



Term 2, Week 1, 27 April, 2023

Dear Parents, Caregivers, and Whānau

Welcome to the first week of Term 2. We offer a very special welcome to the 18 children, and their families, who have started here this week.

The school grounds are going to be significantly affected by a large project, which will result in the whole property being fenced for the safety of our children. This is a project, funded and managed by the Ministry of Education, which aims to ensure that children are not able to leave the school grounds unknown to staff; it should improve safety for our 430+ students. The project is happening under two contracts: the first being the work done during the last two weeks with clearing the boundaries and preparing them for the fence. The second is the actual construction of the new fence, which will start soon and take several weeks. Once the fence is completed, we will be planning a new planting programme, and will share more about this once plans are in place.

Sad News: At the end of last week, we received news that Mrs Sue Holman, a teacher who has been with us for the past three years, unexpectedly passed away while on a special holiday with her adult daughter in England. Sue taught a class of new five year olds in the second half of each year, and was a fun and popular friend, colleague, and teacher. Our sincere condolences go to her husband and family.

Thank you for your efforts at having children at school regularly throughout Term 1. The Ministry of Education keeps statistics on this; we had an **attendance rate of 91.8%** for the term, which is excellent. We know that the winter illnesses can impact attendance, but we would love to keep our rates above 90%, if possible.

Life Education Caravan: The caravan is here until next Thursday 4 May, with every class scheduled to visit it twice. Depending on the class, the programmes can cover a range of questions from 'Why do we need to wash our hands?' to 'How do we make good decisions?'. Ask your child what they have learned in the caravan.

Keeping Ourselves Safe: Constable Rob will be here from the beginning of Week 3 (Monday 8 May) until the end of Week 5 (Friday 19 May) to deliver the Keeping Ourselves Safe programme. Each class gets four sessions; students will learn:

- how to work out when their safety is at risk
- how to keep safe when they meet and mix with other people
- who and how to ask for help if they, or someone they know, is being abused
- to go on asking for help until someone does something to stop the abuse

P.T.O.

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:

- ♦ EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom)



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.



Drink water and milk

Inumia te wai me te miraka hoki

5 TIPS TO KEEP YOU
SMILING

**Reduced fat and low fat milk
provide nutrients
your child
needs to grow**



Need a dental appointment for your child?
CALL 0800 MY TEETH (0800 698 3384)

Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand
Te Tai Tokerau

'Think and Be Me' Project

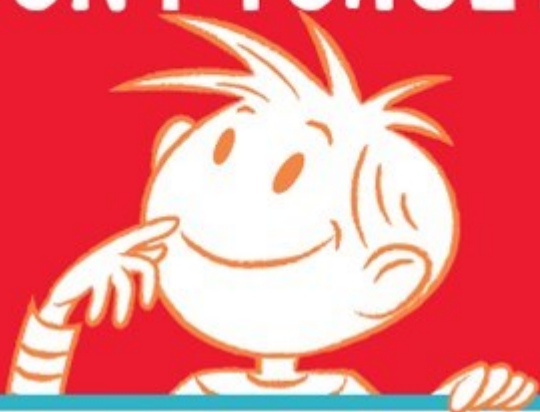
This year, Riverview School is starting the 'Think and Be Me' programme, which is a Te Tai Tokerau Tamariki Mental Health Wellbeing Project. The project aims to give teachers the skills to teach mental health strategies and for students to be able to use these strategies to help improve their mental health. On our recent Teacher Only Day, our staff had professional development on this project. You can use this link to see the Google Slides from the presentation to learn more about the project: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/18LD6qh6uXKAAoRNMDvnKuzheWbPb_KsIDhIruXgJ9eA/edit?usp=sharing


This programme will start with a presentation by Cat Levine, the founder of the programme, on Friday 26 May. After this presentation, lessons will be taught in all classrooms.

'Think and Be Me' has been fully funded by the Rotary Foundation and the Feelings For Life Charitable Trust.



DON'T FORGET!



 **SCHOLASTIC**
Book Club
orders are due:
Friday 12 May

Collect the Yummy cut-out labels from bags (each cut-out label is worth 10 stickers) and individual Yummy apple stickers for your school's share of the \$200,000 free DG Sport sports gear prize pool. Yummy apples are available from New World, PAK'nSAVE, and participating Four Square stores. The more you collect, the more sports gear you get, so get going and start collecting your Yummy cut-out labels and stickers now! All stickers/cut-outs need to be collected before 15 September 2023 for us to participate. Students can call into the office and collect a form to keep at home.



Parents have been emailed their child's unique Key Code to go online to view and purchase 2023 School Photos. Please check your trash /spam folder.

*****FREE DELIVERY EXPIRES Midnight
Sunday 14th May *****

PhotoLife

- 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

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PB4L)

When resolving conflicts that students may have with others, teachers use a variety of strategies. One of them is 'Own it, Fix it, Learn from it, Move on'. Basically, the strategy scaffolds the students to resolve the conflict by giving them simple steps to work through; with the teacher mentoring them, they ask themselves these questions:

Own it – “What’s going on/What happened? What are the behaviours that I need to own?”

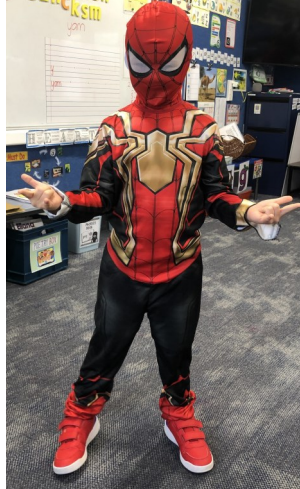
Fix it – “What do I need to do to fix this and restore my relationship with the other person/people?”

Learn from it – “What have I learnt from it?”

Move on – “Can I move on now, with no hard feelings?”

Parents might like to trial this strategy at home, too.





Book Movie Character Day
Thursday 11 May
*Dress up as your
favourite movie or book
character*



It's a fun day!!



Riverview School Student Councillors