



## KIA ORA – GREETINGS

### JARED'S MESSAGE

We still have plenty of exciting events and celebrations to finish off 2023! I am looking forward to all the upcoming occasions where the community can come together and celebrate our wonderful tamariki and their achievements this year.

Thank you to those who have filled out the Health Consultation survey. This information along with other consultation efforts this year will help guide our strategic decisions, desired outcomes and goals over the next two years at Riverdale School. Our Board of Trustees are reviewing community feedback and making strategic plans and decisions which will be shared with our community early next year.

Attached is a picture of what the school will look like next year in regards to teaching spaces and teams. Class lists and your child's placement have been finalised and will be published on Monday in the last week of school through the HERO app. This will include a summary report of the year, learning stories and data representations. We do hope you have enjoyed HERO and its ongoing updates throughout the year. Our aim is to be open and transparent so parents are well informed to both address challenges and celebrate success on a more regular basis.

I look forward to seeing you at some of the upcoming events over the next two weeks.

*Have a great weekend!*

**Jared Bron**

### SUMMER FINALE & RIPPA FINALS

## SUMMER FINALE



Thursday 7th December  
After the Rippa Finals and  
Prize giving  
5.30pm - 7pm  
Riverdale School

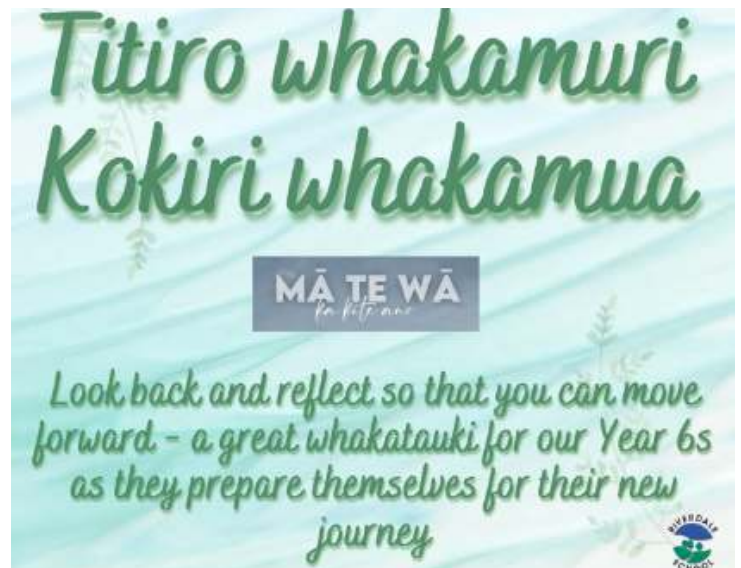




Come along to school and enjoy the final performance for 2023 from our Choir, Te Puawai, School Band and Dance Explorers. Bring a picnic and some kai to eat while you are being entertained.



### TE AO MĀORI



### RIGHT CHOICE DAY

Right Choice Day will be held on the final week of school on Thursday, 14 December. This is our famous water day with bouncy castles, water slides, swimming and more. A notice will come home with children in week 10 with gear requirements and sausage sizzle order forms.



### CERTIFICATE ASSEMBLY

Certificate Assembly will happen next Friday to celebrate our year 4-6 students and their year contribution to the school. This will cover Year 6 jobs, ICAS Exam certificates and the announcement of the 2024 Communications Team. Parents are welcome to attend this Certificate Assembly.

