

KIA ORA – GREETINGS

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora e te whānau,

INDUSTRIAL ACTION SETTLED

Some of you may know that industrial action has finally been settled in the primary education sector. Although systemic problems of the teacher shortage and in school support continues to be an issue, no more strikes for primary school teachers will occur. Secondary Schools continue with industrial action with the Ministry to settle their claims. We thank the community for their ongoing messages of support and understanding during this time.

SCHOOL FENCE

Our new fence is nearly complete with just finishing touches that need to be completed. Having a well defined space around the school will serve as a vital element of both safety and security in our school setting. Our intention is that the school will continue to remain open after school hours and will not be locked. However we have been having an alarming number of issues with vandalism, damage to school property and inappropriate behaviour during the weekends by a few.

Please help us keep our school beautiful and safe by either monitoring or reminding children to be respectful whilst on school grounds.

EXTRA CURRICULAR

I am so proud of the variety of the extra opportunities our tamariki have on a weekly basis here at Riverdale School. Just recently, our interschool Cross Country team finished 1st overall in the Manawatū, Sports Explorers is humming along and a professional golf coach enters the school next term. Pae Tamariki performs at the Regent Theatre next week, Dance Explorers have begun their routines and our recent Cultural Assembly featured in the newspaper. A fun football competition is running at school, Tournament of Minds Event this week at Whakarongo School, Science Explorers, Manawatū Ki-orahi tournament next week and staff are organising our community performance and hangi at the end of the term! Although core learning is at the heart of all we do, we know how important it is to both individualise learning and experiences that motivate our students to be excited about coming to school each and every day.

Kia Kaha!
Jared Bron
Tumuaki



WELCOME

To our new student:

We wish you happy days at Riverdale School
Ariana C

TE AO MĀORI



MATARIKI HĀNGĪ

Kia ora koutou,

Our Hāngī and Concert is coming up in Week 10. We are looking forward to seeing the tamariki shine. Please place your order ASAP. The form is on Hero under the Community Notices tab. If you need a paper copy please pop into the office and grab one.

Times and information for Te Puawai and Ngā Tewhatewha will be coming out very soon, so keep an eye out for that. We will be performing our concert and having the hāngī at Riverdale School 5pm-6pm. The hāngī will be ready around 6pm and you are welcome to eat your kai here with us in the hall if that suits.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Kanohi ki te Kanohi (Face to face Parent/Teacher Interviews) are scheduled for Wednesday, 19 June and Thursday 20 July next term.

School will finish early on both days at 1 pm to give sufficient time for one on one conversations with whanau teachers.

It is important that all caregivers book a time with whanau teachers to reflect and make new learning goals, share progress and data and continue to navigate our reporting tool called HERO. These will be available to book in Week 10 of Term 2.



INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Last week we had 19 students representing Riverdale School at the Palmerston North Primary Schools Inter School Cross Country. There were approximately 36 schools and over 150 runners competing in each race. We placed 1st in the Year 6 boys team event, 1st in the Year 6 girls team event, 1st in the Year 5 girls team event, and we topped it off with 1st place overall.

A special congratulations to Bella, who came 3rd in the Year 5 girls event. We also had many others that placed in the top 10 and 20. We are very proud of the attitudes and abilities of these students. Bella, Evie, Harper B, Penny M, Harper M, Mac, Grayson W, Brayden, Jackson, Declan, April, Gaia, Brooklyn J, Indi, Elliot, Lucas, Angus, Kruz, Jayden A. Ka mau te wehi!



CROSS COUNTRY WRITING

By Jamie from Te Motu

"Here I am at Waitoetoe Park, running in my brand new sneakers. Bam bam goes my heart. Squelch squelch, mud rolls up my ankles. Wow, you could call this a tour of asthma. Here I go through Bills Bush. Just imagine what my mum will think of me. I hear footsteps behind me. It is Hudson. I push myself. I make my own Gingerbread song 'run run as fast as you can, you can't catch me. I'm the fastest in the world". There is the post I saw as a spectator. I hear someone crying louder than a baby, because they rolled their ankle in the ditch. With my skin blazing in the sun, I smell dog poo and a pinch of dirt. Finally, I am done with this race and the 6 weeks of training."

PLANT TO PLATE

Kia ora koutou,

Poutama's Year 6s from Mrs Whitta and Mr Lion's whānau group participated in the Plant to Plate kaupapa. We used kai from our mara, garden, and created delicious dishes. Our group was split into two, one in the māra (garden) and one in the kitchen. We swapped over to make sure we all had a go. For some of our ākonga this was the first time that they have ever prepared or cooked a meal.

I was so proud of the children for taking risks and trying something new.

They created:

- Apple crumble and custard
- Lemon slice
- Banana and kiwi fruit smoothie
- Leek and spinach tart
- Cauliflower tots
- Stir-fried Vegetable fried rice

The table was set and each child sat down and tried their creations. Naturally, the sweet foods were a hit! He tino reka ngā kai! All of the dishes were amazing!



SPORTS EXPLORERS

The Sports Explorers have been working hard on maintaining their fitness and building their coordination. We have seen a lot of team work as this is a huge focus for us and showing sportsmanship no matter what. Some of our year six students are showing their skill in a tuakana teina role within Sports Explorers. I am very proud of what they are beginning to show daily.



POUTAMA

On Friday we had Edan, Koni-Leigh's mum come into Poutama to take an opt-in making Fry Bread. She made enough Fry bread for all of our children to have a piece. It was delicious! Feeding your family and friends is an example of showing manaakitanga - kindness and caring. This is great kai to eat while celebrating Matariki. Thank you so much Edan for sharing your knowledge with the kids and also sharing your pepi with Mrs Whitta!



