



LIFE EDUCATION BUS

We are so excited about being back at Riverdale School and seeing all our friends again! Being around all your positivity, energy and kindness is always a highlight of our year.

We feel very privileged to be sharing with the students learning around how we can manage our big emotions with Piako Tahi and Piako Rua. How we can show resilience with Pae Ake, the importance of showing empathy with Pounamu Atawhai, and what makes a great leader with Poutama.

Life Ed is a charitable trust that aims to inspire learners and their whanau to make positive decisions about their wellbeing. And receives no government funding. If you would like to support our worthy cause, we will have the following items for sale:

Harold flag pens @\$1

Harold lanyards @\$3

Soft toy Harold keyrings @\$7

Harold drink bottles @\$10

Harold notebooks @\$15

Large Harold soft toys @\$24



COMMUNITY VOICE

Looking towards the end of term 1 when Debra Peck, our Tumuaki/Principal, concludes her time here at Riverdale School. The Board of Trustees are in the process of appointing a new Principal and are seeking community voice. Please take the time to have your say when the survey comes out today on the School App.



To our new students:

We wish you happy days at Riverdale School
Archie P, North H & Corbyn O



Mā te huruhur ka rere te manu



ESPLANADE DAY

On Sunday of Week 2 Te Puawai had their first performance for the year. We sung three songs at the Esplanade Open Day. Our tamariki did us proud and sung their hearts out. Ngā mihi to our whānau who supported this kaupapa and also came to cheer us on. Ka mau te wehi, Te Puawai ma!



PAE AKE ASSEMBLY

The akonga in Pae Ake were so excited to be the first class this year to get on stage and share their learning! We have been studying Te Tiriti O Waitangi and the historical events around its signing. Well done to our brave speakers and actors. We are so proud of you. Ka mau te wehi!

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

Introducing our amazing Communications Team members for 2023. These students will work alongside Mr Bron each week contributing for student voice to the school. This provides decision making opportunities and leadership development.



WEETBIX TRYATHLON

The Palmerston North Weetbix Tryathlon is being held on Tuesday 21 March at Ongley park. Children can enter either individually or as a team on the Weetbix TRYathlon website.

As this is not a Riverdale School run event, parents and caregivers are responsible for organising their children on the day, **including transport and supervision**. We will have a school gazebo set up at Ongley park on the day for Riverdale School students and their whanau to use as a base.

PEER MEDIATORS

Our 2023 Peer Mediators are now trained and out in the playground every morning tea and lunch time. Wearing their hi-vis vests, ready to help anyone who needs it. They also visit the classrooms on wet days. As Peer Mediators they help to make sure our tamariki are safe in the playground and happily playing with their friends.

They are also on the look out for tamariki that are showing kindness to others and helping when and if it's needed. Some children might be lucky enough to be given a Peace Slip which means they go into the draw for a free pizza lunch from the PTA.



TENNIS COACHING

Monday morning tennis sessions are well underway with our local tennis coach, Kurt McNamara. Players have been learning the rules of the game and practising the different strokes needed during play. Some of these students have now enrolled in Saturday tennis to put their skills into action during real games.



HERO SCHOOL APP



Please ensure you have downloaded the HERO app to your phone. This is one of the main methods of communication between the school and our families. It includes sports, absentees and Student Achievement Reports.

We require an email address to register you for access to this app. If you do not believe we have your correct email address please email us or come into the office to ensure the address is correct

UNION MEETINGS – SCHOOL FINISHING 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 have exhausted all avenues for supervision of your child.

PARENT MORNING TEA

It was wonderful to meet some of our new families this week so we could chat about life at Riverdale School. We were lucky enough to have Angel and Este from the Manawatu Multicultural Council join us and to assist with translation.



TERM DATES

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

Term 1 2023

Week 5

Black & White for Hawkes Bay - Wed 1st March
Wear Black & White and bring a donation

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

Emily N - showing her amazing creativity throughout her mahi! Tino pai!

Isabella W - being an awesome Aronui role model in our class! Tino pai.

Piako Rimu

Leani L - her enthusiasm towards her learning, being a good role model for others.

Reid H - always striving for excellence in all of his learning

Piako Rata

Parker L - being an outstanding role model, showing confidence and leadership.

Blake O - his positive and enthusiastic attitude towards learning.

Pae Ake

Zahra T - being an active listener and enthusiastic participant

Seth R - being such an outstanding role model in Pae Ake

Jorja H - always striving for excellence in all she does

Poutama

Evie M - being an all-round super star in Poutama

Theo H - his kindness towards his peers and teachers showing Aronui

Jasmine C - being an active listener and caring member of Poutama

Pounamu Atawhai

Cassia T - being such a kind and caring friend in Pounamu Atawhai. Ka mau te wehi!

Ezra M - making an amazing start with your confidence and striving for excellence.

Jorden W - being an inclusive and caring aronui in Pounamu Atawhai

Logan W - showing us how to be a self manager.

Kind Hearts

Lukas H - keenly taking on his Peer Mediator role in Piako Tahī



SCHOOL DROP OFF & PICK UP HOURS

School is open at 8.30am and closes at 3pm.

For the safety of our students, it is important that students are at school no earlier than 8.30am and are picked up at 3pm. Staff are often involved in meetings and preparation outside of these hours.

All lateness requires a parent/caregiver to sign child in at the office with a reason,

RIVERDALE SCHOOL COMMUNITY NIGHT AND DUATHLON

It was fantastic to see our community on Wednesday night, and to see the Duathlon come back into action with both students and parents putting on quite a show.

Mrs Kenyon and the teachers did an excellent job co-ordinating the Scholastic Book Fair, various activities and special guest appearances.

The PTA served the community with food and drinks all night. Thank you for your continued support and contribution to the school.

A special spot prize assembly will be held next Thursday for all students in the school hall.

Congratulations to **Hilary Hasenbank** and **Brooklyn Jaggard** who won the Kind Hearts competition. We managed to squish 19 Piako Tahi children into the mini.



RIVERDALE SCHOOL COMMUNITY NIGHT AND DUATHLON CONT...



BLACK & WHITE DAY FOR HAWKES BAY.

MARIST JUNIOR RUGBY

Marist Junior Rugby will be holding 3 registrations days at the Marist Clubrooms on Pascal St for new and returning players.

Sun 19th Feb 2-4pm

Sun 26th Feb 11-1pm

Wed 1st March 4-6pm

This year we will have 3 x Girls only teams in the U6, U8 & U10 Grades

Free fees for U6 and 2 or more player family discounts
Committee will be on hand to answer any questions/
size playing jersey and merchandise/ boot & playing gear to swap or purchase.

Check out our facebook page" Marist Junior Rugby Palmerston North" for more details

BLACK & WHITE DAY

1ST MARCH 2023



Let's show our support whānau for Hawkes Bay

Dress up in Black and White on March 1 and bring a gold coin. All funds will go to HB kura whānau who have been affected by the floods

