

KIA ORA - GREETINGS

We hope you are all keeping warm with the cooler starts. As you read on through today's newsletter you will get a sense of this terms focus for inquiry. There is so much learning, researching and experiencing around cultures that contribute to our Riverdale whanau. Below is a snippet of some of the learning experiences.

CLASS CELEBRATIONS

Pae Ake had a great day in our Outdoor Classroom last week, completing a variety of fun activities in the sunshine! We did scavenger hunts around the school, observational drawings in the garden and played in a marching band on the field.



In Poutama, we have been exploring how people express their cultures through The Arts.

Over the last few weeks, we have had fun learning about the elements of Dance, Drama, Visual Art and Music. The next step in our Inquiry is to come up with our own dance, drama, music or art piece that reflects our culture. We are going to share these with our classmates on Cultural Day.



In preparation for Cultural Day, Pounamu Atawhai has been looking at art pieces based on a variety of countries. They created some wonderfully bright art based around South African Animals.



They also created some wonderful Tapa cloth after investigating art from Samoa.



To our students:

We wish you happy days at Riverdale School
Max Hamid, Ivey-Roux Ratahi, Jake Nicholls



Kia Ora Whanau,

At Riverdale School during the day we use the Pou Mihi to acknowledge friends and whānau both past and present. Here is the Pou Mihi in both te reo Māori and te reo Pakeha so you can gain an understanding of the meaning behind it. Ngā mihi!

Pou Mihi - Riverdale School

Pou kaha rawa – manaakitia mai

I acknowledge the inspirators and motivators

Pou haerenga – haere ra

I acknowledge those who are grieving

Pou oranga – mihi mai

I acknowledge those who are living

Pou mana whenua – takoto mai

I acknowledge the people of the land

Pou herenga waka – toia mai

I acknowledge those gathered here today

Tihei Mauri Ora

Tau Ana Tau Ana

Turuki Turuki

Pull together (a waka)

Paneke Paneke

Make it strong

Karanga mai ra

We are calling out

E nga poutapu e tau nei

To the sacred mihi

HEI!

CULTURAL DAY CELEBRATION

FRIDAY 11 JUNE

At Riverdale School we celebrate that we are all different, special and unique yet we share many similarities too. Within our teams we have all been learning about a variety of cultures.

On Friday 11 June we have a number of visitors from a variety of cultures coming to school to teach us about aspects of their culture.

We have people from Ethiopia, Sri Lanka, India, Spain, Thailand, South Africa, China joining us to celebrate cultures within our school community. Enabling further development, understanding and respect of the differences in cultures from around the world.

We invite your child to come dressed in their own cultural clothing, or clothing from a culture they have learnt about.

CROSS COUNTRY

Over 30 children each week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, have made their own decision to complete extra training at Ahimate Park with Mr Bron in preparation for the Cross Country.

We are very impressed with the attitude and commitment from all individuals to complete the sessions and follow through with personal goals.

Well done team!



JETS BASKETBALL

The Riverdale Breakers won a special treat on More FM to attend the Jets Basketball game last Sunday.

The whole team were given special seats and a few players were chosen for the halftime shootout competition.

Grayson Bron was super excited to be the ball boy at the start of the game!



KIND HEARTS

Last week our Kind Hearts Club attended the Kind Hearts Regional Event at the Awapuni Racecourse.

What a day!

The Year 1 - 3 children learnt how to be nice to their parents, teachers and friends. We were introduced to Suzy Cato.

The Year 4 - 6 children were reminded that "We never know what others are going through so we need to be kind. Words can hurt".

They got to meet Mayor Grant Smith, Suzy Cato, Author Jo Guy and the Cyclones Head Coach Fusi Feaunati. The children had an amazing time!



TEACHERS ONLY DAY

Riverdale school will be closed to students for an MOE approved Teacher Only Day on Friday 4 June 2021.

SCHOOL DONATIONS

We appreciate those who have paid a donation, including our parents who are making some ongoing contribution. Please keep them coming. It really does support the learning at Riverdale School.

PRINCIPAL AWARDS



WEEK 4 TERM 2

Piako Tahī

Edward Feng for having a positive attitude and trying his best at school.

Piako Rua

Zach MaGregor for working hard to improve his knowledge in all learning areas.

Scarlett Vickery for working hard to achieve her literacy goals.

Hudson Lauridsen for being a self motivated learner.

Pae Ake

Brayden Anderson for being a role model and great self manager.

Ryan O'Dea for always being helpful and conscientious.

Carlos Watson for having an increasingly positive attitude towards school.

Poutama

Neva Taylor for making a big improvement in her literacy.

Kate Pitchforth for showing persistence and success with her writing.

Amelia Belk for taking pride in her clever creative writing.

Pounamu Atawahi

Ava Whitta for getting fully involved in all areas of school life

Katie Wilkinson for leading the way as a self manager, in all areas.

Elliot Parr for consistently being on task and making the most of every learning opportunity.

Ruby Williams for consistently putting effort into her learning.

Term Dates

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

WEEK FIVE TERM TWO

Wednesday 2 June

School Cross Country

Thursday 3 June

School Cross Country postponement day.

Friday 4 June

Teacher Only Day - School is closed to students

WEEK SIX TERM TWO

Monday 7 June

Queens Birthday Holiday

Friday 11 June

Cultural Day Celebration
School Assembly 2.00pm -
Communication Team

Term 2 ends Friday 9 July 2021

Term 3 starts 26 July 2021

Term 3 ends Friday 1 October 2021