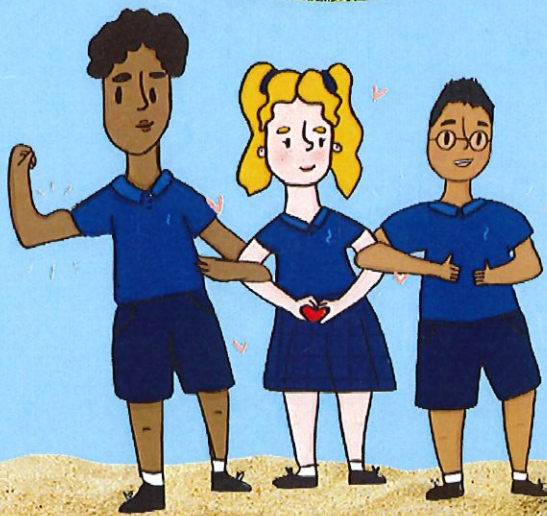


# Riverton Primary School NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter No. 1 1 February 2024

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

We would like to welcome the following children to Riverton Primary; Georgia Haywood, Kyson Ashbrook, Emmerson Bevin, Khalid Aliu and Matthew San Pedro.

Welcome back to you all and to all our new families we hope you have all had a good break and are ready for 2024. I was fizzing on Wednesday morning and woke early to get to school, hopefully like your children. I felt pride as I saw all the smiling faces, laughter, chatter and beautifully dressed children. All the children were well presented in their uniforms, thank you.

We continue to encourage parental/grandparent/whanau involvement at school. 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.

Our major building projects started on the 22nd January. The Admin block is being wrapped and then the work will begin, followed by the junior, and then the senior blocks. It will be a great learning opportunity for the whole community and children seeing how the buildings develop over time.

We continue to use CARE as our major vision for the year. With the construction happening around the school there will be a few changes made to make sure everyone is safe at school. **We would like all pupils to enter school through the front gate near the crossing.** Bus pupils will have the same drop off and pick up area. The bottom gate leading to the dental clinic and the staff car parking area will be off limits while the construction work is taking place, which will keep everyone safe.

Children riding bikes to school will enter the front gate and push their bikes to the stands in front of Rm 1 & 2. All scooters and ripsticks will be kept under the workbench in front of Rm 2. We do encourage all children to wear protective gear while scootering and on their ripsticks. Children won't be able to scooter behind the hall this term as this will serve as a staff car park.

Please provide your child with a drink bottle that they could use during the day in class and take home to be cleaned when needed.

The uniforms were stunning to look at. We would like to see this high standard of dress continue throughout the year. The children are expected to wear **white/black/navy socks** and **sneakers or black school shoes only**. (No crocs, gumboots, jandals or other social type shoes). Please make sure all uniforms are named. We would like to cut down on the amount of unclaimed uniforms at the end of each week.



### *Principal Comment continued*

Ka Ora Ka Ako, Free School Lunches continue this year. With a new revamped menu. Letters will be sent home this week for you to have a look at, and I have asked all the children to have a go at eating the food. If you are providing your child with their own lunch please make sure they only have **one packet** item in their lunchbox. **VERY IMPORTANT** - there are no nuts brought to school or products containing nuts. We are a **NUT FREE** school.

We have athletics and swimming for all pupils this term and offering touch rugby. The Year 4/5/6 children will be heading away on camps this term, very exciting.

**'Meet The Teacher'** will be on Monday the 12th February at 5 pm. 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 and listen to the expectations they ask of you and your child to make the year successful.

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 all their stationery, thanks. This year we are trying to limit the printing of our paper copies of our newsletters. You will be able to access all the newsletters on Skool Loop, Facebook and email. There will be a limited amount of paper copies available in the office.

It is good to be back and all the staff are happy to have your child in their class, ready to learn and make the most of this year. Looking forward to catching up with you all.

**Dates:** Feb - 5 - Active South in PALs 10.30 - 12.30, **6 - Waitangi Day**, 7 - 9 - Life Ed Bus, 9 - Powhiri & Rm 9 Assembly, 12 - Meet the teacher - 5 - 6 pm, 13 - BOT Mtg, 14 - CARE Day - Mufti Day, 15 - Yr 5 Camp Mtg - 5 pm in Rm 10, 20 - Yr 4 Camp Mtg - Rm 8 - 5 pm  
21 - 23 - Yr 5 Camp, 23 - Rm 8 Assembly, 26 - Elgregoe Show - Values, 27 - RPS/Thorbury Athletics (Postponement is next fine day), 29 - 1 - Yr 4 Camp, **March** - 6 - Yr 6 Camp Mtg 5 pm in Rm 9, 8 - WS Athletics, Rm 7 Assembly, 11 - Cohort Entry, 13 - 15 - Yr 6 Camp, 22 - Rm 10 Assembly, 24 - Southland Athletics, 25 - 27 - RPS Swimming, 28 - WS Swimming, **29 - Good Friday**, **April** - 1 - 2 - Easter Monday and Tuesday, 3 - 5 - RPS Swimming, 5 - Leadership Assembly, 8 - 11 - RPS Swimming, 12 - RPS Swim Gala, EOT.

