



Riverdale School Newsletter



Week 2 Term 1 2024

Welcome all to 2024 at Riverdale School! I hope you have all had a restful and exciting break over the holidays. It was fantastic last week welcoming all students and staff back to school. There were plenty of stories shared about holiday experiences and most importantly for students, the chance to reconnect and catch up with friends and teachers.

The holiday break was rather busy at Riverdale School. New guttering and roofing occurred and we managed to lay our new turf in the junior area before school started. Thank-you to our amazing Board of Trustees and PTA for making this happen.

New political agendas are shaping the curriculum framework, with National requiring Maths and Literacy to be taught at least one hour per day in classrooms. This is something that has always occurred at Riverdale School and we will continue to provide a well balanced curriculum that responds to the needs of each individual.

We have our annual Community Night next Thursday so we can soak up as much of the warm weather as possible. It would be great to see you here so please mark it on your calendars.

Ngā Mihi

Jared Bron

NGĀ MIHI O TE TAU HOU PAKEHA



Happy New Year

Nau mai, haere mai! Welcome to one and all, returning whānau and those who are joining us this year. We look forward to a fun year.



Welcome to our new students

Piako Tahi

Reeve T, Liam H, Alex S, Sonoha L-J, Indy H, Mea N, Jacob C, Ryker J, Rome H, Daniel M, Greer F, Eli C, Keira W, Kyran S, Zachary D, Jacob L, Ava G

Piako Rata/Rimu

Clara V, Aria R, John P-J, Harper S

Pae Ake

Ayza N, Isabelle W, Iris O,

Poutama

Georgia McCarthy, Ashton W

Pounamu Atawhai

Imogen W, Patrick M, Nixon R, Jack B-K



Kanohi ki te Kanohi

It was great to see so many parents and caregivers attend our Kanohi ki te Kanohi last week. We really value this time to connect before school starts to both set goals and connect with whanau. Your whanau teacher is your main contact this year and effective communication is high on our agenda. If you have any questions or concerns, please come and talk to us or send us an email so connections at home remain strong.

School Donations

The Government provides schools \$150.00 per student in the basic operational grant for all Schools that fit within the Equity Index system. Unfortunately, Riverdale is ineligible to uplift this amount and so we must ask our community for this annual donation so students experience extra opportunities within the core curriculum. This goes toward items such as transport to school wide events, visiting performers, including elite and interschool sports, school production, explorer event costs, additional literacy and mathematics resources, sunscreen and first aid supplies to name a few.

In 2023, your school donations have also assisted in funding additional Learning Support Assistants. The employment of 'support staff' benefits all children, sometimes directly, when they are working with individuals and small groups, or indirectly where they help to free up teachers to take that extra bit of time in an opportune moment to support a child through a difficult next step.

As the year progresses we would encourage you all to support us through the school donation.

We thank you in anticipation for your donation this year. This donation can be paid through the HERO app using the 'Stripe' feature (online credit card payment option) or by internet banking with the child's last name as a reference and donation in particulars.

Please click the link below to take to you to the HERO App, and go to the Finance icon to make payment.

[Click Here](#)


Riverdale School

Community Night

Thursday 15th February 2024

Starting 4.30pm 

Grand Opening New Turf

Parent Teacher
Fast 5 Netball Tournament 

DUATHLON

\$5^{entry}
per child

5.30pm- 7.30pm  

Spot Prizes

Join the Parent/Teacher Race

Come and Buy a book



SCHOLASTIC
BOOK FAIR

See Hero for more information and Online Registration
Registration Closes Tuesday 13th February.

The PTA will have food available for purchase.  

Please click on the link below to register for the Duathlon or Fast 5 Netball

[Duathlon Registration 2024](#)

School Reminders

Footwear

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

Sunhats

Hats are compulsory during Terms 1 and 4. Please ensure that your child comes to school with a named blue bucket hat only. These are available from the school office for \$10

Change in Student Details

If your address, contact details living arrangements or medical information have changed, please update these with the office by coming in to see us or send through an email to office@riverdale.school.nz. It is very important that we are able to keep our Student Management Systems up to date.

Absentees

Please advise the school if your child is going to be away. You can leave a voice message on 06 354 2416 or advise through the HERO app before 9am.

Asthma Inhalers and Medication

If your child has asthma and requires an inhaler at school please bring this into the office and complete a consent form. These are not to be kept in school bags.

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

Lunch Order Days

PTA Pizza Lunch order day is every Wednesday. And Four Square lunch order day is every Friday. Your child can bring the orders and money in and put in the lunch order boxes in their classrooms. Please see more details and pricing through the HERO App via the Food icon.

