



KIA ORA - GREETINGS

JARED'S MESSAGE

Spring is finally here, and the sunshine and rise in temperature is very much welcome!

PTA Grocery Grab

A special thank you to our community for supporting our dedicated PTA with our Grocery Grab initiative. We look forward to using these funds to further improve our outdoor spaces for all tamariki now and into the future.

Community Consultation

Thank you to our Riverdale Whanau for taking the time to give us your feedback over the last few weeks. This was presented to the BOT last night. The analysis of community voice will be shared with the community by the end of Term 3. This will be a major contributing factor in forming our direction for our school into the future.

Sun Protection

This is a great time to dust off or purchase a sunhat from the office ready for summer as we want to make sure our tamariki are protected out in the sun. Hats can be purchased directly from the school office for \$10.

Dance Explorers

Best of luck to Georgia, Mrs Lunn and the team heading to Nationals on Saturday at the Regent! So good to see the commitment and smiles from the crew during training sessions at school

Have a lovely Weekend!

Jared Bron

Tumuaki

TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI

Week 9 is Te wiki o te reo Māori - Māori Language week. This year the Māori Explorers decided to create activities that tamariki can participate in to build on the fun and excitement of speaking reo. Watch out for activities for the whole whānau to do next week. Kia kaha te reo Māori!



To our new student:

We wish you happy days at Riverdale School
Blake M

TE AO MĀORI



TEACHERS ONLY DAY

A reminder that we have our Teacher Only Day next Friday 15th September. This is a scheduled day for our staff to focus on their Professional Development.

QUIDDAGE

Quiddage continues in the senior school with Pounamu Atawhai hosting their first market day last week. As always, it was a hive of excitement and the teachers were blown away with the variety of creative goods and services for sale.

The sales sheets provide children with a rich opportunity to engage in Financial Literacy as they calculate their earnings and work out any taxes or rebates they have received. Forgetting to record sales can result in losing money and children quickly learn the importance of taking their time and recording sales correctly as they go.



RICOH – WEST END

West End school visited last week for a mini sports exchange. This was in preparation for our upcoming RICOH tournament at the Arena. It was such a nice way to strengthen ties with another school in our cluster and foster relationships with others. The message that was given to all players is that we compete and represent our school with pride, but not to forget that we all represent Manawatu! He waka eke noa. We are all in this waka together.



NGĀ TEWHATEHWA – PNINS KAPA HAKA WORKSHOP

Ngā Tewhatehwa were lucky enough to be invited to Palmerston North Intermediate School for a Kapa Haka workshop. Pā Gillen organised this kaupapa and it was a great opportunity for our tamariki to share their love for Te Ao Haka with other tamariki around Manawātū. Alongside us were College Street School, Hokowhitu, Winchester and PNINS. Ngā Tewhatehwa tamariki loved this experience and we were asked to perform in front of everyone that was there. Of course our kids were amazing and showed how much Mana and passion they have for Kapa Haka and represented Riverdale School to the highest level! Ka mau te wehi tamariki ma!



CONGRATULATIONS EMILY

Last term we congratulated Emily N on the acceptance of her artwork in Toitōi, a NZ journal for young writers and artists. Last week the journal was published and Emily received her copy in the mail. Well done Emily! We are extremely proud of you.



TOURNAMENT OF MINDS

An extremely talented group of children from Pounamu Atawhai took part in the Tournament of Minds Regional Event at Whakarongo School on Saturday 26th August. They performed long-term challenges in the area of Language Literature and The Arts. Teams had been working on their performances for this section over the last 6 weeks. They also took part in a spontaneous challenge which they had to complete on the day.

Both teams managed to come away with first place for their categories. What an outstanding achievement that has seen them secure a spot at the Nationals in Wellington in September!



DANCE EXPLORERS

Last Friday, our Dance Explorers team took part in the first Dance NZ Made Regional here in Palmerston North. The dancers took part in workshops during the day and then performed on stage at night. Our very talented dance team came Second Runner Up on the night, qualifying them for Nationals on Saturday. We sincerely wish them the very best as they compete to try and earn the National Year 3-6 title.



