

RIWAKA SCHOOL

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2024 LOADING... WELCOME BACK

Welcome to Riwaka School

Ngā mihi nui, kia koutou katoa e te whānau – Warm greetings to all our Riwaka families and friends

Welcome back to all our current families and to all our new whānau. We hope everyone is having a wonderful summer!

This newsletter provides some important information about the term and year ahead as well as a few reminders about school life.

- School starts **Thursday 1 February** 8:50am
- The School Office will be open on Wednesday 31 January for enquiries or new enrolments.

UNIFORM/CLOTHING REMINDERS

- The Board has purchased every student one of our new optional uniform/sports shirts. These **free shirts** can be picked up from the office from 31/01/2024 onwards. Other uniform items can be purchased from the Probrands website. More information will come out soon this.
- **Bucket Hats** in the school colours must be worn at all times when outside
- Crocs are able to be worn to school but Jibbitz/Croc Charms are not. Please leave these at home.

EVENT INVITATION & REMINDERS

Mihi Whakatau – On Thursday 01 February we look forward to welcoming our fabulous new kaiako **Eve Gilmour**, all our lovely new tamariki and their whānau at 10am. Please come to the office and a staff member will be there to greet you all and support you in this special welcome. All existing school whānau are also welcome to attend – please be seated in the PAC at 10am. We will have a cup of tea/coffee and kai together afterwards (about 10:20AM).

Whānau/Family Picnic – Friday 09 February 5-7pm on the school field.

Come along with your picnic dinner and blanket. There will be a sausage sizzle happening too – provided by the BoT. We will provide some sounds and sports gear. The pool will be open (parents must supervise their own children).

A great opportunity to mix and mingle with our staff in a relaxed and informal atmosphere.

We look forward to seeing you there!

USEFUL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

TERM DATES 2024

- Term 1 01 Feb – 12 Apr
- EASTER 29 March – 02 April School Closed
- Term 2 29 Apr – 05 July
- Term 3 22 Jul – 27 September
- Term 4 14 Oct – 17 Dec @ midday

CAMP INFORMATION EVENING

There is a camp information evening planned for **Thursday 08 February at 6:30pm**. This is for all parents/whānau of students from Years 4-8. This will cover the purpose of the camp, curriculum links and planned activities. If you are interested in attending as a camp help/parent support there will be application forms and relevant police vetting papers available.

PARKING & PROPERTY WORKS

Many of you will have seen or be aware of the major property works that have taken place over the summer holiday break. This does have an impact on the parking and turning bay in front of the school for Term One.

Please take extra precautions when dropping off and picking up your children before and after school and if possible park a little bit further down School Road and walk down. Parking spaces are limited and turning around will be dangerous at peak times. We expect to have tradespeople on site for most of Term One.

RIWAKA SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS

Our pool is looking pretty darn good and we cannot wait for the big splash this year. Save the date - **Monday 26 February**.

More information about specific year groups and events will come out closer to the time but make sure you have this one in your calendar - always a a great day poolside!

RIWAKA SCHOOL STATIONERY 2024

Still needing to purchase stationery for your child/ren? All class stationery lists are on our school website and can be found here <https://riwaka.school.nz/stationery/>

