

## KIA ORA – GREETINGS

### JARED'S MESSAGE

Kia ora Whānau,

We are nearly halfway through Term 3, and children are settled into strong routines throughout the school. As I visit classrooms throughout the weeks, I am constantly reminded and proud, of the quality teaching and support staff we have in our school. They consistently provide our children with robust core learning opportunities and extend them across many areas of the curriculum. I would like to thank our community for setting up your child/children for success as they enter the school gate. We know that strong routines and the preparation you do at home, increases achievement and removes serious barriers in your child's education.

**Community Consultation** - Great to see and meet those who have popped in for a coffee with me on Wednesdays. This is a place to come in for a chat about the direction of the school in a relaxed atmosphere. All questions, concerns and thoughts are most welcome and encouraged. For those unable to pop in, please look out for a digital survey coming out next week asking for your feedback if this suits you better. Please take the time to complete this.

**Winter Illness** - Thank you for keeping your child at home when they are sick. We know that staying home and getting better before returning to school reduces the spread of illness *for us all*. Please make sure you inform the office via the HERO app or by phone.

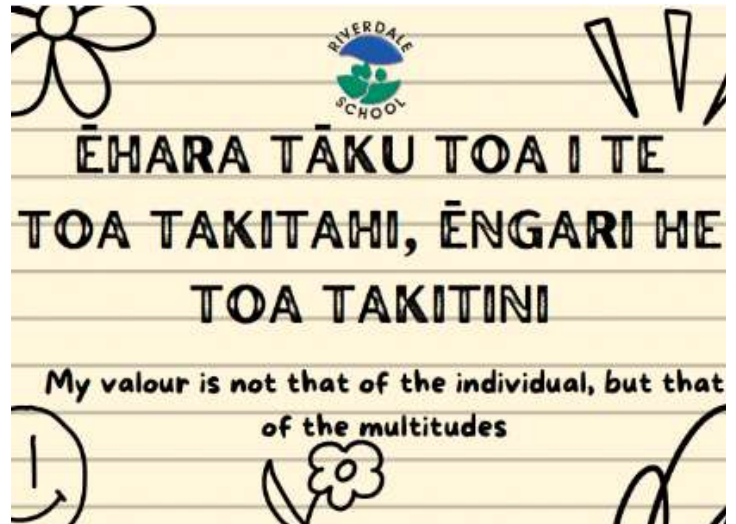
**College teachers** - Supporting our beginning teachers during their college training is crucial to prepare them for the important job that they will fill in the future. You will see three student teachers spread across Piako Rua, Pae Ake and Poutama over the next two terms learning alongside experienced mentor teachers. Not only are they learning how to teach effectively, they provide valuable and energetic support in our environments.

Have a great weekend ahead!

Ngā mihi

To our new student:  
We wish you happy days at Riverdale School  
Arthur A

### TE AO MĀORI



### NED

We were fortunate to have NED and Tabitha come and visit us last week. NED took us on a Mindset Mission, teaching us to Never Give Up, Encourage Others and Do Your Best.

We also got to see some pretty cool yo-yo tricks up close!



## KIND HEARTS

This week we have had 3 groups of children attend the Kind Hearts Regional Events.

The Guest Speakers were outstanding and came from a wide range of backgrounds. Comedian Karen O'Leary, asked children to think about how they could be kind, Christchurch Singer/Songwriter Michal, Property Brokers Jets Coach Natu Taufaleand, Spontaneous from Centrepont and Police School Coordinator Constable Lewis Barclay. David Letele was particularly inspirational for our senior children speaking about "helping because we can".

Even the bus trip was huge for our new Piako Tahī children.

The message of spreading kindness is a real focus for Riverdale School. It was wonderful to see the children who have done so much for others in our school and community get a day out to celebrate.

Riverdale School was mentioned in the closing thank-you for their regular Kind Heart Parent Initiative contributors.



## SENIOR SCHOOL CAMP

Planning for next term's Year 4 - 6 trip to Camp El Rancho is busily happening behind the scenes. Children will have access to a range of on-site activities run by highly trained personnel which are designed to develop their confidence and collaboration skills.

A few important camp-related reminders for the next couple weeks include, chocolate sales starting today for families who indicated they were interested in taking up this fundraising opportunity. We will also be sending out a Google form on HERO next week for parent helpers who would like to join us this year.



## CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

Our Children's University group had an amazing visit to Massey University yesterday with other schools from the Manawatu area.

