

Term 1, Week 3, 15 February, 2024

Kia ora tatou

 \bigstar We are now at the end of Week Three and the term is moving along quickly, with a \bigstar lot of learning and enjoyment across the school.

☆ Mr Bowron

★ It is with sadness that we have received Mr Bowron's resignation this week. Despite ★ knowing that this was coming, it is always sad when this happens. Mr Bowron will ★ leave at the end of the term. We are starting the process of finding a replacement ★ and planning his farewell and will communicate more when we are able to.

Stand Outs Week 2

It was great to visit the classrooms and hand out the Stand Out awards last week. On Monday, I was lucky to have lunch, a korero, and an ice block, and to share waiata with the tamariki. In talking with the children, the common themes about what they the 'love' about school are their friends, their teachers, and learning lots. Ka pai to these children; we are so proud of you all.

★ Covid-19 and Chickenpox

★ We have had several cases of Covid-19 in the school and one case of Chickenpox. ★ Please keep a close eye on your tamariki; if your child/ren are showing the symptoms ★ of Covid-19, please test them. If they have either illness, please let us know ★ immediately, so that we are aware, and can track and communicate information ★ with whānau.

Back to School Evening

 $\frac{2}{4}$ Thank you to all the whānau that came to the "Back to School" evening last week. It $\frac{2}{4}$ was great to see the support and to meet you all. Thank you to the PTA for kindly $\frac{1}{4}$ providing nibbles and refreshments.

Bible in Schools – Community Feedback

★ Thank you to all the community members that completed the quick survey. We have ★ had 191 responses so far, with the deadline being tomorrow. We will be discussing ★ this at the next Board meeting. We will communicate more information in the next ★ newsletter.

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Police Vetting:

If you are hoping to help with a school trip or event this year, please pop into the office and collect a Police Vetting form. We will require two forms of identification (one photographic) to be able to process this. There is no cost to whanau to get vetted. If you have recently had a Police Vet with us, you may not require a new one, as they last for three years.

🖈 How Far will Bo (and Lola) Go?

The information for 'How Far will Bo (and Lola) Go?' has been sent home. So far, we have received 90 forms back for "HFWBG?". This is a great start. Keep them coming.

Board of Trustees meeting:

Next Tuesday 20 February, we are having the first BOT meeting for the year. This will be $\frac{1}{4}$ held at 6:30pm in the Staffroom. This meeting is open to the community.

Parent Teacher Association:

Attendance:

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 $\stackrel{\bigstar}{\hookrightarrow}$ Attendance for the start of the year is looking good, with an average of 91.63%. Most $\stackrel{\star}{\hookrightarrow}$ days have seen between 92 – 96% attendance, with the day before Waitangi Day $\stackrel{\star}{\hookrightarrow}$ dipping to 79% attendance.

🖈 Arrival Times:

 $\frac{6}{4}$ We ask that children are not dropped off at school before 8:00am. This is a health and $\frac{1}{4}$ safety matter; staff are busy preparing for the day and may not be able to supervise your $\frac{1}{4}$ child/ren at this time.

We understand that, at **Drop-off and Pick Up** the start of the day and the end of day, drop off and collection can be very busy. We ask that all whānau obey the road rules, do not queue across driveways, and are tolerant and polite towards other parents.

Whānau Hui

♣ We are planning a whānau hui in Term Two, to gather whānau voice about the learning

★ and needs of your tamariki. We will let you know as soon as practicable, when this has

★ been set.

Child Protection

★ As a team, we have reviewed our Child Protection Policy and supporting policies.

Our Child Protection policy, along with supporting policies and procedures, applies to any student at Riverview School, who is defined as a child under the Children's Act 2014 (Part 1, s. 5). Where this policy refers to "students", to maintain consistency with other school documentation, child protection requirements apply, with the exception of those outside the Children's Act definition.

As required by the Children's Act 2014 (s. 14), we have adopted this Child Protection policy as our framework for student safety at Riverview School. This policy contains provisions for identifying and reporting child abuse and neglect.

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************** We encourage whanau to visit and read our policies. Please visit:

riverview.schooldocs.co.nz and enter the username: riverview and password: heartwise

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🕇 As the new Principal, I have been asked several times "What changes will you make?".

★ The short answer is, at this stage, none. I am getting to know the school and learning a ★ lot of the systems, structures, and people. As a team, we will take the time to review ★ 🔅 what we do, have hui with whānau, staff, and any other stakeholders before we make any changes. It is important to be considered in what we do and to observe what we 🌞 may need to change (if change is needed). This is a marathon, not a sprint, and we ★ need to evolve collaboratively for the benefit of all tamariki.

Raising or Sharing a Concern

 $rac{C}{N}$ If you have a query or concern regarding your child's learning or wellbeing, we want to ★ hear from you in a constructive way. In order to ensure that matters are resolved as quickly and effectively as possible, we need to follow a specific process:

- Contact your child's teacher and discuss the matter with them.
- ☆ 2. If this does not resolve the matter, please contact the team leader of the team that your child is in.
- Further to this, if this has not resolved the matter, please contact the Deputy $\stackrel{\wedge}{\Rightarrow}$ Principal (Senior School) or Assistant Principal (Junior School).
 - If this has not resolved the concern or query, please contact the Principal.

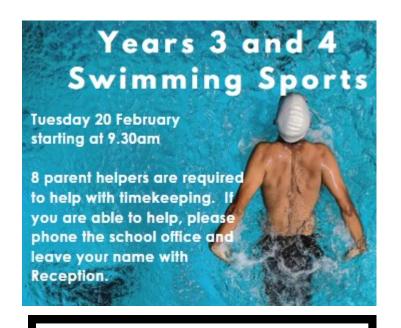
Please ensure that you make an appointment to see the person that you need to discuss the matter with, and allow time for changes to be implemented. Please do not be $\stackrel{\sim}{+}$ offended if you are referred back to the person (teacher, Team Leader, AP, or DP) if you ★ haven't raised the matter with them first.

