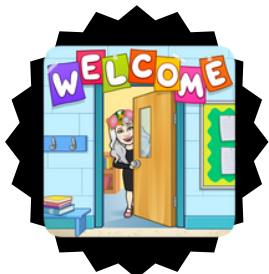




# RiwakaNews

#3 - 02 May 2025



**TERM TWO  
2025**



**is cool!**

**OUR  
PLACE!**

Kia ora e te whānau - hello to all of our school families!

Welcome Back to Term Two!

It's great to see everyone back and ready for another action-packed term. This term is a shorter one, being only nine weeks, so the time will whizz by again. Our learning focus continues to be 'Sustain' and we are excited to have partnered with Tasman Bay Guardians, EnviroSchool and Garden to Table to create our local curriculum overview. We look forward to sharing the learning and experiences with you along the way.

It is awesome that our two refurbished classrooms are open for learning this term and both of these rooms have a lovely feel about them. Mrs Rhind and the Year 0/1 cohort is in Pukekoikoi and Mrs Bolton in Anarewa with the Year 1/2 learners. Like the rest of the school, they are awaiting a flooring upgrade, which the Ministry of Education are funding, with installation due in July. We are all looking forward to that!

Fundraising is a massive but essential part of any school these days. We wish we received enough funding to be able to do and provide all of the things we'd like to for your children. Unfortunately this is not the case, and we need to raise funds to provide these things. Many of you were attending school here when the playgrounds were installed - more than 30 years ago, and they are in dire need of an upgrade - particularly the Junior Playground area. Our pump track was developed a few years ago, and is very popular, with so many children wanting to use this at break times, that we have had to create a roster. We would love to extend the pump track to include a scooter/bike track around the perimeter of the back field so more children can enjoy these outdoor spaces together. Finally, we lost a sandpit with the installation of Te Whare Mātairangi. The perfect spot for a redevelopment is under the big shade sails out by the back courts - we want to raise funds for the materials, and then hope to develop this area through a working bee later in the year.

Ours FORS (Friends of Riwaka School) are a small but committed group of parents and staff, We really do need more support to make a difference to Our Place. Please get in touch with Jenna or come along to our next FORS meeting on Monday straight after school in the staffroom, where we are breaking down the Matariki event, including a hangi, into bite size jobs and responsibilities and planning ahead for the Duck Race in July.

jenna.grooby@riwaka.school.nz Thank you in advance for any and all support you can give!

Team work really does make the dream work - and we are doing it for our children!

Mauri ora - Be well!

*Adele Lidgard*

**Tumuaki - Principal**

Riwaka te puna wai, whakatipu nga tamariki  
The flowing waters nurture our future generations



# SOME UPCOMING DATES

Make sure you have these on your calendar

Mon, 5 May	3:15pm	FORS Meeting re Hangi and Duck Race in the Staffroom
Wed, 7 May	10.30am - 1pm	Whole school trip to Te Puna o Riuwaka
Fri, 23 May	9am - 2.30pm	School cross country
Wed, 28 May	8.15 - 10.15am	MyRide bike safety check & maintenance workshop 
Mon, 2 June	All Day	King's Birthday - SCHOOL CLOSED
Tue, 3 June	All Day	Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
Fri, 6 June	9am - 2.30pm	Inter school cross country
Thu, 19 June	From 4.30pm	Matariki - an evening at school with a home-made kite flying competition, hangi, kapa haka performance, lanterns and Matariki cluster spotting (details to follow)
Fri, 20 June	All Day	Matariki - SCHOOL CLOSED 
Fri, 27 June	2:50pm	End of Term Two 
Sun, 27 July	11am - 3pm	Duck Race & Mid Winter Swim
Tue, 14 Oct	7 - 9pm	Sprig & Fern quiz fundraiser

## ELECTIONS

**School Board elections are coming up this year!**

If you want to add value and contribute to the vision and strategic goals of our school, you would make a great trustee!

If you'd like to know more before submitting your nomination later in the year, have a chat with Stephen Hailes who is our current Presiding Member.

### Upcoming Teacher Only Day

This year the Government has provided professional learning days for teaching staff to attend workshops during the school term. Riwaka School will be closed on **Tuesday 3 June** so our teachers can attend maths sessions. Thank you for your support and understanding.



