

NAU MAI HAERE MAI

Thank you to those wonderful parents who continue to support their children to come and go independently each day. Remember that you must use the Q.R code at the gate to do on the grounds drop off or pick up.

TE AO MAORI

Poipoia te kakano kia puawai.
Nurture our tamariki so they may blossom.



RIVERDALE SCHOOL WALKATHON

The Walkathon Assembly went ahead today after being postponed due to bad weather last week. The school and PTA would like to thank our community for their outstanding support during this event. Thank you also to those businesses that kindly donated - Flip City, Columbus Coffee, Property Brokers, Shelley Naylor Reality, Gregory draughting Ltd, Lido and McDonalds Rangitikei Street.

Walkathon Prizegiving 2020

On Friday we had our walkathon assembly. There were so many spot prizes. Our school raised \$11,348.40. There were different categories to win prizes. Lots of kids won prizes for raising the most money and completing the most laps! 40 spot prizes were given as well as 50 kids won McDonalds vouchers because they handed their notices and money in first. The PTA helped with the walkathon lots. Here are the winners of each categories:

Most money raised

1st: Alexandra Murray 2nd: Kaiden Mischewski 3rd: Kiara Mischewski
4th: Lachlan Rowland 5th: Arabella Tillick 6th: Courtney Verhoeven

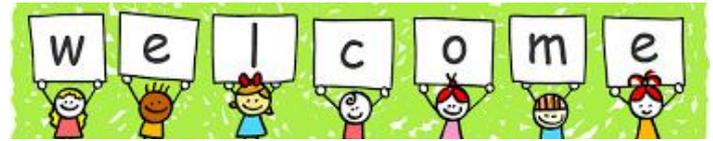
Most checkpoints / furthest distance

Yr 1: Zac Parr Yr 2: Isaiah Reweti Yr 3: Eden Knox Yr 4: Oliver Small
Yr 5: Benji Noakes Yr 6: Nate Davis

Winners of the colouring in competition:

Yr 1: Koni-Leigh Liuvaie Yr 2: Annie Conwell Yr 3: Kate Pitchforth
Yr 4: Ava Thomas Yr 5: Anoushka Antony Jacobs Yr 6: Maryam Baig
Congratulations to all of the students who won a prize.

Written by Comms team members - Paige, Sophie, Alexa and Katie



To our students:

We wish you happy days at Riverdale School
Aria Williams

MATHS EXPLORERS

Maths Explorers is an extension Maths programme for Year 5 and Year 6 students.

We are exploring a range of mathematical concepts, taking a problem solving approach.

On Tuesday 8 September, a team of 4, will compete in a Mathex challenge with PNINS.

Unfortunately the Manawatu Mathex challenge was unable to go ahead, however this mini competition will give us a chance to compete with other mathematicians.

The focus will be on fun, participation and enjoyment of mathematics with other students.

ICAS EXAMINATIONS

This week saw 71 international exams being sat for Digital Technology and English.

All of these students had opted into these exams and demonstrated courage, resilience, self management, higher order thinking and problem solving.

Next week 42 students have opted to participate in the Maths exam.

We are proud of our learners' risk taking mindset and wish them all the best.

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

Did you know that Digital Technology and Computational Thinking is now part of the NZ Curriculum from 2020?

The new addition to the curriculum will enable students to learn the foundations of digital technologies and better understand how it's connected to other fields of learning.

We need to prepare children now to adapt to technology and jobs that have not yet been invented – robotics, artificial intelligence and nanotechnology.

Advances in connectivity all offer the potential to revolutionise business and industry in the future.

Staff at Riverdale School have undergone Professional Development over the last two years so they are capable and knowledgeable to help our children succeed in this area.

The Computational Thinkers

concepts

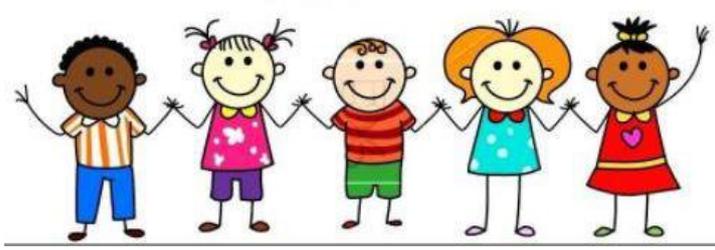
- Logic**
Predicting & analysing
- Evaluation**
Making judgements
- Algorithms**
Making steps & rules
- Patterns**
Spotting & using similarities
- Decomposition**
Breaking down into parts
- Abstraction**
Removing unnecessary detail

approaches

- Tinkering**
Changing things to see what happens
- Creating**
Designing & making
- Debugging**
Finding & fixing errors
- Persevering**
Keeping going
- Collaborating**
Working together

