



RiwakaNews

Kia ora Riwaka whānau - Hello to all of school families

What a big month it has been for our kura! August has flown by in a blur of learning, connection, and community spirit – and now here we are welcoming in September and the **promise of spring**.

Over the past few weeks, I've been both in and out of school – not because I don't love being here, but because I've been working alongside other principals and leaders on some important mahi for Riwaka School's future. This has included professional learning around **Better Start Literacy**, as well as **strategic planning** with Springboard Trust – making sure our school is set up strongly and strategically for the years ahead, with every learner at the heart of our decisions.

Back at school, there's been plenty to celebrate:

- ✨ **Daffodil Day** – what an awesome effort from our tamariki and whānau raising funds for the Cancer Society.
- ✨ **Carpet upgrades** – after three years on the waitlist, our learning spaces are looking fresh and warm thanks to the Ministry-funded project.
- ✨ **Greenhouse win!** – thanks to Mitre 10 Motueka, we now have a brand-new greenhouse. This is going to be an amazing resource for our tamariki to learn, grow, and get their hands into the soil.
- ✨ **Java Dance Company** – a special visit that left our students buzzing with creativity and inspiration.
- ✨ **Assembly highlights** – from our MCs in Te Puna showing their confidence, to AWHI certificates and Level Up draws, it's been wonderful to see our learners shining.

Alongside all of this, our **Board elections** are set to close next week.

A huge thank you to our current trustees for their governance, and to those who have put their hands up to serve for the next term – it's such an important role.

Sadly, there was no skiing for our tamariki this winter – hardly any snow meant we had to miss this adventure. Let's hope we can get our children back up the mountain next year to experience the magic of the slopes together.

It's hard to believe there are only **15 school days** left in this term and just 40 more in Term 4 – the year is flying by! Every one of those days counts, so it's really important that our tamariki are here at school every day they are well and able. **Attendance** makes such a difference to their learning and to feeling connected with their peers.

Spring always feels like a time of renewal and growth, and it's the same here at school. With **Book Fair** coming up in Week 9, and all the everyday moments of learning, discovery, and whanaungatanga, we are in for a busy, joyful end to the term.

Ngā mihi nui for your continued support and encouragement – it makes all the difference.

I look forward to seeing you at school
Ngā manaakitanga

Adele Lidgard
Tumuaki - Principal

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



THANK YOU

Thank You to Our Outgoing Trustees

As we head into the final days of our Board election, we want to say a **HUGE** thank you to our outgoing trustees. Serving on a school Board is all about governance – making the big-picture decisions that keep our school strong, future-focused, and well-supported.

Your care, time, and collaboration have allowed our Principal and teaching team to focus on the mahi of teaching and learning.

Ngā mihi nui for all you've done for Our Place.

Riwaka School Book Fair – Week 9!

Get ready to celebrate books and reading in

Week 9 – Monday 8th to Friday 12th September!

Throughout the week, we'll have fun activities that celebrate our love of books, finishing with **Book Character Dress-Up Day on Thursday 11th**. This year's theme is picture books and graphic novels (comic-style books). Come dressed as your favourite character and join our parade after Friday's school assembly and before House Hui – whānau are warmly invited to watch!

Our Scholastic Book Fair will be set up in the PAC all week.

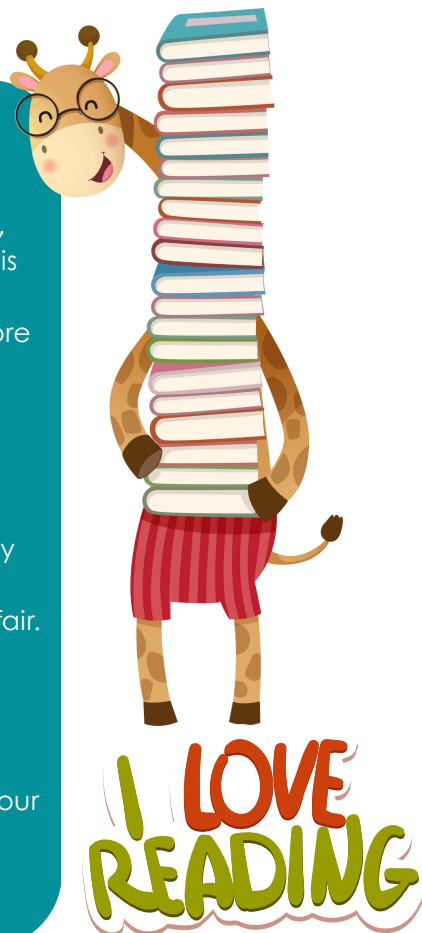
Here's how it works:

- Students will visit the fair with their class and bring home a wish list of books they love (no obligation to buy).
- Books can be purchased by students at select times or by whānau visiting the fair.
- It's the perfect time to start your Christmas shopping and support our school library, as a percentage of all sales goes towards new books for our students.
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Can you help?

Fiona would love some extra adult helpers to set up or help sell books. Even an hour makes a big difference! Please get in touch if you can lend a hand.

