



JARED'S MESSAGE

It's hard to believe that we are halfway through Term 4 and nearing the Christmas break! The school calendar is full and we have plenty of exciting events to enjoy before school wraps up for the year.

EOTC (Education Outside The Classroom) saw our senior teams head off to camp and enjoy El Rancho. I was especially impressed with the resilience, manners and respect shown by students, both to each other, and on-site camp leaders. A huge thank-you to our parent helpers who were amazing. With only a little sleep and lots of coffee, they all gave everything to make the experience one to remember. Thank you to Janine McIntyre and our kaiako who were incredible behind the scenes organising everything so that camp remained safe but challenging. Our Junior team headed off for a day trip to the Esplanade and to explore along the way. This was a great chance to stretch their legs, build resilience and see parts of Palmerston North with friends. Again we had parent volunteers who put their hand up to make this possible. You are awesome! Thank you to Sarah Best and the junior teachers for making this happen and your organisation behind the scenes.

Please keep an eye out for our last consultation piece for the year that will be sent out via HERO. This is centred around our Health Curriculum, what we offer and what is valued by our community. This feedback will be part of our two-year strategic plan moving forward.

We have our Summer Finale coming up on Thursday 7 December. This is the Finals of our Rippa Rugby Module with presentations after the last round at 5 pm. We will then have a stage set up ready to see performances across the school including Te Puawai, Dance Explorers, Choir, School Band and a few surprises. Please mark this evening on your calendar. It would be great to see the community support all the mahi our students have done over the year!

School organisation, classroom plans and cohort groupings across the school will be sent out in our next Newsletter in Week 8. We have some exciting additions to our teaching staff that we are looking forward to sharing.

Have a great weekend!

Jared Bron



To our new students:

We wish you happy days at Riverdale School
Hannah M, Himayat N-M, Suhana N-M and Haidee T

TE AO MĀORI



TEACHER ONLY DAY

A reminder that there will be a Teacher Only Day at school on Wednesday 22nd November. This is a scheduled day for our staff to focus on their Professional Development.

NZEI CELEBRATIONS

Last week we celebrated the Full Registration of two of our amazing kaiako at Riverdale School. Hannah Carter and Josh Lion have successfully completed their two year registration under the guidance of our two experienced mentor teachers, Jo Lunn and Lauren Pyle. We are very proud of their achievements and look forward to their contribution to Riverdale School in the future.



EL RANCHO CAMP

Last week our senior teams headed down to Waikanae to take part in a three day camp at El Rancho. Tamariki were kept busy with a range of activities and it was wonderful to see them demonstrate confidence and resilience as they faced new challenges.



We were extremely impressed with the level of manners displayed during our stay. It was a great reminder of how lucky we are to have such a stunning group of young learners here at Riverdale School.

A huge thank you to the parents who came along to support with this camp. You were such a fun and interactive team who made sure the children in your group got the most out of every activity.

Also to the PTA, thanks for your contribution towards the overall camp cost. You are always there to support our children and make sure they are able to have these extra opportunities. We are very grateful for your mahi.



EPRO8 CHALLENGE

In Pounamu Atawhai this term, even with Camp, some of our engineering, mathematics and electronic whizz kids have been working hard practising for EPro8.

They have been preparing for the last few months to compete in the EPro8 tournament. They practised building creations, following instructions, measuring and wiring up all sorts of crazy things.

This year the Riverdale Ratchets and the Riverdale Rivets headed off to Whakarongo to battle it out amongst 12 teams to make it into the grand final.

We had a tough challenge of making a fully automated car wash or a hurricane-proof classroom with an extendable lightning rod. After 2 and ½ hours the Rivets were lucky enough to tie for first and make it into the grand final the next day.

In the grand final they were given a computer game challenge. They had to choose to make a balloon-eating Pacman, a space invader alien, a Dance Dance Revolution machine or use our puzzle skills to design a mega game of Tetris.

After making a Tetris machine and having a bit of a dance. We all had no idea if we scored enough points. But then they flashed the winning team across the screen RIVERDALE RIVETS GRAND FINAL CHAMPIONS!



MONRAD INTERMEDIATE ORIENTATION VISIT

On Thursday 23rd November, all enrolled tamariki for 2024 are welcome to attend an afternoon orientation programme at Monrad Intermediate.