Haere ra  
Tim Page

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



**'We all belong. Let's make things great together .' Tim Page.**

# **ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE**

## **Parents/extended families welcome**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February @ 2.00pm Powhiri & Room 9**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February @ 2.00pm Room 8**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March @ 2.00pm Room 7**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March @ 2.00pm Room 10**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April @ 2.00pm Leadership assembly**

***All welcome***



### **February 2024**

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- ❖ 6<sup>th</sup> Feb Waitangi Day
- ❖ 7<sup>th</sup> Feb Life Education Bus
- ❖ 8<sup>th</sup> Feb Life Education Bus
- ❖ 9<sup>th</sup> Feb Life Education Bus
- ❖ 12<sup>th</sup> Feb Meet the Teacher 5-6pm
- ❖ 13<sup>th</sup> Feb BOT Meeting
- ❖ 14<sup>th</sup> Feb CARE Mufti Day
- ❖ 15<sup>th</sup> Feb Year 5 Camp Meeting 5pm in Room 10
- ❖ 20<sup>th</sup> Feb Year 4 Camp Meeting 5pm in Room 8
- ❖ 21<sup>st</sup> Feb Year 5 Camp - Queenstown
- ❖ 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb Year 5 Camp - Returns



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## Certificate Recipients from the Week 10 Assembly

Room 1 - Leo McKay & Isaac Mason

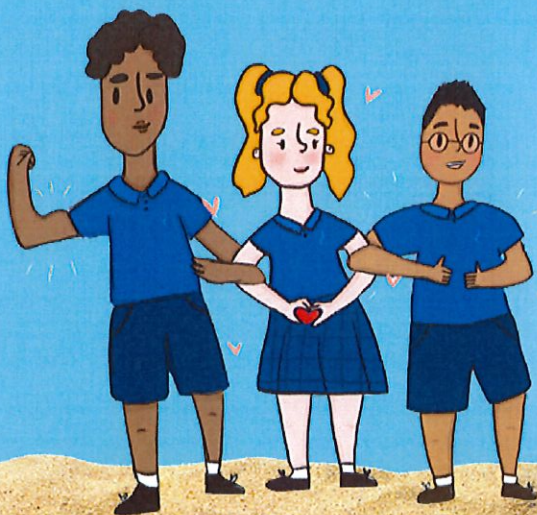
Room 3 - Elliott Mason & Jax Turner

Room 5 - Kase Solomon & Grace Brown

Room 7 - Dibya Aryal & Ryley Eade

Room 8 - Dezhan Egerton & Teinna Turner

Room 9 - Axel Willis & Paddy Servigon



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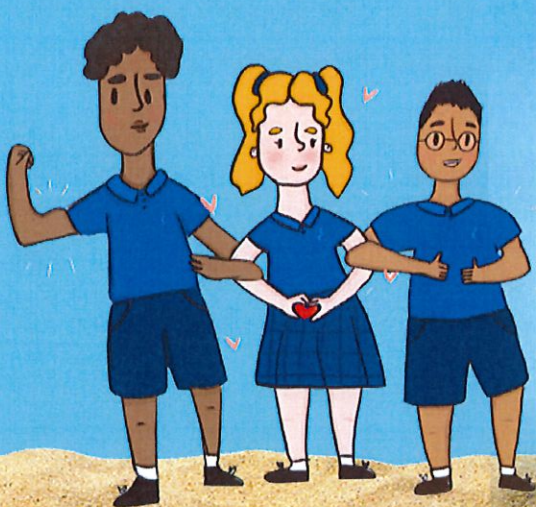


# CARE

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



Tito Perez-McCabe  
Laney Orr



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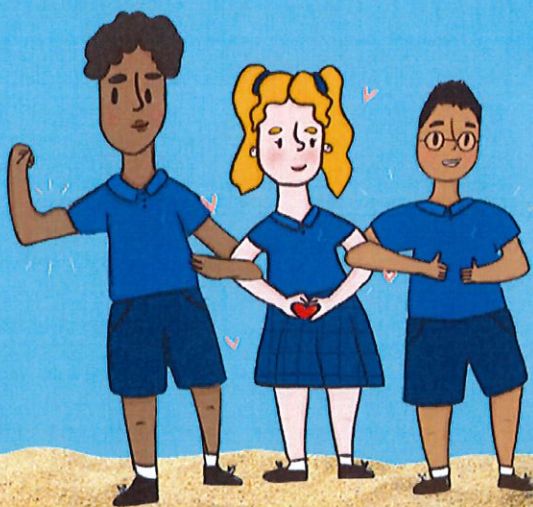


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Here are our latest BRONZE medal recipients who have completed 5 CARE Cards. Well Done to you all!



