



TE AO MAORI

Kia Ora e te whānau,

We would just like to share some of our latest instalments around the kura. We have planted our harakeke in our Pā Harakeke, this is the gated off section behind Poutama. This is still a work in progress but we would like to draw your attention to the area and the Tikanga that goes behind it. This is not an area for tamariki to be running through and playing in. When our plants have matured, it will be open for whānau to use for their own weaving if they would like to. The gates need to stay closed as it is a sacred space, especially as our harakeke are establishing themselves. Thank you to Mrs McIntyre and her trusty helpers for planting our young harakeke.



We have also planted our Pohutakawa tree at the back of Poutama. This tree is a remembrance tree, and relates to the Pohutakawa Star in the Matariki cluster. Last year during our Matariki celebrations our whānau wrote messages on pieces of paper dedicated to their lost ones. We planted those messages with our tree to deepen our connection with our ancestors. Please have a look when you are in school next.



TEACHER STRIKE-THURS 16 MARCH

Riverdale School will be **closed on Thursday 16 March** due to a full-day strike for all PPTA and NZEI Union members (all teachers).

We know this is an inconvenience but we are taking this action to get the best possible outcomes and learning conditions for your child.



To our new students:

We wish you happy days at Riverdale School
Phyllis A & Max S



PLANT TO PLATE

The wonderful team from Plant to Plate came in for their first session with a group of Year 6's from Pounamu Atawhai. We enjoyed planting up the garden beds with our first crops of the season and cooking up a delicious lunch full of local produce. We look forward to having them back with us again in Week 10 to work with some more of our Year 6 ākonga.



HOUSE CAPTAINS

Congratulations to our House Captains who were elected for the role last Friday. Candidates delivered a short speech to their house outlining why they would make a great house captain or deputy. Students then voted to decide their representative for the year. We look forward to their contribution during house meetings and events this year. Well done team!



Kereru Captains
Kalais W & Jacob N
Deputy Captains
Bella H & Ryleigh C



Kakapo Captains
Lucas L & Gaia G
Deputy Captains
Grayson W & Michaela D



Tui Captains
Brooklyn J & Angus C
Deputy Captains
Maddy D & Alya E



Takahe Captains
Braxton B & Sophia W
Deputy Captain
Grayson B & Evie M

POUTAMA INQUIRY

Poutama's ākonga have been diving deep into our Ecology of Learning Inquiry. We have pulled apart the new Mātāpono values, dissected the characteristics of Te Whiringa Wha AND explored the Treaty of Waitangi and Te Tiriti o Waitangi. We had the pleasure of Angelique Reweti who came to korero with us about Te Titiriti o Waitangi. It was an amazing session and we learnt a lot of new facts. Angelique is not only one of our amazing Māmās but she is a Senior Lecturer at Massey University. She took us through 'Toia Mai' a much loved waiata in our Kura and explicitly pointed out how it relates to the Treaty of Waitangi.

Our ākonga then had an interactive lesson about the balance of power between the tangata whenua and the settlers. We use a tug-of-war rope to explain when there were more tangata whenua in Aotearoa the power was with them. Once more settlers came, then the power changed sides as their numbers grew. It was a fantastic way to help visualise how it could have been back then. We are very thankful for the taonga she shared with us. Ngā mihi nui, Whaea!



Black and White Day

Helping to support Hawkes Bay

Thankyou to our supportive Riverdale community for your generous donations. We raised **\$690.00** for the Hawkes Bay school community who have been affected by the floods.



LIFE EDUCATION BUS

The Life Ed Bus has now moved on from Riverdale School, but it has left a trail of empathy and kindness in its wake. Tim and Harold were a huge hit with our tamariki and lots of positive messages were shared including kindness, manners and awareness of themselves and others. We thank Tim for his kindness and positive influence across the school. Until next time Harold



DUATHLON

We had our spot prize assembly last week to recognise those who participated in the Duathlon that was held at our Community Night. Thank you to our amazing PTA for organising and distributing the goodie bags. We hope to see even more take part in the Duathlon next year.



DR SEUSS

Last week some of our tamariki celebrated Dr Seuss's birthday. We spent some time reading his amazing books and completing a variety of Dr Seuss activities. It was a wonderful way to spend our lunch time.

