



KIA ORA – GREETINGS

JARED'S MESSAGE

Tēnā koutou katoa,

It is nice to see the sun come out a bit more over the last two weeks! It certainly makes a difference when tamariki and staff get the opportunity to soak up the sun and get some fresh air during the day.

Teacher Only Day

A reminder we have a Teacher Only Day on **Friday 15 September** (Week 9). All staff will be attending a professionally-led workshop throughout the day to further strengthen our understanding of student behaviour and how we can respond effectively in a variety of different situations.

Basketball

Congratulations to our Basketball teams this year. Finals were held last week and this Wednesday. Our Year 3-4 Breakers team and Year 5-6 Bulls won their respective final, with an impressive display of skill and growth over the year. Our Year 5-6 Pistons made it all the way to the final but unfortunately went down to Central Normal in the last half. Thank-you to Kerry Bradhsaw, Katie Widlake, Sharon Udy, Kev Whitta and Racheal O'Dea for your outstanding effort with training and commitment to your team. We recognise the time and effort you put into your team over two terms and we are sincerely grateful.

Mathex

It was great to see Riverdale enter 4 teams into Mathex last week. The excitement and joy on students' faces when they put on the tracksuit for the event was so good! The results were impressive and we are very proud. Thank-you to teachers Janine McIntyre and Joshua Lion for their commitment and training over the term with the teams.

West End Visit

Our Ricoh Sports tournament (Year 5-6) is coming up and is scheduled for Thursday 7 September. We have had a really bad patch of weather and sickness that has interrupted training so we have organised a school exchange with West End School. They will be visiting us here at our Kura. All teams and codes will be playing at the same time. A notice has been sent home for all those involved.



To our new student:

We wish you happy days at Riverdale School
Jackson B, Ayla D & Alexa D

TE AO MĀORI

MANAAKI WHENUA.
MANAAKI TANGATA.
HAERE WHAKAMUA.

Care for the land, care for
the people, Go forward



Community Consultation

Thank-you to all those who have contributed to our Community Consultation that was sent out last week. It is really important that we get your voice to help determine the direction of Riverdale School in the future. We have had many groups and ways of consulting with our families over the year which will all contribute to our strategic plan. I will be sharing what we have collated with our community at the end of the term.

Kia Kaha
Jared Bron

INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY

In Week 8, we will celebrate *International Literacy Day*. This is a time to remember the importance that literacy has in our lives. Throughout the week we will run a variety of activities in our classes and Ara Uenuku.

On **Friday 8th September** children are invited to bring in a pre-loved, good condition book to be donated to Hokowhitu Hidden Books and the Women's Refuge, or a new book which will be gift wrapped and put under the KMart Wishing Tree as a gift for someone in need.

Children are invited to dress up as a character from their favourite book to celebrate the day. Some easy ideas are Pete the Cat, Charlie from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Where's Wally, Itchy the Witch, Cat in the Hat or Thelma the Unicorn.

This is an opportunity for us to share the joy of reading in our community.



DAFFODIL DAY

A big thank you to everyone that made a donation to the Cancer Society for Daffodil Day. We were able to contribute just on **\$500** to this wonderful cause.

Congratulations to the following children who won a prize in our Daffodil Day colouring in competition. Aria H, Marlee B, Gaia G, Tanya Y, Eliza R and Katie W.



Piako Rātā and Pae Ake made some outstanding slices for the Arohanui Hospice which will be an amazing treat for the volunteers and visitors over the weekend.



TE AO MAORI

Kia Ora e te whānau,
He mihinui ki ngā kaiako mā! Thank you very much to our kaiako who are on their herenga (journey) to strengthen their reo. Our akomanga (classroom) is filled weekly with kaiako who are passionate and eager to ako (learn). Tahī Gotty, our kaiako lays down a wero (challenge) and by the end of our session we are reciting karakia, whakatauki and using kupuhau (new words). Visual learning through Te Ataarangi has been very beneficial for us all.

Kia kaha tō reo Māori!