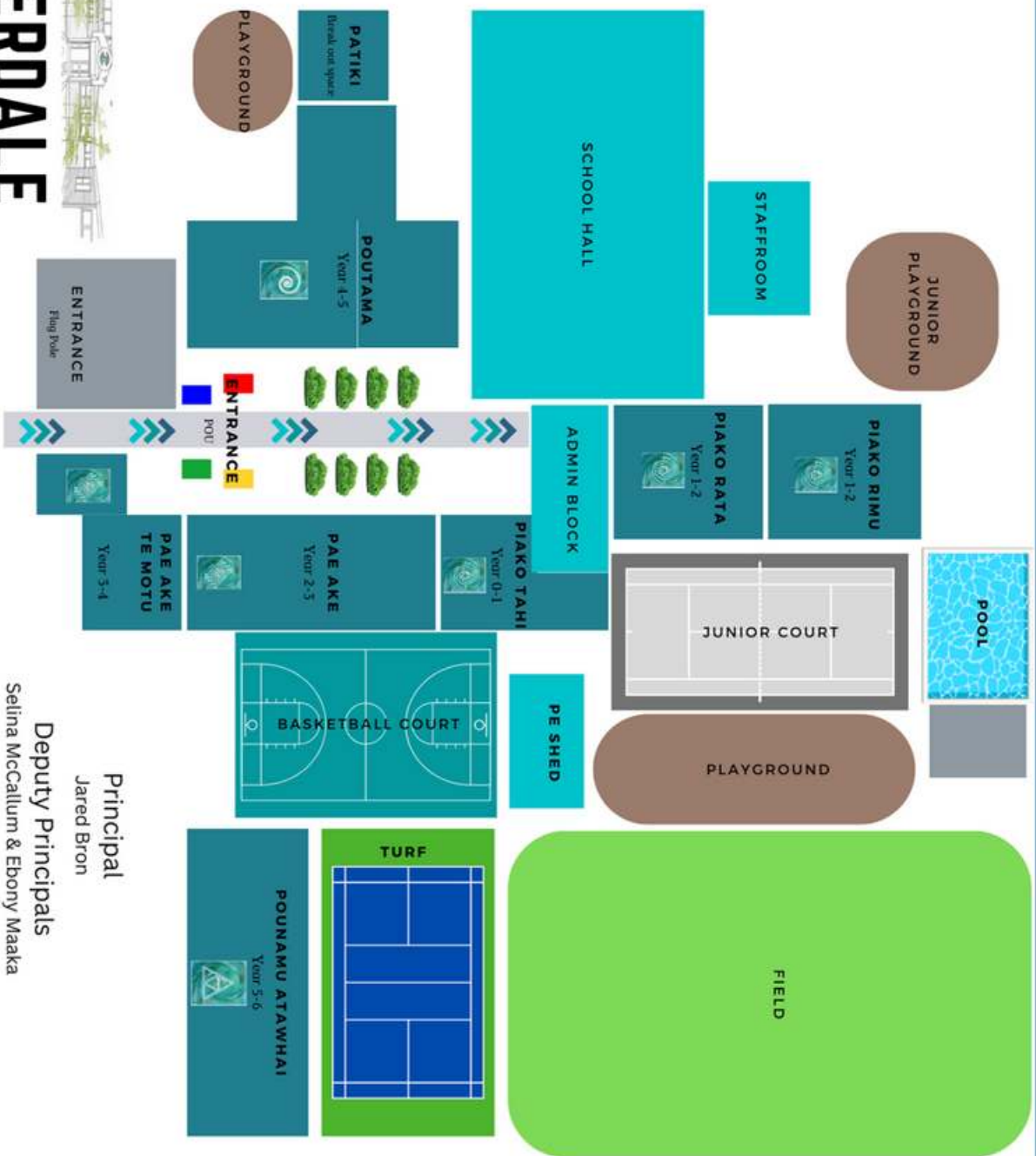
ICAS participation certificates will be sent home with students next week.

### FINAL ASSEMBLY

Our Final Assembly will be held in the school hall on the last day of school at 11 am. This assembly will wrap up the year with a few speeches and presentations. Our year 6 students will have breakfast at Boho Cafe with staff and will return for assembly for the last time and receive their yearbooks. Parents are most welcome and encouraged to attend. School will finish at 12 pm.

# SCHOOL STRUCTURE FOR 2024

## RIVERDALE SCHOOL 2024



**Principal**  
Jared Bron

**Deputy Principals**  
Selina McCallum & Ebony Maaka

**Assistant Principal**  
Jo Lunn

**Piako Tahī YO-1**  
Lauren Pyle (TL)  
Zyphrine Christall  
Cecilia Chaves (Release)

**Piako Rata Y1-2**  
Christina Hobbs (TL)  
Lynette Kenyon

**Piako Rimu Y1-2**  
Sarah Best (TL)  
Samantha Stratford

**Pae Ake Y2-3**  
Kerry Bradshaw (TL)  
Travis Pike  
Hannah Pedersen

**Pae Ake Y3-4**  
Mel Mabey

**Poutama Y4-5**  
Jo Lunn (AP)  
Sarah Ruawai  
Joshua Lion

**Pounamū Atawhai Y5-6**  
Janine McIntyre (TL)  
Nic Carter  
Josie Carson

**Special Projects & Release**

**Teacher**  
Tash Whitta

**Part-Time Teachers**

Maddy Speirs  
Carol Roberts

**Support Staff**

Karina Hill, Maryanne Smith, Pieta Higginson,  
Lynne Mudge, Rachael McDonnell-Stewart

**Office Staff**

Tracey Phillips & Kerry Brown

**Caretaker**

Rachael Hehir



## HEALTH CONSULTATION OUTCOMES

Thank you to our community for taking the time to fill in the Health Curriculum Survey. There is an overwhelming response that the health curriculum and initiatives we cover and provide are of high priority to parents and caregivers.

The community posted many positive comments about what we cover and Riverdale School will continue to provide a broad range of health initiatives. The top three initiatives that the community would like us to concentrate on over the next two years are:

- 1 - Hauora - Emotional and Mental Well Being (48.5%)
- 2 - Water Safety (38.8%)
- 3 - Cyber Safety (32 %)

It is also clear that Sexual Education - Navigating Sexuality will need to be further unpacked with the community over the next two years so we are clear and concise before implementing it in the classroom.

