

## NAU MAI HAERE MAI

The year is simply going very quickly. Pre-Covid we had arranged three Teacher Only Days. We had one day on the 20 March. We have cancelled one day, however we are going ahead with a planned Teacher Only Day on Friday 23 October, prior to Labour weekend.

## TE AO MAORI

## TE WIKI O TE REO WEEK

14 - 20 SEPTEMBER



The chosen theme for 2020 is again 'Kia Kaha te Reo Māori'. 'Kia Kaha' is well understood in New Zealand English with its meaning of 'be strong'.

We often talk about languages as if they are people – talking about language health, strength and revitalisation.

So when we say 'Kia Kaha te Reo Māori' we're saying - 'Let's make the Māori language strong'.

Let's all do our bit and use more Te Reo during Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori. Ask your tamariki, learn a new phrase.

## EPRO 8

Teams were excited to start the Epro 8 challenge last week. We have 4 teams competing this year in an online challenge. Their task is to build a mechanical animal that has moving parts that are unique to that creature.

Check out a photo of one group's creation of a gorilla with moving arms that beat on its own chest!



## MATHS EXPLORERS

Four of our Maths Explorers represented our school at a Mathex event at Palmerston North Intermediate School this week. The team had to answer 20 quick fire questions, then follow up with 5 practical tasks. We placed 5th out of 10 teams, the majority of which were Year 7 teams. We are super proud of how well we did, challenging teams who are older than us!



To our students:

We wish you happy days at Riverdale School  
Alyssa Schmidt, Seth Reweti

## VEX ROBOTICS

Riverdale have entered two teams into the Vex IQ Robotics competition this year.

The teams have learnt a huge amount while building their robots and competing with and against teams from other schools. In their first 'scrimmage' they had 8th and 15th placings out of 22 teams, and at their second scrimmage they placed 3rd and 13th.

Fabulous results, and very well earned!

We are looking forward to the next scrimmage this weekend.



## WORLD LITERACY DAY

To celebrate World Literacy Day, we held our Book Character Day last week.

Thank you to all our visitors who came in and read to the children.

Kaye Arnott also read her new book "The Dog and The Mog Love Christmas" to the school.

A huge thank you to VJ & Margaret from Maxwell's Line 4 Square for donating a lemonade ice block for every child at morning tea.







## STUDENT VOICE

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

*We are learning about the myriad of non verbal communication and using moving images to portray an important message to an audience. We hope to share them with you once assemblies are able to be reinstated.*

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos are scheduled for the Tuesday 22 and Wednesday 23 September (Week 10). Further information will be sent out on how you can view and purchase these photos at the end of Term 3.



## 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 these to the school office.

## CLASS CELEBRATIONS

Piako Rua has had a super fun term working on creating machines to solve problems!

We have made: Rubbish machines to clean up the school rubbish, Rube Goldberg machines to feed Miss Fairbairn's dogs and are now working on machines that will protect us from a natural disaster.

We have been collaborating, problem solving, debugging, writing algorithms and much more!



# Term Dates

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

### WEEK NINE TERM THREE

Monday 14 September Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori  
Wednesday 16 September Festival of Sports

### WEEK TEN TERM THREE

Tuesday 22 September School Photos  
Wednesday 23 September School Photos  
Friday 25 September Right Choice Day  
Last day of Term Three

### WEEK ONE TERM FOUR

Monday 12 October Term Four starts

### WEEK TWO TERM FOUR

Friday 23 October Teachers Only Day

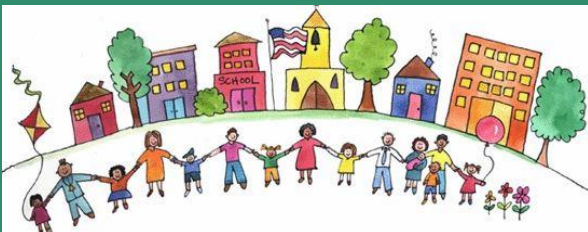
### WEEK THREE TERM FOUR

Monday 26 October Labour Day

Term Three finishes Friday 25 September 2020

Term Four starts Monday 12 October 2020

Term Four finishes Tuesday 15 December 2020



## WILDBASE RECOVERY VISIT



As part of their Inquiry learning, some Pounamu Atawhai children visited Wildbase Recovery this week.

The groups were focusing on conservation, kaitiakitanga and our local area - Ahimate and Awapuni.

Special thanks to Brittany who gave us all a tour and answered all of our curly questions.

Did you know that 'Whio, the blue duck' means whistle?

