



## KIA ORA – GREETINGS

### JARED'S MESSAGE

What a year it has been! Our end of year events showcased the many opportunities our tamariki have had over the year at Riverdale School. I am incredibly proud of our school and the effort our staff put into providing the best possible learning conditions for students. Thank you to our outstanding community for your support, kind words and truly working alongside us to remove as many barriers as possible so teachers can focus on what is important, your child's learning.

Over the holiday break we have a number of projects happening to both improve and enhance our spaces. New roofing and guttering will be ongoing across the school so please be aware of scaffolding and project work happening. The PTA and BOT have joined forces and we are proud to announce that we will be laying down a new turf on our junior court. This initiative was created from our community consultation earlier in the year with a strong desire to improve this space. This will be finished by the end of January and a grand opening will happen early next year.

On a personal note, thank you for your support and trust in me as Principal this year. My role is to not only maintain Riverdale excellence, but continue to improve conditions and opportunities for your children and whanau. I am already excited about next year and the plans in place, but I will be taking a break first to both reflect and recharge. I hope you have the opportunity to do so also. Have a wonderful break over the holidays and stay safe. See you in 2024!

### FINAL ASSEMBLY

We will be holding the final assembly of the year tomorrow, Friday, 15th December. This will be from 11 am til 12. All are welcome to attend.

School will close for the year at the end of the assembly at 12 midday.

### YEAR 6 LEAVERS BREAKFAST

The Year Sixes are attending their Leavers Breakfast at Boho Cafe tomorrow morning. This will be followed by our End of Year Assembly, where they will be officially farewelled and receive their Leavers Booklet for 2023. We wish this wonderful group of students the very best.



## TE AO MĀORI



### SUMMER FINALE & RIPPA FINALS

It was wonderful to see our community enjoying and supporting our tamariki at our Summer Finale and Rippa Rugby Finals. A special thank you to PTS for providing the truck stage and to the Lauridsen family for the amazing sound set-up.



# CERTIFICATE ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to all those who received an award at our Certificate Assembly last week. We acknowledged the ICAS Exam achievements, Road Patrollers, Comms Team 2023, Participation and Contribution Awards and announced the 2024 Comms Team.



# SPORTS WRAP UP

It has been another busy term for our sports teams. We have had students participating in Netball, Hockey, Soccer, Flippa Ball and Volleyball.

Thank you to our caregivers and community who give up their time to coach, manage and support our teams. Without them, our students wouldn't have the opportunity to play and enjoy these sports.



# RIGHT CHOICE DAY

The students enjoyed another stunning Right Choice Day. Lots of smiles and laughter filled the air. The kids had a ball. Water slide, bouncy castle, dunk the teacher and a sausage sizzle lunch, so much fun!!!



# KIND HEARTS UPDATE

## PACK THE BUS

Wow! We had a huge amount of goods donated to Pack the Bus. Thank you to all of you for your generosity. There are a lot of families that are going to be very grateful for some extra toys for their children at Christmas.

We also donated all the presents that Mrs Kenyon purchased with the \$700 the Kind Hearts Tuakana group made at their sausage sizzle.



## 4 SQUARE BBQ

Our Kind Hearts sausage sizzle was a huge success. We raised \$700, which was spent on children's toys for Pack the Bus. The children ran the fundraiser like clockwork and we are extremely proud of them for giving up their time to come down and help. Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser.



# KIND HEARTS CELEBRATION

Earlier this week, the Kind Heart group had an end of year celebration. This was an opportunity for Mrs Kenyon to thank the group for everything they have done this year to help around school and in the community. We all got an ice block from Vijay and Margaret from Awauni 4 Square.

This year, the children have completed an outstanding amount of work to share kindness in the community. They have baked for Arohanui Hospice, made Easter cards for Chiswick Park Lifecare, collected and bagged goods for the PN Hospital Children's Ward, attended the Regional Kind Hearts event and raised \$700 for Pack the Bus by running a sausage sizzle. This is on top of the work they do at school.

Thank you to these kind children!



## THANK YOU

Awapuni 4 Square owners Vijay and Margaret are continually looking for ways to support the events we hold at school.

This year, they have provided the entire school with ice blocks, including the Junior school with their recent Esplanade trip, and donated the food for the Kind Hearts BBQ. They also ensure our children receive their lunch orders every Friday.



We wish to thank them for all that they do for Riverdale School. You are incredibly generous people, and we are grateful to have you as part of our school community.



## ROAD PATROL TRAINING

Congratulations to our new road patrollers for 2024. We had 35 keen year 5 students spend the day with Constable Lou, learning what it takes to be a safe and responsible road patroller! We are so pleased when we have our students volunteer their time for these special jobs. Your child will come home with a roster for 2024, so families are aware of what days and times your child will be on duty.

## ROAD PATROL MOVIE DAY

Last Friday, our Road Patrollers were treated to a movie at Downtown Cinemas as a thank you from the NZ Police and the PNCC. The children paraded from the Square down Broadway to the Cinema, where they watched Ruby Gillman Teenage Kraken. We were also presented with a voucher to buy a book for our Library.



## SENIOR RETIREMENT

Wednesday was 'Retirement Day' for our Senior students which not only celebrates the end of the year but also our Quiddage Financial Literacy Programme. The children were able to bid on prizes last week using the 'snidges' they earned from Quiddage Market Days and from doing jobs in the classroom.

Many of the prizes were kindly donated from local businesses and we would like to thank McDonalds, Awapuni Four Square and The Lido for their generous donations. Prizes included lunch with Mr Bron, trips to the bakery, pizza for lunch and many more. We had a number of staff who treated children to prizes and experiences, and we would like to sincerely thank them also.



## MĀORI EXPLORERS

This term, our Inquiry was looking at music, so the Māori Explorers created their own instruments. We created our own Purerehua. Purerehua is an instrument that makes a sound like a moth flapping its wings. We create our instrument using plastic containers, cardboard and string. It was a fun and hands-on activity!



## TERM DATES

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

### Term 4 2023

Week 10

Year 6 Leavers Breakfast - Friday 15th December at 9.00 am

Final Assembly - Friday 15th December at 11.00 am

Last Day of Term - Friday 15th December - School finishes at 12

### Term 1 2024

Week 1

Kanohi ki te Kanohi (Learning Conversations) -

Tuesday 30th & Wednesday 31st January 2024

**First Full Day for all Students - Thursday 1st February 2024**

## 2024 CLASS & TEACHER PLACEMENTS

Students all met with their 2024 teachers and explored their new classrooms this afternoon.

You can view who your child's teacher and class is on the HERO App. Select your child, then click on the 3 lines at the top left of the screen. Then, choose the drop-down arrow by your child's name.