

Riverton Primary School

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OUR VISION – THROUGH OUR CORE VALUES AND FOCUSED TEACHING AND LEARNING PROGRAMMES, WE ARE COMMITTED TO BE THE BEST WE CAN BE IN OUR LEARNING, ATTITUDE AND BEHAVIOUR

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Haere Mai

I must say it was great to have an extra day to relax in the sun with my family over the long weekend. I trust you made the most of it too and enjoyed your summer break.

It was awesome to see all the smiling faces, laughter, chatter and beautifully dressed children on day one. All the children were well presented in their uniforms. Please ensure your child has comfortable closed shoes while at school. I am happy for them to wear Crocs in and around the classroom, not as everyday shoes though.

One of our goals this year is to encourage parental involvement and the community. We would like to see whanau helping out at all our events and being inclusive in their child's education. You are always welcome to drop in and catch up with the teachers and offer your services to the classes.

The building projects should hopefully start by the end of this term. We will be looking at the junior block first, followed by the admin and then the senior block.

During this term principals and teachers will have Paid Union Meetings (PUMs). The government is renewing the Collective Agreements. The first offer they presented to us was rejected. Just before the holiday break the government made a second offer which was only slightly better. The principals and teachers will decide and vote on this offer. After this they may look at Industrial Action of some sort if the government don't address the major issues at hand. Cost of living, sufficient staffing, class sizes, release time, units, etc. These are all very important changes that need to be made so the teaching profession becomes attractive for future employees. There are some major issues relating to retaining staff in the profession. There are very low numbers of student applying to become teachers and only 1/3 who do apply become registered teachers.

Principals will have their PUM on the 20 & 21 February. **All the teachers will attend their PUM on Wednesday the 1 March in Invercargill at 1pm. The school board will close the school at 12pm on the 1st of March.** Parents will need to come and pick their children up as there will be no staff at school to look after the children. Thank you for supporting our teachers and understanding how important it is that they are heard.

In week 3 the Year 5 camp gets underway. They will all enjoy the Queenstown environment and forge friendships, challenged themselves and set limits and achieve goals along the way.

Your child's classroom teacher will arrange a 'Meet the Teacher' time for you to attend at school or a phone call home. I would like to encourage you all to attend these, as it will give you the best opportunity to set the year up and know what is happening in and around the school during the year. You will have time in your child's class to talk to the teacher.

If you are planning events or putting dates on your calendar for the term this one is a must. We would like to invite all families to our 'Big Tent Out' on the school field and in the hall for those who don't have tents etc, on Friday the 17th of March. What does this mean? If you have a tent, caravan, campervan, truck, any type of mobile sleep out, bring it along and spend the evening camped out on the school field. All families welcome. There will be a BBQ available to cook your meat/veg/salad on, as food and refreshments are BYO. If you want to bring your own portable BBQ that will be fine.

I hope that the stationery ordering went smoothly from Qizzle. If there were any problems or issues, please could you contact the office and let Keri-Ann know. We would like this to be hassle free and convenient to all families. We would like all families to have all the stationery sorted for their children. Please make sure your children have the correct tools to learn and enable the staff to teach to their full potential. We are expecting all the children to start next week with their stationery, thanks.

I would like to thank Louisa Willis for her contributions she has made to the board and the school as board chair over the last 5 year. It has been a pleasure working alongside you and being part of the team that leads Riverton Primary in the best direction possible. Louisa will remain on the board as vice presiding to support Reuben Hopcroft, our new board chair.

