



JARED'S MESSAGE

The sun has been shining, and it was great to see all of our students and community enjoy our Athletics Day at the Massey Track on Wednesday. I was impressed with both the attitude and behaviour on the day, and we look forward to sending a strong team to Interschool in a few weeks to defend our title.

Our caretaker, Rachael, has been working behind the scenes to not only keep our school looking great but also to get our pool up and running in preparation for some warmer weather.

Rippa Rugby was rough last week, but we were rewarded with a stunning day yesterday, which was fantastic. Seeing children on the field playing with friends, enjoying sport and getting exercise always puts a smile on my face. Thank you to our amazing PTA for running the shop. If you can help in any way, please contact the office.

We are excited to be hosting Nathan Wallis in two weeks time in our school hall. It is an amazing opportunity for our community to hear an in depth talk that can help us all understand the workings of a child's brain and how we can better cope with changes along the way. Further details are below.

Please keep an eye on the calendar and messages this time of year. We have a number of events coming up, and it is a busy but very exciting time of the year.

Have a lovely weekend!

TEACHER ONLY DAY

A reminder that there will be a Teacher Only Day at school on Wednesday 22nd November. This is a scheduled day for our staff to focus on their Professional Development.

SCHOOL PTA CIRCUS DISCO



The PTA School Disco is being held on the 15th November in the school hall. This will be Circus themed



Juniors (Y1-3) is 5.30pm-6.30pm
Seniors (Y4-6) is 7pm-8pm

Entry is \$5 which will include a glow stick, drink and chips



To our new students:
 We wish you happy days
 at Riverdale School
 Olive M-G and Matthew D



TE AO MĀORI



EL RANCHO SENIOR CAMP

Next week, the Year 4 - 6 teams are off to El Rancho camp.

Pounamu Atawhai: Monday 6th November - Wednesday 8th November

Poutama: Wednesday 8th November - Friday 10th November

A letter came home yesterday with all the children who will be attending camp. This contained some important final reminders along with another copy of the gear list. There is also a digital copy on Hero if you did not receive one.

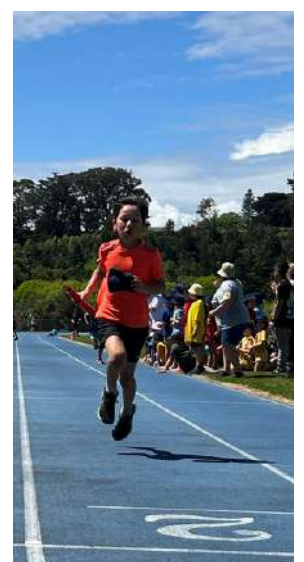
We ask that all remaining camp payments are made by the end of today unless prior arrangements have been organised through the office.

Payment: \$230.00 per student
Payable to: Riverdale School
A/c No. 02-0727-0011376-00
Reference: Name of student
Particulars: Camp



SCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY

We managed to get a fantastic day for our annual Athletics Day on Wednesday. The sun was shining, and we had access to a stunning facility at Massey University. A special thank-you to all staff who turned into Athletics coaches, Mr Lion for helping with setup and our Awatapu friends for helping set up the day and run our rotations. It was lovely to see our community come down for parts of the day and make the event fun and exciting for all involved. Interschool Athletics will happen on the 1st of December at the Massey Track for those year 5-6 students who qualified in each event. The team will be announced next week.



PIAKO TAHI – KINDY VISIT

Last Friday, a small group of Piako Tahi children went down to Riverdale Kindy for the morning. They braved the wind on the walk down there and were very excited to see their old teachers, friends and siblings. It was a fun morning as they explored the kindy and sang some songs together. We are looking forward to the kindy kids coming to visit us in a couple of weeks!



POUTAMA – CAMP PLANNING

The Poutama tamariki are super excited for camp next week. The teachers challenged the children to come up with their own camp activity groups. The children needed to learn about themselves and which of the four whiringa (Ariki, Tohunga, Mangotoa and Aronui) they belong to. We have been working on what makes a team work and learning about empathy and compassion too. The children did a fabulous job of making their camp groups, and we can't wait to hear how well their teams work while at camp.



