



Term 3, Week 7, 23 November, 2023

Dear Parents, Caregivers, and Whānau

With just over three weeks of the school year to go, it feels like we are coming around the bend and into the home straight. These next few weeks are very busy, and we appreciate all of the effort and work that everyone puts into this time.

As we look to 2024, there are several staff leaving Riverview School. These include:

- **Mrs Heather Heihei**, completing 18 years of service here; Heather is renowned for her leadership in Kapa haka and her artistic flair. Thank you, Heather, for all that you have done for our ākonga/learners.
- **Mrs Tricia Hodgson**, who has been here for over 10 years, mostly teaching part-time, providing teachers with classroom release. Tricia is renowned for being “Super Science Girl”.
- **Whaea Kemble Doddrell** took maternity leave for a large part of 2023, and has since decided to prioritise caring for her two young children at present, so won't be returning in 2024.
- **Mrs Toni Mason**, fixed-term teacher in Room 4 for Terms 3 and 4.
- Two fixed-term Learning Support Assistants, Erana Colbert and Petra Backhouse-Smith conclude their work at the end of the term.
- And yours truly.

This Friday is “the busiest day in the 2023 school year!”

- ◆ At 1:30pm, we have an amazing conclusion to an Arts/ Technology/ Social Studies focus, with the **Wearable Arts** Parade on the Green in front of the Administration Block. Students from classes across the school will be showing off their amazing creations.
- ◆ Then we have the **Twilight Gala** between 5:00pm and 7:00pm – an event that the PTA has been planning and putting together for weeks; it looks to be a wonderful event that no one should miss. Look for more information later in this newsletter.

We also have the Years 1 and 2 classes practising for their Variety Show (1:30pm Wednesday 6 December) and the Years 5-6 classes preparing for the Year 6 Celebration Assembly (1:00pm Wednesday 13 December).

P.T.O.

There will be some seating around the outside on the Green, where you will be able to view all of the ApNZ's wearable arts.



Dogs in the School Grounds:

HEARTWISE in action

It has been great to walk around the school and visit classrooms to see the HEARTWISE Values in action while the students have been designing and constructing their Wearable Art projects. In particular, there has been lots of evidence of Aroha, Respect, Tolerance, Whānau, Inquiry, Sustainability, and Effort, with the focus on producing Excellence.

Aroha – supporting and helping each other

Respect – respecting others' opinions and ideas

Tolerance – taking turns and being patient with each other

Whānau – collaborating

Inquiry – trying to solve problems and being creative

Sustainability – not giving up; being environmentally aware (recycling)

Effort – trying hard

Excellence – just wait and see!



Our Kerikeri "Christmas in the Domain" this year is on Saturday 9 December between 5:00pm and 8:00pm. The theme is 'Under The Sea'.

Students, who are interested in being part of the Riverview School walking parade, can dress up as a sea creature and be a part of the parade. Ms Phillips and Ms Fletcher will lead the students in the parade, so look out for them when you arrive at the domain.

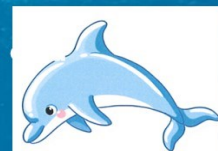
We will meet at the Kerikeri Domain at 4:30 pm, ready to start walking at 5:00 pm.

Parents will need to provide a costume for their child (there will be prizes provided by the organisers).

Parents will need to supervise their children, both during the parade after the parade.

Parents are most welcome to dress up and join us in the parade.

The "Christmas in the Domain" event lasts until 8:00 p.m, with food and family activities available.



Years 1 and 2 Variety Show
Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8

Wednesday 6 December at
1.45pm in the school hall.



Due to Health and Safety, swim caps must be worn in the swimming pool. These are available through Kindo or from the school office for \$6.



Swimming
Caps
Must Be Worn



*Riverview School Board of Trustees and the
PTA invite Riverview School families to a
Family Picnic and Christmas Carols*

*Tuesday 5 December at 5.30pm
on the grass outside the office*

Bring a picnic dinner and refreshments

Dress up in your “Christmassy” gear. There is a prize for the best-dressed boy and the best-dressed girl.

Come prepared to sing some of your favourite Christmas songs. Carols are for everyone to participate in, not just the children.

Bring blankets or fold-up chairs to sit on.

Bring a can, or other non-perishable or long-life items suitable for Christmas eating, to donate to the Foodbank.

“ The playground and sandpit will be closed, and we are asking children not to bring their scooters/bikes or skateboards.

There will be a free ice block for all children, supplied by the PTA.

There will not be any food available for purchase.