



Kia ora e te whanau, nau mai hoki mai and welcome back to school.

A very warm welcome to all our new families and Akonga.

As we begin a new year of learning, creativity and fun, lets make this the best year yet.

We started with Teacher Only days that strengthened our understanding around the New Curriculum refresh and also NZ histories.

Our strategic focus goals for 2023 are lifting the level of Te Reo for all our staff across the year and on spelling using a structured approach to Literacy.

The Board is involved with recruitment and appointment of a new Principal to begin in Term 3 2023.

This is my last, first newsletter of the year.

KANOHI KI TE KANOHI

It was great to reconnect with our community during Kanohi ki te Kanohi last week. This was a great opportunity to both touch base and to set clear goals for the year ahead. It was also a chance to further strengthen the understanding of our HERO app so you are kept up to date regularly of the progress of your child. Please see your childs whanau teacher if you have any further questions.

WELCOME JOSIE CARSON

Kia ora koutou, my name is Josie Carson and I am teaching in Pounamu Atawhai this year.

I was born and raised in Palmerston North and have come back home after studying and teaching in Wellington. Outside of school I enjoy going for adventures in nature and I love being at the beach. I also love art and encouraging creativity in the classroom. Thank you for the warm welcome to Riverdale. I'm excited to be a part of such an awesome school community!



SCHOOL DOCS

Riverdale School uses SchoolDocs to maintain a comprehensive, up-to-date set of policies and procedures. These policies and procedures follow guidelines and legislation and best practice, and have been tailored for our school. For more information about SchoolDocs, see schooldocs.co.nz.

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Password: empowering



To our new students:

We wish you happy days at Riverdale School
Samay P, Hannah W, Emily N, Marlee B, Carter C, Ivy V,
Layla E, April Y, Aniwa T, Te Akerautangi M, Lily C,
Ellie J, Eshita T, Porsche S

SCHOOL REMINDERS

Footwear Children need sandals or sneakers to move and play. No Jandals, scuffs or crocs.

Sunhats are compulsory during terms one and four. Named blue bucket type only (available from the office for \$10.00).

Parking Please!!! No parking in school grounds unless it is an emergency i.e. Call from the office regarding a sick child

Emailing or contacting staff Contact is between 8.00 - 9.00am or after 3.30 – 5.00pm.

Absentees Please phone our Absentee phone line 354 2416, or advise through HERO or Riverdale School app before 9.00am.

Change to student details Please notify the school if you have a change of contact details, living arrangements, medical information.

This is very important that we are able to keep our Student Management System up to date.

ASTHMA INHALERS AND MEDICATIONS

If your child has asthma and requires an inhaler to be at school please come in to the office, bring the inhaler and complete a consent form.

Any medication to be given to a child during school time must be bought into the school office by the parent / caregiver and a completed consent form.

LUNCH ORDER DAYS

PTA Pizza Lunch order day is every Wednesday. (There is no Sushi option anymore).

Four Square lunch order day is every Friday.

Please see the Riverdale School app under 'links' for more information.

SUMMER SPORTS TERM 1 2023

All Summer Sports Registrations have now closed.

Team Lists and information can be found on the Riverdale School Sports Hub.

Thank you to the wonderful coaches and managers that offer their time and skills to our school.

We appreciate your support.

CLASS CELEBRATIONS

POUTAMA

The tamariki in Poutama have had a great start to 2023. We have loved getting to know the new children in our team. The first two weeks have been filled with lots of fun activities providing opportunities to get to know each other and the classroom routines better.



COMMUNICATION TEAM

Our first welcome back assembly was organised and presented by our new communications team today. Amongst special messages and awards, the team ran a fashion show to show students how to come prepared for school on a daily basis. It was a fun way to welcome the school back for their first assembly.

Teams will be back running assemblies this year and we encourage parents to come along to their child's assembly on their scheduled date.

These can be found on the school calendar.

