



KIA ORA - GREETINGS

Welcome back to the start of 2021.

We have loved seeing our students return enthusiastic and ready for new learning.

The teams have all gotten underway quickly with lots of learning about how we work together, how our space operates, and where things are stored. This gives our children a sense of ownership and scaffolds the environment to allow for maximum individual learning.

GENERAL REMINDERS

Footwear Children need sandals or sneakers to move and play. No Jandals.

Sunhats are compulsory during terms one and four. Named blue bucket type only (available from the office for \$10.00).

Parking Please!!! No parking in school grounds unless it is an emergency i.e. Call from the office regarding a sick child

Emailing or contacting staff Contact is between 8-9am or after 3.30 – 5.00pm.

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

Change to student details Please notify the school if you have a change of contact details, living arrangements, medical information.

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

DROP OFF AND PICK UP HOURS

School is open at 8:30am and closes at 3pm

Please DO NOT stop to drop students on any of the yellow lines at our entrances. This is a traffic offense.

For the safety of our students, it is important that students are at school no earlier than 8:30am and are picked up at 3pm.

Staff are often involved in meeting and preparation outside the contact hours.

School does start at 9am, please make sure your child has arrived with time to be ready to begin the school day.

All lateness requires a parent / caregiver to sign child in with a reason.

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.

LUNCH ORDER DAYS

PTA Pizza and Sushi lunches are on a Wednesday.

Four square lunch order day are on a Friday.

Please see the Riverdale School app under 'links' for more information.



To our students:

We wish you happy days at Riverdale School
Alyssa, Scarlett & Riley Vickery, Charlotte Smith, Christy Au,
Daisy & Thea Allsion, Edward Feng, Eli McMeikan, Ella Chanyi,
Hugo Mumford, Isla Dunbar, Jayden Luscombe, Jessica
Coughey, Jorja Howe, Joshua Wiggins, Kalais Whatuira, Lauren
McLean, Liam Van Zyl, Liam Mason, Michael Cockroft, Qinghe
& Tao Wang, Rangimarie Graham-King, Sam Rowland.

Whāia te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu
koe me he maunga teitei
*Seek the treasure you value most
dearly: if you bow your head, let it
be to a lofty mountain*

This whakatauki is about aiming high or for what is truly valuable, but its real message is to be persistent and don't let obstacles stop you from reaching your goal.

STAFF

SHARON UDY FAREWELL

We congratulate Sharon Udy on her successful application to become the teacher for the gifted and talented students at the Mindplus one day school in the Manawatu region.

This is a position in Sharon's area of passion and we know she will be brilliant in her new role.

Sharon begins this position to start Term 2.

As a result Pounamu Atawhai has been arranged as four identical mixed Whanau groups to ensure a seamless transition for all the students.

We begin the process of advertising and appointing a new teacher. This is the beauty of flexible learning environments, when a teacher leaves, the impact on individual students is minimised as they work with all staff across the team.

WELCOME TO ZAC TOPPING

We would like to introduce Zac Topping who will be working three afternoons at Riverdale School this term as a sports specialist. Zac will be working with children in our swimming pool with a focus on safety and confidence in the water. He will also be running sports sessions across the school developing fundamental movement skills.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP COMMUNICATION TEAM

Twenty students were selected last year to be part of the communications team for 2021. These students will lead the school in many events and aim to develop confidence and communication skills. They are off to a flying start by organising and running our first assembly next Friday at 2pm in the hall. Parents are most welcome to attend.

ROAD PATROL

Our new Year 6 Patrol Team have been keeping our families safe as they cross Slacks Road and the busy car park. We can help them do the best job they can by being patient, listening to their calls and using the crossing as a model to the children. A reminder that we NEVER walk up the driveway entrance as it is unsafe for pedestrians. Only use our pathway along the fence for coming in and out of school and keep all children, toddlers included, off bikes and scooters for everyone's safety.

PE SHED

This is already a well oiled machine and the PE Shed is looking spick and span with this organised group of students.



All sorts of gear is available to all students during break times. We would like to extend a big 'Thank You' to the Year Sixes who have offered their time to be PE Shed monitors. It is lovely to see so many of our kids out playing together with the sports equipment.

CLASS CELEBRATIONS



POUTAMA

Poutama have had a great start to the year. We have been focusing on getting to know each other and learning to work together. Last week we played lots of cooperative games to encourage teamwork and communication. Those children who were in Poutama last year have been so helpful, being wonderful learning buddies to our new friends, to help settle them into our team. We also celebrated Liam Van Zyl, who not only won every race he entered in the Manawatu Swimming Champs but he also broke the Manawatu Record for the U8 50m Butterfly.