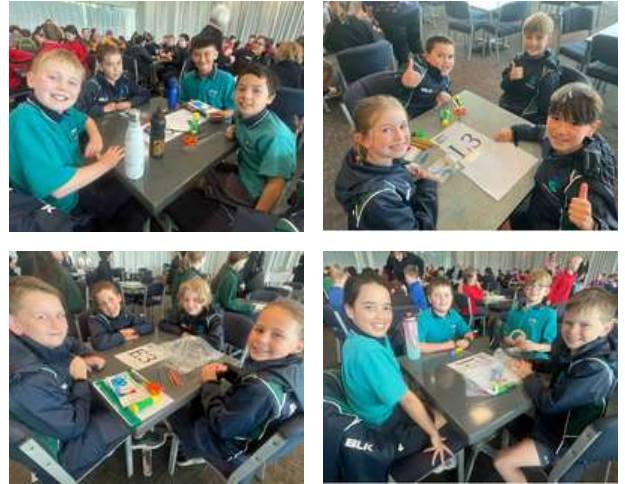


MATHEX

Last week we took a group of 16 young mathematicians to the Awapuni Racecourse for the 2023 regional Mathex Competition. Our Challenge teams managed to come away with 2 golds while our Year 6 Competition team tied for 8th.

Both teams demonstrated the values of Riverdale outstandingly,

Ka mau te wehi!



DANCE EXPLORERS

The Dance Explorers have had a busy few weeks preparing for the upcoming Dance NZ Made competition. The team has been having regular practices, including Sundays, in preparation for next Friday's regional competition.

The team also recently travelled by bus to the Globe Theatre to watch the Hunting of the Snark, put on by a local Dance School.

We sincerely wish the Dance Explorers all the very best for their upcoming competition.



PIAKO RUA



Piako Rātā and Piako Rimu have been running Art Workshops to learn some new art techniques before we produce our Calendar Art at the end of term. We have used a variety of different mediums such as: dye, pencil, watercolours, collage and pastels. It has been a lot of fun and our art skills are improving!!

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM – WELLINGTON TRIP

The Communications Team hopped on the train last Friday at 6.15am. We had a beautiful morning on the train to Wellington and our first stop was Parliament. We had a private tour and met with our local MP Tangi Utikere and fired him some questions about leadership. We then made our way to 'Capital E' where we made our own professional movie in a studio called Alien Invasion. [Watch it here.](#)

We also visited the National Library and saw the original Te Tiriti Document which was rather special! We finished the day by getting McDonalds for dinner to have on the train ride home. Thank you to Whaea Selina, Karina and Mr Bron for organising the trip for our amazing Communications Team!



"Our trip was really exciting. It was neat to go to Parliament. We felt special being able to go into the Press Room. Seeing all the Barbies at the museum across the road from Capital E, was cool too. It was funny when Mr Bron got in the Ken box and pretended to be Ken" - Estella L

"I loved being able to go on a train without a parent. The movie making was super fun. I was the presenter. I got to get all dressed up and even wore a mini microphone. I have never had the opportunity to be on TV before. The fact that it was all recorded live and there was no editing made it all the more exciting. Mr Bron raced some kids on the computer. He won ALL the races! "

- Kate P



"I loved the whole trip but my favourite part was going to Capital E. We got to make a movie like the professionals. We also got to play and design our own games. Thanks Mr Bron, Whaea Selina and Karina for organizing the trip." - Ava W

"My favourite part of the Comms trip was when Mr Bron took us to Capital E, it was an incredible experience. Emily was a really good teacher. She taught us how to create our own game, you could make it about whatever you wanted. After that we played a racing game with different levels and each level you got a new car. The second thing we did at Capital E was we used the green screen to make a movie about an alien invasion. I played the part of the Prime Minister and Maelee was my reporter." - Vanessa W



"I found it interesting. I never knew that every area has their own MP. We got to go into the Press Room. I learnt that the media shouts out at the person speaking. Whoever is the loudest reporter gets to ask the question. A long time ago, instead of voting they used to go into a Yes or No room. Whoever had the most in each room won. The ceilings in Parliament are really beautiful." - Sophia



"The Comms team trip was really fun. It was also a new experience for me to go on a train. Parliament was interesting and I learned lots of new things about the Beehive. My favourite part was movie making at Capital E about an alien invasion. The train ride there and back was full of laughter, card games and lots of lollies. Overall the trip was great and a big thank you to Mr Bron, Whaea Selina and Karina for an amazing experience." - Maelee Y



WINTER SPORTS WRAP UP

It has been an amazing season for all our winter sports teams. We have had a number of children participating in Hockey, Basketball, Table Tennis and FlippaBall throughout the last 2 terms.

Lots of our teams have had amazing seasons getting through to finals and success throughout the season.

A huge thank you to all of our coaches, managers and parents. Without you the children would not be able to play and would miss out on the many opportunities that sports provide.