# School FUNDRAISING 2025



## Friends of Riwaka School

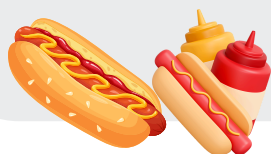
Our current fundraising balance is **\$3464!**  
Thank you for selling hot cross buns - this has added \$464 to our total.

### Upcoming Fundraising

- **19 June: Matariki** - an evening at school with a home-made kite flying competition, hangi, kapa haka performance, lanterns and Matariki cluster spotting
- **27 July: Duck Race** and mid-winter Polar Plunge (10 August postponement date)

**Hot Lunches** every Friday in Term 2 - Hotdog and CookieTime Cookies

If you can spare 1 hour on a Friday - from midday until 1pm - to get the lunches ready and out to classrooms - please get in touch with Jenna - [jenna.grooby@riwaka.school.nz](mailto:jenna.grooby@riwaka.school.nz)



*Together,  
We make a  
Difference*

Are you able to help us with our **Hangi Event**?

We need help to prepare for the hangi - are there people in our school whānau community who can help us with this? Donations of food, people power etc  
Please get in touch with [jenna.grooby@riwaka.school.nz](mailto:jenna.grooby@riwaka.school.nz) or pop into the office.



We are excited to have joined hundreds of other schools in the **Garden to Table** family. Even more exciting is that we **WON 7 X macrocarpa raised garden beds** which will arrive at school this term. We are committed to growing minds and bodies, and empowering our ākonga to participate in a more sustainable world. This term our focus will be **COMPOST** - mmmmmmm delicious - hands on learning with awesome, authentic outcomes!

WOOHOO!

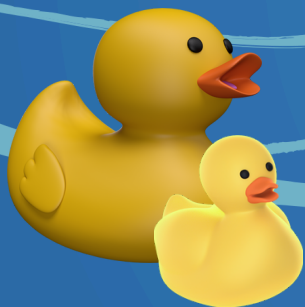
GROW HARVEST PREPARE SHARE







# MID WINTER SWIM & DUCK RACE



**SUNDAY, 27TH JULY 2025**

**KAITERITERI BEACH 11AM – 3PM**

**FOOD STALLS**  
**FAMILY FUN** **BIG DIG**  
**MUSIC** **BOUNCY**  
**CASTLE**





# COMMUNITY NOTICES

**OPEN DAY MAY 4**

**WILLOW BANK** HERITAGE VILLAGE

ENTRY FEE: \$7 PER ADULT (AGES 18+) \$3 PER CHILD

**APPLE HARVEST**

VISIT A FUN AND INTERACTIVE LIVING MUSEUM ICM SOUTH OF WAKEFIELD, NELSON. WE HAVE 20+ SHOP DISPLAYS FOR YOU TO EXPLORE, FOOD AND DRINK AND LOTS MORE.

**SUNDAY 10AM - 3PM MAY 4**

APPLE + PEAR HARVEST OPEN DAY. BRING YOUR FRUIT TO JUICE. JUICE BAGS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE.

info@willowbankwakefield.co.nz @willowbankheritagevillage

AVAILABLE FOR GROUP BOOKINGS WWW.WILLOWBANKWAKEFIELD.CO.NZ

79 WAKEFIELD-KOHATU HIGHWAY, WAKEFIELD

Motueka Library Te Nonga Kumu

**PATCHWORK BEAR** Helps Zoe

**Book Launch**

Join author **Carol Duffy** for her latest book launch.

**Tuesday 6th May 4:00 - 5:30pm**

Books will be available to purchase.

Written by CAROL DUFFY Illustrated by AELINN PETERS

SATURDAY 10TH MAY 2025 - 7:30 TILL MIDNIGHT

MOTUEKA HIGH SCHOOL - A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

**BACK TO SCHOOL BALL**

**MHS 70TH ANNIVERSARY**

PERFORMANCE BY **The Beat Girls**

Info - Scan QR Code or Click link Tickets below

**R20**

## Bring your child's bike to school for a free safety check - Wed, 28th May.

MyRide Motueka will once again come and complete a free "10 Point Safety Check" on student bikes. They are also offering a maintenance workshop for \$5 per child. For full details please check your emails or Hero notification.