RIVERDALE SCHOOL

Strive for Excellence



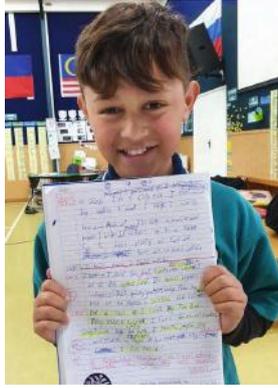
CLASS CELEBRATIONS

I wait anxiously for the green light. Ding! There it goes. I put on the parachute, the goggles are already on. I jump. My cheeks wobble as the wind rushes past me. I spin violently. I can hardly see the curvature of the earth. I pass out. It nears the time to pull the ripcord. I regain consciousness as I near the ground "Heh". I pull the ripcord and the parachute deploys. I put my legs outward. Onlookers are waiting at the ground. I slowly descend to earth. I land. I lift the parachute over my head "I'm alive" I whispered under my breath.

By Oliver Helm Poutama

I held the ball tightly determined to yank it out of my opponents hands. The maul began to collapse so I quickly spun away from the rest of the players. I shielded the ball courageously and ran as fast as I could. My jaw drops. My muscles burn. I feel the sweat coming slowly down my entire body. I knocked 6 people over and scored a magnificent try on the edge of the field. I felt elated.

By Luccas Albert-Marshall Poutama



STUDENT VOICE

Each fortnight the Communication Team will write in the newsletter about something that has happened in the last two weeks.

What is ICAS you ask?

Well, it's an international exam that children can participate in. The exam is for year 4 and onwards. There are lots of different subjects which include: English, Mathematics, Digital Technology and more.

Participants will be given a certificate at the Certificate Assembly and they will be told their results.

You can get either a Participation, Merit, Credit, Distinction, High Distinction or even a medal.

Here are some kids from year 4-6 on what they are feeling about doing the ICAS exam...

Lakhdeep said: "I'm feeling Good." "I think I got picked because I might come in the top 5."

Cate said: "I'm feeling nervous." "I'm doing ICAS because my Mum thinks I'll be good at it."

Darcy said: "I'm feeling nervous." "I think I'm doing ICAS because I'm smart."

By Molly W, Matilda, Miya, Lucas B, Reuben.

Term Dates

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

WEEK SEVEN TERM THREE

Friday 4 September World Literacy Day - Book Character dress up

WEEK EIGHT TERM THREE

Tuesday 8 September Mathex Competition

WEEK NINE TERM THREE

Wednesday 16 September Ricoh Winter Tournament

WEEK TEN TERM THREE

Tuesday 22 September School Photos
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Friday 25 September Right Choice Day
Last day of Term Three

Term 3 finishes Friday 25 September 2020

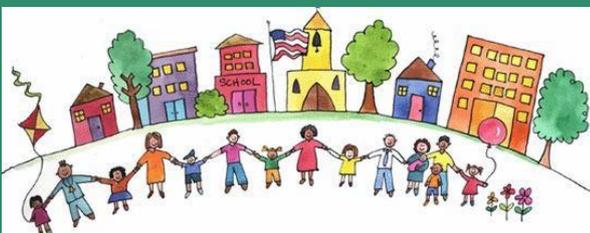


TABLE TENNIS

Riverdale School is part of 15 teams that take part in the Primary Schools Table Tennis Competition held at the Waldergrave Lounge on Tuesday afternoons.

The sessions are run by Matthew Ball who was a New Zealand Champion.

He is passionate about passing on his skills to developing players and Lucas, Josh and Oliver have learnt a range of skills during their first season.



IN ZONE ENROLMENTS

If you are living In Zone (or have a sibling currently at Riverdale), we encourage you to get your pre-enrollment forms into the office as soon as possible, both for 2020 and 2021.

If you know anyone who is planning to come to Riverdale please remind them that submitting the pre-enrolment as soon as possible is helpful. We use this information to plan staffing etc.

SPARE UNIFORM TO DONATE TO SCHOOL

Due to the wet weather, we are very low on school shorts and tops to lend out.

If you have any that you do not require, we would appreciate you donating this to the school office.