PNINS/MONRAD VISITS

On Tuesday, Mrs Lunn took the Year 6 students who are enrolled in PNINS for 2024 on a transition visit. The children were treated to a showcase of the Performing Arts that PNINS has on offer before going on a tour with one of the departing Year 8 students. The children were able to ask questions about what to expect during the first few days at their new school for 2024.

The students who are enrolled to go to Monrad in 2024 will be attending an Orientation Day on Thursday, 23rd November.



NATHAN WALLIS—ENGAGE YOUR BRAIN

Riverdale School is hosting a presentation by Nathan Wallis on Thursday, 16th November.

This talk focuses on the social/emotional aspects of your brain development – how feeling impacts our thinking. While the times that our social/emotional brain really has the steering wheel is 2-8 years, and again in the middle of adolescence, it is relevant to all learners who want to feel engaged, enthusiastic and passionate about what they do.

Highlighted in this talk is the importance of play-based learning and how this enhances outcomes for our tamariki.

You can buy tickets for this via www.eventfinda.co.nz

POUTAMA – QUIDDAGE

Poutama held their final Quiddage for the year last week, and Pounamu Atawhai held their final one today. Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who have helped the children prepare their products for Quiddage. We know this can be time consuming exercise. Our senior students have learnt a lot in regard to Financial Literacy and have sold and bought some pretty cool products too!



Engage Your Brain

Riverdale School - PALMERSTON NORTH
Thurs 16th November - 7:00pm - 8:30pm
Tickets at eventfinda.co.nz



BIKE SAFETY PROGRAMME

A huge thank you to Phil, Erin and Penny from Sport Manawatu. The recent Bike Safety programme with our Year 5 and 6's was a huge success. Tamariki practised learning to control their bike safely within the school grounds before the Year 6's got to take a ride around the local streets. We appreciate the extra effort that the team made in helping our less confident riders. It was wonderful to see their progress in such a short time, working one on one with the instructors.



PARKING JULIANA PLACE

Please DO NOT park on any yellow lines or in the bowl of the cul-de-sac in Juliana Place. This is a safety issue for our children and also impedes the flow of traffic.

TERM DATES

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

Term 4 2023

Week 5

El Rancho Camp Week - Years 4, 5 & 6
Esplanade Day Years 1,2 & 3 - Wed 8th November
Interschool Epro 8 event - Thurs 9th November

Week 6

School Disco - Wednesday 15th November

Week 7

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

Week 8

Interschool Athletics Day - Friday 1st December

Week 9

Rippa Rugby Finals - Thursday 7th December
Summer Finale Concert - Thursday 7th December
Certificate Assembly Y4-6 - Friday 8th December 2pm

Week 10

Right Choice Day - Thursday 14th December
Year 6 Leavers Breakfast - Friday 15th December 9 am
Last Day of Term - Friday 15th December

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Piako Tahī

Kate W for showing resilience whilst learning.

Iyanu O for her amazing growth in reading. Ka pai tō mahi.

Piako Rimu

Ryan A for creating such incredible stories and trying your best!

Reid H for being a natural Ariki in Piako Rimu by being a role model student

Piako Rātā

Teana L for showing confidence when sharing your knowledge with others

Wenjie F for demonstrating perseverance in Athletics

Pae Ake

Ivey-Roux R for working hard to learn new strategies in Mathematics

Max H for his incredible rhythm during our music inquiry

Cailin B for his incredible attitude towards all areas of school

Poutama

Ruby J for determination to reach her goal to be invited to be a Level Five

Estela L for showing manaakitanga and kindness to her peers and her kaiako

Christopher C for always being motivated to learn and give his best.

Pounamu Atawhai

Bana J for her positive attitude in class and for her willingness to help her friends and peers.

Alyssa J for being a supportive friend and wonderfully helpful classmate. He hoa pai koe!

Ava Wi for being a confident young entrepreneur during our Quiddage Market days

Teityn H for taking his schoolwork seriously and reaping the benefits.