INTERNATIONAL LITERACY WEEK

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

International Literacy Week started off with a Teddy Bears Picnic at lunchtime. It was wonderful to see so many children come and read together.



VISITING AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

As part of their International Literacy celebration, Piako Rua were fortunate to have Kaye Arnott and Laura Wenden-Green, the author and illustrator of The Dog and The Mog book series, come and visit them.

Kaye was able to tell us where her inspiration for her books came from and about her cat that she based the main character Mavis on.

Laura showed us some of her earlier drawings of the characters.

After this, Piako Rua decided to make their own books. Take a look at some of them. What a fantastic job they did



BOOK CHARACTER DAY

Our Book Character Day was a huge success. Children were dressed in a variety of characters and they all looked amazing.

Even our teachers got fully involved. What an amazing bunch they are!

We had an outstanding number of books donated that will be shared with a number of community groups.

This afternoon Piako Tahī and Piako Rua were lucky enough to have Rhonda and Laura from the Palmerston North City and Awapuni Libraries come and visit them. They read us some of their favourite stories.



RICOH TOURNAMENT

The Ricoh Sports tournament went ahead yesterday for our Year 5-6 students. It was fantastic to see excited tamariki receive their tracksuits and get on the bus in the morning. It is a great chance to focus on playing for a team and managing our behaviour appropriately when we win and lose. We are so proud of both the skill and attitude on the day!

Thank-you to Mr Lion, Rachel O'Dea, Lisa McLean, Manu Durie and Mel Mabey for their mahi in this space. Results will be published in the next newsletter



SCHOOL DOCS

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<https://riverdale.schooldocs.co.nz/> (Username: Riverdale Password: Empowering)

MANAWATU CRICKET IN SCHOOLS

Piako Tahī, Piako Rua and Pae Ake have been enjoying the warmer weather this week by getting outside with Manawatu Cricket to learn some cricket skills. The children played lots of fun games that got them practising their throwing and catching with tennis balls



TERM DATES

Events are also on the Parent Calendar via the School App and on the School Website;
Term 3 2023

Week 8

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

Week 1

Bike Safety Program Y5/6 - Tues 10th to Thurs 19th Oct

Week 2

Rippa Rugby Starts - Thurs 19th October

Week 3

El Ranco Camp Parent Meeting - Thursday 26th October

School Disco - Friday 27th October

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Patiki

Poutokomanawa N - for his creative animation about Maui and the Sun

Piako Tahī

Marcus B - for showing amazing leadership in Piako Tahī! Ka Rawe.

Corbyn O - for trying his best in all areas of his learning.

Piako Rimu

Soma F - for a great attitude towards all areas of his learning, in particular his writing.

Leo W - for an amazing attitude to learning and making progress in Reading

Piako Rātā

Maia J - for being an outstanding role model in Piako Rātā

Lane J - for persisting with your learning with a smile

Pae Ake

Laura C - for always striving to do her best

Aurora B - for her renewed confidence and dedication to maths

Kaino T - for his enthusiasm and persistence to writing his story

Poutama

Meleane T - For displaying creativity in her animation

Kate P - for her hard mahi with her writing and editing her spelling words.

Penny M - For great effort in her reading and math. Ka rawe!

Pounamu Atawhai

Samuel F - For awesome effort and determination in his writing.

Dom N - For showing kindness and awhina to his classmates and leadership in the classroom. Ka rawe!

Enya M - For always striving to achieve her goals

Tanya Y - for showing determination and effort in all areas of learning.



Ako Tech

HOLIDAY PROGRAM



Metaverse, AI Design, Coding & Robotics



... and Literary Lab For Girls



2 Day Program \$230 - 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



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

TRUE Hoops

LITTLES SPRING CAMP

BASKETBALL SKILLS & DRILLS
 FUN & FUNDAMENTALS
 BOYS & GIRLS 5-8 YEARS OLD

Date: **OCTOBER 4TH** Time: **9.00AM - 1.00PM** Cost: **\$40**

Arena 3, Arena Manawatu, Pascal Street

Register for Littles camp at:
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Sunday Sept 10th

**Victoria Esplanade
Palmerston North**

Enter Online Only
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A fun event for kids who love being out on their bikes