Children will travel to and from Monrad Intermediate by bus. The afternoon orientation programme will begin at 1.00 pm and finish at 2.30 pm. This is an opportunity for students to meet staff and engage in some of the activities on offer at Monrad Intermediate.

PTA CIRCUS SCHOOL DISCO

It was great to see students attend our PTA disco on Wednesday night. The school was a buzz of excitement throughout the week in preparation for the circus themed disco. Our PTA put in a lot of effort to give students a chance to relax and have fun with friends.



ESPLANADE TRIP – JUNIOR SCHOOL

Last Wednesday, as part of our Education Outside the Classroom, the Junior School spent the day at The Esplanade. It was a fabulous day with so many fantastic parent helpers who made the day possible! Our Junior School children walked to and from The Esplanade, completed a variety of outdoor activities, played on the playground and enjoyed eating lunch and ice blocks under the trees. We were so proud of how resilient and well behaved our Riverdale Juniors were out and about!



LEVEL 5 RECIPIENTS

This week Poutama celebrated two more fabulous Level Five recipients. A huge congratulations to Ruby J and Sophia W who were presented with their badges on Thursday. Mr Bron was impressed with the girls' level of commitment across the school and their positive attitude towards everything they do. These badges were very well deserved.



ATHLETICS DAY RESULTS

Congratulations to our Athletics Day overall winners! Points were counted up across all disciplines to recognise skills on display at the track. Our top qualifiers in the senior school will test their skills at the Manawatu Interscholar competition on Friday 1st December at the Massey Athletics track.

ATHLETICS PLACINGS

Year 6 Boys

1st Lukas H 2nd Kruz T 3rd Eden K

Year 6 Girls

1st Gaia G 2nd Penny G 3rd Sophia W

Year 5 Boys

1st Grayson W 2nd Cassiaus B 3rd Mack M

Year 5 Girls

1st Evie M 2nd Bella H 3rd Harper M

Year 4 Boys

1st Elijah L 2nd Zac P 3rd Dante W

Year 4 Girls

1st Nina M 2nd Emme C 3rd Charlotte W

Year 3 Boys

1st Lachlan H 2nd = Benjamin M & Cooper B
3rd Olly B

Year 3 Girls

1st Quinn M 2nd Eadie F-C 3rd= Elsie V & Ada T

Year 2 Boys

1st Jake H 2nd Scottie K-T 3rd Reid H

Year 2 Girls

1st Kora T 2nd Anika H 3rd Charlie Rose S

Year 1 Boys

1st Josiah T 2nd Te Akerautangi M 3rd Marcus B

Year 1 Girls

1st Frankie M 2nd Teana L 3rd Remy H

TABLE TENNIS

We had a fantastic day at the Manawatu Primary Schools Table Tennis Tournament. With 2 tables up in the hall over the past month, our team practised hard and showed huge improvements.

Riverdale were thrilled to come 2nd out of 8 teams. The girl's team placed 2nd and the boy's team placed 3rd. Jess C came 1st tied in the girl's "ball bounce" contest, lasting 6 minutes. Table tennis is a great game for all and we will keep the tables up as long as we can and start up an Inter-House Competition.



POUTAMA - WRITING

ATHLETICS DAY RECOUNT - BY RYAN W YEAR 5

It was Athletics Day and all of the kids were ready to jump the bar. The height was astonishing. I could see the sun glaring on the bar. I jumped! I cleared the bar at three quarters of a metre. Me, Bruno and Thomas got to one metre then we failed. We thought we did well.

It was time for sprints, it was nerve wracking getting put into heats. Our hearts were pumping the starter blocks clapped together and we were off heading to the finish line. I could see people catching up to me. I sped up and conquered the finish line.

Alright now for shot put. I could feel the cold shot put in the palm of my hand. I pushed the ball and got it to the white flag but it wasn't enough to get into the next round. It was morning tea time and everybody was hot and sweaty. After the break it was hurdles. We were not prepared for the hurdles to be this high, we ran and I didn't knock over a single hurdle! They were boiling hot so I didn't even want to touch them!



