



Tena koutou katoa,

We welcome to R9, Eilidh M. It is great to have you joining us!

Last week, Kathrine and I had the pleasure of being part of the Rural Principal's conference which was hosted in Nelson for 2019. Whilst the weather was not much to showcase on that particular week, it was a brilliant three days on other levels. Firstly, the messages delivered by keynote speakers, Children's Commissioner Judge Becroft, multiple time World Champion adventure racer Nathan Fa'avae and world-class international speaker Sir John Jones were both powerful and pertinent. One of the messages conveyed was on the profound difference teachers and education can have on young lives. The conference was also an opportunity to visit other schools in the area as well as network with other principals from around the country.

Please remember that all voting closes at 12:00pm Friday 7th June for the Board of Trustees Triennial elections. Votes are counted on Thursday 13th June and the new Board of Trustees takes office on Friday 14th June. We are fortunate to have a school community with passionate, skilled and committed parents able to step forward in offering this role of governance. I look forward to working with the incoming board.

In the government's budget announcement for 2020, an increase in funding to decile 1-7 schools as an alternative to school donations looks to come into effect. The intention of this is to provide an education that is indeed free and boards of trustees will then have the responsibility to allocate this increased funding to areas that will make a difference to students. Schools will still have the option to request donations but with this increase in government funding, there is less of a need for us as parents to prop up funding for some of the opportunities where we have been underfunded.

This term, in addition to ongoing informal and formal assessments, we are also gathering data through the W@S survey (Well-being @ School) from Y5-8 students. This is a ministry funded initiative which gives us the opportunity to gather 'voice' from students on, school-wide leadership, climate, policies, and practices, how teachers teach, and what happens in classrooms, student culture and behaviour, and how connections are made within the school community. This informs our progress on our annual targets and helps identify other areas for review and self-improvement.

2019 Term 2

Mon 29 April -Fri 5 July

Friday Assemblies 2pm

Duration 40 Minutes

June 7	Rm 3
June 14	Rm 2
June 21	Rm 1
June 28	Rm 9
July 5	Rm 8

Friday 14 June

Interschool Cross country

Thursday 20 June

Gym B Grade Competition

Friday 21 June

Gym A Grade Competition

Friday 5 July

Student Reports sent home



FUNDRAISING- THE DUCK RACE AND MID-WINTER SWIM

Due to quite tricky tides times this year we have had to push the annual fundraiser out to the beginning of the third term, giving us plenty of time to make this an awesome day to remember. This year we have also teamed up with DOC to include blue whio ducks in our Duck Race. More about this partnership will be sent out in the coming weeks. So with the date set and planning underway, the Fundraising Committee would like to gather ideas from the wider school community about what we should be fundraising for. A survey was sent a fortnight ago where we are asking for you to share your ideas. Please take the time to complete this as we are very interested in hearing from you. These ideas will then be collated and ranked and presented to the Board Of Trustees. We will also be seeking volunteers for this year's event and a separate flyer will be sent home explaining what we need, so please look out for this.

It is great to see a large number of students active in weekend and after-school sports and activities. I hope that the season is going well for all involved in team sports and am grateful to all parents who support our school teams. With my own children involved in mini ball, netball, football and mountain biking, I always enjoy hearing of the positive behaviour and fair play shown by Riwaka School students on the court or field. A number of names have been mentioned as being 'nice' or 'kind' as well as playing fair and being supportive. We also have a number of students in the school involved in Krankin Kids, a mountain biking skills programme as well as many enjoying the Kaiteriteri mountain bike park in the weekends

with friends and family. It is well worth checking out the bike park or Great Taste trail if you are into biking.

Thanks to Maree F. as well as Leonie and Evan H., for manning the drink station at the K2M event which came through Riwaka. For their efforts, a donation has been made to the school.

Until next time, take care.

Ngā mihi nui

Fraser Campbell
Principal



William M., Brodie Q. and Alex L. at the Interschool Y1-6 Chess Tournament. All victorious after the first round! At the end of the day this Riwaka School team came in at 2nd place. Congratulations boys.



Lucy Summerfield has been awarded the top prize in the national Hook, Line and Sing-a-long contest with her composition "Aotearoa mo te katoa", translated as New Zealand for everyone. Our school choir has been learning the song and had the thrill of singing along with Lucy when she visited school last Friday.

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Bridge Valley Holiday Camps

This Winter, here at Bridge Valley, we have our Medieval Madness themed children's camp from 8th - 12th July. Our children's camp are a fun and safe place for children to grow in all areas. We have many exciting activities at Bridge Valley, such as laser tag, rock climbing, archery, air rifles, zipline, and more!

Overnight Combined Camp: Ages 8-13

Blast Day Camps: Ages 7-13

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Lost, Ravenclaw mid blue zip-up hoodie.

Please contact William Room 7 or Wendy on 527 8588. Reward offered.



World Environment Day 5 June

Celebrated by thousands of communities worldwide.

The theme for 2019 is "Air pollution."

We can all play a part in helping to decrease Air Pollution.

How you can help?

Donate any unwanted mobile phones to help raise funds for [Sustainable Coastlines](#).

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