



**NAU MAI HAERE MAI**

Term 3 has been an interesting term, with the Nationwide Lockdown creating an unplanned break for us all. We are incredibly proud of the way our staff and children quickly settled back into learning and made the most of these past 5 weeks.

We have some news to share. Long serving staff members Sue Meurk (Patiki Team Leader) and Christine Helm (Office Manager) are retiring at the end of this school year. They have both contributed immensely to the growth of Riverdale School during their service and we wish them a happy retirement with their families.

Also leaving us at the end of this school year is our wonderful Kelly Mercer, Deputy Principal. Kelly has been successfully promoted to Principal of Whangarei Heads School. She is returning home to the sunny North. We offer a huge congratulations to Kelly, we are proud of her professional growth and know that she will add warmth, enthusiasm and value to her new school community.

We will be taking the time to farewell all these lovely people at the end of the year.

## CLASS CELEBRATIONS

### Piako Rua

*Hi, my name is Jack and I'm so excited to be writing in the school newsletter. Piako Rua have been making scarecrows over the last few days. On Day 1 we planned our scarecrows. My group could not make our skinny scarecrow look like our drawing, so we problem solved by making changes to make a different scarecrow. Our group used fabric, old shirts, old yucky green pants and a hat to make our scarecrow. I liked working with my friends and problem solving!*

*Written by Jack S*



### Exploring In Science

Tamariki in Pae Ake have been using one of the new House of Science kits to explore concepts about force and friction. These resource kits are packed full of fun hands on tasks that promote critical thinking, questioning and problem solving.



To our students:

Azra C, Eva A

We wish you happy days at Riverdale School



### Hauora - Taha Whānau (Social)

As part of their Act for Inquiry, a group of Pounamu Atawhai students looked at ways to 'Give' to our school and community. A number of children ran P.E games and board games for Piako Tahī and Piako Rua, others cleaned up around the school grounds, baked for the Arohanui Hospice and made sock puppets for Year 1-3 classes. Riley M and Quinn G made some wonderful wooden love hearts for a group of nurses at the hospital and Jacob S made a fantastic model plane for his friend Zac in Piako Rua.

'Giving' to our community is a great way we can strengthen our Te Whare Tapa Whā.



## PHOTOLIFE SCHOOL PHOTOS

Online Photo Access Key Slips were handed out today.

Photos are now uploaded and ready to view online.

Please note the free delivery to school ends Sunday 17 October 2021.

## MATHEX 2021

Mathex Competition 13 August 2021

Just before lockdown the Mathex competition was held at the Awapuni Racecourse. Riverdale entered two teams. The Year 6 team came 5th equal and the Year 5 team came 8th equal.

Mathex is a very challenging competition where the children have to complete Quick Fire questions, answering as many as they can in 15 minutes and then they have 20 minutes to answer Practical Questions. We are incredibly pleased with these results. Well done teams!



## SUMMER SPORTS

Summer Sports registrations have closed.

We offer Rippla Rugby, Hockey, Soccer and Teeball.

Team lists will be available by the beginning of Term 4.

An alert will be sent out when these are available on the Sports Hub to view.

## SUN PROTECTION POLICY

As per our Sun Protection Policy students are required to wear the uniform bucket hat from Term four 2021.

Lost yours? These can be purchased from the school office for \$10.00.

## TERM DATES

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

### WEEK ONE TERM FOUR

Monday 18 October	First day of Term 4 2021
Tuesday 19 October	Bike Safety begins
Wednesday 20 October	ICAS Writing Exam
	Summer Hockey Year 1 - 4 season begins
	Summer Soccer season begins
Thursday 21 October	Summer Hockey Year 5-6 season starts
Friday 22 October	Teacher Only Day - <b>Postponed</b>

### WEEK TWO TERM FOUR

Monday 25 October	Labour Day
Thursday 28 October	Rippla Rugby - Round 1 begins Only at Covid Level 1

### WEEK THREE TERM FOUR

Wednesday 3 November	Board of Trustees Meeting
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### WEEK FOUR TERM FOUR

Monday 8 November	Teacher Only Day - School is closed
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Term 4 ends Wednesday 15 December 2021

## RICOH TOURNAMENT 2021

Over 50 children from Riverdale School took part in our annual Ricoh Tournament again this year under Level 2 conditions. Eight schools participated by selecting students to represent their kura in Basketball, Football, Rugby, Hockey and Netball. We would like to thank RICOH, our major sponsor for making this all happen. It was so great to see the kids in action and enjoying the day out.

A special thank you to Ross O'Dea, Lisa McLean, Jaxon Bron, Rebecca Gregory, Sarah Judd, Matt Ahern and Hannah Henderson for helping coach and manage the teams.

Riverdale School placed 2nd overall in a tight result with College Street.



Our school had a strong Inquiry focus on Hauora and general well being in Term 3. Right Choice day supported that focus with an 'Active Wear Day' based around physical activity. All teams designed a day that included active play, co-operation and movement skills.

It was a great way to finish the term.



## TEACHER ONLY DAY REMINDER

In light of the Covid situation we have postponed the planned Teacher Only Day from Friday 22 October to **Monday 8 November 2021**.