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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 21 February 2025

Dear Parents and Caregivers



Aken - you get on with your work and you always have a huge smile on your face.

Emma - you are such a great example of a hard working student.

Archer - for teaching the students in Piwakawaka how to care for Bob and Golden.

Toretto - for being a respectful and supportive classmate. (absent for photo)

Bella - for being a kind and caring student who is always looking out for everybody.

Addison - for your amazing storytelling abilities.

Jordie - for working hard to improve your writing

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

Special birthday wishes this week to Donnalily, Francis, Evie, Toretto, Cyra, George, Raven and Jordie. We hope you all had fabulous fun birthday celebrations.



PRINCIPALS ATTENDANCE AWARD

This week the Attendance Award goes to room Tui

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Congratulations to

Bjorn - for always supporting others when they need help.

Isuli - for always being such an amazing person who is always kind and respectful.

Juliana - for being a respectful young lady. You always use your manners around the school.



ASSEMBLY

Reminder assembly will now commence at 2.15 unless we notify you in advance.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Monday 24th February	- Home and School meeting 7.30pm
Thursday 27th February	- Athletics day at Riversdale
Wednesday 11th March	- Deano Yipadee Author visit
Wednesday 12th March	- Science in a Van
Thursday 13th March	- Life Education bus visit
Friday 14th March	- Life Education bus Visit
Friday 4th April	- School and family photos
Friday 11th April	- World Book Day (dress up as your favourite book character)

TERM DATES

Friday 11th April	- last day term 1
Monday 28th April	- first day term 2
Friday 27th June	- last day term 2
Monday 14th July	- first day term 3
Friday 19th September	- last day term 3
Monday 6th October	- to be confirmed

WAIMEA ATHLETIC SPORTS AND SPORTS UNIFORMS

Coming up Thursday 27th February is the Waimea Athletics. This involves Balfour, Riversdale, Waikaia and Garston Schools. We will meet at the Riversdale Sports Ground at 8.50am. Information regarding this day is at the end of this newsletter and has also been sent home as a paper copy with your children today. If you have any further questions please phone the school office.

Please note: High jump - students will only be able to use the technique of Fosbury Flop if they are over 10 years old and have been signed off by an athletics coach. If your child is over 10 years old they are able to compete in the 1500m race - they need to be at the sports ground at 8.30am as the race starts at 8.45am. Children should be picked up from the sports ground (if you're not already watching) - we estimate the finish time to be 2pm.

Sports uniforms to be worn for the athletics will be given out next Wednesday. Reminder that our uniforms are an expensive item to replace so we ask that you ensure your children respect them. They are to be taken off as soon as they get home on the day and returned to school on Friday UNWASHED in the plastic bag they were sent home in. Can we also kindly ask for parent volunteers to wash some uniforms please. We do not expect just one person to wash them all so the more volunteers the less each person has to wash. If you are able to do this please contact the office. Thank you in advance.

For those who are unsure, the sports grounds are situated on Lincoln Street Riversdale. Turn at the Police station and drive to the end of this street. It will take you directly to the sports ground.

REMINDER SCHOOL VESTS

Children are provided with a school vest on enrolling at Balfour School. They are required to wear this to and from school. If your child misplaces theirs and cannot find it we will issue another one but this will be at a cost of \$10. This will be charged to their school account or you may send in cash payment.

SUNSCREEN, SUNHATS AND DRINK BOTTLES

We would like to remind everyone of the importance of sunhats, sunscreen and full water bottles, with the recent hot days we have been experiencing. The children are required to wear a sunhat while outside at morning break and lunch. They may bring their own sun hat from home as long as it has a wide brim that goes all the way around the hat. Please put sunscreen on your children before they come to school in the morning. We do have sunscreen here at school that can be reapplied during the day. Please ensure their drink bottles are full when they leave home although they can of course be topped up during the day.

MUSAC EDGE APP

We are replacing our current notification app skoolloop with the Musac Edge App. Can we please ask that you upload Musac Edge onto your mobile or tablet to receive notifications from us. We are already using Musac Edge for our student management system so decided to make use of all their functions. It is also one less subscription to pay. To upload go to playstore or your usual app store on your device and search Musac Edge.

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers, Whānau,

It has been great to see classes enjoying swimming this week with instructors from REAP. Safety and survival skills in the water are a main feature of the programme, which continues next week however, there will be no swimming next Thursday due to Athletics Day. Classes will continue to go swimming throughout the term and your child's teacher will let them know when they should bring their togs.

Lots of athletics training has been going on this week ahead of the Waimea Athletics next Thursday 27 February at Riversdale Sports Ground. It has been fantastic to see students practising at lunchtimes, showing determination and perseverance to reach personal bests. We are looking forward to a great day and seeing the results of the training. Please note that buses are not running that day; full information about the day is included in the newsletter and has been sent out as a paper copy as well.

A few parents have asked about allowing their children to come to and from school on their bikes. If you would like your child to ride their bike to school, please contact the office as we require you to fill in a form giving your permission.