PLANT TO PLATE



Year 6 Poutama children had a fabulous time with the Plant to Plate volunteers on Wednesday. There was much excitement and learning as we tended to the garden and planted veges and herbs. We learned how good veges and herbs can taste as we followed recipes and finally sat down to a delicious lunch of vegetable pizza, zucchini fritters, herbed corn, banana cake, peach muffins and rhubarb spritzer. Plant to plate will return to Poutama and Pounamu Atawhai throughout the term.



KANOHI KI TE KANOHI - LEARNING CONVERSATION MEETINGS

These meetings are about establishing a partnership between home and school so our children can reach their full potential. The online booking through School Interviews is now open. The purpose of these meetings is to gather knowledge from our parents about their children and their goals for the year so we know the passions and interests of the students we are teaching. If you see your teacher on a regular basis or believe they have a full understanding of your child, as they were their teacher last year, you may not need a meeting. Please note, these meetings are not about data or achievement.

Kanohi ki te Kanohi LEARNING CONVERSATION

Wednesday 3 March

3.15pm - 6.30pm

and

Thursday 4 March

1.15pm - 6.30pm

Please make a booking to see your child's whanau teacher online at

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Bookings open 3pm Friday 12 February. Enter the event code **sf8jv** then enter the parent's full name, email address and students name. Select room/teacher, enter 'Go'. Select a time slot and your booking is complete. Any issues please contact the school office and they can book online for you. The link is also on the School App.



Save the date

Twilight@Riverdale

Riverdale School Community Night

We welcome the school community to join us on



Thursday 25th February 5.30 - 7.30pm

This is a chance to meet the teachers, make connections in our school community and have fun as a family.

- Picnic tea
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Face painting
- Swimming
- Magic Show
- Live entertainment

Bring your picnic tea & join in our first 2021 community event.


An informal session on school operations will be held in the school hall for anyone interested. 6 - 6.30pm

RIVERDALE SCHOOL PTA RAFFLE

1st PRIZE: 120 Second Grocery Grab
2nd PRIZE: 90 Second Grocery Grab
3rd PRIZE: 60 Second Grocery Grab




GROCERY GRAB



\$5 TICKETS

ADDITIONAL CHANCE FOR ONE OF 25 SPOT PRIZES UP FOR GRABS FOR CHILDREN OF RIVERDALE SCHOOL WHO SELL 2+ TICKET BOOKLETS

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Term Dates

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

WEEK THREE TERM ONE

Thursday 18 February	B.O.T Meeting, 5.30pm
Friday 19 February	School Assembly at 2.00pm - Communication Team

WEEK FOUR TERM ONE

Thursday 25 February	Twilight Community Night 2021
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WEEK FIVE TERM ONE

Wednesday 3 March	Kanohi ki te Kanohi 3.15pm - 6.30pm
Thursday 4 March	Kanohi ki te Kanohi 1.15pm - 6.30pm School will close at 1.00pm
Friday 5 March	School Assembly at 2.00pm - Poutama

WEEK SIX TERM ONE

Thursday 11 March	School Swimming Sports
Friday 12 March	Teacher Only Day - School is closed

WEEK SEVEN TERM ONE

Wednesday 17 March	Interscholar Triathlon
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Easter Break - School Closed Friday 2 April, Monday 5 April and Tuesday 6 April 2021
Term 1 ends Friday 16 April 2021
Term 2 begins Monday 3 May 2021

TEACHER ONLY DAYS

Riverdale School will be using three of the MOE approved Teacher only days this year.

The following are the dates that the school will be closed to students:

- Friday 12 March 2021**
- Friday 4 June 2021**
- Friday 22 October 2021**

BASKETBALL COURT UPDATE

Our scheduled Basketball resurfacing and installation has been delayed due to shipping and stock availability.

We are currently waiting on our hoops to be delivered so the project can start in the near future.

RIVERDALE SCHOOL SUMMER SPORTS

Summer Hockey

- Yr 1 / 2 - Starts Monday 22 February
 - Yr 3 / 4 - Starts Tuesday 23 February
 - Yr 5 / 6 - Starts Wednesday 24 February
- TeeBall**
- U7 - Starts Saturday 13 February
- Netball**
- Yr 3 - 4 only - Starts Wednesday 3 March

Team 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.