



**Term 1, Week 7, 16 March, 2023**

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★ Dear Parents, Caregivers, and Whānau

★ When you read this, classes will be back up and running, following the teachers' strike. I ★  
★ don't often comment on political matters, but I do support the urgent need for some ★  
★ serious educational reform around the way that schools have been underfunded for ★  
★ many years. There are three main concerns: ★

1. The growing number of children in mainstream schools needing specialist assistance (many cannot experience social and educational success in regular classrooms without one-to-one help) and the incredible lack of funding for this assistance. This leaves classroom teachers to somehow "cope" with disruptions or intense learning needs on their own.
2. The workload of teachers. This illustration may help: If a teacher is expected to work an 8-hour day, and five hours is spent teaching, and one hour is used for attending meetings, doing duties, and spending time greeting students before school etc., then that leaves one hour for planning what they teach and one hour to mark children's work. This equates to 12 minutes to prepare an hour of teaching (which may include 4-5 different Reading or Maths groups), and individualising work levels across other subjects. Can this really be done in 12 minutes? It also leaves 12 minutes to mark the work done by 25 – 30 students in each hour and to give feedback/feedforward to the children. Hence, most teachers are seen taking lots of marking home each day or coming to school early/leaving late. This workload does not allow for long-term planning, interviews with parents, writing reports, supporting children's extra-curricular activities, etc. The reality is that most teachers work well in excess of 40 hours a week, much of it at home, and, while teachers may not be seen much at school during holiday periods, a lot of their time is spent preparing programmes for the term ahead!
3. The third matter is pay. One economist has calculated that, on current pay levels, a beginning teacher now receives \$1.99 an hour more than a person with no training, who is working for the minimum wage. The teacher most likely has a \$40,000+ debt from the university to pay as well. My observation is that, with the workload described above, a beginning teacher works far longer than 40 hours a week, and their comparable hourly rate drops below the minimum wage.

★ I hope that this gives some clarification on the current issues.

★ We have had some very successful programmes and events recently:

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- ♦ The "How Far Will Bo/Lola Go?" fundraiser run. Bo was pushed 492 laps (246km) of our 500m course and Lola was pushed 98 laps (49km). Thank you to all that helped to make this fundraiser a success. We raised approximately \$10,000, which will be used to subsidise the Years 5 and 6 camps and pay for a Year 4 outing later in the year; the remaining monies will go toward the outdoor beautification work that we have planned.
- ♦ The Years 3 and 4, and Years 5 and 6 Swimming Sports were very successful events. The high proportion of children that are competent swimmers is a real tribute to the swimming programmes that our teachers run. Congratulations to all children, both winners and all who did their best at whatever level.
- ♦ Constable Rob has again been delivering some excellent Road Safety and Bike Safety programmes across the whole school. His work is greatly appreciated. He will be here again next week.


#### Coming up in the next three weeks are:

- Inter-school Swimming Sports held in our pool next Wednesday.
- Years 5 and 6 camps – there will be three camps held at Cooper's Beach Christian Camp, with classes paired up. Each camp is for three days and two nights. Well done to teachers for all the additional work preparing for these camps, and to the many parents that have volunteered to attend and help.
- School photos: These will happen next Thursday and Friday – please see the notice about this.

We are continuing on our **Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) journey** this year. Parents may be interested to know that we have a list of "Everywhere Behaviours" linked to our nine "HEARTWISE" values, and these are used consistently all around the school. A list of these is included in this newsletter for your interest. As well as these "everywhere" behaviours, we have specific behaviour expectations for different settings, such as in the pool area, the library, waiting for a bus or at the roundabout, etc.

Remember that school finishes at 2:55pm on **Thursday 6 April**, and starts again at 8:55am on **Wednesday 26 April**.

For the Children



Ken McLeay  
Principal

Riverview School Student Councillors and Peer Mediators will be presented to the Years 4 to 6 Assembly this Friday at 2pm. Swimming certificates for first three placegetters will also be presented.

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

**O S C A R**

The OSCAR Autumn Holiday programme is out, and parents are reminded to complete an enrolment form (available from the School Office, OSCAR, or online). The information is available on the school website.