Haere ra
Tim Page

Principal Comment continued

Dates:

Feb 9, 10 & 13 - Life Ed, Fruit Delivery, 14 - CARE Values Day - Mufti Day, 15 - Yr 5 Camp Mtg - 5 pm in Rm 8, 17 - Assembly/**Powhiri** - Welcome all the new children/whanau and staff at 2 pm, 20 - Yr 4 Camp Meeting in Rm 7 @ 5 pm, 21 - 23 - Yr 5 Camp, 27 - Elgregoe Show - Values, 28 - RPS/Thornbury Athletics

March 1 – School closes 12pm Teachers PUM, Yr 6 Camp Meeting in Rm 9 @ 5 pm, 2 - 3 - Yr 4 Camp, Assembly - Rm 9, 6 - Cohort Entry, 8 -10 - Yr 6 Camp, 13 WS Athletics, 17 - Vas Show, Assembly Rm 8, Big Tent Out, 25 - Southland Athletics, 28 - BOT Mtg,

April 2 - **DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS**, 6 - EOT, Leadership Assembly, 7 - **Good Friday**

Year 6 Students

Wearing their new RPS hoodies



*Thank you to Friends of the
School*

'It's not how we make mistakes but how we correct them that defines us.'

ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE

Parents/extended families welcome

Friday 17th Feb @ 2.00pm Powhiri assembly

Friday 3rd Mar @ 2.00pm Room 9 assembly

Friday 17th Mar @ 2.00pm Room 8 assembly

Thursday 6th Apr @ 2.00pm Leadership assembly Room 9

All welcome

What's Happening

February 2023

- ❖ 9th Feb Life Education – Harold
- ❖ 10th Feb Life Education – Harold
- ❖ 13th Feb Life Education – Harold
- ❖ 14th Feb CARE Mufti Day
- ❖ 15th Feb Yr 5 Camp meeting 5pm in Rm8
- ❖ 17th Feb Powhiri/Assembly Welcome all new children/whanau/staff
- ❖ 20th Feb Yr 4 Camp meeting 5pm in Rm7
- ❖ 21st Feb Year 5 Camp Queenstown
- ❖ 23rd Feb Year 5 Camp returns
- ❖ 27th Feb Elgregoe Show
- ❖ 28th Feb RPS/Thornbury Athletics Day

March 2023

- ❖ 1st Mar School Closes 12pm for Teachers Paid Union meeting
- ❖ 1st Mar Yr 6 Camp meeting 5pm in Rm 9

Kia Ora Riverton Families/Whanau

Welcome to the 2023 school year, I trust that all your tamariki have enjoyed their first couple of days. Last night we had our first board meeting for the year and were assigned our portfolio's. As some of you are aware I resigned as Presiding Member at our December meeting so I would like to take this opportunity to send out my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for all your support over the last 5 years. I am staying on the board in the Vice Chair role to help support the new Presiding Member into this role. So I would like to introduce you all to our new Presiding Member Mr Reuben Hopcroft, congratulations to you Reuben I have full trust that you will lead the school in a positive way.

The Board email for correspondence is still the same its Botchair@riverton.school.nz

Kindest Regards

Louisa Willis

Vice Presiding Member

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT RESTRICTED FIRE BAN

In light of the recent rain across the Southland District, Fire and Emergency has reviewed the fire danger and the following will be effective from 8am Wednesday 8 February 2023.

- the prohibited fire season for all the Southland Fire District will be lifted to a restricted fire season
- the Section 52 (restricting the use of charcoal barbeques or grills, wood-fire pizza ovens and chimineas) has been removed from Edendale township

All existing suspended fire permits will be reinstated

In a Restricted fire season most fire types require a permit to burn. A range of activities such as barbequing and cultural cooking are still allowed.

For more information on what you can and can't do, go to www.checkitsalright.nz

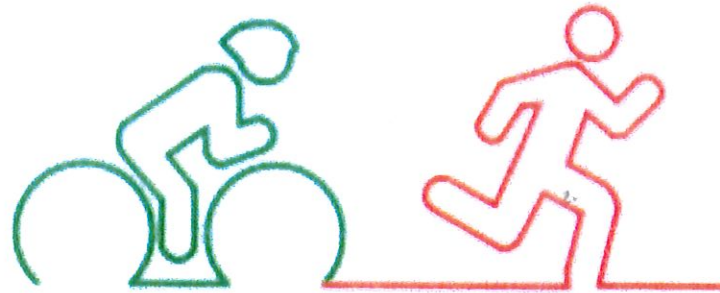
RIVERTON KIDS TRYATHLON

**SATURDAY, 4
MARCH 2023**



RIVERTON

TRYATHLON



Short course triathlon for ages 5-7, 8-10, 11-13
\$25pp (\$20pp for family of 2 or more)

Under 5's Duathlon \$10pp

Register at <https://tinyurl/5dws2e39>

or check out the Riverton Haven By The Sea Facebook page
for link (limited entries)

Start Location: Riverton Public Swimming Pool, 17 Napier St.

