

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,

Principal Comment – News

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Haere Mai

I would like to welcome all the families back for another year of learning and growing. I would also like to welcome all the new children and Mrs Darlison to Riverton Primary School. It has been great to start the year with happy children and the sounds they bring back to the empty school grounds. The year 5 camp went well although very wet. I'm looking forward to having an extra day to relax with my family this Thursday. I trust you going to make the most of it too.

Thank you to Mark Willis, Tony Anderson and Malcolm Sellars who cleaned up the back fence line for us on Saturday, what a mammoth effort guys. Now all hazards have been removed and stage 2 planting can start.

We have a few bits of furniture we are getting rid of. I have left them in front of the music room. You are more than welcome to take it away. If there is anything left next week, it will be disposed of.

Class visits will be arranged by the staff or if you would like to meet your child's class teacher please contact them and make an appointment on an afternoon/evening in the first few weeks of this term. It will give you the best opportunity to set the year up and know what the teacher's expectations are for the year ahead.

We will be implementing PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning. This will help us monitor the actions of the children and reward positive behaviour. We have also changed the values and expectations of RPS. It makes school expectations predictable, consistent, positive and a safe environment to learn.

At Riverton Primary School you may hear or see the term CARE around the school grounds. This is our new acronym for our redesigned school values.

C – Community

A – Aroha

R – Resilience

E – Engagement

The children are busy looking at how we can CARE at Riverton Primary School and what it looks like behind everything we do. We have introduced 'CARE Cards' which are given out to the students when they are showing these values without being told.

Riverton Primary staff are embarking on a new professional learning journey with a spelling focus and Lochiel School will be our sister school accompanying us on this professional development journey.

As a staff we've been working with Carla McNeil from Learning Matters around what we do at school in spelling, writing and reading. Evidence-based research, brain functions, learning to spell (spelling patterns/rules) which in turn helps them to recognise and be able to sound out unknown words when reading. Over the year Carla will visit and model concepts to teachers and observe the teachers in their practice and how they use the resource and initiatives.

Spelling will be taught in class and won't be coming home till the programme is up and running

Any questions come and see Mr Page or the classroom teachers.

We are in the process of reviewing our homework policy to link with in-class teaching and learning. Until we have established our new homework approach we will only be sending home reading books and basic facts. We encourage you to read to your child every night to promote positive reading habits and routines.

The correct school uniform looks great on all the children. Thanks to the FOS, the Yr 6 hoodies look fantastic. There are a few things I would like to draw your attention to that are part of the uniform. On your child's PE/Sports day they need to wear a sports uniform please. We would like the children to have: **Navy tracksuit pants, white/black/navy socks, black/navy hair ties and if your child's hair touches their collar, it needs to be tied up please. Studs for earrings, as keepers can catch on things and no nail polish, thanks.**

I hope that the stationery ordering went smoothly from Office Max. If there were any problems or issues, please could you contact the office and let Keri-Ann know.

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 week 3 with their correct stationery thanks.

If you are planning events or putting dates on your calendar for the term these are a must:

We would like to invite all families to our '**Big Tent Out**' on the school field on **Friday 21st Feb**. What does this mean? If you have a tent, caravan, campervan, truck, any type of mobile sleepout 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 all food and refreshments are BYO. If you want to bring your own portable BBQ that will be fine.

The **Western swimming championships** will take place on **Friday 21st Feb** at the Riverton pool. If you are keen to help out please let Lisa Brady know and she will add you to the list. More information will be available closer to the event.

John Parsons will be back at school to educate our children, staff, and parent community, on the **13th March**. He will talk about the dangers and what to look out for as we use digital devices in a world that is changing rapidly. There are many things we are exposed to each day and some are not appropriate for primary school children.

The school will be closed for a TOD on Monday 23rd March, all staff will be attending PD with Dr Pam Kastner. And there will be a second TOD on **Wednesday 13th May**. Catherine Berkett will talk to staff and this will be followed by a parent evening session.

Please can you make sure your contact details (mobile, home and work numbers, and email) are up to date and Keri-Ann has it correct on the school admin computer? It becomes a concern if we are not able to contact you if your child is sick, had an accident or we may have a situation at school you need to know about.

Haere ra
Tim Page

CARE



Pictured under our CARE board from left to right
Amelia Kells, Baxter Sloane & Amelia McKay

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'I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody'
Bill Connely

ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE

Parents/extended families welcome

Friday 14th February @ 2pm Room 7

Friday 28th February @ 2pm Room 8

Friday 13th March @ 2pm Room 9

Friday 27th March @ 2pm Room 5

Thursday 9th April @ 2pm Leadership Assembly Room 9 Year 6's

All welcome

What's Happening

February

- ❖ 6th Feb Waitangi Day
- ❖ 11th Feb Friends of the School Meeting
- ❖ 21st Feb Western Swimming
- ❖ 21st Feb Tent Out
- ❖ 24th Feb Elgregoe Show - 1.30pm
- ❖ 27th Feb Year 4 Camp - Dunedin (depart)
- ❖ 28th Feb Year 4 Camp - Dunedin (return)

FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL MEETING

Tuesday 11th February 7pm at The Aparima

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and see what we are about*



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Hello fellow Southland table tennis ninjas

New Zealand junior girls' coach, **Jessica MacAskill**, will be in Invercargill from Thursday, February 20, to Sunday, February 23, to coach Southland junior and senior players.

