



## JARED'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to Term 4! It is fantastic to see students slot straight back into classrooms and quality learning taking place right across the school.

You may have noticed that Riverdale School has some contractors in the school carrying out duties to keep our school in top shape. During the holidays, roof and gutter work, amongst other small jobs will be occurring. Please be aware of this as you move through the school and students return after school to utilise our community facilities.

I am looking forward to the sunshine returning so we can get back into our heated school pool, enjoy our Athletics rotations and Rippa Rugby Thursday games!

Thank you to all our Riverdale Whānau for consistently setting up tamariki for success by preparing your child each and every day ready for school. Working together will give us all the best opportunity to get the maximum outcomes for students.

## PARENT CAMP MEETING



Camp is only a couple of weeks away, and our Year 4 - 6 tamariki are getting pretty excited. Gear lists came home with your children this week, as well as a Hero notification with some important information and key dates. There is also a digital copy of the gear list in case yours gets misplaced.

Thanks to everyone who completed their children's Health Form. This is an extremely important part of our safety procedures and we will be individually contacting any families who still have forms outstanding.

We ask that all camp payments are in by Friday, 3rd October at the latest.

### Important Camp Dates

Pounamu Atawhai Camp - **Monday 6th November - Wednesday 8th November**

Poutama Camp - **Wednesday 8th November - Friday 10th November**

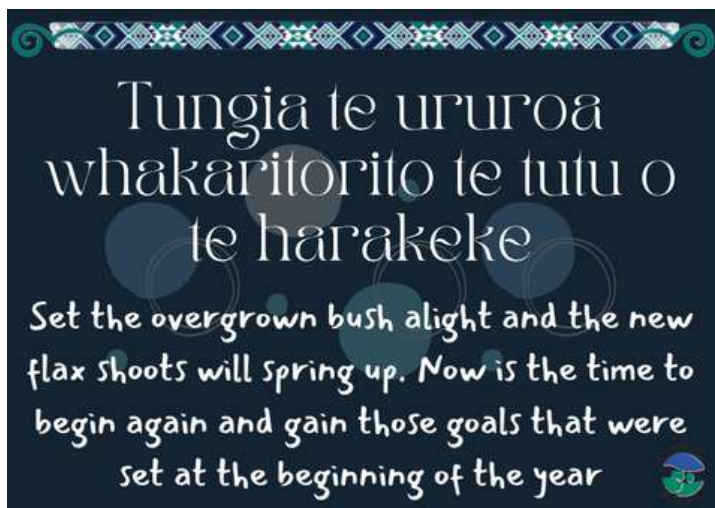
Optional Parent Information Meeting - **Wednesday, 25th October, in the school hall at 5:30 pm**

# WELCOME

To our new students:

We wish you happy days at Riverdale School  
Azaliah R-T, Dixie R, Thea F-C, Boston K,  
Maliha & Mohammad M, Jesse T &  
Xavier, Emma and Rylee W-D

## TE AO MĀORI



## SCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY

School Athletics will be held at the Massey University Athletics Track on Wednesday, 1 November. The community is most welcome and encouraged to attend to support students throughout the day.

All students will need to come to school dressed in house colours on the day of Athletics, so if you aren't sure which house your child is in, please ask your child's whanau teacher or contact the school office.

Students will travel to and from the venue via bus. Students will sit in their house teams under marquees at the track. Students will be competing in the 6 different athletic rotations between 10 am and 1.15 pm. We are very fortunate to have Awatapu College help us with rotations and set up again this year.

There will be a morning tea/sunscreen break for our long-distance race for all students who wish to participate (400/800m) halfway through the events. House relays will begin at the end of all events to finish the day for those who are representing their house.

Further details and timings will be sent out via the app closer to Athletics Day.



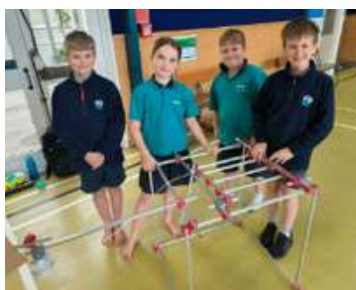
## BIKE SAFETY PROGRAMME

Over the first three weeks of this term, our Year 5 and 6 tamariki have the opportunity to be involved in a road safety programme that is centred on practical cycling activities. This programme is delivered by Sport Manawatū. Our tamariki will be taught how to fit a cycle helmet and check a bike to see that it meets legal requirements. They will be taught cycle skills that promote confidence and safe bike handling. Our year sixes have a road skills session on the quiet roads around our school, to practise and implement the skills they have learnt.



## EPRO 8 WARM UPS

This term we had an internal event to find out our Epro 8 teams of the future. Mr Bron and Mr Carter organised getting six extra sets of Epro8 equipment and running a two-hour-long event in the hall. A large group of Year 4 and 5 Kids were put into eight teams and were challenged to engineer and problem-solve using maths, teamwork, and building skills. It was a lot of fun and Mr Carter is going to have a hard time finding teams for the Regional Competition next year.



## NZ SHAKE OUT

New Zealand ShakeOut is our national earthquake and we practised our skills on Thursday. ShakeOut takes place across the world to remind people of the right action to take during an earthquake. Drop, Cover and Hold.



## FIREWISE PROGRAMME

On Wednesday, we were very lucky to have our local Fire Service come to school to get our Firewise Inquiry started. They talked to us about some of the really important things we need to know when we are around a fire and showed us videos, photos and smoke alarms to help us learn what to do if we have a fire in our home. Mr Pike even got to put on a firefighter's uniform! Junior School children will continue to work through this programme in our classrooms over the next few weeks, and your child will bring home a 'Firewise' booklet to discuss some of their learning with you.



