

## KIA ORA - GREETINGS

It is lovely to have a sense that things are returning to a new normal in our School, Community and NZ in general. We acknowledge that for some families there have been some significant changes and some losses also.

We thank you all for working with us as we moved through the Alert levels.

We thank you also for responding to our survey and for the comments you were able to share.

It is a delight to be able to continue to greet students at the gates and we will continue to do this daily at the front entrance and periodically throughout the week at the other entrances.

Please take the time to read the parking, stopping and waiting information further on in this newsletter.

Our Local Community Constable is also assisting us to manage the road safety for all our students.

## DRIVEWAY - HEALTH AND SAFETY

We are continuing to have issues with pedestrians walking in the driveway.

It is classed as a carpark and the only way to keep our students safe is if everyone follows the procedures.

We need all of the adults in our community to role model these for all children.

We do not want to send a letter out to our community informing them of a serious incident or death.

Please respect the reasons why we have procedures and role models for all children.

It is up to each individual to take all practical steps to keep themselves and others safe.

The driveway is only for staff and service vehicles at all times.

**Please refrain from parking in the roadway park closest to the school gate entry.** This is a drop off and go space, not a park and walk in space.

Parking or waiting on the broken yellow lines at any entrance is a ticketable offence.

## SKI CAMP UPDATE

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel our Bi-Annual Ski Camp this year.

Not only was our planning put on hold during the Covid period, we also had issues with possible Mountain closures and businesses uncertain of gear allocation and availability. We also felt that it would be unreasonable to ask for such a large sum of money from our community during this time without substantial warning, preparation and fundraising opportunities.

The good news is that we are planning an end of year event for our senior students so they get to take advantage of 'Education outside the Classroom'.

Information on this will be available to our community in Term 3.



To our students:

**We wish you happy days at Riverdale School**

Zac Parr, Zach Tomlinson, Jamie Hamid, Ryan Cooper, Zachary McGregor, Avery Wilson, Felix Clement, Levi Rossiter, Milana and Marissa Raman, Tanya Yadav, Teityn Honetana, Hugo Reid, Sophie Rigby, Cameron Stretch, Darcie Hanson, Maui do, Caleb Wong, Hugh Moomcarme, Iris Owen, Madison Teki, Peyton Lowe, Amanda Duncan

## TE AO MAORI

Kīhai ki tā rātou kōrero, ka taka te Aronui, ka taka hoki te Ariki.  
If the Aronui falls so too will the Ariki.

*If humility is below you, then leadership is beyond you.*



## CROSS COUNTRY EXPLORERS

We have over 60 children training with teachers each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon down at Ahimate Park.

It has been great to see the determination and commitment from our students over the last few weeks.

We have been focusing on 'personal best' and 'commitment' during our training sessions.

Although the Cross Country was postponed today, we now have a couple more sessions to keep up the good work and progress we have made together.

A big thank you to John Stichbury for being a parent helper and joining us on our runs.

**Please note that the Cross Country will now be held Friday 26 June 2020, following the same program.**



# KANOHI KI TE KANOHI

## LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

### TERM THREE

We are preparing our reporting sheet in anticipation of our face to face parent, child and teacher conversations. These celebrate, not only the work covered at school to date, but also the success and learning that happened at home during the Covid lockdown period. We are sure that you have some interesting insights into your child's interests and learning habits. We will give plenty of notice, via the newsletter and the School app before the School Interview site goes live.

### PTA UPDATE

On Tuesday, the PTA got together for the first time since lockdown. Our main focus will be Walkathon in Term 3 among other small initiatives, including pizza orders, fundraising and a School Disco! Thank you to all of our PTA members who go above and beyond to help support the students and our community.

### FREE WRITING

*As the waterfall comes crashing down it makes an echo. When the sunlight hits the clear water it almost blinds me. The water drives away. Suddenly I see a silver poisonous fin. "It's a shark! Aaaaaaaa!" But it can't be because it has a crocodile head. What can it be? Then it jumps through the air like a dolphin. The weird thing comes up to the rocks and hisses.*  
By Micah Reid, Pounamu Atawhai

### Hot Chips

*The smell wafts through the air. It smells hot and delicious. I lick my lips. They look so crispy. The oil was oozing out of the crunchy chips. I pick one up. They were so hot. I quickly put it back on the plate. I drench it in chilli sauce.*  
By Riley Mills, Poutama



### RIVERDALE SCHOOL WINTER SPORTS

#### Netball Year 5 - 6

Season start Saturday 20 June 2020

CET Arena

#### Netball Year 3 - 4

Season starts Thursday 25 June 2020

#### Netball Year 1 - 2

Season starts Tuesday 23 June 2020

#### Basketball Year 3 - 6

Season starts Thursday 25 June 2020

#### Hockey Year 1 - 6

Season starts Sunday 26 July 2020

Teams and links to the draws are available on the 'Sports Hub' via the school website and App.

All sports fees must be paid before the first game.

### GENERAL REMINDERS

Absentees – Please phone our Absentee phone line 354 2416, text 027 505 6376 or advise through the Riverdale School app before 9.00am.

Contact details - please notify the school if you have a change of contact details.

This is very important that we are able to keep our Student Management System up to date.

### ASTHMA INHALERS AND MEDICATIONS

If your child has asthma and requires an inhaler to be at school please come in to the office, bring the inhaler and complete a consent form.

Any medication to be given to a child during school time must be bought into the school office by the parent / caregiver and a consent form completed.

## Term Dates

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

#### WEEK ELEVEN TERM TWO

Thursday 25 June	Board of Trustees Meeting
Friday 26 June	School Cross Country

#### WEEK TWELVE TERM TWO

Friday 3 July	Right Choice Day Last day of Term 2 2020
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#### WEEK ONE TERM THREE

Monday 20 July	Term 3 Begins
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#### WEEK THREE TERM THREE

Thursday 6 August	Riverdale School Walkathon
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Term 3 starts Monday 20 July 2020