

KIA ORA - GREETINGS

Tena Kotou katoa

In the first few weeks of every year we start with our "Ecology of learning"; the protocols and skills we need to learn and practise in order to develop and maintain positive relationships with each other.

Currently in education there is a global focus on the resilience factor, or lack thereof, in children.

Resilience is "the capacity to recover quickly from challenges." - Learning how to deal with disappointment and moving on is an important life lesson.

We are now into our inquiry cycle of learning "Social Sciences - NZ History"



TEACHERS ONLY DAY

A reminder that School is closed next Friday 20 March for the first of our 3 Teacher Only days being held this year.

We are working with the Highly acknowledged Tamsin Hanly on "Critical Histories of Aotearoa" in preparation for meeting the Ministry of Education mandate to teach all aspects of New Zealand History by 2022.

SCHOOL DONATION REQUEST

The school donation request letter will come out early next week. The Board of Trustees has spent some time considering Riverdale Schools position, as Riverdale School is ineligible to uplift the Government's extra grant for Decile 1-7 schools. Therefore we rely on your donation to support the extra opportunities we offer students. It is a shame that the Government decision precluded Decile 8-10 Schools.

KANOHI KI TE KANOHI

What a pleasure it was to have the time to talk with you and learn more about our special tamariki.

You know them the best and it is an invaluable experience for us to hear from you about all the things that make your child unique. Thank you for your participation in the process.

We look forward to working as a team with you to ensure your child's success at Riverdale School.

RIDE TO SCHOOL IN A POLICE TRACTOR WINNER

Congratulations to Mason Pearson who won a competition to get dropped at school in a Police Tractor! Thanks to More FM - it was certainly a school drop off to remember!



TE AO MAORI

Whakatauki o te wiki: Phrase for the week

He kai kei aku ringa

There is food at the end of my hands

This whakatauki lets us remember that we are able to 'feed' ourselves if we are happy to put in the mahi/work to get it.

Go out there and grab what you want out of life, whanau.

Ngā Kupu o te wiki: Words for the week

Homai te/nga object

Pass me the object

Try saying this to your children when you are asking them to pass you something.

Give it a go Whanau!



HOUSE CAPTAINS

Congratulations to the following students who were selected as House Captains last Friday.

The students were asked to write a short speech on why they deserved to lead their House during 2020.

This took both personal preparation and courage to deliver in front of their peers.



FIRE TRUCK VISIT

Koni-Leigh, Alannah, Kate and Holly were the lucky winners who won a trip to school in a fire truck!

The children were picked up from their home and stopped in at the local fire station for a visit and photo opportunity.

They were then dropped to school and welcomed by children and staff in the school grounds.

A huge thankyou to Belinda Cadzow and the Palmerston North Fire Brigade for making this possible.



JUMP JAM

Last Friday we had a visit from Brett Fairweather from Jump Jam. Brett took the whole school for a Jump Jam session outside in the sunshine. It was so great to see the children so enthusiastic and we all had a great time.

The teachers joined in too!



SWIMMING SPORTS

It was great to see our students in the pool on Monday for our School Swimming Sports.

All students had the opportunity to 'have a go' in the width events which is a confidence booster for years to come.

The quality of swimmers at Riverdale, in various strokes, was impressive.

Another moment where our students can shine in their passion areas.



INTERSCHOOL TRIATHLON



Riverdale School took part in the Interschool Triathlon with some great results.

We had numerous top 20 finishes out of the 60 per race starters. The children represented Riverdale School with pride, skill and determination.

Thank you to all of our parent volunteers for their help in organising transport and supervision at the event.

KIND HEARTS OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to the Riverdale School Community for winning Kind Hearts of the Month for March.

Mentioned were our beautifully packed gift packs for the PN Hospital parents, our Peggy Purl blankets for sick children and our weekly baking efforts.

A big thank you to everyone who donates items to this. It is wonderful to see us helping those that need it.

If you have something you wish to donate (ie. baking items, 8ply wool, soap, toothpaste etc) it can be left in the Kind Hearts box in the school foyer.



Term Dates

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

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

Tuesday 24 March	PTA Annual General Meeting followed by a PTA Meeting - 7.30pm in Ara Toi.
	All parents / caregivers welcome.

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

ENVIRO EXPLORERS

This year we've had approximately 50 children sign up for our school environmental programmes.

This is a massive increase from previous years and is a clear reflection of our children's interest in learning about environmental sustainability.

This year our 'Green Thumbs' gardening group is made up of Year 1-3 students who will be meeting on Thursdays at lunch to learn a range of skills in the garden.

We will also be running a Year 4-6 Explorers group who will focus on developing our school green spaces and improving sustainable practises at a whole school level.

We look forward to seeing what these brilliant young environmentalists come up within 2020!

