



Tena koutou katoa,

Firstly, welcome Sam T. (R9) and Heilala P. (R9) to Riwaka School. It is great to have you here!

We have some staff farewells to make. I would like to acknowledge the following staff members for their contribution to the school:

#### Mal Roberts

Mal has been with us for 13 years and has decided to retire. Over this time, he has overseen the safety and operation of the pool, boiler and managed the grounds and operational side of our building compliance. In particular, the pool over the summer period is a huge job which requires constant monitoring and a great deal of knowledge to troubleshoot unforeseen issues that arise. It is in some ways like an extra marriage. I wish to thank and acknowledge Mal for his commitment and loyalty to the school. We will miss you Mal.

#### Kerstin Borchard

Kerstin has been with us for almost 14 years. Over this time, she has worked with a large number of students in a learning support role. Her patience, compassion and skillset have been greatly appreciated by staff and students. I wish to thank and acknowledge Kerstin for all she has done in supporting our learners

here. I wish her all the best for her time in Germany. We will miss you Kerstin.

#### Kylie Stringer

I wish to congratulate and welcome Kylie Stringer to the role of caretaker for Riwaka School. Kylie has had a long association with the school as a parent. I look forward to this continuing for her in this new role.

#### Student Led Conferences

Thank you to staff, parents and students for the efforts at these last week. The feedback I have had so far from staff and parents has been positive. I value the opportunity of students being able to talk about their learning and how this is going for them as well as share future aspirations for their learning.

#### W@S Survey

This term, teaching staff and students in Y5-8 undertake the Wellbeing@School survey which is funded by the Ministry of Education. This gives us some insight into how students at that age feel about the culture of the school and helps us identify anything we need to gain more insight into. This is the second year we have gathered data from this.

#### 2019 Term 3

Mon 29 July – Fri 27  
September

#### Friday Assemblies 2pm

Duration 40 Minutes

Fri 2 August – Rm 4  
Fri 9 August – Rm 1  
Fri 16 August – Rm 5  
Fri 23 August – Rm 6  
Fri 30 August – Rm 2  
Fri 6 September – Rm 9  
Fri 13 September – Rm 10  
Fri 20 September – Rm 3  
Fri 27 September – Rm 7/8

#### Thursday 22 August

Junior Winter sports

#### Friday 23 August

Senior Winter sports

#### Sunday 18 August Midwinter Swim and Duck Race



#### Graffiti Study Reaps Rewards

*Last year Room 5 Students investigated whether graffiti was a problem at Riwaka School. They concluded that there was a problem and so set about finding a solution. Their recommendation was that the school could install a graffiti/street art chalk board in the playground. Lili A., Tessa A., Murdoch S. and Devon E., who were students in Room 5 last year are proudly holding a cheque presented to the school by Challenge Riwaka to fund this project.*

*If you haven't already, please sign up at Challenge Riwaka to donate your rewards to Riwaka School. As you can see we really do benefit from this scheme.*



### Fundraising

A big thanks to the team so far for their efforts in organising the Midwinter Swim and Duckrace. I also wish to acknowledge the generosity of the school and wider community in supporting this. The revised date is set for **Sunday 18th August**. I hope that extra two weeks gives some people a bit more time in finalising their costumes for the swim!

### Events this Term

There are a large number of happenings on the calendar this term with sports, cultural and other learning opportunities. The junior and senior winter sports is set for the 23rd and 24th August. This is an opportunity for Y4-8 students to have a go at rugby, netball, football and hockey. We also have Y5-8 students working on speeches and preparing for MASSIVE.

### Relievers at Riwaka School

Best endeavours are taken to select relievers who are a best fit for published jobs. Continuity for classes is also a major consideration where there are periods of staff absence which stretch beyond one day.

### Start Time

Please ensure students arrive at school in time to get ready for class by bell time at **8:50am**. Students who arrive late need to report in to the school office. Please phone the school office if your child is to be absent and provide a reason

for the absence as we need to be able to code it correctly on our student management system.

### Safety at Pickup time

This is a brief reminder of a couple of things. Firstly, with the release of students, all bus pupils are released first on the bus bell at 2:50pm. When the buses are offsite, all other students are then released with the final bell. In the interests of student safety, please ensure you are parking somewhere safely (even if this means walking a distance to the school). I would also like to mention that there have been some reports from neighbours and concerned school community members of parking over driveways and also some 'borderline' driving behaviour outside the school at pick-up time. This is a reminder for us all to consider driving behaviours and making caution and consideration priorities over convenience. Please do not stop on the yellow lines in the bus bay but drive on further through if you are doing a quick drop off or pick up.

That is all for now.

Ngā mihi nui

Fraser Campbell  
Principal  
Riwaka School



*Weaving with wool creations by senior students during Friday lunchtime Art Club with Mrs Bolton and Mrs Ryder.*



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