## CHILDRENS UNIVERSITY

A huge congratulations to the Children's University group on their Massey University Graduation last week. This was a fantastic way to celebrate the years accomplishments. The group of schools involved in this programme is growing and we love being a part of it. Children worked hard throughout the year to ensure their activities were completed to a high standard and on time.

For the first time the Graduation was held at the Regent and we had fireworks!

A special mention to Jackson K and Ilma C who both received our top award of a Silver Certificate.



## ROAD PATROL MOVIE DAY

On Friday 8th December, our Road Patrollers will be in a parade down Broadway and attending a movie at Event Cinema as a reward for their service to the School and Community for 2023. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Road Patrollers for their service rain, hail, or shine. They have made important decisions that affect the safety of all students, staff and community members.



## STAFF APPOINTMENTS

We are excited to announce the appointment of our new staff for 2024. We welcome Ebony Maaka who will be our Deputy Principal working in the Ariki team. Ebony has spent over a decade working at Russell Street school and has recently been working as a lead advisor around cultural competency. Our second appointment is Zyphrine Christall, who is a beginning teacher and will work in our new entrant space.



**Ebony Maaka**



**Zyphrine Christall**

We are also excited to announce the appointment of Jo Lunn as Assistant Principal and new addition to the Ariki team.



**Jo Lunn**

## STAFF LEAVING

We are sad to announce the resignation of Kelly Chrystal who has been a Learning Support Assistant at Riverdale School for the past 17 years. We wish Kelly the best in her new adventures. Hannah Carter will be taking Maternity Leave from the end of this term. We wish Hannah and Nic all the best for the busy time ahead.

## TEACHER ONLY DAY

We had a fantastic Teacher Only Day last Wednesday. Over 200 teachers met to discuss the new refreshed curriculum and how to effectively implement it at their schools. Information will be made available next year to communities from the Ministry of Education. We appreciate your support with this day



## PACK THE BUS

On Tuesday 5th December, Riverdale School will be taking part in the annual **Pack the Bus** in association with Media Works. Our tamariki are invited to help pack their Transit Bus with new toys and non-perishable foods for local charities Methodist Social Services and Barnadoes. This is a great opportunity for Riverdale School to support these wonderful organisations in our community.



## KIND HEARTS - 4 SQUARE BBQ

The Kind Hearts Tuakana Group will be running a BBQ fundraiser this Saturday at Awapuni 4 Square Maxwells Line from 10.00 am - 12.00 noon. We are very fortunate that VJay and Margaret have donated the food for this fundraiser.

All proceeds will be used to purchase goods for our Pack the Bus fundraiser. Last year we raised \$500 for this cause. We would love to see as many of our community come down and support us during this time.

## TERM DATES

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

### Term 4 2023

Week 8

Kind Hearts Sausage Sizzle - 10 til 12 Saturday 2nd November  
Four Square Maxwells Line

Week 9

Road Patrol Training Yr 5's - Tuesday 5th December  
Pack The Bus Visiting - Tuesday 5th December  
Rippa Rugby Finals - Thursday 7th December 3.30 pm  
Summer Finale Concert - Thursday 7th December 5:30 pm  
Road Patrol Movie Day Yr 6's - Friday 8th December  
Certificate Assembly Yr 4-6 - Friday 8th December 2 pm

Week 10

Right Choice Day - Thursday 14th December  
Year 6 Leavers Breakfast - Friday 15th December at 9.00 am  
Final Assembly - Friday 15th December at 11.00 am  
Last Day of Term - Friday 15th December - School finishes at 12

### Term 1 2024

Week 1

Kanohi ki te Kanohi (Learning Conversations) -  
Tuesday 30th & Wednesday 31st January 2024

First Full Day for all Students - Thursday 1st February 2024

## SPANISH LESSONS

We have been extremely lucky to have Beatriz Armada come in for the last few weeks and teach Spanish to some of our Piako Rua and Pae Ake students. They have been singing songs, learning some simple words and taking home some extra practice sheets to keep learning at home. Thank you so much Bea :)



## INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS

Several year 5 and 6 tamariki represented Riverdale at the Interschool Athletics competition today. It was a fantastic event held at the Massey University track. All students gave an amazing effort, and their attitude and behaviour were outstanding. Congratulations to the team for placing 2nd overall.





### Holiday Camp Programme

**3 Days of Basketball** Register Now!

Mon Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> 9am - 3pm  
Tue Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> 9am - 3pm  
Wed Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> 9am - 3pm

Boys & Girls Welcome!  
Ages 5yrs - 12yrs

Morning Tea, Lunch & Holiday Camp Tee Included

Register on-line at [www.bounceacademy.nz](http://www.bounceacademy.nz)  
Limited Spaces Available

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Orchard Road  
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