

## KIA ORA – GREETINGS

We have had some well deserved rain around the place. It is quite amazing and most helpful that we have only had our first wet lunch time indoors. This means we have been able to get outside and really enjoy the warmth.

With Covid still working its way slowly through our school we certainly appreciate getting outside as often as we can. The tamariki and staff have continued on with quality learning in spite of the comings and goings as children and staff rotated in and out.

This week's newsletter is dedicated to those students that have continued to enjoy all things on offer at Riverdale School.

I am so impressed with the resilience of our kids as they leave and reintegrate on a 7 day cycle.

We hope that you are all as well as is possible and that any covid related symptoms have been mild.



## EPRO 8 EVENT

In Week 7 Mr Carter and Mr Bron worked alongside a range of Pounamu Atawhai and Poutama students, exploring challenges using the EPRO8 Equipment.

On Friday we had 8 teams battle it out for the Internal Event to choose who will go through to the Interschool competition next Term.

Well done to all those students who gave it a go.

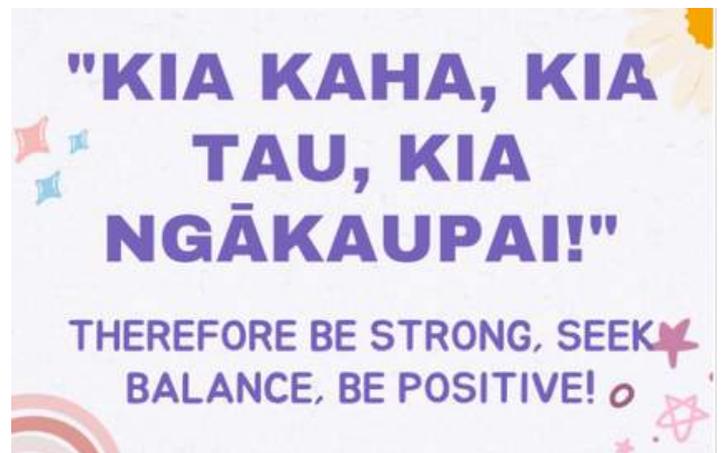
Congratulations to the following students chosen to represent Riverdale next term.

Jack, Jacob, Kaito, Ruby, Oliver, Braxton, Ryla, and Keira.



To our students:

We wish you happy days at Riverdale School  
Nolan, Scottie, Hudson, Zenayda.



## COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

Some members of the Communications Team have expressed a keen interest to lend a helping hand in the office.

They will volunteer their time during interval and lunch breaks to assist the Office Administrators in their daily duties.

An interview was held for these positions with some questions on why they would make an effective office support. Congratulations to Keira, Charlie, Kaito, Ryla, Holly, Maddy, Fai'ana and Oliver.

We look forward to seeing your lovely smiles at the front desk.



# CLASS CELEBRATIONS

## PIAKO TAHI

We were very excited to discover an old box in our classroom, it was full of pieces to a puzzle. We worked together to put the pieces together and found some photographs of Aotearoa, Wakas, stars and birds. This was the beginning of our learning into the discovery of Aotearoa.

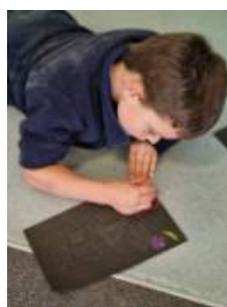


On Wednesday we loved working together to make a Waka. Before we could make our Waka we had to think carefully about what materials float and sink, the parts of a Waka and the designs we could use on them.



## PIAKO RUA

Friday Opt-ins are a class favourite in Piako Rua. Lots of children have said that they wanted to get better at Art this year, so many of our Opt-ins this term have had an Art focus. We have explored some artistic styles and created pieces using different materials and techniques. Check out our blog to see some more of our amazing artwork!



## ENVIRO EXPLORERS

The Enviro Team have been doing a Bio Blitz to explore the different types of biodiversity we have in our Outdoor Learning Space. Last week we took a look at the insect population by setting pitfall traps then exploring what we caught with our digital microscopes. We used some Life-Sized Insect Guide books to try and work out the names of the insects we'd found. This was a fun hands-on way to incorporate science into our learning.



## TERM DATES

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

### WEEK NINE TERM ONE

### WEEK TEN TERM ONE

Tuesday 12 April Interschool Ripa Rugby Competition

Thursday 14 April Right Choice Day

Term 1 ends Thursday 14 April 2021  
Term 2 begins Monday 2 May 2022