

KIA ORA – GREETINGS

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

MATARIKI CELEBRATIONS

It was fantastic to see staff, community and tamariki bind together to produce an open night to celebrate Matariki. Community hangi, waiata, celebrations and student led learning celebrated with our community was special. Seeing the lead up with students preparing the hangi, table decorations, setting up and being part of the process was outstanding! Thank you again to all involved and our community for supporting the event.

SUPPORT STAFF WEEK

This week we had time to recognise our amazing support staff we have at Riverdale School with a special morning tea and small gestures of appreciation. These incredible people we have in our school help students with various needs, help our school run smoothly and support our teachers in the classroom. Their passion and dedication is an asset to our Kura!

SCHOOLWIDE PAINTING

You may have noticed that our kura is being painted and we look forward to seeing the final outcome. This will certainly brighten and freshen up our school to keep it looking sharp! Please be mindful when entering the school grounds as they are working during school hours. Have a safe and amazing break during the holidays.

Ngā mihi

Jared Bron

KANOHI KI TE KANOHI – PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Kanohi ki te Kanohi (Face to face Parent/Teacher Interviews) are scheduled for Wednesday 19 June and Thursday 20 July next term.

School will finish early on both days at 1pm to give sufficient time for one on one conversations with whanau teachers.

It is important that all caregivers book a time with whanau teachers to reflect and make new learning goals, share progress and data and continue to navigate our reporting tool called HERO. The link and information will come out via HERO today.



To our new student:

We wish you happy days at Riverdale School
Iverson W & Kate W

TE AO MĀORI



WELCOME BACK TO LAUREN PYLE

We would like to welcome back Lauren Pyle after her year's sabbatical overseas. Lauren will be back as Team Leader and Teacher in Piako Tahī next term. A special thank you to Carol Roberts for the amazing work she has done looking after our newest members of Riverdale School. Carol will continue to work throughout the school as a release teacher.

SCHOOL FENCE

As you will have noticed the new school fence is almost completed.

The gates will be opened at 8.30am when the school opens and then closed again at 9am when the bell goes. If you drop your children at school before or after these times the gates are unlocked but will be closed. Our smaller children will not be able to open these gates on their own. Just a reminder that you may need to open the gates to ensure that they are not stuck outside the school grounds. The last part to be completed will be concrete nibs beside the gates which will assist with access. These should be completed over the holidays.



KI-O-RAHI TOURNAMENT

After a term of hard mahi Riverdale sent two teams along to the Regional Ki-O-Rahi Tournament. This was organised by Kelly's Sports and Best Care Whakapai Hauora.

Pā Jayden and Chris came in each week and alongside Mr Carter helped coach both teams.

We had a very successful day with Riverdale Kakariki coached on the day by Kiran, only losing one round robin game. Riverdale Kikorangi made it undefeated to the semi finals against Ashhurst School. Riverdale was triumphant making the Grand Final against Cloverlea. The final was a nail biter with the final score of 18-17 to Cloverlea.

A fantastic effort and a great day had by all. A huge ngā mihi nui to the large parent support, the well behaved kids, and a fantastically organised event by Craig from Kelly's Sports and the Kaimahi from Whakapai Hauora.



SCHOOL DATES 2024

School start dates for Term 1 2024.

Tuesday 30th & Wednesday 31st January 2024 - Kanohi ki te Kanohi (Parent Teacher Interviews)

Thursday 1st February 2024 - First day for all students

POUTAMA - AHIMATE PLANTING

Last week Poutama met PNCC down by Ahimate Park to plant native New Zealand Flax - harakeke. We planted a lot of these young harakeke in the greenery around the walkway. The roots from the harakeke will make the dirt stronger around them so if another flood happens there will be less erosion. Our tamariki were exceptional kaitiaki - guardians, for our community. We cleaned up the grass areas as we went and took all of our rubbish with us. Planting during Matariki signifies new beginning and new growth. What an amazing way to celebrate Matariki in our Community. Ngā mihi mo to awahi, Poutama ma



MATARIKI CONCERT & HĀNGĪ

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou! Thank you so much for all of your mahi and support. We had great support through wood donations, newspaper donations, and bringing kai in for our hāngī crew.

Thank you to VJay and Margaret at Four Square Awapuni for creating some amazing kai for our workers. We appreciate your continued support.

Ngā mihi mo to waiata, tamariki ma! You were absolutely wonderful! We are so proud of your mahi.

Thanks to Brent Speirs at PTS Logistics for kindly donating his truck to house our performers.

