

#### Term 1, Week 1, 2 February, 2023

Dear Parents, Caregivers, and Whānau

I am pleased to welcome all students back to school for 2023, with a special welcome to 🙀 around 40 new students who have started at Riverview School this week. The welcome 🔆 ★ extends to families and whānau who, I trust, will quickly feel a part of our school community.

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🖈 We have no new staff, but do welcome back **Mrs Heather Heihei,** who has returned following 🖈 🔻 three terms of refreshment leave, and **Miss Katrina Cooper**, who has taught here in the junior 😤 school (mostly recently, part-time in R6 last year) and, this year, is teaching a Years 5 & 6 class.

The weather this week has made the first few days of school a little uncertain, but I am 🛬 🖈 pleased that we persevered through this and had a great start to the year. With over 90% ★ attendance each day, congratulations to all families who have had their children here.

Some **property projects** have been completed over the summer, including:

- ☆ ♦ A new sunshade cover over the Senior Playground.
- ☆ ♦ The old septic and wastewater system has been decommissioned and the new one is now operating.
  - The field re-establishment was not completed as scheduled last year so we are having to keep part of the field closed until the grass is established and strong enough for hundreds of feet to run all over it.
- Some extra wind protection has been added to the Rooms 1-4 deck. **☆** ♦

🖈 A "Back to School" evening is planned for Thursday, 9 February. This begins with a gathering 🖈 ightrightarrow in the hall at 6:30pm to learn what is planned for the year ahead, and to be introduced to ightrightarrowthe staff. You can then meet with your child's teacher (some teams may choose to meet in 🔅 teams rather than as individuals, depending on numbers) and learn there about how things operate in your child's classroom. The PTA will then be offering drinks and refreshments in the 🚣 hall. All welcome

Cell phones and Smart watches: We have a policy that cell phones are not needed at school for any educatioal purposes and should be left at home please. Should there be a 🚣 🖈 genuine need for a child to bring one, they must bring it to the office before school starts and 🛧 

★ The same requirement applies to any "smart watches" that have phone or recording ★ 🖈 capability. The development of this technology is very impressive but, should such expensive 🖈 devices come to school, they may be used innappropriately or may be damaged, lost, or stolen; we strongly recommend that anything that expensive should not be at school. P.T.O.

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A change of date for the start of Term 2: The Ministry of Education has approved a change of date for the start of Term 2. Instead of Term 2 starting on Monday 24 April, just before Anzac Day on the 25th, it will now start on **Wednesday 26 April**, the day after Anzac Day. Please note this ★ change, especially if you are planning to go away.

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## Some quick notes for you to know about:

- Newsletters will be coming home on Thursdays every second week. We prefer this to be by email but, if you need a paper copy, please let the office know.
- Mrs Payton, our office manager, has reduced her work hours to four days a week and will not be at school on Wednesdays.
- The swimming pool is open. Each class has several lessons a week and children will need **☆** ◆ togs, towel, and a swimming cap.  $\stackrel{\wedge}{\Rightarrow}$
- Next Monday (February 6) is a public holiday (Waitangi Day) so there is no school. ☆ ♦
- $\stackrel{\wedge}{\Rightarrow}$ Riverview School sunhats are required in Term 1 please. These can be purchased from the office.
  - We are a water-only school, so please do not send other drinks. Our water 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.

★ I again reiterate a warm welcome to all, and extend our hopes for a positive year ahead.

For the Children

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Ken McLeay 🕁 Principal

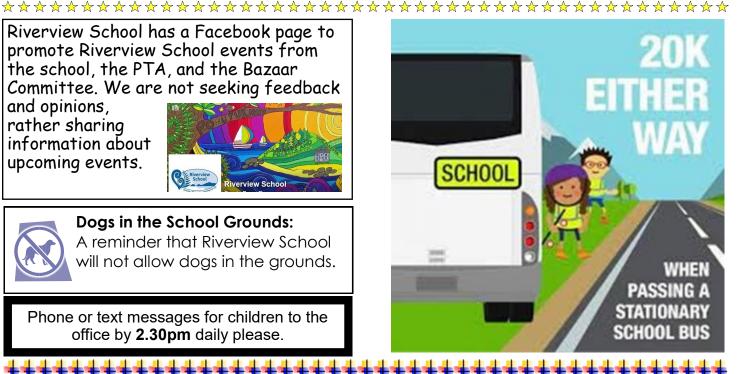
Riverview School has a Facebook page to promote Riverview School events from the school, the PTA, and the Bazaar Committee. We are not seeking feedback and opinions, rather sharing information about upcoming events.