PACK THE BUS

On Tuesday 5th December, Riverdale School will be taking part in the annual **Pack the Bus** in association with Media Works. Our tamariki are invited to help pack their Transit Bus with toys and non-perishable foods for local charities Methodist Social Services and Barnadoes. This is a great opportunity for Riverdale School to support our community.



WELCOME TO RIVERDALE SCHOOL



TERM DATES

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

Term 4 2023

Week 7

Teacher Only Day - Wednesday 22nd November

Graduation for Children's University - Thursday 23rd November

Monrad Orientation Visit - Thursday 23rd November, 1:00 pm

Week 8

Interschool Athletics Day - Friday 1st December

Week 9

Road Patrol Training Yr 5's - Tuesday 5th December

Pack The Bus Visiting - Tuesday 5th December

Rippa Rugby Finals & Summer Finale Concert - Thursday 7th December

Road Patrol Movie Day Yr 6's - Friday 8th December

Certificate Assembly Yr 4-6 - Friday 8th December 2pm

Week 10

Right Choice Day - Thursday 14th December

Year 6 Leavers Breakfast - Friday 15th December at 9.00 am

Final Assembly - Friday 15th December at 11.00am

Last Day of Term - Friday 15th December

Term 1 2024

Kanohi ki te Kanohi (Learning Conversations) -

Tuesday 30th & Wednesday 31st January 2024

First Full Day for all Students - Thursday 1st February 2024

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Piako Tahī

Iverson W for always having an outstanding attitude towards his learning!

Jackson B for having a positive attitude towards all areas of his learning. Ka mau te wehi!

Piako Rimu

Frank J for always giving his best efforts to his learning. Keep it up!

Ela N for being an amazing Ariki within the team, always helping her peers

Piako Rātā

Jake H for your excellent attitude and growth in Reading

Miu M for being a great self Manager and having a positive attitude towards all learning!

Pae Ake

Alyssa S for having a positive attitude to learning in maths

Olly B for his positive attitude to learning

Ayaan S for being a welcoming friend to our new student

Poutama

Blade T for an outstanding attitude at Camp. You were AWESOME!

Maddy D for showing manaaki towards her peers, teachers and camp helpers. Tau ke!

Alexandra M for consistent effort and excellence in her learning.

Pounamu Atawhai

Te Huriwai H for showing confidence in class and always caring for those around her.

Alya E for bringing smiles to everyone's faces each day and always showing support! Me he te!

April M for striving for excellence in all that you do. Piki ake te tihi!

Tanya Y for presenting an interesting, informative slideshow about India.





E te tira hou, tēnā haramai! E te whānau o Monrad Te Kura Waenga o Tirohanga 2024, tēnā rā tātou katoa.

On **Thursday, 23rd November**, all enrolled ākonga tau 7 (Year 7 students, 2024) are welcome to attend an afternoon orientation programme here at the kura.

Ākonga from **Riverdale, Central Normal School, Te Kura o Wairau, Cloverlea, West End and Awapuni School** will be picked up by bus and returned afterwards.

All other ākonga will need to be dropped off and picked up by your own arrangement.

The afternoon orientation programme will begin at 1:00 pm and finish at 2:30 pm. As this is an opportunity for ākonga to meet staff and to engage in programmes/activities, we ask that parents/caregivers drop off and pick up only.

Our current ākonga will usher ākonga to our school hall on arrival.

We look forward to meeting the ākonga on Thursday, 23rd November.

Matt McCallum
(Tumuaki - Principal)

Lewis Karaitiana
(Tumuaki Tuarua - Deputy Principal)

SUMMER READING 2023-24

WHERE WILL YOU GO WITH YOUR READING THIS SUMMER?
SUMMER READING FOR AGES 4-10
I READ FOR AGES 11-13
LANGUAGE OPTIONS AVAILABLE

NOV 27 9AM REGISTRATIONS OPEN

DEC 04 PROGRAMME STARTS

JAN 25 PROGRAMME FINISHES

VISIT CITYLIBRARY.PNCC.GOVT.NZ OR SIGN INTO BEANSTACK

Activities: PĀNUI READ, HŌPARA EXPLORE, TŪHURA DISCOVER

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25th Nov 9am - 5pm

26th Nov 9am - 4pm

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