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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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Newsletter No. 20 8 December 2023

Greetings, Haere Mai, Talofa, Namaste, Ni hao, Hoe gaat het, Kamusta

With this being my last letter for the year. Thank you to all the families who have helped out over the year. Your help has been greatly appreciated and all contributions made have benefited our children immensely.

A special thank you to the FOS, you are incredible, your work does not go unnoticed. You all deserve a rest over the summer. To our Board of Trustees, the policy and strategic planners of our school. Thank you and well done on another great year. You give a lot of your time to the school and it is much appreciated. I am looking forward to next year working with you all.

To families who are leaving Riverton Primary, good luck and thank you for your years of loyalty to RPS. And last but by no means least is the staff. Teachers, support staff, Keri-Ann, Josy at Kidspace, Daniel our caretaker and Irene our cleaner. Thank you from me for the many things you do and have committed to over the year. Rest up so we are ready to do it all again in the new year.

With the year coming to a close very fast we have had fun times, thanks to the FOS. All the year 3 - 6 pupils enjoyed a morning out of the classes at the MEGA Mitre 10 Tough Kids. The children had a blast getting wet and climbing over and under all the obstacles.

We have also had our leaders for 2024 attend the GATE Leadership day at Adventure Southland, thanks to REAP for organising the day and to the parents for transporting the children.

All the staff attended the TOD at Otautau on the 20th of November. We unpacked the NZC refresh docs, Ta Mataiaho and looked at the Common Practice model of teaching. The day was very productive and now we wait to hear what the new government have in store for us in the education sector.

The Year 6 pupils attended orientation days at secondary schools. Aparima hosted theirs last Thursday morning. The children returned to school all hyped up and excited for what their future holds in 2024.

The Year 6 dinner is going to be held at the RSA next Wednesday evening. I trust the children and their families really enjoy the evening. I am looking forward to all the children's speeches about their time at RPS. The staff have really enjoyed having taught the children and hope the foundations we have built will stand them in good stead for future endeavours.

The Gold Medal CARE value recipients will be treated to a lovely morning tea at the Crib on Monday the 18th December. This is a small token of our appreciation for all their hard work and dedication. They are truly lovely children doing the right things around the school and I'm sure this applies at home.

Squirt Mania will start at 11.30am on 14 December. Children will need to bring their swimming togs & towel to change into. They may bring water guns or anything else that spray or gets others wet.

If you would like to catch up with your child's teacher on Monday, please make an appointment. Teachers will be available at school from 3.15 - 5 pm.

Principal Comment continued

We held our Maori Hui last Thursday and there were a few discussions. In summary we all agreed on the following; That your child feels good to be who they are at RPS. You like that your child is learning some Te Reo Maori. When your child learns Reo you can see the difference each time this happened. Your children are learning tikanga maori at school. You would like to see the bilingual class operating at school. You feel that there should be more than 1 hour of instruction in Reo each week. Teachers know how to make Reo learning fun. Teachers share the success of the children's learning with them. There needs to be more work done around making the students more knowledgeable about bilingual fluency. There needs to be more tikanag and Reo spoken across the school. Whanau could not comment on how much interaction there is between whanau, community and the Runanga or local marae. Whanua mentioned ways you could help out at school by offering services like cooking, farming ideas, support with reo, music, crafts, weaving, woodwork or hangi/baking. The things we are doing well; Classroom practice and start of day routines, Assemblies, Polyfest, Kapa Haka, Marae visits, relationships with ECE and Aparima, learning new waita. Some suggestions that were made were to look at some more visual art around the school, look into how we can have a Year 1 - 6 bilingual class, use structured progressions so children learn more each year, invite more local kaumatua to share stories and teaching Mau Rakau. I would like to thank all the whanau who attended this hui and for giving us a picture to move forward with.

The End of Year assembly will start at 6pm in the Aparima hall. It would be good to see you all there to celebrate the end of the 2023 school year.

The staffing for next year is as follows: Rm 1 - Dale Black - Yr NE/1, Rm 3 - Emma Stalker Yr 1/2, Rm 7 - Katie Ultee - Yr 2/3, Rm 8 - Jenny Columbus - Yr 3/4, Rm 10 - Ben Cleaver - Yr 4/5 & Rm 9 - Sioned Carran - Yr 6.

School Starts on Wednesday 31st of January 2024 at 8.55am. I wish you all a fantastic holiday and hope you get to spend some time with all your family and friends. Keep safe and see you next year. Meri Kirihimete me te Hape Nu la ki nga iwi me nga hapu katoa.