### Dogs in the School Grounds:

A reminder that Riverview School will not allow dogs in the grounds.

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



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When dialling the school, you will be greeted with a series of options.

You will have the option to speak directly to our reception staff, but it may be more convenient for you to choose the automated option that follows. Please be assured that any messages left are checked regularly.

Personal Assistance - press 1 Record an absence or leave a message for your child - press 2 List of contacts - press 3

The school works with SchoolDocs to maintain, update, and review our policies. SchoolDocs provides us with a comprehensive core set of policies, which have been well researched and follow the Ministry of Education National Administration Guidelines. The policies and procedures are tailored to our school, and the school supplies specific information such as our charter, and procedures for behaviour management, reporting to parents, etc.

SchoolDocs updates, modifies, or creates policies in response to changes in legislation or Ministry guidelines, significant events, reviews/requests from schools, and regular reviewing from the SchoolDocs team. Our Board of Trustees has the opportunity to view changes/ additions and comment on them before they are implemented. We will advise you when policies are up for review and how you can take part in the review.

We invite you to visit the site at https://riverview.schooldocs.co.nz (note that there's no 'www."). Our username is "riverview" and password "heartwise".

The review topic this term for parents and caregivers is:

Legislation and Administration Policy



Riverview

### Please follow these instructions:

- 1. Visit the website https://riverview.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm
- 2. Enter the username (riverview) and password (heartwise).
- 3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
- 4. Read the policy.
- 5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
- 6. Select the reviewer type.
- 7. Enter your name (optional).
- 8. Submit your ratings and comments.

If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

School Hats are now available for sale at \$18 each. The school hat is compulsory in Terms 1 and 4. Please purchase from the school office.



Great Year!

#### Reminder:

Please send your child to school with a named water bottle and remind them to drink plenty of water.



## Welcome to Back to School Night! Setting the Stage for a

## Back to School Night for parents and caregivers

## Thursday 9 February at 6.30pm

Please come back to school to hear about things planned for the year ahead.



## Te Manawa Tahi Community Timetable

# Mid North

Term 1, 2023

## All hubs are open from 9:30am until 12:00pm unless otherwise stated.

If you have a concern about your child's language development, learning progress, social and emotional wellbeing, or behaviour, Te Manawa Tahi have specialists available so you can discuss your concerns directly with them.

This is a free service.

The Te Manawa Tahi flag will be outside to show you that we are here.

**Hub Locations** Wed 8 Feb **Okaihau Hall** 9 Settlers Way, Okaihau Wed 15 Feb Northland College - Te Wae o Te Wheke 62 Mangakahia Road, Kaikohe Thurs 16 Feb Maromaku Playhouse (9:30 - 10:30) Maromaku School Road, Maromaku Motatau School (12:30 - 2:30) 18 Henare Road, Motatau Wed 1 Mar Te Tii (Waitangi) B3 Trust (9:30 - 11:00) 32 Te Kemara Avenue, Waitangi Northland College - Te Wae o Te Wheke (9:30 - 12:00) 62 Mangakahia Road, Kaikohe Wed 8 Mar **Kerikeri Sports Complex** Waipapa Road, Kerikeri Waima School (9:30 - 12:00) State Highway 12, Waima School Road, Waima Wed 22 Mar **Hundertwasser Library** 62 Gillies Street, Kawakawa Wed 29 Mar **Ohaeawai Playcentre** Hobson Street, Ohaeawai

Drop into a hub or make an appointment by phoning **0800 524 842** or emailing **TT.Support@education.govt.nz**.