

GREETINGS TO ALL, KIA ORA

As we come to the end of a very busy school term, we would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who gave up their time to assist our teaching staff and children with our rich extra curricular programme here at Riverdale School.

Over the term the children have participated in everything from Saturday morning sport, mid week basketball, to special one off events like the Rippa Tournament and Dance NZ Made.

We pride ourselves on our children knowing how to interact positively with both their team-mates and their opposition.

Our Nga Matapono beliefs are entwined throughout everything we do.

We appreciate the parents who demonstrate these values too.

For us at Riverdale School, it is about participation and pushing ourselves as individuals for the betterment of the team.

We love being able to provide opportunities for ALL children to shine in their area of interest, regardless of their ability.



TE AO MAORI

Me te wai korari

Sweeter than the nectar of the flax flower

Expressed about someone who possesses a golden tongue and charming disposition

VISIT TO THE WILDBASE RECOVERY

A group of students from Pounamu Atawhai made bird feeders and took them down to Wildbase Recovery.

It was a long walk but lucky for us it was sunny.

Suzanne, the Education Officer, showed us some of the food that the birds eat like baby chickens, mealworms and sardines.

It was interesting to learn about the NZ Raptors and see some of the sick birds they were helping.

We saw bellbirds, pateke ducks, kaka, whio, kereru but not the sick kiwi as he was at Massey University having an xray because he had eaten too many stones.

In the aviary we saw the kereru and the kaka flying around.

The kaka was showing off for us by walking along the wire roof using its beak and talons.

If you haven't already visited Wildbase Recovery Centre we recommend you pop down and meet some of our native birds.



To our students

We wish you happy days to Riverdale School

Nina Marsters, Shelby Robinson

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY AT RIVERDALE

Riverdale School spent last Friday morning playing student made games throughout the school as part of our school wide Inquiry called 'Rivergeddon'.

Teachers and children have been learning about computational thinking that has been introduced into the New Zealand Curriculum from 2020.

Students have been exploring digital language and learning about code, algorithms, binary numbers, loops and repetition.

These concepts have been explored throughout the school using hands on tasks and activities with minimal use of devices.

Further information can be found by searching the NZ Curriculum - Digital Technology.



DANCE EXPLORERS

Last Saturday, our Dance Explorers competed in the Nationals for Dance NZ Made.

Although we did not receive a placing, we are incredibly proud of how well our team danced on the night.

This has been a wonderful opportunity for the girls, some of which have never danced on stage before.





CONSERVATION WEEK

With more than 4000 native species threatened or at risk, it's important that our children learn the importance of protecting our environment. Week 8 was Conservation Week and to support this, groups of students from around the school went out into our local community to get involved in projects and develop their understanding of how conservation looks in action!

AHIMATE RESERVE

The team from Manawatu Toyota kindly donated 100 native seedlings to our school to use in a planting project. This gorgeous group from Piako Rua battled against some pretty average weather on Tuesday to dig in and get the area around the new boardwalk planted. They were so efficient that we even had time for a short play in a pretty amazing outdoor play area. We also found out about a new fort they have built in the reserve. There are a number of people working hard to develop this outdoor space for our local community and wildlife.



RIGHT CHOICE DAY

Riverdale's Got Talent

Today we celebrated Right Choice Day with 'Riverdale's Got Talent'. There was some amazing talent on show including instrumental demonstrations, comedy shows, dance and singing. This was a great chance for our children to not only show their skills in multiple areas, but gain confidence and resilience in front of an audience. A huge congratulations to all involved.



Term Dates

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

School starts for Term Four at 9.00am
 Monday 14 October
 School closes Term Four at 12 noon
 Wednesday 18 December 2019
 School starts for Term One 2020 at 9.00am
 Monday 3 February 2020

2020 Term Dates

Term One
 Monday 3 February - Thursday 9 April
 Term Two
 Tuesday 28 April - Friday 3 July
 Term Three
 Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September
 Term Four
 Monday 12 October - Wednesday 16 December

SUMMER SPORTS REGISTRATIONS

Summer Sports registrations for summer hockey, tee-ball and rippa rugby are now closed. We did not have the numbers to enter a tee-ball team this term. When available, teams will be on the Riverdale School Sports Hub, and 'links' on the school app.