Islee Orr  
Elizabeth Jones  
Hector Burtenshaw



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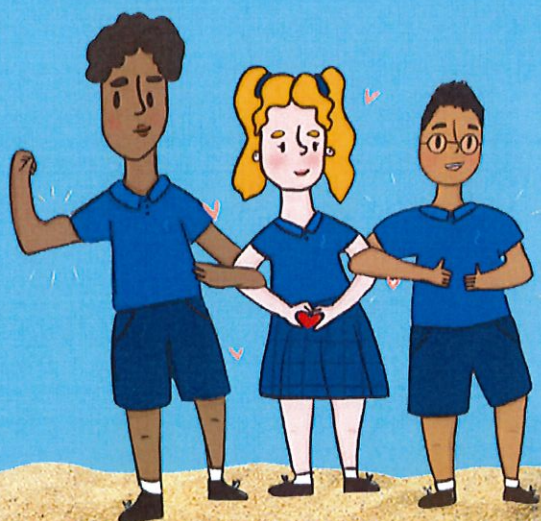
# CARE

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



Kamau O'Neill  
Isabel Grout  
Harper Schmidt  
Rylan Young  
Moana Judd  
Elliott Mason  
Khazandra Chozas

Janey Black  
McKynlee Bevin  
London Hollands  
Maddison K Stewart  
Jordan Young  
Annika Bond  
Rosie Coburn



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### HATO HONE ST JOHN RIVERTON FIRST RESPONSE UNIT

The community of Riverton really needs your help. Currently we have only 3 volunteers to help with our ambulance response locally.

We have just acquired a First Response Unit that is able to respond to emergencies in our community for the initial help and care of patients until a transporting crew from outside our area can arrive.

Hato Hone St John offers full training to enable First Responders to care for patients. We offer an internationally recognised First Responder Qualification with NZQA endorsement.

Do you have an employer that would be willing to allow you to respond to a pager for an hour or so or do you have a few hours in the evening or overnight that you could turn a pager on and respond if someone needed your help?

If you are interested in helping your Community and Hato Hone St John, please call Kat Andrew Group Operations Manager Southland West on 027 291 5462 or Volunteer Support Manager Sandra Wilson on 027 232 8479.

This could be a life changing decision for you as well as your community.

From 8am Friday 26 January 2024, Southland Fire District will move to an **Open Fire Season**. This means permits will no longer be required to light open-air fires. Firelighters are still responsible for their fires and need to take care by checking conditions before lighting and ensuring they have adequate resources on hand to control their fire/s.

However, a Restricted Fire Season remains in place around plantation forests, Awarua Wetlands, and Department of Conservation land. A restricted fire season means a permit is required to light a fire in the open air. You can apply for a permit at [www.checkitsalright.nz](http://www.checkitsalright.nz).

A post can be found on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/SouthlandFENZ>

## The Music Shed

### Music Tuition for 2024

This year sees us sadly negotiating for a new Drum tutor after losing Wayne Muntz last year. Wayne's input over the two years he tutored was very much appreciated by us all.

As usual, we also have places open for Piano and Acoustic Guitar students with accompanying Theory.

We also offer band, group work and performance as practicable, for all students who wish to participate.

Contact Jenni Bickley 0297708451 for further enquires.

## NUT BAN

Nut allergies are dangerous for children who have major allergies. We have a student at school who has a severe nut allergy. Please exclude all nut products from your child's lunchbox.

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# RIVERTON KIDS TRYATHLON 2024



## RIVERTON TRYathlon

SPOT PRIZES, SAUSAGE SIZZLE

**WIN A NEW BIKE!!!**

**SATURDAY**

**24**

**FEBRUARY**

Riverton Swimming Pool, 17  
Napier Street

Race day registration and  
bike drop 9.15am

Event briefing 9.45am. First  
race 10am

Short Course triathlon for ages 5-7,  
8-10, 11-13 and 14-18

\$25pp (\$20pp for families of 2 or more)

Under 5's Duathlon, \$10pp

**Enter at** <https://forms.gle/gpsfZ8137m2W7hvb9>

For more info like the  
Riverton Kids TRYathlon facebook group