**COMMUNITY**

IS ABOUT DOING SOMETHING

**TOGETHER**

THAT MAKES BELONGING

**MATTER.**

## Knowing if your child is well enough to go to school

Going to school every day is important for all school aged tamariki (children). It helps build their confidence and social skills, and will help them to achieve their education and life ambitions. This information helps you decide when it is okay to send your child to school, when you should keep your child at home and when you should contact a health professional for advice.

**Send me to school if...**

If your child has any mild symptoms but is well enough to go to school, support them to go and let their teacher know.

**Examples include:**

- A happy energised child who has mild respiratory symptoms (cough, headache or runny nose), with no fever.
- Their usual hay fever and allergy symptoms (sneezing, stuffy nose or an itchy face), or skin problems that are not infectious, such as eczema or insect bites.
- They test negative for COVID-19 and they do not have any of the symptoms of concern.

**What if my child is feeling anxious?**

Anxiety is a normal response to situations that are new or stressful. Children can feel anxious about school for many different reasons relating to their learning, relationships or things happening outside of school.

Try and find out what is worrying your child and work together with your child's school to understand and support them to attend school.

**Keep me home if...**

You should keep your child home from school if they are:

- Too sick to learn and need time to rest and recover.
- Have symptoms of concern including fever, vomiting, diarrhoea, sore throat, skin infections such as school sores, a new rash or difficulty breathing.
- Have tested positive for COVID-19. More information on symptoms, testing and when it is safe to return to school can be found by scanning the QR code.
- Have an infectious illness and have been advised to stay home by their local public health team or their healthcare provider.

Remember to let the school know.

**DAYS MISSED = YEARS LOST**

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

SCHOOL LIFE	YEARS LOST
1 day missed = 4 weeks	1 year missed
1 week missed = 8 weeks	2.5 years missed

**Call the Doctor if...**

If you ever feel worried about your child's health, contact your doctor or healthcare provider.

You can also call Healthline on 0800 611 116 anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for free health advice, treatment and information on what to do next. Interpreter support is available.

The guidance provided on the Health NZ website also contains information and links to other urgent and non-urgent healthcare providers or services that can offer health advice and care that you need.

Learn more from the guidance provided by Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora by scanning the QR code.

**STRONG Wahine** believe, nourish, move, thrive

**More than Movement**

**H.I.I.T Nature-based Small Group Circuit Training Sessions**

**Fitness for Mums**

Ladies this is your time to be strong and fit for life. It's designed for every level, you go your hard, build fitness, strength and bones. It's specific to women, combining cardio and strength with bodyweight, battleropes and slam balls. We do things differently. We set an intention for each class, split it into 3 parts, fitness, core and plyometrics to build bones and cold plunge in the sea after if you like.

**WEDNESDAY 9.30am-10.30am**

**At Alex Ryder Memorial Park, Little Kaiteriteri**  
Raining days we will head under cover at Bethany Park

**\$20/session or sign up for 10 week term & save**

**First session Free!**

**Term 2 starts April 30**

Please bring a yoga mat

Register by email: Nicole Walker nicolewalker06@gmail.com

**Limit 10 Spaces!**





PROUDLY SUPPORTING



## GROWING GREAT KIWI KIDS, *together*

Our big dream is to inspire Kiwi families to be happier and healthier, one meal at a time. That's why we are proud to support Garden to Table, a charitable trust who are on a mission to empower tamariki across Aotearoa New Zealand to grow, harvest, prepare, and share great food through their integrated primary school curriculum.



### Mission

Doubling the number of kids who get to grow, harvest, prepare and share their own great food.



### Donations

Opt in to donate an amount each time you get a delivery from us.



### Charity

When you donate, it's sent straight to Garden to Table.



### Community

Your donation not only helps a child, but goes beyond the school gate to their family and ripples into their community.



## DINNER, DONE BETTER.

- ✓ Suitable for 1-6 people
- ✓ Largest variety – 30+ recipes per week
- ✓ Premium classics, healthier options & more
- ✓ Free-range, free-farmed, locally sourced
- ✓ Recipes inspired by Nadia Lim



## BARGAIN BOX NZ's most affordable meal kit!

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- ✓ Prices from just \$6.95 per plate
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- ✓ Family favourites, healthier options & more
- ✓ Free-range, free-farmed, locally source



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