Swimming - Kelly Sports

We are very fortunate this year again to retain the services of Kelly Sports swim instructors here at school. This year they will be running professional lessons for 6 weeks in our junior school. The focus will be on the basic skills and strokes of swimming, water safety and what to do in emergency situations. We are lucky to have a heated swimming pool now so please send your children with their togs and towel on their scheduled days.

Summer Sports

Team lists for Hockey, Netball and FlippaBall can be viewed on the Sports Hub through HERO via the Portal icon.

Summer Football and T-Ball registrations are still open. T-Ball requires more players to be able to register a team.

Principal's Awards

Piako Tahī

Sonoha Leonard-Jones - for an enthusiastic attitude towards learning

Alex Stirling - for being a role model and sharing his ideas in class

Piako Rimu

Aria Rabone - for being an active learner, offering her ideas to class discussions

Te Akerautangi Mio - for stepping up and being a great Ariki in Piako Rimu

Piako Rata

Teana Liuvaie - for being a great role model in Piako Rata

Elamaine Taewa - for stepping up as a leader in Piako Rata

Pae Ake

Harley Burn - for a positive start to school

Casey Brown - for being an enthusiastic role model in Pae Ake

Anika Hori - for leading the way with confidence and mana

Addison Green - for having a great attitude towards school and learning

Poutama

Ada Taffkovitch - for a super positive attitude towards ALL learning

Aurora Kiriona - for being an all round role model in Poutama

Quinn Morland - for proactively looking to contribute to Poutama

Pounamu Atawhai

Imogen Wood - for being flexible and giving new things a go in our class

Haali Sarawanan - for being an excellent tuakana and leading by example

Sterling Rossiter - for having a wonderful start to the year



Term Dates

TERM THREE

Week 3

Thurs 15th February - Community Night

Week 4

Thurs 22nd February - Riverdale Football Start

Week 7

Wed 13th March - School Swimming Sports (Y4-6)

Week 8

Tues 19th March - Weetbix Tryathlon

Week 9

Mon 25th March - Interschool Swimming

Fri 29th March - Good Friday, School CLOSED

Week 10

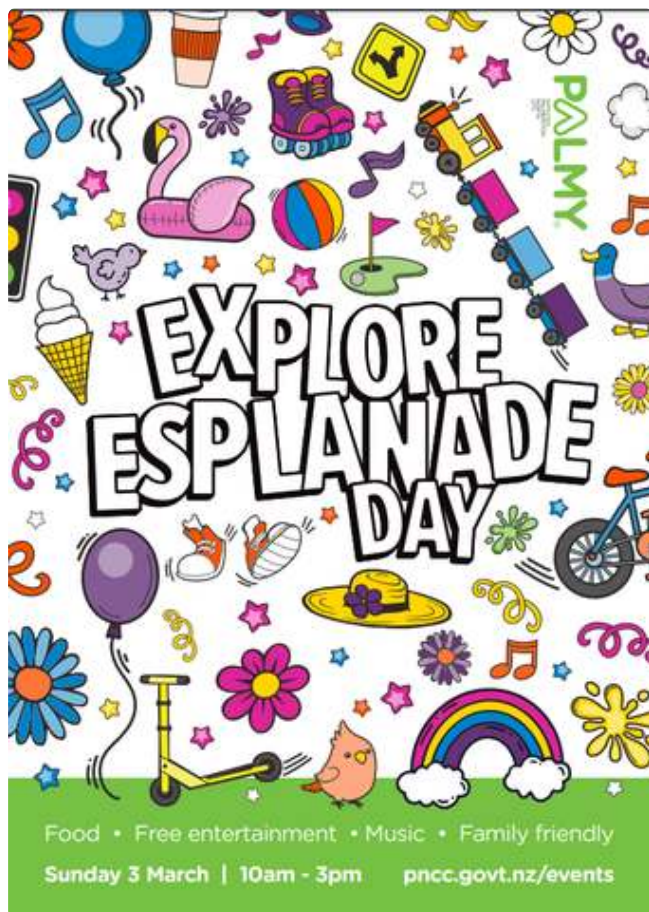
Mon 1st April - Easter Monday, School CLOSED
Tues 2nd April - Easter Tuesday , School CLOSED

Week 11
Fri 12th April - Last Day of Term 1

TERM TWO

Mon 29th April - First day of Term 2

After School Activities and Events



Kick Start Hockey Programme 2024

Aged Year 3 – 8

This Programme is designed for any tamariki wanting to kick start their love for the game of hockey Or just want to dust off their skills from the summer break before the winter season starts. This programme is great for both new players and experienced players.

25th February – 10th March 9am-10am with a game day on Sunday 17th March.

\$60 per child. Please get in touch with Hannah if you have any questions

pdo@hockeymanawatu.org.nz or

Click the link below or head to our website to register.

<https://www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/register/50b3bd>





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