BASKETBALL



HOCKEY



BOYS NETBALL

Last Friday, Michaela from Netball Manawatu dropped by to run a Fun Netball session for senior boys. With the goal of increasing participation of males in netball, this proved very popular. The 21 boys learned some traditional netball drills before donning bibs and having a go at a 6-aside



POUTAMA – QUIDDAGE

The 'Quiddage' process involves Poutama and Pounamu Atawhai, establishing a business, selling a product, advertising and running a market stall.

Children are encouraged to develop a product at home that they would like to sell during our Quiddage Market Days. Ideas include Arts, Crafts, Construction and Activities. Children brainstorm product ideas at school and earn 'snidges' throughout the year to spend during our Quiddage Market Days.

Each business is required to spend a minimal amount of 'real' money outside the classroom (under \$5). It is a fantastic opportunity for the children to explore Financial Literacy, Market Research, Advertising, Health and Safety and operating a business.

Today Poutama held the first Quiddage. The children had some amazing products to sell. We sincerely thank our parent community for helping support us at home with our Quiddage Financial Literacy Programme.



CONGRATULATIONS – NEW BABY

Congratulations to Hannah and Rhys Pedersen on the arrival of their new baby daughter Quinn. A little sister for Miller.



LITERACY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEBINARS

WEBINARS

THURS 24TH AUG – BELINDA WHYTE (RTLIT):
Reading for Pleasure – Building a Culture of Reading in your classroom or school

THURS 31ST AUG – JUDY AITKEN (READING RECOVERY EXPERT):
Transitioning to Guided Reading – 'Ensuring a powerful start to Guided Reading. Avoiding the risks of too early initiation to this rigorous teaching approach for our young Akonga'

THURS 7 SEPT – KERRI THOMPSON (TWINKL) AND SANDRA HOWARD (TAMATEA INTERMEDIATE):
#NZReadaloud – The importance and versatility of centering connected read-alouds in your classroom. From dialogic talk to IT skills – it has it all!

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... and Literary Lab For Girls

2 Day Program \$250 – 4 Day Program \$395

NZF INTRO TO FUTSAL

Date: Saturday 16th September

Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm

Venue: MCA Indoor Centre - Ongley Park

Cost: FREE

Register: via MYCOMET

Central Football

For more info contact CDO Mikaela Bouwmeester | mikaela@centralfootball.co.nz

CONSERVATION WEEK

To get some ideas about how we could take action for nature this Conservation Week, a group of senior enviro enthusiasts went to Wildbase for the day to take part in a Conservation Hui. We were joined by 4 other schools from around Palmerston North. The children enjoyed a range of hands-on activities. We even came home with a pile of goodies to help kick start some projects around the school.



POUTAMA

The children in Poutama have been busy learning all about animation. They are aiming to create an animation to retell a Māori legend. This challenge involves a lot of preparation work. The children have learnt how to make a slideshow animation, an animation using Scratch, and to make a Stop Motion animation.

They have rewritten their legend and created a storyboard as part of the planning for their animation. We are very much looking forward to seeing their wonderful animations when they are finished. Ka mau te wehi Poutama.



PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Piako Tahi

Asher P - for putting lots of effort into his learning.

Noah C - for showing how to be a confident Ariki (leader) during gymnastics. ka pai tō mahi!

Piako Rimu

Evie D- for your continued persistence in learning

Zena S: for always showing your enthusiasm towards learning

Piako Rātā

Eleanor Z - for always having a positive attitude towards learning

Katie W - for her positive attitude towards learning

Pae Ake

Josh W - for his renewed enthusiasm towards learning

Celine M - for always striving to do her best and responding well to feedback

Pippa C - for her cheerfulness, enthusiasm and helpfulness in Pae Ake

Poutama

Penelope B - for displaying perseverance and determination to improve her maths knowledge

Ethan B - for putting a lot of effort into developing his Place Value strategy. Ka rawe!

Amberley S - For being a kind and inclusive member of Poutama

Pounamu Atawhai

Ryleigh C - For consistently having a positive attitude and giving her best in all areas of school.

Eli M - for striving for excellence in all areas, and growing in confidence

Jed B - For making the most out of all the Year 6 extra opportunities available

Arabella T - A caring and conscientious class member



TERM DATES

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

Term 3 2023

Week 7

Dance NZ Made Regional Competition - Fri 1st Sept

Week 8

RICOH Sports Tournament - Thurs 7th September
World Literacy Day Book Character Day - Fri 8th Sept
Dance NZ Made National Competition - Sat 9th Sept

Week 9

Teacher Only Day - Fri 15th September

Week 10

Last Day of Term 3 - Friday 22nd September

Term 4 2023

First Day of Term 4 - Monday 9th October