Dates:

Dec 8 - Thank you Afternoon tea for parents & farewell to Christine Uhlmann @ 2.00 pm in the library, Reports go home; Dec 11 - Optional parent interviews; Dec 12 - BOT Mtg; Dec 13 - Yr 6 Dinner; Dec 14 - Squirr Mania; Dec 15 - Leadership Assembly; Dec 18 - EOT Celebrations - 6.00 pm @ Aparima; Dec - 19 - End of year 12.00 pm.

Jan 31 - 2024 School year starts.

Haere ra
Tim Page



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



**LAST DAY OF TERM 4
December 19th 12pm
FIRST DAY OF TERM 1
Wednesday 31st 2024**

'Man is only truly great when he acts from the passions.' Benjamin Disraeli.

ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE

Parents/extended families welcome

Friday 15th December @ 2.00pm Leadership assembly Rm 9

All welcome

What's Happening

December 2023

- ❖ 8th Dec Thank you afternoon tea & Farewell for Christine @ 2pm
- ❖ 8th Dec Reports go home
- ❖ 11th Dec Optional 3 way interviews 3.15pm-5.00pm
- ❖ 12th Dec Board Meeting
- ❖ 13th Dec Year 6 Dinner
- ❖ 14th Dec Fun Squirt Mania
- ❖ 18th Dec End of Year Celebrations 6pm at Aparima College
- ❖ 19th Dec Last Day of Term - School finishes 12pm

January 2024

- ❖ 31st Jan Term One starts

**Riverton Primary School Office
will be moving temporarily for Term 1
into Room 6 – located at the end of the
Senior block**

CARE

Certificate Recipients from the Week 8 Assembly

Room 1 - Mack Ridley & Elizabeth Jones

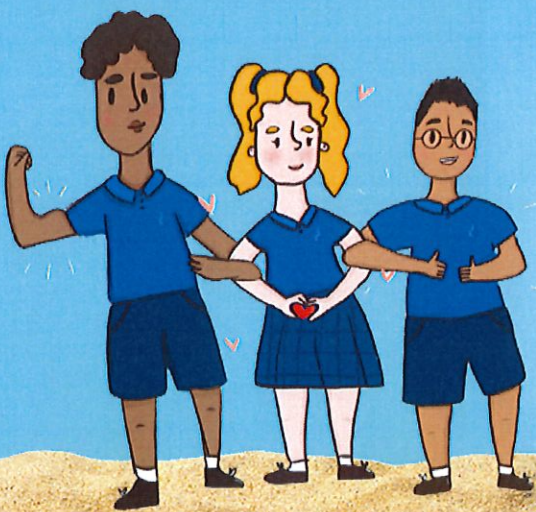
Room 3 - Khazandra Chozas & Annika Bond

Room 5 - Lucy Hopcroft & Charlie Kennedy

Room 7 - Kamau O'Neill & Ali Peterson

Room 8 - Dezhan Egerton & Journey Halder

Room 9 - Frank Fontanilla & Eleanor Jones



At Riverton Primary School

~ We CARE ~

CARE

Here are our latest GOLD medal recipients who have completed 15 CARE Cards. Well Done to you all!

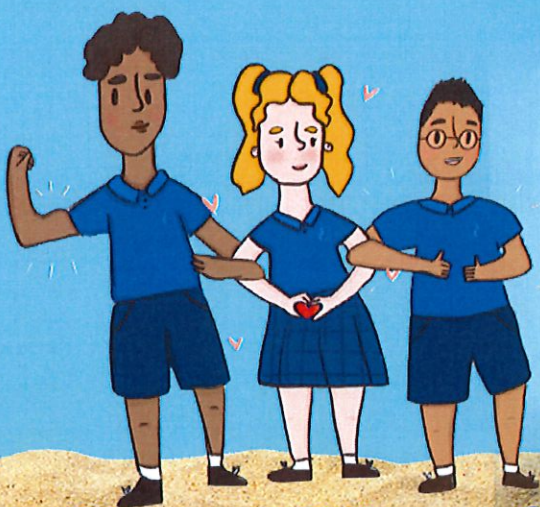


Eleanor Jones

Seth Armstrong-Williams

Pania Edmonds

Journey-Jay Halder



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Here are our latest SILVER medal recipients who have completed 10 CARE Cards. Well Done to you all!



