in the term.

We are keen to have new men and women helpers to assist in a successful hangi. You don't have to be an expert in laying a hangi - but we need many hands to make light work!

If you can help, contact:

Tash Whitta - <u>tash@riverdale.school.nz</u> Karina - <u>karina@riverdale.school.nz</u>

PIAKO RIMU - OPT INS

We have had so much fun during Science and Art Opt Ins this week in Piako Rimu! Some students made a 'Special Potion' that gave them a super kindness power, and others worked on creating beautiful 3D Butterfly Art!





JUNIOR TOUGH GUY AND GAL

Junior Tough Guy and Gal is a fantastic event for Palmerston North. The mud run is held out at the Massey campus.

Years 3 & 4 - 1.5km Years 5 & 6 - 3km

On Tuesday 30th May a Riverdale School representative will attend and have a tent onsite. They will collect all Riverdale School entry packs at the event in the morning.

You can register your child on the Junior Tough Guy and Gal website - https://eventpromotions.co.nz

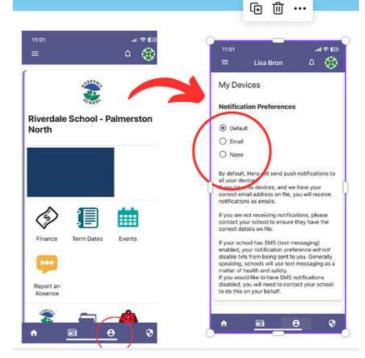


HERO TIPS



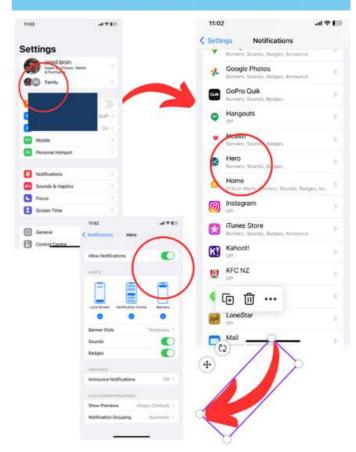
TIP # 1 - NOTIFICATION SETTINGS

WITH HERO, YOU HAVE THE OPTION TO CHOOSE YOUR NOTIFICATION TYPE. THIS IS EITHER BY APP NOTIFICATION OR EMAIL NOTIFICATION.



TIP # 2 - ALERT SETTINGS

DONT GET NOTIFICATIONS? CHECK YOUR SETTINGS AND MAKE SURE YOUR HERO NOTIFICATIONS ARE ON.





X COUNTRY '23

FRIDAY 2nd JUNE AHIMATE/WAITOETOE PARK

APPROX TIME	YEAR GROUP	APPROX DISTANCE
	YEAR 4-6	2.7km
9.30am - 10am	Year 4 Race Girls/Boys Year 5 Race Girls/Boys	
10am - 10.30am		
10.30am - 11am	Year 6 Race Girls/Boys Medal/Certificate presentation	
	YEAR 1-3	1.3km
11.30pm - 12pm	Year 1 Race Girls/Boys	
12pm - 12.30pm	Year 2 Race Girls/Boys	
12.30 - 1pm	Year 3 Race Girls/Boys Medal/Certificate presentation	



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