



AKO
WE LEARN TOGETHER



WHANAUNGATANGA
WE BELONG



HAUORA
WELLNESS OF LIFE



INTEGRITY
I HAVE INTEGRITY

Kia ora e te whānau – hello to all of our school family!
A HUGE welcome back to you all!

It has been a fabulous start to 2024, welcoming new friends, whānau and tamariki to our school – it's awesome to see our numbers growing here at Riwaka School! Our board and staff are excited and have worked hard to develop and design the direction for the positive future of our school with our Strategic Plan for 2024 – 2026 focusing on:

School Identity & Culture – Rangitiratanga,
Teaching & Learning – Ako; and
Community Collaboration – Whakawhanaungatanga

These strategic goals align nicely with the goals that the Education Review Office had highlighted for Riwaka School in previous reports.

There was a real sense of excitement and positivity in the air as we met for the first of our Staff Only Days of the year at one of our regions beautiful spots. We shared expectations of school organisation, curriculum development, goal setting, shared budgets, discussing processes and systems and who does what around our kura. We spent a day unpacking the Riwaka Learner attributes and designing our 'behaviour for learning' which we will further tease out with the tamariki, in classes, throughout the year. This piggybacks onto the graduate profile consultations from 2022 and 2023, which have now finally been pulled together into our AWHI attributes.

Property continues to be a major focus of mine and I am working closely with the Ministry of Education constantly to ensure we get the best 'bang for buck' possible. We had hoped to have the front carpark area tidied up and a lot closer to finished than what it is, however, as anyone who has ever done anything to an old building will know – there is always the 'great unknown'.

Our school has a few little 'unknowns' of its own and that means that the builders are likely to be with us for quite a wee bit longer than planned. In the end though, we will have a lot more than we had expected in the beginning!

Our wooden pool fence has been replaced as it was rotten – the new purpose built pool fencing is not only safety compliant, but also allows for greater visibility into the pool complex.

If you would like to chat, don't hesitate to pop in. I will always make time if I can or we can make a plan to catch up. If you need a bit longer for something important, call and make a time with either Jane or myself – if it's important to you, then it's important that I hear what you have to say.

I look forward to working with you

Mauri ora – Be well

Adele Lidgard

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





Rocking the new Riwaka School tops and enjoying friendship and fun on our field at lunchtime!
Day 1 - 2024
There have been a lot of parents asking about when the hoodies, shorts and trackpants will be available for purchase. ProBrands have said they will have their link to the online shop to us NEXT WEEK!



YEAR 8 Leaver Hoodies will also be available later in Term 1

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

WE SWIM EVERY DAY - JUST LIKE READING, WRITING & MATH

CROCS ARE OK! LEAVE YOUR JIBBITZ / CROC CHARMS AT HOME

ATTENDANCE

We want your child at school every day possible. Every day counts. You will see a real push from us to provide data on attendance each week and also make contact with whānau if attendance issues arise. Our target is children attending school 90%+
Let's work together to ensure our children have the best chance in life, if we can support in anyway please do not hesitate to get in contact.

CELLPHONES

You may be aware that the NZ Government has mandated a 'no phones in school' policy. This is **not** a new policy for our school. If your child/ren bring a cellphone to school they must leave it in the lock box at Reception on their way into school at the start of the day, and can collect it as they leave at the end of the school day.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 6 February:
Waitangi Day - School Closed
Thursday 8 February:
Camp Meeting in PAC @ 6:30pm for Years 4-8 Parents/Whānau
Friday 9 February:
Coffee & Kōrero @ 8:30am
School Assembly @ 9am
Family & Whānau School Picnic from 5 - 7pm
Bring along a blanket & picnic dinner to the field for a fun evening with the staff. Music, sausage sizzle and sports gear provided - pool open for swims with parent supervision.

SWIM CLUB

Swim Club starts on Monday 12 February at 8am.
Swim Club is for lane swimmers who are independent swimmers that can competently swim lengths and want to gain swim mileage.
Swim Club is on **Monday and Wednesday** mornings at 8am - 8:30am and is supervised by Ms Lidgard.
Lengths are counted and at the end of the swim season added together for a total distance covered.



Thank you for slowing down and driving safely around the school zone, especially with limited parking and visibility at present

Please ensure we have all of your current contact and emergency contact information at the office

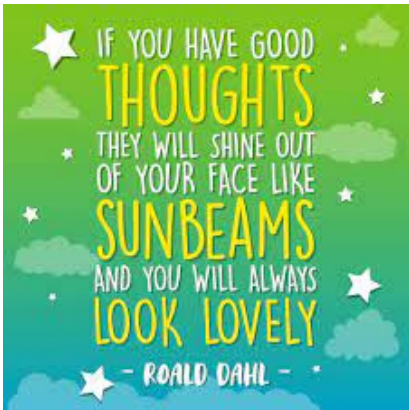
All of our school policies can be found on SchoolDocs
Login: riwaka
Password: waka

School newsletters are sent out fortnightly & shared on our school fb and web page. Teachers will email updates to their class whānau on alternate fortnights.

Other Dates for the Calendar

- 21/02 - Year 8 Leadership Day @ the Rec Centre
- 26/02 - Riwaka School Swimming Sports
- 13/03 - Interschool Swimming Sports
- 15/03 - Goal Setting Conferences 15 mins per child (more info to come) School closed from midday.
- 29/03 - Good Friday (school closed)
- 01/04 - Easter Monday (school closed)
- 02/04 - Easter Tuesday (school closed)
- 03/04 - Year 4 / 5 / 6 Camps this week
- 08/04 - Year 7 / 8 Camp this week
- 12/04 - Celebration Assembly 1:45pm - End of Term One

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.



Come along and join us on a Friday morning for Coffee & Kōrero before assembly starts at 9am - every Friday morning (unless notified otherwise) except for the last assembly of each term which is held in the afternoon.

INTERESTED IN SPEED LIMITS AROUND SCHOOLS?

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

Thank you to these awesome local businesses who AWHI Riwaka School and help make it great!

Tasman Bay Builders - Several Services - Think Water - Motueka Plumbing
Mrs Smiths Cafe - Mitre10 - NS Rogers - Mark Joyce Contractor
Tasman Canvas - Placemakers Motueka - Precision Painters

