



JARED'S MESSAGE

What an exciting term it has been at Riverdale School! As I pause and reflect on the term, I am thankful and proud to be surrounded by excellent staff, a supportive community and amazing tamariki. We all share the same goal of ensuring our children receive a quality education across a broad curriculum, and for students to become confident and respectful. In this newsletter is the information collected and analysed by our Board of Trustees and the Ariki team. The information and voice collected from our community, staff and students, will help shape the decisions made moving forward at our Kura. Thank you for your input.

He waka eke noa - We are all in this together.

Have an amazing break! See you all in Term 4.

Jared Bron

Tumuaki

WHĀNAU MĀORI HUI

The Whānau Māori Hui will be in Week 2 on Thursday 19th October 2-3 p.m. This hui is for all Whānau Māori who would like to connect with other Riverdale Whānau Māori, and have a korero at our Kura to strengthen connections. Please RSVP to Mrs Whitta by email at: tash@riverdale.school.nz

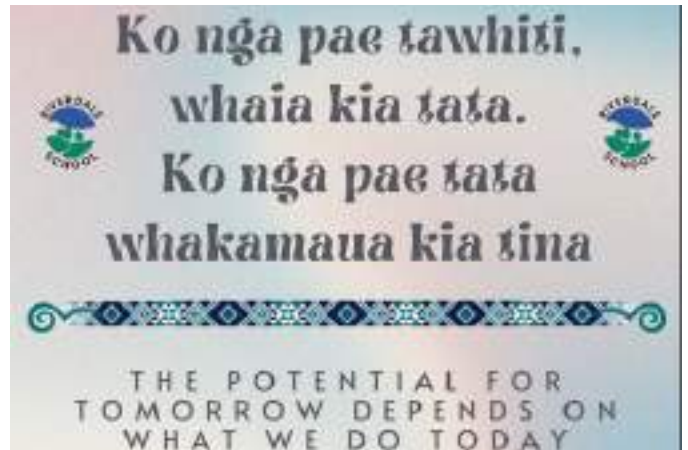
PARENT CAMP MEETING



As we look forward to what's coming up in Term 4, Camp El Rancho will be one of the big highlights for our Year 4-6 students. There will be an on-site parent information hui on Wednesday, 25th October, at 5:30 pm at Riverdale School. All parents are encouraged to attend.



TE AO MĀORI



PTA GROCERY GRAB RAFFLE RESULTS...AND THE WINNERS ARE...

The raffle draw was made today during assembly under police supervision. We raised just over \$16,000. Thank you to our wonderful community for supporting our tamariki.

Congratulations to the following winners of the major prizes:

1st prize: 120 second grocery grab - Gavin Hartwig - sold by Aiden Gregory

2nd prize: 90 second grocery grab - Carolyn Cameron - sold by Indi Cameron

3rd prize: 60 second grocery grab - Kathryn - sold by Asha Simpson

4th prize: \$200 grocery hamper - Riley Rigby - sold by Sophie Rigby

5th prize: \$100 grocery hamper - Maia Johnston - sold by Maia Johnston

Congratulations to Maia Johnston, who sold the most raffle tickets for the junior school and Dom Nicol, who sold the most raffle tickets for the senior school.

Congratulations to the 25 students below who won spot prizes.



DANCE EXPLORERS

A huge congratulations to the Riverdale Dance Explorers, who placed 4th Runner Up at the Dance NZ Made National competition held here in Palmerston North. The team really stepped up their performance from Regionals, where they placed 2nd runner up and therefore qualified for Nationals. Thank you to our choreographer and former Riverdale student Georgia Lunn for sharing her time, effort and expertise with our dance team.



RICOH TOURNAMENT

Thank you once again to all our volunteers, coaches and teachers for the effort put in with training and making this event possible. Let's try again next year for the overall win!

Final Placings	
1st	CSNS
2nd	Riverdale
3rd	Barbarians
4th	Ashhurst
4th	West End
6th	Cloverlea
7th	Central Normal
8th	Hokowhitu

TOURNAMENT OF MINDS

What an exciting experience it was for our Tournament of Minds teams who went down to Wellington for Nationals last weekend. This was a tough competition where our tamariki competed against Primary and Intermediate aged teams from around Aotearoa. We are extremely proud of their efforts and grateful for the wonderful whānau support we received on the day.



