



RiwakaNews

Awesome Attendance for Week 3 Keep it up!

94%

Every day counts!

SCHOOL is cool!

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

We have had an awesome couple of weeks - short but superbly sweet! Nothing like an anniversary weekend and public holiday to ease us all in to school routines before we crack back in to those five day weeks - but here we are - back into them for the next few weeks in a row! Routine being the key word to survive the term. Here at school we try hard to be 'responsive' rather than 'reactive' and you will hear us talk about having a 'no surprises' policy around things, which means we like to have things planned well ahead. Children respond well to this too - lots of notice, or as much as possible, when things are going to change. We call this 'transition'. And of course plenty of routine, routine, routine.

We had a great School Picnic last Friday evening - it was such a success we will definitely make this an annual event. The feedback from the whānau was that it was such a positive, relaxed vibe, a great way to meet the staff and how great the school was looking. Thanks for this feedback! We really appreciate hearing this, as there have been lots of people working really hard over the summer break to make it so. We think this was a fun and informal way to start the year, with the children along, while making use of our spectacular grounds. Also a big thanks to 'Imperfect Circles' - great to have these ex students Alex Lightfoot, Theo Hansen & Tobin van Boekhoet-McKenzie together with ex Mahana pupil Morgan Grove-Roberts contributing to the summer picnic vibe!

CONGRATULATIONS to our very first AWHI Award recipients at today's assembly! Jacob Campbell, Cameron Allan, Eilidh McGhie, Emma Fry, Kimbe Thomas, Zelmay Van Der Westhuizen, Lily Nicholas, Luke Cooper, Hector Goodman, Kayson Marshall, Tāwera Mikaere, Pippa Butel, Ayla Grennell, Archie Fry, Noah Dickson and Maddison Bichan! Also CONGRATULATIONS to our AWHI Token tamariki who's names were drawn out at today's assembly. You are all Riwaka Rockstar learners!

I look forward to seeing you at school - Mauri ora - Be well!

Adele Lidgard

Tumuaki - Principal

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



AT THE
pool

Reminder to Pool Key Holders



Thank you to everyone who uses our awesome school pool responsibly and abides by their pool user contract.

This is a reminder that pool keys are purchased to allow members of your own household only to access the pool. We understand there are times where your child may have a friend over or you have a visitor staying and they may come along for a swim with your family - but there have been instances where key holders are taking a big group of people with them or letting in people who do not have a key. This has been happening on a regular basis. The Pool User Contract clearly states the rules around this. Please be respectful of the other users and the cost of maintaining the pool which is directly impacted by the amount of people using it.

We encourage people to provide feedback on the options and on areas that concern them the most. The current Speed Management consultation is set to close on Thursday 29 February with the Joint Regional Transport Committee making its recommendation to Tasman District and Nelson City Councils in the following months.

GARDENING CLUB



HI THERE - WE ARE A GROUP OF STUDENTS THAT HAVE STARTED UP AN ENVIRO GROUP AT SCHOOL. WE ARE LOOKING AFTER THE NEW PLANTS. WE ARE ALSO PLANNING SOME NEW GARDENS. SOMEONE HAS BORROWED OUR THINGS THAT WE LEAVE OUTSIDE BECAUSE WE USE THEM EVERY DAY. WE WOULD LOVE IT IF YOU COULD RETURN THEM TO US - A COUPLE OF SOAKER HOSES, HOSE FITTINGS AND A BUCKET. THANK YOU.

INTERESTED IN SPEED LIMITS AROUND SCHOOLS?

Go to shape.tasman.govt.nz/speed-review



SNEAK

PEEK



BUCKET HATS ARE COMPULSORY WHEN OUTSIDE IN TERMS 1 & 4
NO HAT - NO PLAY

Final designs are in and the online shop link should be up and running shortly. ProBrands will be sending us some samples - we will let you know as soon as we have them in the office. We now have red and black bucket hats back in stock in the office @ \$15 per hat.

IT'S CALLED INTEGRITY

do

THE RIGHT THING...

EVEN WHEN NO ONE IS LOOKING.





School Camps are coming up in Weeks 10 and 11. We have had one information session with parents and your application to be a Parent Help together with completed Police Vetting form should now be in. We will be back in touch soon with more detailed information about the camps and who is going to be able to join us on our adventure! Camp payments can now be made to the school bank account. You can make a payment arrangement with Jenna if this is helpful. Make sure you put the reference CAMP and your child's name.

Our annual **Swimming Sports and Swimming Display** is coming up on **Monday 26 February**. More detailed information about events and timing will come out next week so you can come along to watch your child/children swim in their race/display event.

There will be a sausage sizzle and Juicies for sale at lunch time (\$2 each) - an order form will come home for these but there will be extras for hungry parents too. We are looking for volunteers for lane marshalls and bbq sizzlers. Please get in touch with Tina or your child's classroom teacher. We are looking forward to a great day!



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At Riwaka School our general guideline is that we don't send work home. We do however promote reading for pleasure. Books that come home should be at a level that your child is able to read comfortably by themselves e.g. independently. If they are 'learning to read' then your child's teacher will be able to speak to you about how to encourage a lifelong love of reading.

Whānau Literacy Info Session

When: Wednesday 13 March from 3:05pm
Where: Riwaka School PA Centre
What: Information for parents and whānau about the literacy approach used at our school and how family can support reading at home.

This is targeted at Year 0 (New Entrants) to Year 2 students but is open to all families.

Contact: tess.hansen@riwaka.school.nz



soulUTIONz Sports Trust KIDS TOUCH Muster Tournament

Sat 17 Feb



Riwaka Club Fields

1:00pm rock up & we'll make up teams.
Aim to accommodate all ages up to Y8.

Adapted Games 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Gold Coin Donation Please
to support Emma Paaka rep for NZs

Stay to watch Finals. Food also for Sale!