## PNINS VISIT

On the 31st of October, Mrs Lunn will be escorting the children who are enrolled for 2024 to PNINS for a transition visit. All children who wish to attend will need to meet at the flagpole at 8.30 am. We will be travelling by bus and will return to Riverdale School before 11 am.

**KELLY SPORTS** SPRING INTO SPORTS! TERM 4  
CONTACT CRAIG BOWEN  
MANAWATU@KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ  
027 668 0636  
BOOK ONLINE AT  
KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ

**HOCKEY MANAWATU**  
U11 Jennian Homes Development programme  
Friday 27th October - Friday 24th November 4.30pm - 5.30pm  
Festival day Sunday 28th November  
**Jennian HOMES**  
Registration closes Friday 20th October  
Contact Hannah pdo@hockeymanawatu.org.nz for more information or head to our website

## QUIDDAGE

Quiddage for our senior teams has continued this term. The children have been busy making their products at home ready to bring and sell at their stall. Pounamu Atawhai held their first Quiddage of the term today, and Poutama has their last one next Friday. Towards the end of the term, children will use the 'snidges' that they have earned and saved to bid on a variety of prizes at our team auctions. Many of these prizes involve activities that can be enjoyed on our 'Retirement' Day in the last week of term.



## RIPPA RUGBY WORLD CUP

Today three teams from Riverdale travelled to Bill Brown Park to compete in the Rippa Rugby World Cup. This was a special event organized by the New Zealand Rugby Union to celebrate the Rugby World Cup currently underway in France. Each team was assigned a country and we represented New Zealand, Argentina and Namibia. Despite preparations being hampered by the weather, all tamariki competed proudly and in the spirit of competitiveness and fairplay that we value strongly at Riverdale. Well done to all competitors.



## LEVEL 5 BADGES

Right from the beginning of a child's time at Riverdale School, they earn 'pins' to work towards earning their Independence License. The Licence system is based on our School Beliefs - Ngā Mātāpono. Over the year, children earn pins for displaying behaviours linked to the indicators of Ngā Mātāpono.

Our Year Sixes who gain over 40 pins are invited to apply to be a Level 5. Invited children must prepare a presentation and present it to their teachers, classmates AND Mr Bron. If Mr Bron thinks the applicant fulfils the criteria for being a Level 5, the student is rewarded with a Level 5 Independence Licence badge.

Only a few of these prestigious badges are awarded each year. So far we have three deserving recipients: Ava Whitta, Madison Oppatt and Kalais Whatuira. We commend them on their excellent attitude towards everything they do, their participation in activities across the school and for being a role model for others to aspire to.



## RIPPA RUGBY IN-HOUSE COMPETITION

We had our first afternoon of Rippa Rugby at school on Thursday. The sun came out for a perfect afternoon for the children to play and the caregivers to support and cheer on the teams. It was great to see the games being played in good spirits.

We do need to reiterate that all children are required to have a caregiver at school during the Rippa games. We are unable to provide supervision during this time. If a child does not have a caregiver here, we will be in contact, and they will need to be collected.



## PIAKO RĀTĀ – SHAPE MONSTERS

Piako Rātā spent some time in class this week attempting to make Shape Monsters.

There were some very scary monsters created. Here are a few examples from the class.



## COMPULSORY SUN-HATS

Just a reminder that during Term 4 and Term 1 sun hats are compulsory for children when outside.

These can be purchased from the school office for \$10.

## TERM DATES

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

### Term 4 2023

#### Week 3

Bike Safety Programme Y5/6 - Tuesday 10th to Fri 27th Oct  
El Rancho Camp Parent Meeting - Wednesday 25th Oct 5.30pm

#### Week 4

PNIN's Visit (Enrolled Y6's Only) - Tues 31st October  
School Athletics Day - Wednesday 1st November

#### Week 5

El Rancho Camp Week - Years 4/5 & 6  
Interschool Epro 8 event - Thurs 9th November

#### Week 7

Teacher Only Day - Wed 22nd November  
Graduation for Childrens University - Thurs 23rd November  
Monrad Orientation Visit - Thurs, 23rd November, 1:00 pm

#### Week 9

Rippa Rugby Finals/Summer Finale - Thursday 7th December

#### Week 10

Year 6 Leavers Breakfast - Friday 15th December  
Last Day of Term - Friday 15th December

## PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

### Piako Tahī

**Max S-** for showing amazing growth in all areas of his learning! Ka pai tō mahi.

**Samay P** - for showing a great attitude towards his learning. Ka Rawe!

### Piako Rimu

**Eshita T** - for your incredible creative stories and beautiful pictures to match

**Amelia H** - for always trying her hardest, and becoming a role model in our environment.

### Piako Rātā

**Leanna Y** - for having a positive attitude towards learning and becoming a role model in Piako Rātā

**Lily C** - for working so hard to improve her reading skills

### Pae Ake

**Matthew M** - for his positive attitude towards learning. Tō kaha hoki!

**Nathaniel T** - for his enthusiasm towards his writing

**Lachlan H** - for working hard on his self-management during learning times

### Poutama

**Alannah M** - for writing descriptive and creative stories

**Mason L** - for showing perseverance and determination with his bike safety skills

**Jacob P** - for being an amazing Tuakana during our digital inquiry.

### Pounamu Atawhai

**Cooper L** - for being a responsible and dedicated member of Pounamu Atawhai.

**Mike D** - for being confident in your learning and in the playground, rising to the challenge of being a senior

**Annie C** - for being a confident and independent learner

**Hudson L** - for having a positive, can-do attitude to all areas of school.

