

KIA ORA - GREETINGS

Thank you to our parent community for supporting the staff to come together last Friday for a Teachers Only Day.

We took the time to do some thinking around how we record and share learning information with parents.

We are transitioning to a new Student Management System which has the capability for real time reporting to parents. This means we are reviewing all of our benchmarks and expectations for student progress and achievement whilst aligning our internal systems.

CULTURAL DAY

Cultural Day was a huge success! Our children were involved in a variety of activities following the end of our Inquiry.

We were fortunate enough to have the Pasifika and Kapa Haka groups from Te Kura Waenga o Tirohanga (Monrad), Scott Orange who played the bagpipes, Highland dancer Erica Aberdeen and the Riverdale School Choir perform to the school. We had presenters from a variety of countries. Te Kura o Wairua (Somerset Crescent) took a workshops on Pacific dancing.

A huge thank you to everyone from our community for helping us celebrate, including Margaret and Vjay from the Four Square for donating fruit to the whole school.



WELCOME

To our students:

We wish you happy days at Riverdale School
Fletcher Garvey, Blake Coughy

TE AO MAORI

Kia Ora Whanau,

As a follow on from last week's Pou Mihi break down, here is He Whakawhetai which is another way our tamariki open and close the day.

We also sing He Whakawhetai to tautoko Mrs Peck during formal speaking.

Karawhiua e te whānau!

(Tena tatou)

He whakawhetai ki te Tino Tapu (x3) *To that which inspires us and guides us*

No reira te ihi, te mana, te kaha! *There is awe and wonder and power AUE!*

Ki a ratou e wehea atu ra *To those who have left us*

Haere, haere, e moe *Go well, rest easy*

No reira ratou ki a ratou *To your new abode*

Kapiti tatai hono Aue! *It is so*

Ki a koutou te hunga ora e *To all who remain*

Tena koutou katoa ra *Warmest greetings*

Kei te mihi nui ki nga kai awhina *We acknowledge our supporters*

Me nga tino pou-ako e *And our mentors*

E nga mana, e nga reo *To the exalted voices*

E nga karangamaha o te wa *And the messengers of our times*

Me nga waka o te motu ariki *The many peoples of these shores*

E aku nei rangatira *The mighty and the wise*

Kei-te mihi, tena koutou e *We greet you*

Kei te mihi, tena koutou e *Indeed we greet you*

Tau ana! *Let it be so*

Tau Ana Tau Ana

Turuki *pull together (a waka)*

Turuki

Paneke *Make it strong*

Paneke

Karanga mai ra *We are calling out*

E nga poutapu e tau nei *To the sacred mihi*

HEI!

COMMS TEAM WINNING DOCUMENTARY

Five members of our communications team made a documentary about sustainability, looking after our Ahimate park for future generations. They entered the documentary into the Lions Foundation Lower North Island competition and have just received news that they won first prize of \$500.

Well done to Nina Lyons, Ashton Woodhouse, Liam O'Dea, Connor Adam and Jacob Lauridsen.

Look out for the story in our local newspaper next week.

If you would like to see the Doco, visit youtube and type in

[Ahimate doco](#)



Save the Date!

Year 4-6 Camp has been organised and confirmed for Term 3. Our Year 4 students will be heading to our Marae for the day and sleeping over at school for the night.

Our Year 5-6 students will be going to a YMCA Adventure Camp at Raukawa just past Whanganui for two nights.

Year 4 Sleepover

Tuesday 21 September - Wednesday 22 September
Cost - \$20

Year 5 Camp

Monday 20 September - Wednesday 22 September

Year 6 Camp

Wednesday 22 September - Friday 24 September
Cost - \$200

Detailed information and meetings will be held in Term 3 before Camp.

Parent assistance is required for both camps and we would appreciate the support.

Volunteer forms will come out early in Term 3.

MUSIC PROGRAMME IN SCHOOL

Hannah Carter has continued working with all teams across the school with her music programme. Children have been learning how to keep a beat and experimenting with different kinds of instruments.



The drums and percussion lessons proved to be quite popular. Hannah is also working with our newly formed band who performed for the first time in our last school singing assembly!

TERM DATES

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

WEEK EIGHT TERM TWO

Friday 25 June School Assembly 2.00pm -
Communication Team

WEEK NINE TERM TWO

Wednesday 30 June Board of Trustees Meeting -
5.30pm

Thursday 1 June Matariki Celebration Day

Term 2 ends Friday 9 July 2021

Term 3 starts 26 July 2021

Term 3 ends Friday 1 October 2021

RIVERDALE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

The weather was fantastic this year for our school cross country at Ahimate Park last Wednesday. Every student had been training at school for the event with a focus on setting personal goals and facing something that is sometimes hard. It was great to see so many parents at the event creating a positive atmosphere for the students.

A special thank you once again to the wonderful students at Awapatu College for helping on the day.



INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

The Interschool Cross Country was held at the Ashhurst Domain on Tuesday.

There were four races on the day consisting of over 100 competitors in each race. Twenty eight schools competed and Riverdale School was awarded with an impressive 3rd overall.

A special mention to Zac Woormgoor and Bentley Jaggard who both placed 1st in their race making them the Manawatu School Champions in Year 5 and Year 6. An outstanding achievement!



TOUGH GUY AND GAL

A large group of students took on the Junior Tough Guy and Gal challenge last week. The course was challenging and fun with the large slippery slide being the highlight on the day. Thank you to all the parents who were there in support. We look forward to doing it again next year!



AROHAHUI HOSPICE

During the year Piako Rua and Pae Ake have been baking for the Arohanui Hospice. The children have made a wonderful selection of baking for people to have while visiting their loved ones in the Hospice.

Some of their creations have been apple cinnamon muffins, ANZAC biscuits, chocolate chip cookies and ricie slice.

Thanks to these two amazing teams.

