



RiwakaNews

#7 - 1 August 2025



In Term 3 -
we ski!



RIWAKA



is cool!

OUR
PLACE!

Kia ora Riwaka whānau - Hello to all of school families

It's great to finally see the sun shining! After weeks of wet weather, we're thankful for the chance to dry out a little and see our tamariki enjoying time outside again.

Last week we were treated to a visit from the **Java Dance Company**, who fell in love with Our Place. They had so many compliments about our spaces and our amazing tamariki. The workshops were inspiring, and the kids were thoroughly engaged – a term highlight for sure!

You have hopefully noticed the **new speed limit signs** around school. These are there to keep our children safe during busy drop-off and pick-up times. A friendly reminder to move quickly through the bus bay and pull forward so other vehicles can come in off the road. We really appreciate everyone looking out for our tamariki.

A very warm welcome to **Whaea Liv**, who is teaching in Anarewa class each Wednesday and Thursday. The children are loving having you with us, Liv – welcome to the Riwaka whānau!

Looking ahead, there is lots to be excited about:

- **Te Awhina Marae** visit for all students and teaching staff
- **Ski trips** and **Winter Sports Tournament**
- **Motec** visits for our Year 6 students

While the year seems to be flying by, we still have 16 weeks of learning to go in 2025. Our focus remains on keeping our AWHI Learner expectations high and supporting every child to flourish.

We want to thank all the whānau who came along to our **Learning Celebration** conferences – it was wonderful to see so many of you supporting your children and celebrating their learning.

Board Elections 2025–2028

Board elections are coming up, and nominations close this Wednesday!

A huge shout out to our current Board members who have done a fantastic job in their governance role since the last elections – your mahi is valued.

All trustees retire at this election, and it's exciting to see people putting their hands up for this important role of guiding our kura for the 2025–2028 term.

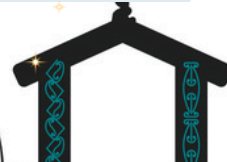
This year, we also have two 18-month positions available due to our updated constitution. If you have any questions about the process or are thinking about standing, please get in touch with me, or Jane in the office, who is supporting the election process.

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 Board election time, 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 Friday 12th**. 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!



I LOVE READING



Riwaka School Community Hub

You may have heard that the Meals for Motueka hub closed its doors last week, and the decision was made by everyone who was involved, to distribute the food and meals out to the schools in our most affected areas - Our Place being one of those.

A MASSIVE shout out to Ryan & Aimee McDonald for offering us a freezer - you guys are simply awesome!

We have a variety of **grocery items** as well as some prepared meals.

We also have contact for **firewood**.

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





JAVA DANCE



Riwaka School



AWHI Learners



SOME UPCOMING DATES

Wed, 6 August	12pm	School board election nominations close
Tue, 12 August	9.00-12.30pm	Visit to Te Āwhina Marae (Ngaio, Puketāwhai, Pukekoikoi, Waiatua)
Wed, 13 August	9.00-12.30pm	Visit to Te Āwhina Marae (Mārahau, Te Whare Matairangi, Kaiteretere, Anarewa)
Thurs, 14 August	All Day	Winter Sports Tournament
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



SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

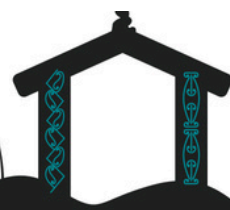
Nominations are closing Wed, 6 August

If you want to add value and contribute to the vision and strategic goals of our school, you would make a great trustee!

Get on Board!

[Nominate yourself or someone else HERE](#)

or pick up a form from the office
choose from a 3 year term or 18 months.



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.



Is funding a barrier for your child to participate in club/school sport?

Proudly supported by

Community

We believe. We invest.

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www.sporttasman.org.nz/Funding/Sportstart

Telephone 03 546 7910

Let's play

Christmas Parade

BINGO

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FUNDRAISER

Thurs 28 Aug, 6.30pm \$10 a card

Limited to 50 ppl so book your spot NOW on 0276591563 (ph or txt)

77 High St Motueka

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

AP SHOW

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

WIN!!
Spot Prizes
Ribbons
Trophies

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

