

KIA ORA – GREETINGS

DEBRA PECK'S FINAL MESSAGE

As I look back on my 18 years at Riverdale School, I am filled with a sense of pride and gratitude. It has been an honour and a privilege to serve as your Principal, and I am grateful for every moment I have spent as the Ariki (Leader).

Over the years, I have had the pleasure of watching countless students grow and thrive, and I am proud of every one of them. I have seen the dedication and hard work of our amazing teachers and staff, who work tirelessly to ensure that our students receive the best education possible.

I am grateful to the parents who have entrusted their children to us, and who have worked alongside us to create a nurturing and supportive environment for learning. And, of course, I am grateful to the students themselves, who have brought so much joy and inspiration into my life.

As I prepare to leave this wonderful community, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to all of you. I will always cherish the memories of my time here.

I know that this school will continue to thrive under the leadership of my successor, and I look forward to watching from afar as this amazing community of learners and educators continues to grow and flourish.

Thank you again for the privilege of serving you. May you all continue to learn, grow, and be the best you can be.

Piki aki te tihi.



The Board has appointed Jared Bron as the Acting Principal as they move through the process in Term 2 to appoint a permanent Principal.

RIPPA RUGBY TOURNAMENT

Riverdale School sent four outstanding teams to the Manawatu Rippa Competition last week. Over 30 teams competed for the Junior Cup. Two teams made it through to the Semi Finals. One team made it all the way to the finals but went down bravely at full time by two points. There was some outstanding team play throughout the day. Thank you to all the parent volunteers for helping on the day.



TE AO MAORI

KIA HORA TE MARINO, KIA WHAKAPAPA
POUNAMU TE MOANA, KIA TERE TE KĀROHIROHI I

MUA I TŌU HUARAHI.

MAY THE CALM BE WIDESPREAD,
MAY THE OCEAN GLISTEN AS
GREENSTONE, MAY THE
SHIMMER OF LIGHT EVER DANCE
ACROSS YOUR PATHWAY.

CONSTABLE BARCLAY VISIT

We were very lucky to have Constable Barclay at Riverdale School last week for two days. He was here to run lessons about the importance of cyber safety and how to be responsible online. Teachers this term have had a teaching focus in this area, particularly in our senior school and it was great to have our local constable in to consolidate lessons.



MANAWATU STRIDERS ROAD RACE

Two teams from Riverdale School attended the Striders Road Race on Tuesday afternoon. It was a fantastic day with great competition. Congratulations to both teams who ran extremely well. The girls placed an impressive 2nd overall in the Manawatu. Great team effort!



WELCOMING SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Riverdale School prides itself on ensuring we support the cultures of all our Ākonga. We want everyone to see their language, culture, identity and strengths in what they learn at school.

We are very proud of our involvement in the Welcoming Schools Programme currently being run in the Manawatu area. This is an initiative that seeks to promote cultural diversity in schools and the local community and to increase cultural awareness of students, parents and school staff. The programme is contributed to by organisations such as Manawatu Multicultural Council Inc., Palmerston North City Council, Global Parents Support, Internal Affairs and the Ministry of Education.



KIND HEARTS

Our tuakana Kind Hearts group made some outstanding Easter cards for the residents of Chiswick Park Lifecare. They will be distributed to the residents this weekend to those that might not get a visit over the long weekend. We know the residents will be very appreciative of them.



TERM DATES

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

Term 1 2023

Last day of Term 1 - Thursday 6 April

Term 2 2023

Week 1

Teacher Only Day (School is closed to students) - Monday 24 April

ANZAC Day (School is closed) - Tuesday 25 April

First day of school for students Term 2 - Wednesday 26 April

PLANT TO PLATE

The wonderful team from Plant to Plate were back on Wednesday for their second session with a group of our Year 6 ākonga. The wonderful aroma of fresh kai could be smelt around the school. We look forward to welcoming them back for their final session in Term 3.



TEACHERS ONLY DAY

A reminder that Riverdale School will be closed on Monday, 24th April, for a Teachers Only Day.

Tuesday 25th April ANZAC Day is a Public Holiday. The first day back for students will be Wednesday, 26th April.

PHOTOLIFE SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos were taken on Wednesday this week.

Your child will be sent home with a unique code in Term 2 for you to view these photos online and place your order via the PhotoLife website.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB Book Club

Due to freight issues, there is a delay to any book orders placed this term. They are due to arrive at school in week 1 in Term 2.

DROWNING PREVENTION PROGRAM

Splash Save is holding a free community day at the Freyberg Pools Palmerston North for children under the age of 8 years old during the upcoming school holiday.



YOU ARE INVITED TO SPLASHSAVE'S...

COMMUNITY DAY

GRAB YOUR TOGS & TOWELS!

FREE POOL ENTRY!!!!

Come along and have some fun in the water with the family. Parents must be in the water with their children and you can learn how to keep your family safe in, on and around the water.

Please Scan and register to receive your FREE SPLASHSAVE PARENT PACK on the day.

LOCATION: Freyberg Pool - Palmerston North
DATE: 11th April 2023
TIME: 10am to 1pm - Scan the QR code to register. Turns up any time and claim your free gift.

This community day is run in conjunction with Water Safety New Zealand to promote the under 5 drowning prevention strategy Wai Ora 2025.

Water Safety, Kia Maanu Kia Ora, NZP, and other logos.