RIVERDALE SCHOOL COMMUNITY NIGHT – SAVE THE DATE

Riverdale School Community Night & Duathlon

We welcome the school community to join us on

Wednesday 22nd February

5.30pm - 7.30pm

Duathlon (Run, Bike, Run Fun event)

Scholastic Book Fair

Face painting

PTA BBQ

Spot Prizes

Special Guests

Further details of the Duathlon will be sent home via the App explaining event details and registration

WATER SAFETY

This week our Poutama and Pounamu Atawhai teams took part in a Water Safety programme run by Coach Craig from Kelly's Sports. With so many unfortunate tragedies in and around New Zealand waterways over the last few summers, we aim to ensure our tamariki have some knowledge of where and when it is safe to swim as well as some survival techniques they could use in an emergency. The children have practised floating in different positions and learnt to swim using less exerting swimming strokes. Coach Craig brought life jackets along for the children to learn how to correctly wear them and they also practised using other floatation devices.



ARA UENUKU

It was fabulous to see so many of our tamariki visit our school library in the first week back. The new Year 6 librarians are doing a wonderful job reading to our younger children and making sure everyone is well looked after.



UNION MEETINGS – SCHOOL CLOSING EARLY

Union meetings have been scheduled for all teachers to attend on Friday 3 March.

School will finish early at 1pm.

Please contact the Principal Debra Peck if you are unable to find supervision for your child.

SCHOLASTIC Book Club

Scholastic Book Club orders close on Friday 17th February. Please note that orders are no longer accepted at the school office. Orders will need to be placed via the website.

<https://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz/Parent/Login.aspx>

The Scholastic Book Club is visiting Riverdale School on Wednesday 22nd February, as part of our Community and Duathlon Night.

TERM DATES

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

Term 1 2023

Week 2

Esplanade Open Day for Te Puawai - Sunday 12 February 12.30pm

Week 4

Community Evening and Duathlon - Wednesday 22 February 5.30pm

Week 5

Union Meeting (Early finish for students) - Friday 3 March 1.00pm

Week 6

School Swimming Sports for Year 4 - 6 - Thursday 9 March

Week 7

Interschool Triathlon - Wednesday 15 March

Week 8

Weetbix Triathlon - Tuesday 21 March

Interschool Swimming Sports - Thursday 23 March

Week 9

Rippa Rugby Tournament - Thursday 28 March

Road Patrol Refresher - Thursday 28 March

Week 10

School Photos - Wednesday 5 April & Thursday 6 April

Last day of Term 1 - Thursday 6 April

Term 2 2023

Week 1

Teacher Only Day (School is closed) - Monday 24 April

Anzac Day (School is closed) - Tuesday 25 April

First day of school for Term 2 - Wednesday 26 April

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Piako Tahī

Miu M for being a kind leader with our new students in Piako Tahī. Ka Rawe!

Taniora B for showing resilience when something is hard! Ka mau te wehī ki a koe

Piako Rimu

Anika H your enthusiasm and focus during key learning times

William M for being an engaged learner who shares knowledge confidently

Piako Rata

Leo Neil for showing kindness to others and making a great start to the year in Piako Rātā

Meila A for being incredibly kind and respectful towards others

Pae Ake

Hugo M for his enthusiastic attitude to learning

Daisy A for being an eager mathematician and working hard to meet new learning challenges

Madison T for care and kindness to her peers and her great attitude to learning

Poutama

Sophia W taking on many roles of responsibility as a trustworthy Year Six

Deakin M coming back to school and ready to learn!

Indi C - showing confidence in her learning and being resourceful to complete her jobs

Pounamu Atawhai

Darcie H - showing confidence and enthusiasm as a new member of Pounamu Atawhai

Kyla B - showing independence and confidence as a new leader in Pounamu Atawhai

Tao W - being a caring and supportive friend

Skylah-May W - being an outstanding effective communicator

Courtney S - sharing her passion for reading with our younger tamariki in Ara Uenuku