The chemistry demonstration was a huge hit, with Elliott taking the reins as one of the lead scientists. Then it was off to interview each other for the Children's University Youtube Channel.

Children got to visit the Nursing Teaching Unit and learn how their pulse and temperature is taken, and how to wash their hands correctly. Looking at bugs under the microscope was fun too.

The Agriculture Department gave us a lesson about sheep. Children put ear tags on a pretend sheep and got to touch the inside of a sheep's stomach. Not for the queasy!

The Food Technology area was extremely popular as they gave everyone a taste of their fantastic vanilla ice cream.

Lastly, it was off to the Recreation Centre to take part in a variety of fitness activities.

The children were exposed to a variety of areas at the University, and it was a well-organised day with plenty of fun. A big thank you to the following parents for their help, Noy, Eileen and Lazir.





## INTERMEDIATE VISITS

**Monrad Tihoranga** - We were very fortunate to have a visit from Monrad Tihoranga last week in the hall with our Year 6 students. Monrad students both performed and explained what the students could expect if students were to enrol. Enrolments are now open and can be found on their website.

**Palmerston North Intermediate School** - Students were also invited to an open day at PNINS last week. Parents and students walked through the school to get a feel for what the school offers. Enrolments are now open and can be found on their website.

## REPORTING ABSENCES

If your child is going to be absent from school can you please report this to the school before 9 am.

You can advise us via HERO the School App, or phoning through to the office on 354 2416.

## SPARE CHANGE OF UNIFORMS

During these winter months if you can please ensure that your child has a spare uniform in their bags. With all the rain the school grounds are very wet and muddy and we are running low on spare shorts in the office.

## PRINCIPAL AWARDS

### Piako Tahī

**Henry V** - for his enthusiasm and inquiring mind during Explore time.

**Aniwa T-** for having the confidence to share your ideas in front of your peers! Ka mau te wehi!

### Piako Rata

**Sophie G** - for your enthusiasm for learning and your creative ideas

**Dallas H** - for your willingness to give everything a go and your helpfulness in class.

### Piako Rimu

**Joshua C** - for your enthusiasm for learning and sharing your clever ideas

**Riley A** - for your great knowledge and comprehension in Reading

### Pae Ake

**Cooper B** - for working hard in all learning areas

**Jeremy Z** - brilliant acting in assembly practices

**Aile M** - for attention to detail in her writing

### Poutama

**Amelia W** - For positively affecting school-wide change

**Maddie B** - for stepping out of her comfort zone and presenting in our Assembly. Ka rawe!

**Wendy C** - For showing resilience and enthusiasm in her learning. Kia Kaha. We will miss you.

### Pounamu Atawhai

**Ava W** - For being an outstanding role model and leader in Pounamu Atawhai.

**Haali S** - For always challenging yourself and trying to improve each day.

**Bella H** - for being a resilient learner with a caring nature and quick sense of humour

**Zac P** - for showing helpfulness and enthusiasm to his learning

## TERM DATES

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

### Term 3 2023

Week 5

Manawatu Mathex Competition - Thurs 17th August  
Communications Team Wellington Trip - Friday 18th August

Week 6

Daffodil Day - Friday 25th August

Week 7

Dance NZ Made Regional Competition - Fri 1st Sept

Week 8

RICOH Sports Tournament - Thurs 7th September  
World Literacy Day Book Character Day - Fri 8th Sept  
Dance NZ Made National Competition - Sat 9th Sept

Week 9

Teacher Only Day - Fri 15th September

Week 10

Last Day of Term 3 - Friday 22nd September

### Term 4 2023

First Day of Term 4 - Monday 9th October





Sunday Sept 10th

Victoria Esplanade  
Palmerston North

Enter Online Only  
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A fun event for kids who love being out on their bikes



## OPEN DAY

Saturday 2nd September

9:00am - 11:30am

at Palmerston North  
Intermediate Normal School

Observe our classes and try out some instruments!

Here are some of the classes on offer here at Saturday Music:

cello, clarinet, drums, flute, french horn, guitar, ukulele, junior flute (fife), keyboard, music basics, recorder, saxophone, trombone, trumpet and violin

Inquire about music lessons and 2024 enrolments at:

[www.saturdaymusic.org.nz](http://www.saturdaymusic.org.nz)

[contact@saturdaymusic.org.nz](mailto:contact@saturdaymusic.org.nz)



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