



Riverina School Newsletter

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EVERY OPPORTUNITY

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Term 3 Tuesday, 31 July 2018

Dear Riverina families and whānau

What a wonderful and emotional welcome I received last Tuesday at Riverina. The powhiri really connected with me, and students, staff, families and the board made it a special occasion. It truly was a moving experience and made me feel very much a part of Riverina School. Mr Dickinson felt the same way. Special thanks goes to the board chair, Joycelyn Tauevihi, and our AP, Arinam Goundar. Riverina's kapahaka group were on form again and as always, they elevate the occasion.

Parent Interviews Please sign up to for an interview with the class teacher. Strong relationships with families are one of the most effective ways to support academic achievement.

PB4L We continue to reward positive behaviour in learning and social relationship with our tokens. This term we will count the class totals on a fortnightly basis and the winning class will use student voice to decide their own reward.

Keep an eye out this week for further information about the teachers' strike.



Nga mihi
Carol Dickinson
Principal

Parent Student Interviews Make an appointment- we need you! 1.30pm Thursday 2 August

Students will not be in class in the afternoon. They can be collected from the school hall at 12.30pm.

Room 1 and 5: These interviews are student lead and will take half an hour.

Please book your children's meeting times by going on-line www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code **School Code: aemea**

Room 3, 4, and 9: These interviews are in 15 minute slots. Please book your children's meeting times by going on-line www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code **School Code: w5uk2**

Room 6: Mrs Denis will be contacting parents for the reporting cycle.

Due to Anniversary Reporting, students in Year 1, 2 or 3 may have had their interviews with the class teacher already. Teachers will let you know if you need to make an appointment.

If you do not have access to a computer, please fill in and return the slip below. The Office staff will then enter your time on-line, and will then notify you of your allocated time.

If you are not booking on-line, please return this form to school by Tuesday 31 July. Please write 1 OR 2 to indicate first or second choice of time. A confirmation of your interview time will be sent home to you.

1.30pm – 4.50pm _____ 5.40pm – 6.50pm: _____

Parent's Name _____

Name of Child(ren): _____ Room No: _____

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Whānau Show

Don't forget to pick up your free tickets from the office for this show. Come along for a fun and informative night at Pakuranga Intermediate with parenting tips. You will need a ticket as there are spot prizes. There will be a sausage sizzle for hungry tummies. Childcare for 5–12 year olds will be available, but does need to be booked. Feel free to ask any questions or email c.dickinson@riverina.school.nz



The value of Kindness

A member of our community has developed a tradition that means on her birthday, rather than treat herself she would like to give back to the community. This year she decided to provide kai for students at our school. On Monday she brought in sandwiches, popcorn and fruit to share with our students. What a kind gesture. It demonstrates what kindness can look like. The students enjoyed the shared lunch.



Attendance

Every week we will continue to monitor attendance as this is an indicator of academic and social success.

Great news, we had 80% attendance last week. That is 5% higher than our target. Keep it up. I wonder if we can better it this week. We may even get 85%. Remember we have a health nurse in school on Mondays if you any concerns or questions.



Electives

Our whole school electives start this week. Students have selected a group session they would like to learn about. Different ages will be working together to support each other. Please remember to bring in \$5.

Food for sale

Electives start this week and the two groups that are cooking are planning to sell some of their food as part of their experience. This week we will be making macaroni cheese which will be available for 50c. cooking. We are not taking orders; some may miss out if the food goes quickly. This will be available to everyone but to ensure fairness each week, a different class will get first chance to purchase. This week it will be Room 1. Sausage sizzles will still be available.



In the Spotlight

Room 6 this week used the powhiri ceremony for all our new students and Mrs Dickinson to motivate them in their writing. Thank you Room 6 it was a warm welcome!



Our new principal shows us courtesy.
Violet

Important Dates

Please check each newsletter as events may be added or changed.

Monday 30 July	Cook Island Language Week
Tuesday 31 July	Ned Show
Thursday 2 August	1.30pm: Parent Interviews
Friday 3 August	Electives start
Wednesday 8 August	Community Swim starts for Rooms 1,3,4 and 5
Wednesday 8 August	6pm: Whānau Show at Pakuranga Intermediate
Monday 13 August	2pm: MP Simeon Brown visiting
Monday 20 August	6.30PM: BOT Meeting
Thursday 23 August	Class and Portrait Photos
Friday 31 August	Father's Day Breakfast
Monday 3 -7 Sep	Tongan Language Week
Monday 10 -14 Sep	Māori Language Week
Friday 28 Sept	End of Term 3

Cook Island Language Week

Te 'Epetoma o Te Reo Kūki 'Āirani

Last term the students really enjoyed participating in activities and learning during Samoan Language Week. Students identified with pride their culture and sharing with others. This week we are celebrating Cook Island Language Week. We appreciated families coming in to share information about their culture, and we look forward to their expertise again this week. Please speak to the class teacher if you can share your experiences.

We are also learning a word a day. Practise them at home together

- *Kia orana* = Hello
- *Aere ra* = Goodbye
- *Meitaki ma'ata* = Thank you
- *'Ae* = yes / *Kare* = no
- *Mataora* = happy



We are also learning a Cook Island song and participating in activities in the classroom which we will share on Friday morning.

We invite parents to come along at 10.15am in the hall and share morning tea with us afterwards



The new principal is beautiful. Our new principal is Mrs Dickinson.
Briana



I give her flowers.
Max