TOURNAMENT OF MINDS

This year a group of Pounamu Atawhai students will be taking part in the Tournament of Minds. This programme aims to enhance problem solving skills, time management and collaboration within a challenging and competitive environment.

This Thursday we attended a workshop at Whakarongo School where we had the opportunity to test out our skills through a number of collaborative challenges.

Our teams did an outstanding job of working collaboratively and they came out with some 'work ons' to help them get ready for next term's competition.



SCHOOL DATES 2024

School start dates for Term 1 2024.

Tuesday 30th & Wednesday 31st January 2024 -
Kanohi ki te Kanohi (Parent Teacher Interviews)

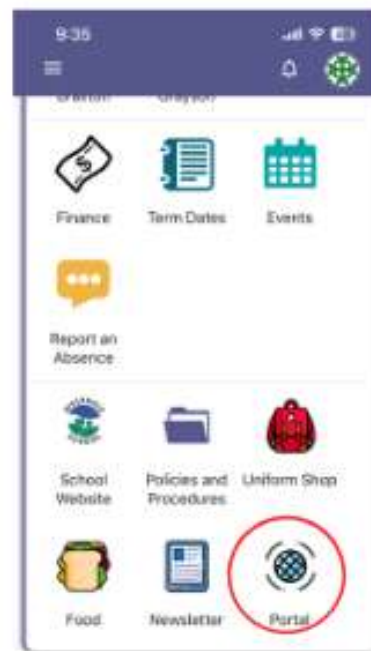
Thursday 1st February 2024 - First day for all students

HERO TIPS # 5 & 6



TIP # 5 - SPORTS HUB

CHECK SCHOOL SPORTS HUB IN THE APP BY CLICKING ON 'PORTAL'



TIP # 6 - EMAIL ADDRESSES

TO ENSURE YOU RECEIVE SCHOOL UPDATES PLEASE HAVE CORRECT EMAIL ADDRESSES ON FILE

Are your email addresses up to date at school? Do you have multiple users in the family that want to receive alerts? Simply emailing the office with your current email/s address will make sure you receive important alerts and notifications.

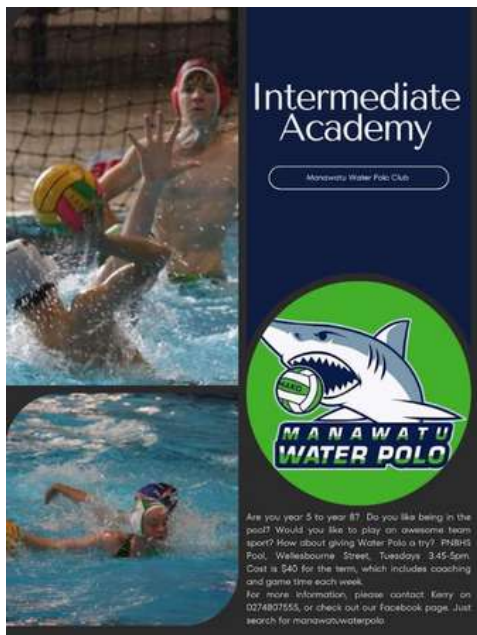
PUANGA TWILIGHT FESTIVAL

Celebrate the Māori New Year with whānau and friends in Palmerston North.

This year's festival will be taking place at the Central Energy Trust Arena's Pit Lane. **Friday 14th July 3 - 7.30 pm.**

This family-friendly festival will include a number of kapa haka and musical performances, food and retail stalls, and activities for the kids. We'll also have a spectacular LED lighting display of the Matariki constellation and Puanga star which you can walk through.

WATER POLO ACADEMY



Y HOLIDAY PROGRAM



TERM DATES

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

Term 2 2023

Week 9

Ki O Rahi Tournament - Wednesday 21st June

Week 10

Matariki Hangi & Concert - Thursday 29th June

Last day of Term 2 - Friday 30th June

Term 3 2023

First Day of Term 3 - Monday 17th July

Week 1

Kanohi ki te Kanohi (Learning Conversations) -
Wed 19th & Thurs 20th July

PNINS Showcase Visit - Thursday 20th July (All Y6's)

Monrad Intermediate Showcase - Week 3 (All Y6's)

PRINCIPALS AWARDS

Patiki

Marissa R - being brave and showing resilience after your surgery.

Piako Tahī

Ellie J - showing confidence in all learning areas, Ka pai!

Layla E - being an outstanding role model in Piako Tahī- ka mau te wehi!

Piako Rimu

Amethyst M - an amazing attitude to learning and great progress in Reading

Zoe F - striving for excellence in all of your learning! Keep it up!

Piako Rātā

Kalani G - being a kind and respectful member of Piako Rātā

Evie B - for her motivation and effort in reading. Ka mau te wehi!

Pae Ake

Lila P - for bringing light, laughter and joy to our classroom every day

Quinn M - being an ariki who demonstrates initiative and common sense

Caleb W - his commitment to learning and producing quality work

Poutama

Ryan O - showing empathy and kindness to others even during the most challenging times

Bruno B - for showing his Mangotoa skills helping him to be organised and ready for his learning.

Milana R - for an amazing effort to improve her writing.

Pounamu Atawhai

Jayden A - Striving for excellence in your classwork.

Charlie S - making a huge effort in your learning and focus. Tau ke!

Reuben L - being an inclusive and caring member of Pounamu Atawhai

Hugh M - giving 100% in schoolwork and contribution to class discussions.

Kind Hearts

Cassia T - showing extraordinary kindness towards her friend Marissa.

