

KIA ORA - GREETINGS

Welcome back to the start of 2020.

We have loved seeing our students return enthusiastic and ready for new learning.

The teams have all gotten underway quickly with lots of learning about how we work together, how our space operates, and where things are stored. This gives our children a sense of ownership and scaffolds the environment to allow for maximum individual learning.

GENERAL REMINDERS

Footwear – Children need sandals or sneakers to move and play. No Jandals.

Sunhats – Named blue bucket type only (available from the office for \$10.00)

Parking – Please!!! No parking in school grounds unless it is an emergency i.e. Call from the office regarding a sick child

Emailing or contacting staff – Contact is between 8-9am or after 3.30 – 5pm.

Absentees – Please phone our Absentee phone line 354 2416, text 027 505 6376 or advise through the Riverdale School app before 9.00am.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP HOURS

School is open at 8:30am and closes at 3pm.

It is important that students are at school no earlier than 8:30am and are picked up by 3pm, which is when school finishes.

This is for the safety of our students.

Staff are often involved in meeting and preparation outside the contact hours.

School does start at 9am, please make sure your child has arrived with time to be ready to begin the school day.

All lateness requires a parent / caregiver to sign child in with a reason.

ASTHMA INHALERS AND MEDICATIONS

If your child has asthma and requires an inhaler to be at school please come in to the office, bring the inhaler and complete a consent form.

Any medication to be given to a child during school time must be bought into the school office by the parent / caregiver and a consent form completed.

CORONAVIRUS

Currently, arrivals from China are required to have a 14 day stand-down period.

We are closely monitoring and following Ministry guidelines. We will keep you informed of any changes or updates via our school App and Newsletters when available.



To our students:

We wish you happy days at Riverdale School

Logan Widlake, Ayla Larsen, Jontae Hei Hei, Jayjay Nelson, Cassia Todd, Sterling Rossiter, Moa Peyton, Tairael Roy, Tane Minchin, Aurora Kiriona, Maia Sharland, Ruby Stevenson, Mia Simpson, Charlie Sloan, Arabella Tillick, Ava Warner, Hudson Lauridsen, Toby Lovett, Courtney Verhoeven, Ella Pyle.

TE AO MAORI

Ka pū te ruha, ka hao te rangatahi
As the old net withers a new one is woven.

We say a fond farewell to those families and staff who left us in 2019 and welcome new families and staff to Riverdale.



COMPLAINTS PATHWAY

What should I do?

See the Whanau Teacher
'Work Together'

(Unsatisfied/Unresolved)

See the Team Leader

Piako Tahī: Nikki Harland
Piako Rua: Sarah Best
Pae Ake: Kelly Mercer
Poutama: Jo Lunn
Pounamu Atawhai: Jared Bron

(Unsatisfied/Unresolved)

Deputy Principals
J Bron, N Harland, K Mercer

(Unsatisfied/Unresolved)

See the Principal
Debra Peck

(Unsatisfied/Unresolved)

Board of Trustees

RIVERDALE SCHOOL QUERY/CONCERN/ISSUE

There may be times at Riverdale School where you need help with a query, concern or issue about your child or children.

The Complaints Pathway is important to follow as you will generally be speaking to the person who has the most information and knowledge about your child and others in their environments.

We do our very best to work together for manageable solutions.

APPOINTMENT GUIDELINES

Please note that the classroom teachers are busy and endeavour to give your children quality learning time.

Should you need to discuss an issue, please make an appointment with staff prior to 8:30am or after 3pm as they would like to give you the time you need and deserve.

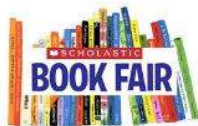
Open communication is a priority.

Riverdale School Community Night

Thursday 27th February 5.30 – 7.30 pm

This is a chance to meet the teachers, make connections in our school community and have some family fun.

- Scholastic Book Fair
- Face painting
- School Pool will be opened
- Photo Booth
- Bubble blowing



Bring your picnic tea along & join in our first 2020 community event. The PTA will be on hand if you wish to purchase a sausage sizzle, juicy or cold drink. Tea and coffee will be provided.



The Palmerston North Firefighters' Relay for Life team will have a gold coin collection box. 4 lucky children will be drawn out to travel to school one morning in a fire truck.

Please note: Riverdale School Staff will be available to supervise all school aged children in the pool. If your toddler wishes to swim they will need to be supervised by a parent/guardian.

Term Dates

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

WEEK THREE TERM ONE

Monday 17 February Summer Hockey season begins

WEEK FOUR TERM ONE

Thursday 27 February Twilight Community Night

WEEK FIVE TERM ONE

Tuesday 3 March Kanohi ki te Kanohi
1.30pm - 6.00pm
School will close at 1.00pm

Wednesday 4 March Kanohi ki te Kanohi
3.15pm - 6.00pm

WEEK SIX TERM ONE

Monday 9 March School Swimming Sports
Wednesday 11 March Interschool Triathlon Event
Friday 13 March Interschool Swimming Sports

WEEK SEVEN TERM ONE

Wednesday 18 March Weetbix Tryathlon
Friday 20 March Teachers Only Day
School is closed for the day.

WEEK 8 TERM ONE

WEEK 9 TERM ONE

Tuesday 31 March Rippa Rugby Tournament
Wednesday 1 April Epro 8 Regionals

WEEK TEN TERM ONE

Thursday 9 April Last day of Term 1 2020

Term 2 starts Tuesday 28 April 2020
Anzac Day observed Monday 27 April 2020 - Public Holiday

KANOHI KI TE KANOHI - LEARNING CONVERSATION MEETINGS

These meetings are about establishing a partnership between home and school so our children can reach their potential. The online booking through School Interviews is now open. The purpose of these meetings is to gather knowledge from our parents about their children, their goals for the year so we know the passions and interests of the students we are teaching.

If you see your teacher on a regular basis or believe they have a full understanding of your child as they were their teacher last year you may not have to book a meeting. We believe these meetings are vital to 'KNOWING' our children.

Please note, these meetings are not about data or achievement.

School will be closing at 1.00pm on Tuesday 3 March.

Kanohi ki te Kanohi SCHOOL INTERVIEWS

Tuesday 3 March

for interviews between

1.30pm - 6pm

and

Wednesday 4 March

3.20pm - 6pm

Please make a booking to see your child's whanau teacher online at

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Enter the event code **9qbm** then enter parents full name, email address and students name. Select room/teacher, enter 'Go'. Select a time slot and your booking is complete. Any issues please contact the school office and they can book online for you. The link is also on the School App.

RIVERDALE SCHOOL SUMMER SPORTS



Summer Hockey

Yr 1 / 2 - Starting Monday 17 February

Yr 3 / 4 - Starting Tuesday 18 February

Yr 5 / 6 - Starting Wednesday 19 February

Team and links to the draws are available on the 'Sports Hub' via the school website and App.

All sports fees must be paid before the first game.