Race Day registration and bike drop 9.15am

Event Briefing 9.45am, First Race 10am

Spot Prizes, Sausage Sizzle, Coffee Cart

IN-SCHOOL LESSONS WITH



KENNEDY SCHOOL OF MUSIC

GROUP & 1:1 LESSONS AT

RIVERTON SCHOOL

ON TUESDAYS!

GUITAR | KEYBOARD | PERCUSSION/DRUMS

VOCAL | UKULELE | FIRST BEAT

GROUP LESSONS - \$16 PER WK/PER
STUDENT

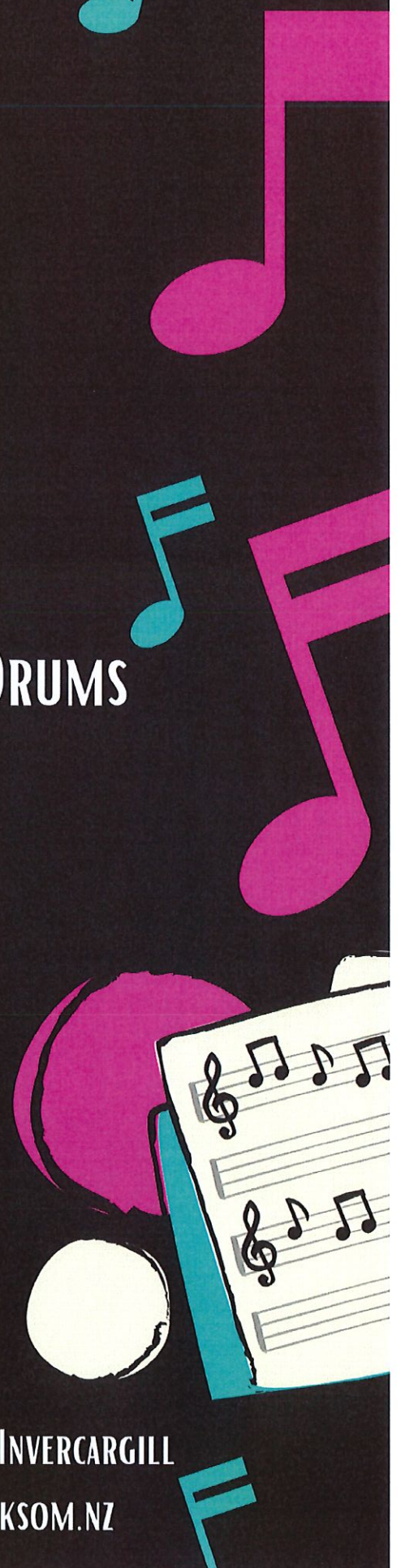
1:1 LESSONS - \$35 PER WK/PER STUDENT

30 MINUTES PER CLASS

(TRAVEL COST \$4.50 PER WEEK ADDITIONAL)

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LEE'S CATERING

TERM 1 MENU

Ka Ora Ka Ake Programme

MONDAY

Week 1: Roast Chicken

Week 2: Roast Ham

TUESDAY

Week 1: Smoked Chicken Pasta Salad
with Fruit Yoghurt

Week 2: Tex Mex Pasta Salad
with Fruit Yoghurt

WEDNESDAY

Week 1: Pork and Pineapple Chowmein

Week 2: Lee's Butter Chicken on Rice

THURSDAY

Week 1:
Nacho Taters

Week 2:
Cheesy Corn and Chicken
Pasta Bake with Scone

FRIDAY

Week 1: Chicken Sandwich
with Potato Salad and Cake

Week 2: Teriyaki Chicken
Bento

DIETARY

All dietary meals are
provided similar to
daily meal

A NEW JOURNEY BEGINS!



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AND IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2023.**

