



# RiwakaNews

#6 - 15 July 2025

**TERM THREE  
2025**

**BACK TO  
SCHOOL!**

**RIWAKA**



**is cool!**

**OUR  
PLACE!**

Kia ora e te whānau - Hello to all of school families

### Welcome back to Term 3 - finally!

It's been a deeply unsettling time for many in our community, and our aroha goes out to all those affected by the recent flooding. Through it all, we've seen the very best of people — kindness, care and community spirit shining bright.

Thank you for looking out for one another and for your ongoing support of our kura.

It will be so special to welcome our tamariki back tomorrow — their energy, curiosity, and laughter are the heartbeat of Riwaka School.

Despite the challenges around us, our focus remains strong: joyful learning, nurturing relationships, and creating space for every child to feel seen, supported, and empowered.

Here's to a term of connection, care and a little bit of sparkle ✨❤

We look forward to welcoming everyone back tomorrow, Wednesday.

Ngā manaakitanga

*Adele Lidgard*

**Tumuaki - Principal**

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



**Buses are Running:**

D100316 - Takaka Hill (as normal)  
D100317 - Kaiteriteri (as normal)  
D100307 - Riwaka Valley - cancelled

**Riwaka School  
Sports Coordinator role**

Stevee Rhind has taken up the baton.  
Any sports related enquiries please get  
in touch with Stevee  
sport@riwaka.school.nz



### Duck Race & Polar Plunge Update 🦆❄️

The Friends of Riwaka School and our Leadership Team have made the decision to **cancel** the Duck Race and Mid-Winter Polar Plunge event that was planned for 27 July at Kaiteriteri.

With everything our community has been through recently, we know that many of our whānau are doing it tough — and right now, fundraising just doesn't feel like the right focus.

But it's not goodbye to the ducks just yet! 🦆

We're planning a 'Reimagined Duck Race' in Term 4 — a fun and creative way to keep the spirit of the event alive, and still raise some much-needed funds for improving our school grounds and play spaces for our tamariki.


A huge thank you to everyone who has already donated prizes or sold tickets — we will absolutely honour those contributions as part of the Term 4 fundraiser. More details will be shared later in Term 3.

Ngā mihi nui for your understanding and aroha ❤️



# SOME UPCOMING DATES

**IMPORTANT!**  
These dates are correct - Some dates will differ from comms received earlier today!

Wed, 16 Jul	8:50am	School Reopens for Term Three
Fri, 18 July		Call for Nominations for School Triennial Board elections
Mon, 21 July	3:00pm	Mid-Year Reports sent out
Fri, 25 July	9:10am	Learning Celebration Assembly & Farewell to Glenda (Mrs B) followed by morning tea - <b>Please RSVP to <a href="mailto:office@riwaka.school.nz">office@riwaka.school.nz</a></b>
Sun, 27 July	This event is CANCELLED	Duck Race & Mid Winter Swim <b>CANCELLED</b> - please see update in newsletter
Mon, 28 July	10:45am	Mihi Whakatau - welcoming new learners and their whānau
Fri, 01 August	3:30-6:00pm	Classroom Learning Celebrations - Student led conferences
Thurs, 14 August	All Day	Winter Sports Tournament (Senior Students)
Wed, 20 August	All day 	Y7-8 ski trip to Rainbow
Wed, 27 August	All day 	Y4-6 ski trip to Rainbow
08-12 September		Scholastic Book Fair
Fri, 19 September	9:10am 3:00pm	Learning Celebration Assembly Term Three ends

## UPDATE


### PLEASE NOTE NEW DATES

- Learning Celebration Assembly
- Farewell Morning tea for Mrs B (Glenda)
- Classroom Learning Conferences



Please RSVP to [office@riwaka.school.nz](mailto:office@riwaka.school.nz) if you plan on attending GLENDA'S farewell.





# SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

**School Board elections are coming up soon!**  
If you want to add value and contribute to the vision and strategic goals of our school, you would make a great trustee!

The Riwaka School Board has made the decision to move to a staggered election cycle for our school board elections, starting from 2025. This decision was made in accordance with the requirements of the Education and Training Act 2020.

When a school is in the staggered election cycle an election is held every 18 months and half of the board positions are up for election at each election. This means there is more consistency on the school board between elections.

This will mean that our school will hold two elections this year, one will be for a 3 year term and the other will be for an 18-month term. Vacancies for the 18-month term will then be filled for a 3 year term at the next mid-term election in 18-months so that all board positions will then be for a full 3 year term.

All parents and caregivers who are on our electoral roll will receive a Call For Nominations for two elections, one for each term length, on **18 July** by email (or post if we don't have your email address). You are entitled to nominate yourself for both elections if you wish, and if the election goes to a vote, you will be eligible to vote in both elections.