Faith Peteru

Peter Li

Paddy Servigon

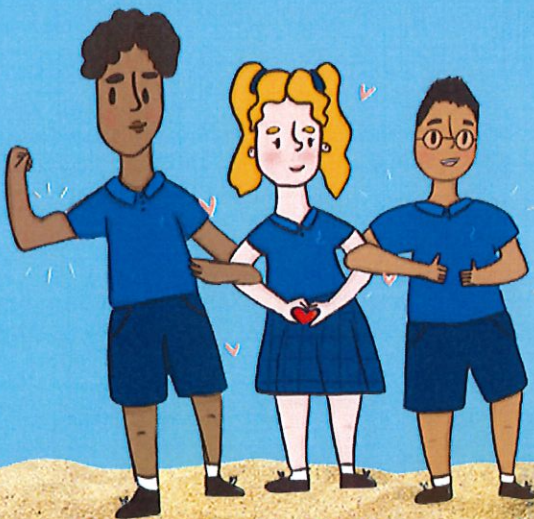
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Houston-Sage Edwards



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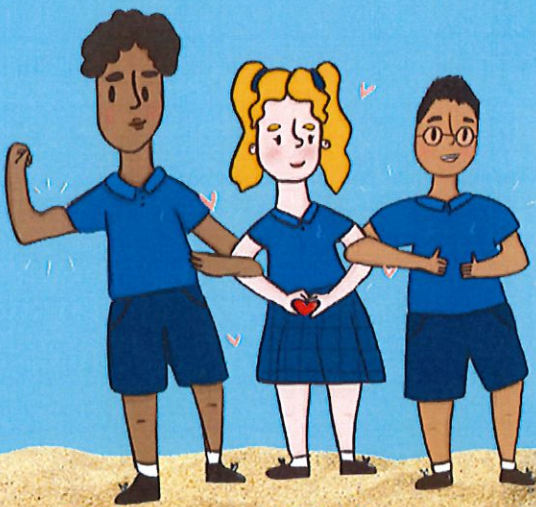
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Here are our latest BRONZE medal recipients who have completed 5 CARE Cards. Well Done to you all!




Ryley Eade
Gabriel Refamonte
Frank Fontanilla
Olly Berry



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*Merry
Christmas
from RPS*

*End of Year Christmas Concert
6pm Monday 18th December at
Aparima College*

*Last Day of Term 4
12pm on Tuesday 19th December*

*First Day of Term 1 2024
Wednesday 31st January*

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into Room 6 - located at the end of the
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Active Southland

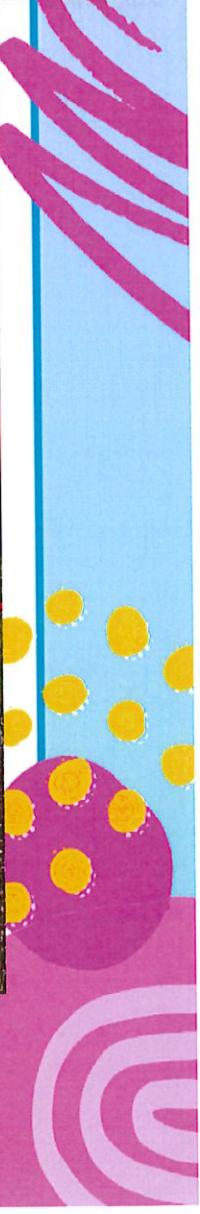
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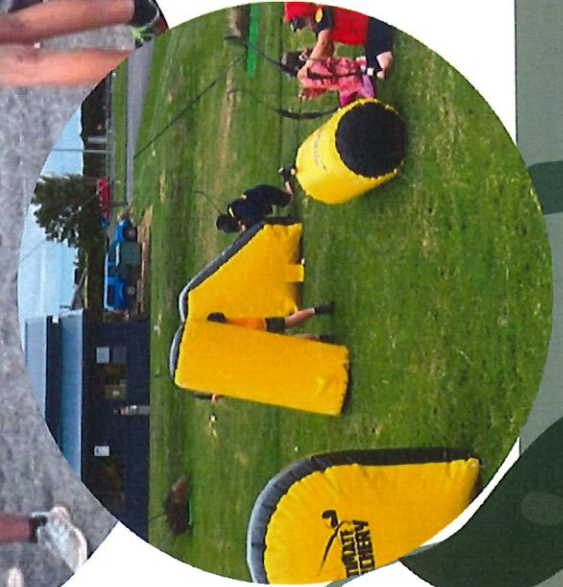
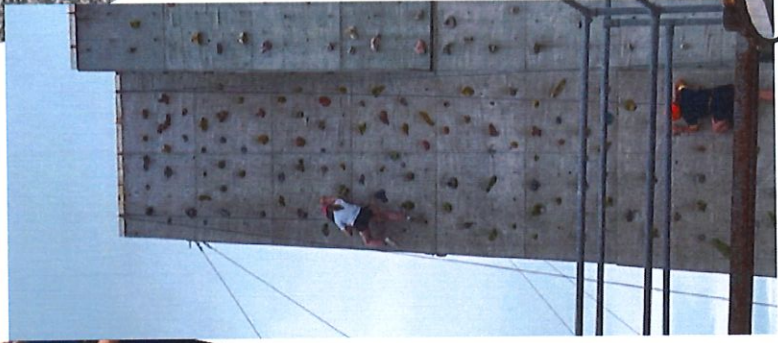
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AGRIKIDS DAY



