

# RIVERDALE SCHOOL

## Newsletter



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## **Konichiwa, Ni Has**

### **Greetings to all**

We seem to have arrived at the end of Week 6, the time is simply flying by.

All Flexible Learning Spaces are humming along and Teams are working well together.

We would like to thank all our wonderful parents for their ongoing support for the miride of sporting events that they contribute too.

We appreciate your participation in fun activities such as the "duathlon", "have a go Girls cricket" and also to the organisation it takes to get your children to Elite events such as the Interschool Triathlon and the Striders Road Race.

We are proud of how our students behave, their attitude and effort is outstanding.

## **PAID UNION MEETINGS**

The NZEI is moving its campaign forward to address many issues facing teachers and Principals currently. You will be aware that there is a shortage of teachers across most regions in the Country. This crisis is real and requires addressing. All of our teachers will attend a Paid Union meeting in the next two weeks.

We will not be closing our School early but rather we will send teachers in clusters across the week.

We thank you for your support.

## **EASTER BREAK**

Tuesday the 3 April is a School Holiday (not a statutory holiday) and therefore Schools must be closed that day.

The Easter break for all Schools across the Country is Friday 30 March to Tuesday 3 April .

School re opens Wednesday 4 April.

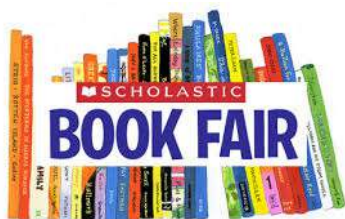
## **KEEPING OUR DRIVEWAY SAFE**

A reminder please to our school community.

Do not walk down our driveway or cut across the carpark.

This is a significant safety concern for us.

We ask you to please continue to use the walkways to enter and exit the school grounds. We often have visitors or deliveries being made and we need to keep the driveway and carpark clear of pedestrians at all times.



It was wonderful to see so many families support our Scholastic Book Fair. Thanks to your support we have just over \$700 to spend on books for our school library. This is an amazing effort by our community. Thank you!



**To our students:**

**Beau Hunt, Elliott Parr and Sophie Adam**

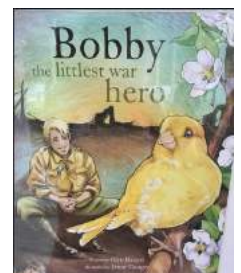
**We wish you happy days at Riverdale School**

## **ENVIRO EXPLORERS**

The group from Plant to Plate have kindly donated a compost bin and worm farm to our school. This means that every student at Riverdale will be able to reduce their environmental footprint by composting the green food waste from their lunch boxes. If you have a compost system running at your home, this might be a great time to talk to your children about the process and explain how it all works.



## **BOBBY THE LITTLEST WAR HERO - GLYN HARPER, BOOK LAUNCH**



"Bobby the littlest war hero" was launched at Riverdale on Friday. We had the author Professor Glyn Harper, illustrator Jenny Cooper, the Palmerston North Mayor Mr Grant Smith and Ross Meads from the City Library attend our special assembly.

A big thank you to Emily, Hamish and Logan for reading the story to the school. The trio were praised for their efforts by Professor Harper.

The school were thrilled to hear Jessica's grandad, Mr Steffort, play the bagpipes and were all treated to an ANZAC biscuit. What a wonderful day!



## GO GIRLS QUICKHIT CRICKET



Nine of our Year 3-6 girls participated in the Quickhit Girls Cricket Festival - some of whom had never played cricket before.

It was a fun and enjoyable day with many other schools participating from the Manawatu area.

## INTERSCHOOL TRIATHLON

Congratulations to all children that attended the Inter-School Elite Triathlon event. The tamariki represented Riverdale school with pride and they gave it all they had. We had some outstanding results with Hannah Cadzow placing third and Isabel Harper fourth. A special thanks to Belinda Cadzow and Sharon Harper, fabulous parent help.



## RIVERDALE SCHOOL DUATHLON

A huge congratulations to all whom participated in our Duathlon this year.

This is a community event with the focus on giving things a go, sportsmanship and having fun in a supportive community atmosphere!

We were so impressed with the attitude and determination of both the tamariki and whanau during the races. A big thank you to the PTA for putting on the BBQ and organising the spot prizes.



## Term Dates

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

### WEEK SEVEN TERM ONE

Tuesday 20 March Weetbix Tryathlon

### WEEK EIGHT TERM ONE

Tuesday 27 March Bokes for Bokes Evening  
PTA AGM 7.30pm  
Friday 30 March Good Friday - School closed

### WEEK NINE TERM ONE

Monday 2 April Easter Monday - School closed  
Tuesday 3 April Easter Tuesday - School closed  
Wednesday 4 April Rippa Rugby Tournament

### WEEK TEN TERM ONE

Friday 13 April End of Term 1

### WEEK ONE TERM TWO

Monday 30 May Term 2 starts

## RIVERDALE SCHOOL WINTER SPORTS

Winter Sports registrations are now open online.

These are to be done 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 Friday 26 March. The exception being Yr 3-4 Netball which must be registered for by Friday 16 March.

Payment of sports fees is to be made with registration. This can be paid by cash or cheque at the school office or via internet banking using your last name and 'sport being played' as a reference.

Internet Banking details for sports payments:  
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Once teams have been finalised they will be available on the School App, Website and Sports Hub.

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