In future elections there will only be a single election at a time. The need to have two elections only occurs when a school moves to the staggered election cycle.

If you have any questions about the election process, please contact Election Pilot, who are the Returning Officer, directly on 0800 VOTENZ (0800 868 369) or [election@electionpilot.nz](mailto:election@electionpilot.nz).

We will continue to keep you updated through the various stages of the election process, **our election date is Wednesday, 10 September.**



**Get on board!**  
Nominate yourself or someone you know to be a school board member.

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RIWAKA SCHOOL  
TE KURA O RIWAKA

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## MOTUEKA HIGH SCHOOL

Invites Year 8 students, together with their parents/caregivers to our

### OPEN EVENING

**WEDNESDAY 23 July 2025**

commencing at 6.30pm in the School Hall.

Come along to experience the many rich opportunities available to your student.

Self-paced tours

### OPEN AFTERNOON

**FRIDAY 1 August 2025**

from 1.45pm—3.00pm

Please rsvp to:

[Karen.wells@motuekahigh.school.nz](mailto:Karen.wells@motuekahigh.school.nz)



## GARIN COLLEGE

### Parent & Whānau Information Evening

**Wednesday 16 July, 7.00pm**  
Garin Gymnasium

Come and hear about your Catholic college. This evening is aimed at providing information to parents and whānau. Students can also attend.

### Open Day for Year 8 Students

**Wednesday 23 July, 12.00pm - 2.20pm**

Come to your Catholic college for lunch and a look around.

### Programme

- 12.00pm Welcome from Principal at the gym  
Complimentary lunch  
Presentations from Garin College Leaders  
Guided tours to see the school in action  
Return to the gym for band performance and farewell
- 2.20pm Visitors depart and return to their own schools

Any families wishing to have a tour of the Hostels, please meet Robert Booth - Hostel Manager at the main school office at 2.20pm

## Term 3!

Mountain biking sessions full of adventure, skills and fun!

### Sunday Shreds

Rabbit Island  
6-9yr olds

12:30 - 2pm

Starts July 27th

### Sunday Shreds

Silvan Trails  
9-15yr olds

NEW 2hr Session 3-5pm  
Starts July 27th

**Wednesday's**  
Koata Park Trails (Goddgers)  
8-15yr olds

NEW 2hr Sessions 4-6pm

Starts July 29rd

Find information and bookings at [www.krunkinkids.co.nz](http://www.krunkinkids.co.nz)

**Krunkin' Kids**  
mountain bike coaching for youth

[info@krunkinkids.co.nz](mailto:info@krunkinkids.co.nz)

## SARAU WINTER SALE

Preloved Books & Clothing

July 19th & 20th

11am - 3pm

MOUTERE HILLS COMMUNITY CENTRE

*A fundraiser for Sarau Community Trust*

## Incredible Years Parenting Programme Motueka

**Group facilitators:**  
Phillipa Adams  
Carolyn Marshall

**Where:** Motueka Family Service Centre

**When:** Wednesdays 9:30am-12:30pm  
6th August - 3rd December 2025

**Cost:** FREE COURSE  
Support for childcare available.  
Support for transport available.

**Who can enrol?**  
Parents/caregivers of a child between 3 & 8 years who would like support with their parenting skills. You are most welcome to bring along a support person, whānau tautoko, friend or family member.

**To enrol or for more info contact:**

Motueka Family Service Centre  
Phone: 03 5280234  
Phillipa - 021 0297 1506  
Carolyn - 021 038 1017  
Email: [phillipamfsc@xtra.co.nz](mailto:phillipamfsc@xtra.co.nz)  
Address: 27 Talbot Street, Motueka

[www.facebook.com/motuekafamilyservicecentre](http://www.facebook.com/motuekafamilyservicecentre)

Motueka Family Service Centre

Supporting and empowering families/whānau

## Incredible Years Parenting Programme

For parents/caregivers of 3-8 year olds

**The Incredible Years**  
Parents, teachers, and children training series

GoldenEdge

Show your creativity at the 2025

## NELSON A&P SHOW

22 & 23 NOVEMBER

**Sections:**  
Horticulture and Floral Art  
Art  
Handcraft  
Cookery & Sugar Art  
Photography  
Stop-Motion Animation  
Poultry, Lamb and Cattle classes

**ENTRIES CLOSE:**  
Animal Classes Tuesday 3rd November  
Photography Friday 7th November  
Stop Motion Animation Friday 7th November  
All other Sections - Friday 14th November

**FREE ENTRY In Non Animal Sections**  
Children and Youth entrants  
get a FREE 1 day Show ticket

For more information visit:  
[www.richmondpark.nz](http://www.richmondpark.nz)