Let's make it a magical week of reading and fun!



Riwaka School Community Hub & Kai Cupboard

We have a variety of grocery items as well as some prepared meals in our **Kai Cupboard**

We have set up a Community Hub team - **Adele, Janice, Annika and Lyn.**

Please get in touch with one of us if you, or someone you know in our area, needs support... if we don't have exactly what they need, we can find out where they might get it!

You can catch us at school or email riwakahub@riwaka.school.nz

If you have donations please also get in touch - fresh fruit & veges welcome also



OUR PLACE



CONNECTED - NURTURED - EMPOWERED

to Community

to Grow

to Flourish



Look out for our *NEW* school vision statement filtering through in our language, learning and life here at Riwaka School, as we refine all of your feedback and prioritise what you said in the school's Strategic Plan 2026-2028!

Thank you to those whānau who added their aspirations for our school through our survey - together with our school team, board and tamariki.
Your collective voice shapes Our Place!

SOME UPCOMING DATES

Wed 3 September	10.30am -12.30pm	Parklands school production @ Motueka Memorial Hall
08-12 September		Scholastic Book Fair
Wed, 10 September	Last day to vote	School Board Election Day - voting closes at 4pm
Thurs, 11 Sept	NB New Date	Book Character Dress up Day
12 September		Rā Tākarau Maori Games tournament
Fri, 19 September	9:10am 3:00pm	Learning Celebration Assembly Term Three ends
Mon, 06 October	8:50am	Term Four starts
Tue, 14 October	7-9pm	School fundraiser quiz @ Sprig & Fern - book your table!



VOTE



**SCHOOL BOARD
ELECTIONS**

ELECTION DAY - WED, 10 SEPTEMBER

Voting closes on election day

Please make sure you have voted online before 4pm
If you have a paper vote you must get it in to the office by 4pm that day.

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I can do things you
cannot, you can do things
I cannot; together we
can do great things.

MOTHER TERESA

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Do you need help funding your child's sport fees? Please see the flyer below and talk to Jenna who can help you apply for a grant.

SPORT START supported by NBS

Sport Start is a grant scheme that has been made available through Sport Tasman through NBS. The purpose of the scheme is to help young people take part in sport and physical activity by providing assistance where financial hardship is a barrier to participation.

THE CRITERIA FOR THE SPORTSTART GRANTS SCHEME:

- Financial hardship is a barrier to participation
- Community Services Card Mandatory
- Grants are for a maximum of up to \$30 - \$50 per application (see our website)
- Available for 5 - 18 year olds who reside in Buller, Kaikoura, Nelson, Marlborough or Tasman
- Applicants are entitled to a maximum of two Sport Start applications per calendar year

PROCESS TO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE

- Sports clubs and schools must be registered as a provider with Sport Tasman (All Sport Start forms can be found at our website below)
- Applicants are to complete the top half of the application form and then the sports club or school are to complete the bottom half and return to Sport Tasman.
- Providers will be notified of funding acceptance.

For more information contact Sport Start Co-ordinator by phone or email
admin@sporttasman.org.nz

Thanks to our current funders for making this scheme possible.



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OPEN DAY
SEPT 5

Fish Suitcase Market

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HERITAGE VILLAGE

1KM SOUTH OF WAKEFIELD

WAKEFIELD N.Z.

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

WILLOW BANK HERITAGE VILLAGE IS A FUN AND INTERACTIVE LIVING MUSEUM 1KM SOUTH OF WAKEFIELD, NELSON. WE HAVE 20+ SHOP DISPLAYS FOR YOU TO EXPLORE, FOOD AND DRINK AND LOTS MORE.





FRIDAY 5PM - 8PM
SEPT 5

1970'S MILK BAR / VICTORIAN STYLE CAFE / SECRET GARDEN
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Market Stalls Wanted!

Sunday 14th September

@Valley to View - Hira School Fair

Cable Bay Adventure Park 10am - 3pm

Would you like to set up your stall at our school fair?
We're looking for stall holders to bring more colour and fun to our school fair.

Just \$10 to Hira School for a space.

Set up by 10am.

More info, contact Lou 0212982458




REGISTER NOW

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TE TOTARA CAMP




Volleyball

SEPTEMBER 23-24 2025

Setters: 9am-10.30am
Spikers: 11am- 3pm
Juniors: 11am- 3pm

LEARN DEVELOP GROW


LEAD COACH
Ben Laing
VNZ
Jnr Mens Coach

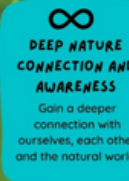
In Nature Education

September Holiday Sessions


September 23rd, 24th and 25th
\$55 per child per day
Lower Moutere and Kina beach



PRIMITIVE BUSHCRAFT SKILLS
Learn fire skills, survival, foraging and many more primitive and bushcraft skills



DEEP NATURE CONNECTION AND AWARENESS
Gain a deeper connection with ourselves, each other and the natural world



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10 AM - 3 PM

Hira School

Cable Bay Adventure Park

BRING FAMILY AND FRIENDS
GOLD COIN ENTRY