Congratulations to Siena F, Caleb W, Grace E and Teityn H for winning spot prizes for enthusiastically taking part in the activities on offer.

The winners of the colouring competition were Isabella (Piako Tahī), Sophie and Kaea (Piako Rua).

Congratulations!



SCHOOL FENCE

You will notice the new fence going up around the school. Please be mindful that this fence is 1 1/2 metres inside the school grounds. The area between the house boundary and the school is school land. Please do not encroach on this walking area.

TERM DATES

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

Term 1 2023

Week 7

Interschool Triathlon - Wednesday 15 March
Teachers Strike - Thurs 16 March SCHOOL CLOSED

Week 8

Weetbix Triathlon - Tuesday 21 March

Week 9

Rippa Rugby Tournament - Thursday 28 March
Road Patrol Refresher - Thursday 28 March

Week 10

School Photos - Wednesday 5 April & Thursday 6 April
Last day of Term 1 - Thursday 6 April

Term 2 2023

Week 1

Teacher Only Day (School is closed) - Monday 24 April
Anzac Day (School is closed) - Tuesday 25 April
First day of school for Term 2 - Wednesday 26 April

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Piako Tahī

Archie P - engaging in all areas of his learning! Tinō pai!

Zena S - showing progress in her learning! Ka Rawe!

Piako Rimu

Charlie Rose S - independent and creative writing

Sophie R - always showing kindness towards her peers and teachers

Piako Rata

Lottie M - always showing kindness and respect towards others

Keir T - for his effort during independent writing

Pae Ake

Amelia B - her positive attitude towards learning

Scarlett O - working hard to meet new learning goals

Arjay M - consistently being an Ariki in Pae Ake

Poutama

Liam V - his renewed passion for writing

Jack S - having a strong foundation of knowledge about Te Whiringa Whā. Ka rawe!

Lachlan O - being determined to improve and collaborating well with others

Pounamu Atawhai

Tāne M - always making sure he is where he needs to be at the right time. Ka rawe!

David S - striving for excellence in his learning and as a leader. Piki ake te tihi!

Jessica C - being a determined learner who raises to challenges.

Avery W - taking pride in all his work. Ka mau te wehi!



WEETBIX TRYATHLON

The Palmerston North Weetbix Tryathlon is being held on Tuesday 21 March at Ongley park. Children can enter either individually or as a team on the Weetbix TRYathlon website.

As this is not a Riverdale School run event, parents and caregivers are responsible for organising their children on the day, **including transport and supervision**. We will have a school gazebo set up at Ongley park on the day for Riverdale School students and their whānau to use as a base.

SWIMMING SPORTS

We had our swimming sports yesterday at the Lido Aquatic Centre for our Year 4-6 students. It was great to see students give events a go and also celebrate those that excel in the pool. Medal presentations for overall winners across year groups will be held at our school assembly next Friday. Interschool Swimming will be held early in Term Two for those that qualified and placed in each discipline.



SCHOOL DONATIONS 2023



9 March 2023

School Donation

Dear Parents / Whanau

The Government offers an additional \$150.00 per student in the basic operational grant for all Decile 1 – 7 schools. Riverdale is ineligible to uplift this amount so we must ask our community for the annual \$150.00 per student school donation to remain.

Your school donations assist 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 workshop a child through a difficult next step.

School donations also go directly to cover travel costs by bus to whole school events and elite events, these costs have increased significantly. Over the past two years the amount of Government funding to low equity schools has increased ie. The same size school with a low equity index number receives \$200k more than Riverdale School in support funding per year.

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

Donation structure: \$150 per year for 1 child, \$300 for 2+ children or \$40 per term for children starting during the year.

Please remember that there are a range of options to make your donations - ongoing payments, term by term or lump sum.

This year the donation will show on the Hero App under 'Finances'

Payments are to be made through Internet Banking.

A/C No. 02-0727-0011376-00

Reference: Name of student

Particulars: Donation

We thank you in anticipation for your donation this year.

Ngā mihi

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Dwayne George BOT Presiding Member

Aidan Wong BOT Finance