

# RIVERDALE SCHOOL

## Newsletter



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## KIA ORA

This week, as the weather again turns grey and drizzly, is a great opportunity to give thanks and remind ourselves how much we achieve together.

Thank you to our whanau who send their best child to us daily.

Thank you to the dedicated and creative team of teachers and support staff who tirelessly empower our learners to be the best they can.

And thank you to our fabulous learners who take every opportunity to show us how amazing they truly are.

## TE WIKI O TE REO MAORI

It is Te Reo Maori Week and Riverdale School have been embracing this by using Te Reo as much as possible and being actively involved in celebrating Te Ao Maori.

Poutama have been creating our own Maori resources to share with our family and whanau!

Some of the tamariki have made calendars and greeting cards, while others have been creating Minecraft Marae, Minecraft hangi pits, Maui's hook, Maui and the Sun comic book and kupu (words) slides to help people understand the Maori language!!

Jack made a book about Scooby Doo's Journey using Maori kupu. Lahquan wrote Ka pai using Minecraft. Abigail and Mingmae have made a maori seasons calendar. The children are so proud of their creation and are motivated to share their knowledge with others.

It was so amazing watching our children totally absorbed with their Te Reo Maori learning!

Ka mau te wehi tamariki ma!!

Take a look at the Facebook page: Matuapiringatahi to get a better insight to all things Maori at Riverdale School.

Ma te wa (Thanks for your time)



To our new students:

Jack Burton, Ckylar Wharemate

We wish you all happy days at Riverdale School

## BOOK CHARACTER DAY

Mad hatters, superheroes, princesses, villains and wizards arrived to help celebrate our book character day. Family and friends of the school came to share their favourite stories with us. We finished the morning off with a school wide parade of the wonderful characters.



## DANCENZMADE 2018

Last Friday, our Dance Explorers spent the day at the Regent Theatre. They attended three dance workshops with children from around the region. In the evening they performed in the second Palmerston North Regional for DanceNZ Made. Their dance, It's Tricky, was choreographed by one of our former pupils, Georgia Lunn. The dance was well received by the audience and judges alike. We are thrilled to announce that they came 2nd Runner Up and also qualified for the Nationals which are to be held in Palmerston North on the 22nd of September. We wish them every success for Nationals.



# SKI TUKINO 2018..

## FROM THE STUDENTS

### The Ice wall

Ice cold snowballs came flying into and over our barricade of thick ice. But it held on like a guardian of a sacred treasure. One sheet of ice after another got hit. This is World War 3!

Walls of ice were falling down rapidly, but we rebuilt it twice as fast.

The war went on for about 20 minutes. Isaac, Oliver and I were launching snowballs one after another. Other people came up close and started kicking our beautiful masterpiece down, but they got berraged with snowballs!

Ice cold wind blew against us making us freeze in frozen fear. One snowball was flying like a bird and hit me directly in the stomach. I fell over frozen. Hopping back up again, I made the perfect snowball and I threw it in anger back at a shadow.

After a while the air became colder and the snow turned into ice. I was as cold as a brain getting a brain freeze. But the war was still going on. We stopped throwing snowballs, but the others didn't stop throwing at all. This was tough!! Is this what war was like back in the day?

Gray Lourie



### Ski Camp

Wizz ! I flash down the slope. I feel the wind blowing against me and I feel happy, free and excited. I feel as if I'm soaring through the sky.

I see the mountain slopes ahead of me, freshly iced over that made the snow glimmer and shine. I look down at my green and blue lined white skis and look at the fresh path I have created. I notice Ella out the corner of my eye skiing like a pro, She got the hang of it rather quickly. I see Caitlyn flying down the hill on a sled with a huge smile on her face and Sophie lying in the snow, cooling off from her latest ski run. Right now I feel very courageous and important, but at the same time I feel peaceful and content. I can hear my skis talking to each other as they gracefully glide across the snow. I can also hear people chatting and even some yelling "That was awesome..." they are acting just like a bunch of crazy parrots! I continued skiing past the noise. I listen to the sound of the tow rope whirring and watch people as they pass by, concentrating hard on staying upright. The tow rope is very convenient, as it would be a long and tiring walk without it. I take notice for a split second and take it all in.

I can smell the snow.

It smells fresh and natural.

I think to myself, skiing is fun and I am quite good!

I hope I can come again soon!

Natalie Jackson



## SUMMER SPORTS REGISTRATION

Summer Sports registrations for summer hockey, tee-ball and rippa rugby are now open online.

Registration forms are to be done online through the 'Sports Hub' on the school website and app.

If this is not possible please collect a paper copy from the school office.

Registrations close on Monday 24 September 2018

**Riverdale School Netball - Could all netball skirts please be returned to the school office with your name attached. Thank you**

## ENVIRO EXPLORERS CORNER!!!

**THE ENVIRO EXPLORERS ARE ALREADY THINKING AHEAD TO THE END OF YEAR HANGI AS THEY GET SOME POTATOES AND CABBAGES PLANTED.**



## Term Dates

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

### WEEK NINE TERM THREE

Thursday 20 September Board of Trustees Meeting

### WEEK TEN TERM THREE

Friday 28 September Right Choice Day  
Term Three Ends

### WEEK ONE TERM FOUR

Monday 15 October Term Four Starts

### WEEK TWO TERM FOUR

Monday 22 October Labour Day - School closed

Term Three ends Friday 28 September 2018

Term Four starts Monday 15 October 2018

Term Four ends Tuesday 18 December 2018

Term One 2019 starts Monday 4 February 2019

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