Today has been our first assembly of the new year. It was also the first time we have given out our new class attendance trophy. Well done to the Tui class whose attendance rate was 98% - fantastic! They get to keep the trophy for the week ahead. Regular attendance at school is key to your child's success and this is just one of the ways we will be encouraging children to attend school.

Whanua hui or teacher/parent consultations have been provisionally booked for 18th and 19th March. Having these meetings in Week 7 of Term 1 provides the teacher with a comprehensive understanding of each student, enabling them to discuss the student's goals for the upcoming school year. More details will be sent out next week.

A powerpoint presentation has been emailed to you today which is the result of the whanau health consultations you completed at the end of last year. From your comments, our long term health and PE plan has been created so thank you for taking the time to comment on what is important to you as a family.

Have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone at Athletics Day.

Mihi mahana,

Andrea Holt

PHOTOS FROM RECENTLY CELEBRATING SRI LANKAN DAY



A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR CARETAKER CLIVE
WHO ALONG WITH
HIS WIFE LORNA PAINTED ALL OUR OUTDOOR
TABLES - THANK YOU THEY LOOK AMAZING!!



INVITATION FROM BALFOUR AND RIVERSDALE LION CLUBS

BOOK LAUNCH

The Waimea Plains Railway and The Waikaia Branch Railway

AUTHOR ALEX C GLENNIE

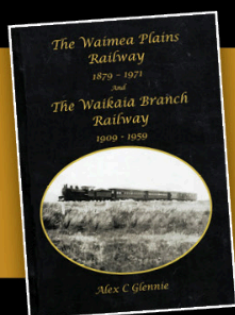
362 A4 pages, maps, plans, photographs,
personal interviews, memories and much more

2.00PM SATURDAY 1ST MARCH 2025

RIVERSDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE
26 BERWICK STREET, RIVERSDALE

AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED

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\$65

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\$12.50 anywhere
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after the book launch on 1st March 2025.

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INQUIRIES

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Invercargill	Alex Glennie	Mobile 027 447 8459	Email glennie.ac@gmail.com



Important junior dates

▶ **Year 3-6 preseason practice**
25th February NSC turf
3:30pm-4:30pm

▶ **Trials (held at Mossburn
community centre)**
Thursday 6th March :

Year 3-6
4:00pm-5:00pm

Year 7-13
5:15pm-7:00pm

Please contact Sarah Stark (021)1862578
for enquiries and apologies

KNITTING: Interested in learning how to knit? We have a wonderful lady offering to help anyone from beginners to advanced. Want to make your own dishcloths, slippers, bags, jerseys, toys, rugs, baby singlet's, beanies anything you can imagine – come along and learn how - **Wed Morn 9.30 - 12**

COOKING: both classes are booked out for Feb/March – register your interest for the next one. These classes are small allowing more one to one tuition and personalised assistance. **Thurs Aft/Fri Morn**

NATURAL LIVING: Group meets fortnightly. For the next few meetings we will be swapping and discussing 'how to do things naturally' recipes for the household, personal care, natural healthy food, making your own garden products. Recipes will include; Washing powder, homemade cleaners, toothpaste, glass cleaners, fermented salads, making vinegar, natural food items you enjoy. Personal care recipes – includes soap, candle making, hand face and body creams, salves, lip balms, natural fertilisers and sprays, with much more discussed and shared. **Fortnightly Thurs Aft 1-3**

SEWING learn to read, follow and understand a pattern, make your kids some clothing or something for yourself, grocery bags, pillows, quilts whatever you want to make we can guide you. We have an array of (free) fabrics to choose from and sewing machines available for your use. **Thurs Morn 9.30 - 12**

PROJECT COMPLETION: Bring along a project you are doing and mix with other like-minded people to work at your own pace to complete it. Some assistance guidance available. **Mon Morn 9.30 - 12**

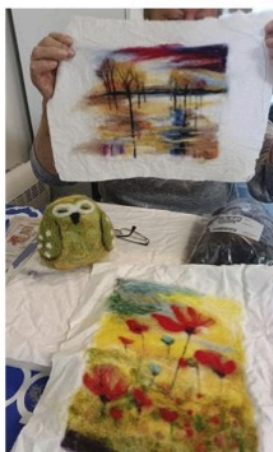
FELTING "Painting with Wool" this month we are creating pictures with felt, come along and have a try. All materials/equipment supplied for your first picture. **Tues Morn 9.30 - 12**

CRAFTS: In March we are making statues using an armature base – all materials are free **Tues Aft 1-3**

SLOW STITCHING: Making all sorts of items with hand sewing, slow stitching, tapestry, embroidery etc – most materials available **Mon Aft 1.3pm**

PAINTING 4 FUN: Local artists getting together on a Friday to paint in a variety of mediums. Bring your own painting equipment/boards and join the fun. **Fri 9.30 - 2**

MORNING WORKSHOPS RUN 9.30am – 12.00pm – AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS RUN 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm
ENQUIRIES TO 86a Broughton Street Gore ~ 021 170 5066 ~ b2bgore@gmail.com



We have other workshops running and being planned please call for further information