KIND HEARTS

Our tuakana group met yesterday to get donations ready for the PN Hospital Parents Initiative. We had so many items to bag up, and the children enjoyed making Kind Hearts cards for each bag.



We also made a start on wrapping the books donated during World Literacy Week for the KMart Wishing Tree. We have a lot of wrapping still to do!



FLIPPABALL - TERM 3

Our FlippaBall had another great season, finishing up on Wednesday evening with the final.

Riverdale won that final after a tough game against Parkland School.

Huge thanks again to Ngaire Foster for offering your time to coach this team.



FAREWELL - MEGAN MURPHY

We are sadly saying farewell to Megan Murphy who has been a valued staff member over a number of years. Most recently Megan has been relieving in Piako Tahi and will be hugely missed by staff and students.



BIKE SAFETY PROGRAMME

During Weeks 1, 2 and 3 next term, our Year 5 and 6 students will be involved in a road safety programme that focuses on practical cycling skills needed for when students are using their bikes on our roads. This programme will be delivered by specialist teachers from Sport Manawatū. A notice has been sent home with each student with further information and details.



GENERAL ELECTION VENUE

Our school is available as a venue for the General Election voting on Saturday 14 October

HATS REQUIRED – TERM 4 & 1

A reminder that during our summer terms 4 and 1 all students are required to wear a hat while outside. These can be purchased at the school office for \$10 each.



TERM DATES

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

Term 3 2023

Week 10

Last Day of Term 3 - Friday 22nd September

Term 4 2023

First Day of Term 4 - Monday 9th October

Week 1

Bike Safety Programme Y5/6 - Tuesday 10th to Fri 27th Oct

Week 2

Whānau Māori Hui - Thursday 19th October 2pm

Rippa Rugby Starts - Thursday 19th October

Rippa Rugby World Cup Event Y5/6 - Friday 20th Oct

Week 3

El Rancho Camp Parent Meeting - Wednesday 25th Oct 5.30pm

Week 4

School Athletics Day - Wednesday 1st November

Week 5

El Rancho Camp Week - Years 4/5 & 6

TEACHER ONLY DAY

Last Friday, we spent the day working with the Ministry of Education and an Educational Psychologist. Professional learning is crucial for our teachers and learning support staff, and it has a positive impact on our student's well-being and education. Thank you to our school community for your continued support and for helping us to provide the best education for our tamariki.



TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI

During Te Wiki o te Reo Māori, our Māori Explorers organised a week of fun and excitement through games, greetings, colouring and kupu o te rā videos. Our Māori Explorers are a group of Year 4-6 students from Pounamu Atawhai and Poutama. They meet once a week to develop their reo. The ākonga in our rōpū are: Alex M, Annie C, Asha S, Aurora K, Ava W, Charlotte W, Courtney S, Daniel M, David S, Elijah L, Ezra M, Matua N, Jessica C, Kaiden M, Lucas L, Olive G, Toby L, Zac P, Jasmine C, Maddy D and Kate P. These amazing tamariki showed mana and passion towards sharing their reo and knowledge of Māori. Take a look at all of the outstanding mahi they did in Week 9. Ka tino pai ō mahi koutou!



Pukana, name tags, colouring and Simon says



Community hiko/walk to greet others



Riverdale School Summary of Community Consultation 2023

Congratulations to our Prize winners of a \$50 New World Voucher for simply leaving your thoughts with us... These will be sent out via mail to your address!

1st Cam Lock

15th Serena Lewis

30th Megumi Hartley

45th Ashlee Tui

What do you love about Riverdale School and what we do?

It is very obvious, through multiple responses, that the teaching and support staff are highly valued and appreciated at Riverdale School. Staff are seen to be approachable, fair, willing to listen and truly make connections with whanau and respond to the variety of needs within their whanau class.

Our community loves the many events that we hold across the year that provide opportunities for our parents and caregivers to connect both inside and outside the classroom. Multiple responses acknowledge the positive community atmosphere and genuine care and duty to our tamariki.

