

RIVERDALE SCHOOL

Newsletter



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KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, NIN HẢO.

This week, following Drew's passing I am once again reminded of the tight-knit, deep relationships established between our staff members as we work together as a team. We have supported each other, drawn strength from one another and shared both the sad and bright times we spent with Drew over his 5 years here at Riverdale School.

We deeply appreciate the ongoing support from you our community as we raised funds for the Pouniu Family. We acknowledge those families that made other arrangements on Thursday allowing the opportunity for many of our staff to pay their last respects.

EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE

The Education Review Office (ERO) team were in our classrooms and playground as well as having various meetings with our Board of Trustees, Principal, Senior management and teaching staff. It is always valuable to have an outside perspective allowing visitors to experience the empowering "Riverdale way" of teaching and learning.

MOVING ON

We have three wonderful teachers within Riverdale that will be leaving us to begin new adventures in 2019.

Lauren Cameron who has won a position at Whakarongo School where her children are. It is a special experience to teach at the same school as your tamariki.

Isaac Gulliver is moving home to New Plymouth to enjoy all the mighty Taranaki has to offer and has won a teaching position at Fitzroy Primary school.

Lucy Denniston has resigned her position as she embarks on the adventurous journey of teaching overseas. We wish all three teachers all the very best in the new year and beyond.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

We have four new appointments for the 2019 teaching year.

We welcome Mr Richard Bennett, Ms Hannah Wells, Mrs Melanie Mabey and Ms Sharon Udy.

These wonderful teachers bring a mix of energy and experience to the classroom and wider school community. We are very excited about them joining the Riverdale staff in 2019.

CHRISTMAS AT CACCIA BIRCH

There has been a **change of time** for both the senior and junior choir at Christmas at Caccia Birch. We will now be on at **7:00pm**. All children in both choirs need to be at Caccia Birch by 5:30pm. Could we all meet at the big tree by the front entrance to Caccia Birch. Miss Denniston, Mrs Mercer Mrs Bradshaw are the teachers in charge.



ROAD PATROL MARCH

During 2018 the Traffic Safety Team at Riverdale School have assisted the parents and students to cross Slacks Road and the driveway safely. In recognition of their valuable contribution to the school community, they are invited to the Annual Road Patrollers March and Movie on Friday 7 December. We appreciate the commitment, decision making and leadership shown by our 2018 Traffic Safety Team and hope they can join us for their fully deserved reward. More information will come out to the Road Patrollers in a separate newsletter.

YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP

Letters will be going out to Year 5 students who are interested in participating and training as leaders for 2019. This includes both Road Patrol and Peer Mediators. The first stage is to get the permission slip back in.

Students will then be trained, it will be decided by Senior Management and the NZ Police if they have the skills, attitude and commitment to be successful in these roles.

ATHLETICS DAY

A wonderful day of sunshine and physical activity for our 2018 Athletics day.

The students were well prepared for the event with teachers focussing on each of the disciplines during school PE sessions. Our new sunscreen holders and sunscreen donated by the PTA were well used and it was great to see so many whanau members out to enjoy the day.



Principal's Awards

Piako Tahī

Brooklyn-Rose Jaggard for always working hard to achieve your goals.

Junior Te Rauna for being an amazing role model and showing kindness to others.

Kate Pitchforth for having a positive attitude towards all areas of learning.

Piako Rua

Fai'ana Tu'ipulotu for achieving success at Athletics.

Jorja Hemi-McLean for sharing her artistic flare with others.

Oliver Small for amazing high jump skill.

Pae Ake

Conner Brown for striving for success in your writing.

Monty Kreegher for coming to workshops organised and actively participating.

Benji Noakes for outstanding sportsmanship on athletics day.

Poutama

Maryam Baig for huge effort and progress in Reading.

Briahna Forbes for consistently striving for excellence in all areas.

Kaden TeHuna for always having a positive attitude towards to his learning.

Pounamu Atawhai

Luka Gillett-Pond for his efforts in shot putt and discus.

Harry Moccarme for an excellent attitude towards his learning this term.

Ikya Pakai for developing a positive attitude towards his learning.

Baeley-Jane Gray for outstanding work ethic in all that she does.

TABLE TENNIS

The Students had a great tournament ending up in 6th place.

They showed great sportsmanship and were a wonderful group of students to manage.

Emily was our superstar, winning all of her games and taking out top place in Grade 1 for girls.

A big thank you to Kylie Mulcahy who managed the team.



PTA NEWS

Thank you to all, who have supported this fantastic Fundraiser and well done to every child that sold pies..

Congratulations to the prize winners for each year that sold the most pies:

Emily Hall, Isabel Harper, Riley Hanson, Lucus Albert-Marshall, Alec Gregory & Aiden Gregory.

We are excited to see stage one of the playground upgrade completed.

Take a look next time you are at school.

Next PTA meeting is on Tues 4th Dec @ 7.30pm Ara Toi, feel free to come and see what we are about.

MASQUERADE DISCO



A "MASQUERADE" Disco will be held on Thursday 6 December.

\$5.00 entry includes glowstick, drink & chips.

Y 1-3 - 5.15pm-6.30pm

Y 4-6 - 7.00pm-8.30pm

Design your own Mask & be in for a spot prize!

Term Dates

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

WEEK SEVEN TERM FOUR

Wednesday 28 November
Interschool Athletics

WEEK EIGHT TERM FOUR

Thursday 6 December
Rippa Rugby semi-finals
Riverdale PTA Disco
Friday 7 December
Certificate Assembly at 9.30am
Christmas at Caccia Birch
Sunday 9 December
Rippa Rugby Finals Day

WEEK NINE TERM FOUR

Monday 10 December
Te Puawai Concert and Hangi
Friday 14 December
Right Choice Day

WEEK TEN TERM FOUR

Monday 17 December
Year 6 Leavers Dinner
Tuesday 18 December
Last day of Term Four

Term Four ends Tuesday 18 December 2018
Term One 2019 starts Monday 4 February 2019

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Monrad School Orientation Day Thursday 29 November 9.15am-11am. Please note change of date.

All enrolled students are invited to an orientation day to familiarise students to our school. We would like parents to drop off students from 9am at Monrad.

Monrad will return all students by bus to their schools at 11.30am.

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