Gate Leadership





Assembly



CARE CERTIFICATES & ARTWORK





Tough Kids



*Science
at Aparima College*



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THANK YOU
AFTERNOON TEA
&
FAREWELL TO
CHRISTINE UHLMANN

Thank
You

We would like to welcome you all to an afternoon tea at school on Friday 8 Dec 2pm to recognise our parents/grandparents/guardians for all the extra help you offer the children and staff at RPS and also an opportunity to farewell Christine Uhlmann as she retires from many years of teaching

RIVERTON SWIMMING POOL

Key sales coming up

Full season key prices:

Family key: $\$180.00 + \$15.00 = \$195.00$

Single key: $\$100.00 + \$15.00 = \$115.00$

Couple Key: $\$140.00 + \$15.00 = \$155.00$

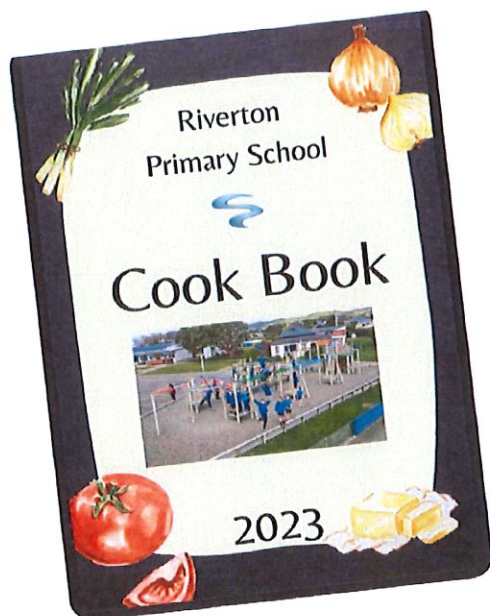
Seniors Key (65years plus)

Single Key $\$80.00 + \$15.00 = \$95.00$

Couple $\$120.00 + \$15.00 = \$135.00$

**New contracts must be signed
by all keyholders:**

~ Cook Book Order Form ~



Friends of the school have created a Cook Book which includes a collection of recipes from the students and teachers of Riverton Primary School.

If you would like a copy and support F.O.S. please fill out this form and send it back to the office by 8th December.

Only 150 copies so get in quick.

Recipe book can be viewed at the office.

Payments to be made by the 8th December.

Recipe books can be handed out/picked up from office 14th/15th Dec.

Any questions please ring the office.

NAME:

CONTACT #:

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	QTY	TOTAL
Cook Book	\$25		

PLEASE SELECT OPTIONS

- ONLINE PAYMENT (USE NAME AS REFERENCE) CASH ENCLOSED
- SEND HOME WITH CHILD I WILL PICK UP FROM OFFICE

BANK DETAILS

Friends of the School
Account Number:
06-0954-0033065-00

Thank You

Nativity Scene Christmas Photos

Come along and have your picture taken at
a Nativity Scene

Sat 9th December 10am – 3pm

Sat 16th December 10am – 3pm

Mon 18th - Thurs 21st December 10am – 12pm, 2 -
4pm, Fri 22nd Dec 11am – 2pm

Balloons

Lollies

Manna Bookshop
90 Spey Street
Invercargill

\$ 5 pack
\$10 pack

CASH ONLY



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SDC SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Get #ActiveAS with our #FunAS Holiday Programme

\$6 PER CHILD

5-12 YEARS

10AM - 3PM

LOCATIONS

- Te Anau - Wednesday 17th January
- Mossburn - Friday 19th January
- Wyndham - Tuesday 23rd January
- Tuatapere - Thursday 25th January
- Riverton - Friday 26th January
- Winton - Monday 29th January
- Riversdale - Tuesday 30th January
- Rakiura - Friday 2nd February

To register, visit our event page on our website:
www.activesouthland.co.nz



'Building confidence for a brighter future'



Growing Stars

by Learning Differences Aotearoa Trust



Growing Stars is a hands on craft-based workshop for children aged 6 - 12 years to help them understand and manage the emotional impact of living with a learning difference.



Register online now! www.dyslexiasupportsouth.org.nz/Growingstars



January 24th & 25th 2024
 Parent Info Session 24th Jan

8.45am - 12.30pm
 7.00pm - 8.30pm



Windsor Community Church, Invercargill. \$50 per child.