Thank you to New World Pioneer for all their support and for donating bread for our Hāngī.

Thank you to our Hāngī Crew, we could not do this without you. From digging the hole, collecting wood, lighting the fire early and looking after our kai until it was ready. We really appreciate all that you do.



PAE TAMARIKI

Pae Tamariki, a first for Riverdale! On Monday Ngā Tewhawha created Riverdale school history! Our kids took the stage with mana and kaha and did themselves, whānau, kura and community proud. Ngā mihi, Whaea Hannah, for all of your hardwork in making these ākonga stage ready. Mrs Peck came to watch and was blown away listening to the tama who blew the conch shell, it was her parting gift upon her retirement last year.

Thank you to our supporters who joined us at the Regent to help with moko, dressing and getting our tamariki prepared. We appreciate your tautoko, support.

He iti te mokoroa, nāna i kati te kahikatea

The mokoroa (grub) may be small, but it cuts through the Kahikatea.

This whakatauki reflects that small things can have a great impact. It encourages us to think big

RIGHT CHOICE DAY

Today we celebrated the end of the term with a Pyjama Day. Our tamariki loved coming to school in their PJs. They enjoyed a movie with popcorn in the hall and a sausage sizzle organised by our fabulous PTA for lunch. It was the perfect end to a very busy and exciting term.



KIND HEARTS – SOCK PUPPETS

Pounamu Atawhai had a wonderful time making sock puppets for the children in Piako Tahi and at Riverdale Kindergarten. They decorated bags to put them in and wrote some lovely Kind Hearts cards to introduce the puppet to its new owner. Well done!



RIVERDALE FLIPPA BALL

This term we had two enthusiastic teams play in the FlippaBall competition held at the Lido. The teams have come a long way this term in both skills and teamwork. Riverdale Orcas finished in 1st place overall and are all very excited about playing again next term. Thank you to Ngaire and Amanda for giving up your time to coach these teams.



FOOTBALL FANTAILS



SPECIAL OFFER – NOEL LEEMING

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Kura Whānau
 Teachers, School Support Staff,
 Parents, Students & Community

The deals you've been waiting for!
 (Excludes 10% - 30th July 2023)

cost + 5% on all fresh vegetables	cost + 5% on all milk and cream	cost + 7.5% on all fresh fruit
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Plus, cost* + 10% deals storewide.
 Excludes 1000*

20% off all
 toys, outdoor
 & product
 protection

10% off all
 books and
 stationery

10% off all
 fresh produce
 & seafood

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TERM DATES

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

Term 2 2023

Week 10

Last day of Term 2 - Friday 30th June

Term 3 2023

First Day of Term 3 - Monday 17th July

Week 1

Kanohi ki te Kanohi (Learning Conversations) -

Wed 19th & Thurs 20th July

PNINS Showcase Visit - Thursday 20th July (All Y6's)

Week 3

Monrad Intermediate Showcase - Tuesday 1st August

(All Y6's)

Week 4

Kind Hearts Reg. Event - Tues 8th August Y1-4

Kind Hearts Reg. Event - Wed 9th August Y5-6

Childrens University Massey Visit - Thu 10th August

Week 5

Communications Team Wellington Trip - Friday 18th

August

SUPPORT STAFF WEEK

This week is Support Staff Week, where we acknowledge the fantastic work these staff members do. Riverdale School is a better place because of the quality and expertise of these people. Our support staff go above and beyond to care for students, assist with learning, and maintain a safe and nurturing school environment.

Our Learning Assistants, Maryanne, Kelly, Karina, Pieta and Lynne, play an essential role in supporting students in their day-to-day activities. They provide additional help to students who need extra assistance, offer guidance and encouragement, and contribute to creating a supportive and inclusive place for all our tamariki. They sincerely care about our kids. Our Office staff, Tracey and Kerry, play a crucial role in supporting the daily operations at our school. From phone calls, and newsletters to payroll and attending to the bumps and bruises from the playground. Their multitasking abilities, administrative skills and care for our people are greatly appreciated. Our fantastic Caretaker, Rachael, ensures our school grounds look amazing and the environment is safe for us to enjoy.

Thank you to our Support Staff from our Teaching Staff, Our Tamariki and our Community.

It takes a village to raise a child, and support staff play an important role in that.

Success is not the work of an individual, but the support, contribution and work of many.

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ALWAYS THERE
FOR US

Making our
school a
better place

Riverdale
Support
Staff

HAPPINESS

Thank you

Helpful

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL
TO HAVE YOU.



Matariki





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