Many responders commented on the warm and inviting environment and 'feel' at Riverdale School. *"It is a safe place for my child, and they are happy and learning."*

Tell us about two things you would like Riverdale School to change or improve

Responses were very positive, with 'nice to have' things attached to these comments, like a bigger hall, in-school lunch program and swimming pool access for our community. These things are not out of the question, but significant investments and procedures need to be made. Our community, on numerous occasions, would like more notice ahead of time of upcoming events and more opportunities available at our kura.

The introduction of music lessons and instruments made available to students across our school on regular occasions was strong. There were also questions about how we group students each year and the organisation of cohorts or classes across the school.

There were numerous occasions where this question was left blank, and comments along the lines of 'keep doing what you are doing' were made.

Do you have cultural values or beliefs you want reflected at Riverdale School?

This was clearly indicated in responses that cultural values, beliefs and celebrations in this area across our school were well reflected and are successfully implemented at Riverdale School. A clear trend of responses identified celebrating all cultures across the school was a priority and for us to continue improving in this space. There was strong support to reintroduce marae visits for our tamariki after the impact of covid. Tikanga and Te Reo development across our school was strongly encouraged, valued and reflected in our spaces. Again, a strong message is to keep going and improving in this space.

Are there areas of the school, buildings, play areas, or other places in the physical environment that you would like to improve or change?

Feedback was overall positive, with an appreciation of what we have currently in the school and our physical environment in general. Consistent feedback with updating our playground with more modern equipment was evident. There was numerous feedback on upgrading the concrete area outside the junior space with a turf or something similar to match the school environment overall.

There was some feedback on not locking the school gates during the holidays and upgrading the look of our school pool block. Pounamu Atawhai was mentioned a number of times to improve this space and add more modern furnishings. Our school entrance was also mentioned a number of times to make it look more inviting and attractive to our community and visitors.

Clarification - *The Palmerston North City Council owns and maintains the playground our Junior School utilizes on Juliana Place. If our tamariki do use this resource during School hours, our gates are opened, and this play is always supervised by our teachers.*

Academic progress, achievement and effort are all important, but what other aspects of your child's development would you like Riverdale School to support or report on?

Academic achievement and reporting were largely seen to be successful at Riverdale School using our HERO reporting tool and direct interaction with staff. Social development, emotional regulation and knowing how students are relating to others were of high priority for caregivers. Music and Instrument integration was also communicated on multiple occasions. Caregivers value the updates they get from their teachers through Kanohi ki te Kanohi (face to face) and wish for this to continue on a regular basis. A strong message of updating our community more on social activities in the classroom on a more regular basis would be much appreciated.

Is there something that you would like Riverdale School to introduce or something that you would like the school to stop doing?

Vast majority of responses answered 'no' or had positive comments with this question. There was mention a handful of times about after school care options being available. There were also multiple comments about having an easier online payment system that caregivers could use when paying for various activities, stationery and lunch orders. Managing device time in our senior classes was noted, along with making sure class ratios remained small.

Any additional thoughts that you'd like to add?

This was the question where it was either left blank or simply 'no'. Amongst the very positive feedback were some consistent points/ideas/feedback.

School lunches would be amazing at our kura (We wish too!). Newsletter 'redesign' so that it can be easily read on mobile devices was a trend of note. Sportsmanship and resilience on the sports field, when things don't go to plan, were evident. Open days/evenings to continue for our community to see inside classrooms and school routines/celebrations in general.

**WHOLE
CHILD,**

**WHOLE
FAMILY,**

**WHOLE
LIFE.**



Helping
children with
physical
disabilities
and their
whānau
0 - 18 years
old.

★ OPEN DAY ★

30th September 2023

Drop in between **11am - 4pm**

1043 Tremain Avenue, Palmerston North
(Behind Gravitare 24 Gym)

Refreshments provided

**Come and explore our therapy center, Little Stars,
and see what integrated support we can offer.**

Our lead therapist Heather Last will be available to
answer any questions.

If you are a professional in this industry and are
interested in what we do, or if you're wondering if we
can work with you, please come along for a chat.

For more information please see our Facebook page,
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