Some quick notes for you to know about:

- **Newsletters** will be coming home on **Thursdays every second week**. We prefer this \star to be by email but, if you need a paper copy, please let the office know. $\stackrel{\wedge}{\Rightarrow}$
- ☆ The **swimming pool** is open. Each class has several lessons a week and children will need togs, towel, and a swimming cap.
- Riverview School sunhats are required in Term 1. These can be purchased from the office (\$18.00). $\stackrel{\wedge}{\Rightarrow}$
- We are a Water Only school, so please do not send other drinks. ☆ • fountains all have filtered water. Our recommendation is for children to have a named water bottle, and then to refill it from a water fountain if needed.

Kind regards

★ Eamonn Kelly Principal



Phone or text messages for children to the office by **2.30pm** daily please.



PARENTS, CAREGIVERS, VISITORS
In the interests of safety and good
communication, all visitors to our
school are expected to sign in,
using the VisTab at the School Office,
upon arrival.



FREE dental care for under 18s
Kei raro iho i te tekau mā waru, kāhore he utu

TIPS TO KEEP YOU SMILING

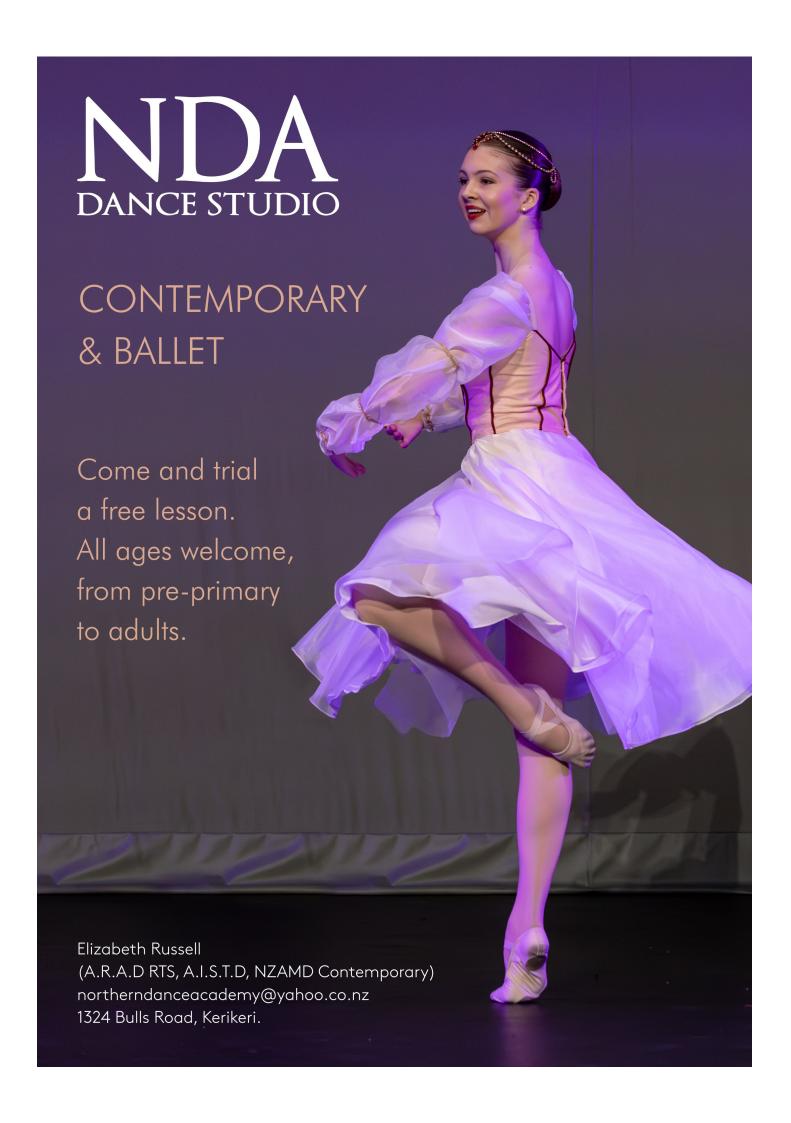
Fluoride in toothpaste helps prevent tooth decay

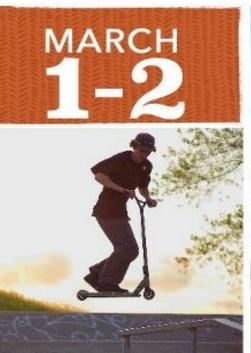
Avoid eating or drinking after brushing teeth, especially at night so the Fluoride can keep working to protect and strengthen teeth.

Need a dental appointment for your child? **0800 MY TEETH** (0800 698 3384) **Monday to Friday 8am to 4:30pm**



Te Whatu Ora







KERIKERI SKATEPARK 2024

Friday Coaching 4pm-6pm

Learn to ride scooters with some of NZ's best pro riders Jordan Chan, Cooper Steen and junior rider Alex Crowe on Friday the 1st of March 2024. \$50 per person include coaching, games, prizes and challenges. (Riders must book to attend this session)

Call Jordan to book: 022 639 2035 Transfer to book: 12-3618-0049483-00 Reference: Childs name and Kerikeri

Saturday Ride Day

Any riders are welcome to join the ride day. We will be doing spot battles, fun challenges and giving away small prizes and certificates. No coaching involved at this event.



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