Jessica will conduct group and private, one-on-one sessions. A two-hour group session would cost \$10 per player. The private session opportunities would be available only to those players that attend at least one group session.

Private session charges, which would include table hire fees, would be \$35 per hour or \$20 for a 30-minute session. Those sessions could be one-on-one training opportunities or Jessica could also accommodate two family members or two training partners in a session to share costs.

Players and/or parents or guardians are to contact Jessica directly to book private sessions. By email: jtabletennis1@gmail.com or: **027 728 6565**.

All juniors from under-8 to under-18 level - and anyone hoping to play for Southland against Otago in a much earlier than usual first junior provincial clash in Invercargill on Saturday, April 4 - should attend at least one session.

Coaching places are limited. Please confirm your group attendance by contacting Wayne McEwan at: southland@tabletennis.org.nz or by mobile on: **027 436 3322**.

Southland group training times:

- Thurs, Feb 20. 7-9pm: (adult players)
- Frid, Feb 21. 4-6pm: (junior beginners)
- Sat, Feb 22. 9.30-11.30am: (junior rep players)
- Sat, Feb 22. 12 noon to 2pm: (junior beginners)
- Sun, Feb 23. 9.30-11.30am: (junior rep players)



NIGHTCAPS

creative art

LESSONS FOR CHILDREN

WORK ALONGSIDE OTHER ENTHUSIASTIC BUDDING ARTISTS AND THE TUTOR HEATHER TO USE PROFESSIONAL SUPPLIES TO EXTEND YOUR CREATIVITY AND ARTISTIC SKILLS.

LEARN HOW TO USE VARIOUS MATERIALS SUCH AS PAINT, PENCILS, CRAYONS, PAPER, CANVAS AND MUCH MORE.

SNACKS PROVIDED.

TUTOR: HEATHER JOHNS

NIGHTCAPS ART CONNECTION

Sundays
16 Feb - 5 April

5-13 year olds:
10am - 12pm

13 years and up:
1pm - 3pm

\$50 per person
for 8 weeks

Takitimu School
Evan Street
NIGHTCAPS

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or email enquiries@reap.co.nz

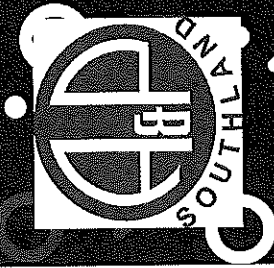


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HOST FAMILIES NEEDED 2020

- ✓ Experience a foreign culture firsthand
- ✓ Be exposed to a new language at home
- ✓ Rediscover and share the beauty of New Zealand
- ✓ Develop friendships that last a lifetime

We have a wonderful group of students arriving in May and July 2020 for 3, 5 or 10 months and are excitedly waiting to hear news of their host family in New Zealand.

All students have a wide range of interests and hobbies.

If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today **0800 440 079** or info@studentexchange.org.nz

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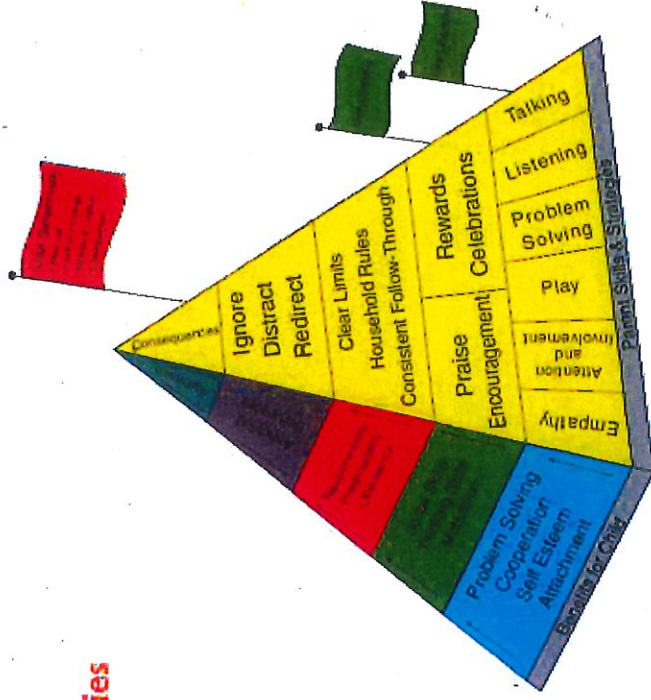
Parents, teachers, and children training series

Practical, positive step-by-step strategies to manage challenging behaviours in children aged 2½ - 8 years, such as aggressiveness, ongoing tantrums, whining, yelling, answering back and refusing to follow instructions.

**Starting: Tuesday 25 February 2020
10.00am – 12.30pm**

14 weekly sessions (no sessions in the school holidays)
Transport assistance available

Venue: UNION CHURCH
PALMERSTON STREET, RIVERTON



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for information and registration