



KIA ORA – GREETINGS

Wow the end of term 1 already! We have managed to navigate the Omicron variant as it has swept across the Country. A huge thank you to everyone for their support and understanding as we made our way through the Red light setting with the staff and student absences.

We will take the time to look more carefully at what Orange means for our school and will send out further information for the start of Term 2. Hopefully you will have seen the letter on the School App yesterday.

We continue to encourage you to drop your children off outside the classrooms as this has worked extremely well for encouraging resilience, self management, organisation and independence for many children.

However it is also nice to finally welcome parents fully into our school again. Please respect the wearing of masks when inside spaces for all our protection especially with the winter term looming.

Term 2 also sees Mr Bron taking a well earned Ministry of Education Sabbatical. This is an opportunity to look at practices within schools across our Country and to also take some well deserved rest and relaxation.

Jared will step away for the whole term and will not be contactable via his email. We wish him well. Whaea Selina and I along with support from Mrs Lunn and Mrs MacIntyre will pick up Jared's duties for the term. We look forward to his return in term three.

SCHOOL DONATIONS

The Government offers an additional \$150.00 per student in the basic operational grant for all Decile 1-7 schools. Riverdale is ineligible to uplift this amount so we must ask our community for the annual \$150.00 per student school donation to remain.

This goes toward items such as tissues and soap in all rooms, transport to school wide events, visiting performers, including elite and interschool sports, school production and explorer event costs etc.

MANAWATU RIPPA TOURNAMENT

It was a fantastic day out at the Manawatu Rippa Tournament on Tuesday. Thirty children from Riverdale competed in the competition made up of over 30 teams across the Manawatu. One team made it all the way to the final and lost in a great competitive game at the end of the day.

We are all so very proud of the respect and determination shown on the field. It was great to see events like this starting up again for our students. A huge thank-you to Manawatu Rugby for making this happen.



To our students:

We wish you happy days at Riverdale School
Skylah-May, Katie, Blake and Parker

TE AO MAORI

Help Wanted
Nau mai, haere mai

We are inviting whānau to become a part of our Te Ao Māori Focus Roopu. Do you have any desires or aspirations that you would like us to consider? Do you have any questions or suggestions around curriculum delivery of Te Ao Māori?

We would like to hear from whānau who would like to join the roopu and support us with all things Māori at our kura.

Please email Mrs Whitta: tash@riverdale.school.nz to register your interest

RIGHT CHOICE DAY

Right Choice Day was a chance to relax and chill with friends for the day with a board game after a long unsettling term. The teachers made some very cool record breaking challenges for children to try and crack.

The students were very happy with the mufti day and raised an incredible amount of money for a very worthy cause, Arohanui Hospice. The whole school discussed the importance of this organisation and why it is important to support others in need.



CLASS CELEBRATIONS

PAE AKE

So many fun new activities we have done in Pae Ake for Opt Ins this week... We mixed Foam Dough, experimented with Magnifying Objects and created Anzac Poppy Art.



THANK YOU - FOUR SQUARE

Margaret and Vijay from the Awapuni 4 Square have done it again. Their continuous support at our school is appreciated. Today they provided healthy apples for the entire school to enjoy. Thank you!



TERM DATES

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

WEEK TEN TERM ONE

Thursday 14 April Last Day of Term

WEEK ONE - TERM TWO

Monday 2 May First Day of term

Thursday 5 May EPRO8 Interschool Competition

Term 1 ends Thursday 14 April
Term 2 begins Monday 2 May 2022
Term 2 ends Friday 8 July



POUTAMA

The learners in Poutama have been busy producing their ACT for the final stage in their Inquiry into the migration of the Polynesian people to New Zealand. This is a culmination of a term's worth of learning.

We were impressed with not only the creativity they displayed in how they shared their learning with Mrs Peck and their peers, and also their continued interest and enthusiasm throughout the entire Te Ako Reringa learning process.



GUITAR LESSONS

We are so lucky to have many skilled teachers at Riverdale School. Mr Pike has been providing small group guitar lessons with a range of children across the school. It is great to see so many children learning instruments. We know the huge benefits it has on a growing brain.

Thank you Mr Pike!



KIND HEARTS

Our community made a huge contribution to the Arohanui Hospice today. Mrs Kenyon and members of the Kind Hearts Club were able to drop off just over \$530 this afternoon. Thank you Riverdale Community for your generosity.

