Term 1, Week 11, 13 April, 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers

As we **conclude Term 1 tomorrow** we can look back with some satisfaction that, despite the impact of Omicron and the many requirements for isolation and recovery, we have maintained all class programmes and learning, with little disruption. We know that 25% of students have had Covid-19; this number almost doubles when you add those who have had to isolate as household contacts as well (a reminder to parents and caregivers to please let us know whether your child fits either of these categories, if you haven't already). Over 50% of the staff have either been sick or had to isolate. I want to acknowledge the fantastic staff working at Riverview School for their dedication and fortitude, and the wider community for all that you have done that contributes to this positive outcome also.

With the move to the Orange Traffic Light setting, masks are no longer required at school; however, we still strongly encourage their use. Our Executive team will meet in the second week of the holidays and we will communicate with you, by the end of that week, any other changes in effect for the start of Term 2. It is likely that there will be a number of precautionary measures still in place, so don't expect everything to return to how it was before Covid-19.

Board of Trustees Consultation Survey: A reminder that the two-question survey from the Board needs to be responded to by the end of this week please (property questions). Thank you to the 76 folk who have already replied. Your input is important to us.

OSCAR Programme: From the start of Term 2, there will be a $10 charge for cancellations made on the same day as a booking. This year, we have had many last-minute cancellations that leave us paying for more staff than needed. If you need to chat about this, please see me. There are still plenty of spaces for bookings for the holiday programmes – phone 0212964829.

Mrs Heihei will be on Refreshment Leave for Terms 2, 3, and 4, and is planning to return for the start of the 2023 school year. We wish her a great time and look forward to her coming back.

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Two Long Weekends: In Term 2, there are two long weekends that we ask you to please put in your diaries:

- June 3 – 6 is a 4-day weekend. Friday is a Teacher Only work day for report writing, and Monday is the Queen's Birthday celebration.
- Friday 24 June is the first official Matariki public holiday, celebrating the Māori New Year.

During this coming two-week break there are two significant events, being the **Easter Weekend** and **Anzac Day**. For those who honour the significance of these days, I hope they are very special for you. Have a safe and happy break, and we look forward to students returning fresh and keen on Monday 2 May.

For the Children

Ken McLeay
Principal

Dear students and staff of Riverview School,

Thank you so much, Riverview School, for your support and generosity to Ronald McDonald House Charities® (RMHC®) New Zealand.

Your generous gift of $800.00 has helped save families over $11 million a year in accommodation, meals, and parking costs while their child is in a hospital away from home, alleviating a huge financial burden.
"The biggest part was that we could all stay together at Ronald McDonald House®," says Mum, Natasha, "especially when Harry was really unstable those four or five times and was being resuscitated a lot." Natasha Ward

Because of the generosity of your school community, families like the Wards will not only have a place to sleep, but will also receive the additional care and support they deserve.

Thank you again for your help with keeping families together when they need it the most.

Wayne Howett
CEO, Ronald McDonald House Charities New Zealand

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Community News

Youth Theatre with Kylie Penn
These classes are ideal for budding young performers. Held at the Black Box Theatre (17 Sammaree Place, Kerikeri) on Monday afternoons across Term 2, there will be three classes with students grouped by age = 7-10 year olds, 11-13 year olds, and 14-18 year olds. Spaces are limited so be sure to enrol in advance to save your spot! Students will work with Kylie to devise a brand new show, to be performed in public at the Turner Centre, in July 2022! More details about Youth Theatre classes can be found here:
https://www.kerikeritheatrecompany.co.nz/youth-theatre/

OSCAR

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME: The OSCAR Autumn Holiday programme is out, and parents are reminded to complete an enrolment form (available from the School Office, OSCAR, or online).
Advance booking is recommended, especially on trip days where places are limited. The information is available on the school website.

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