#### Dogs in the School Grounds:

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

### **Riverview School Years 3 and 4 Swimming Sports held on Thursday 2 March**

Our Years 3/4 Swimming Sports was a great success. It was wonderful to see so many students participating and competing in the flutterboard, freestyle, and backstroke events. Congratulations to all of the students who made the finals. A very big thank you to the whānau volunteers and supporters on the day. Here are the results:

#### **Freestyle**

6-year-old boys	1st Jaxon Kruithof, 2nd Zion Carter
6-year-old girls	1st Sailor Keen, 2nd Layla Buckingham, 3rd equal Charis Hapi and Brianna McDowell
7-year-old boys	1st Kaide Parrish, 2nd Alex Baker, 3rd James Blanchard, 4th Jacob Webb
7-year-old girls	1st Eva Fisher, 2nd Harlow Stott, 3rd Pippa Small, 4th Fiadh Rogers
8-year-old boys	1st Hunter Finlayson, 2nd Zyrenzo Hapeta-Kemp, 3rd Archie Jones
8-year-old girls	1st Te Ahumainuku Stephenson, 2nd Asha Watson, 3rd Raumati Para

#### **Backstroke**

6-year-old boys	1st Jaxon Kruithof
6-year-old girls	1st Alyssa Robertson, 2nd Charis Hapi, 3rd Brianna McDowell
7-year-old boys	1st Alex Baker, 2nd Jacob Webb, 3rd James Blanchard
7-year-old girls	1st Fiadh Rogers, 2nd Elizabeth Jago, 3rd Bella Dixon
8-year-old boys	1st Clevedon Williams, 2nd Liam Greeff, 3rd Riley Robinson
8-year-old girls	1st Te Ahumainuku Stephenson, 2nd Faja Pekel, 3rd Kyra-Blue Crake-McLean

### **Riverview School Years 5 and 6 Swimming Sports held on Thursday 9 March**

Last week, we had a fantastic day for our Years 5 & 6 Swimming Sports. It was great to see so many close and competitive races. Also, our invited Year 4 students who are 8 years old, performed well and made it into finals. Well done to you all.

Thank you, as always, to the wonderful parents that volunteered to help time keep, take photos, and to our starter Becs! We also had plenty of support from whānau, who came to cheer on all of our swimmers throughout the day. The first three place getters, in each final, go to the Inter-School Swimming Champs, which will be held here at Riverview School next week. Here are the results:

#### **Freestyle**

8-year-old boys	1st Clevedon Williams, 2nd Ted Keen, 3rd Lucas Smith-Botin, 4th Archie Jones
8-year-old girls	1st Isla Ah Dar, 2nd Vita Hill, 3rd Isabella Lambers, 4th Emma Robertson
9-year-old boys	1st Rico Stotter, 2nd Lani Faneva, 3rd Ryley Mason, 4th Boston Putt
9-year-old girls	1st Iona Lee-Merrygold, 2nd Sophie Redward, 3rd Aria Stott, 4th Joey van Schaik
10-year-old boys	1st Carter Gundesen-Stewart, 2nd Kolya Zwinkels, 3rd Oli Hewitt, 4th Rasmus Birt
10-year-old girls	1st Miko Baker, 2nd equal Holly Baker and Cerys Jones, 4th Skyler Wood

#### **Backstroke**

8-year-old boys	1st Ted Keen, 2nd Zyrenzo Hapeta Kemp, 3rd Lucas Smith-Botin, 4th Clevedon Williams
8-year-old girls	1st Isla Ah Dar, 2nd Vita Hill, 3rd Isabella Lambers, 4th Ayla Mold
9-year-old boys	1st Boston Putt, 2nd Rico Stotter, 3rd Eli Clark, 4th Lucas Gilmour
9-year-old girls	1st Iona Lee-Merrygold, 2nd Autumn Brandes, 3rd Isabella Webley, 4th Sophie Redward
10-year-old boys	1st Kolya Zwinkels, 2nd Carter Gundesen-Stewart, 3rd Oli Hewitt
10-year-old girls	1st Miko Baker, 2nd Holly Baker, 3rd Skyler Wood, 4th Winter Osajca

#### **Breaststroke**

8-year-old boys	1st Ted Keen, 2nd Blake Kruithof, 3rd Owen Brothers
9-year-old boys	1st Ryley Mason, 2nd Boston Putt
9-year-old girls	1st Sophie Redward, 2nd Iona Lee-Merrygold, 3rd Georgia Kitchingman
10-year-old boys	1st Kolya Zwinkels, 2nd Carter Gundesen-Stewart, 3rd Rasmus Birt
10-year-old girls	1st Miko Baker, 2nd Holly Baker, 3rd Skyler Wood, 4th Peyton Hakaraia

#### **The overall winners ...**

6-year-old girls – Charis Hapi	6-year-old boys – Jaxon Kruithof
7-year-old girls – Fiadh Rogers	7-year-old boys – Alex Baker
8-year-old girls – Isla Ah Dar	8-year-old boys – Ted Keen
9-year-old girls – Iona Lee-Merrygold	9-year-old boys – Rico Stotter
10-year-old girls – Miko Baker	10-year-old boys – Kolya Zwinkels

## Riverview School photos will be taken on Thursday 23 March and Friday 24 March.

Forms for family or sibling photos were sent home at the beginning of this week. Siblings all at Riverview School will have photos taken either on Thursday or Friday. 'Outside' sibling photo appointments (those that have pre-school children or high school students) start at 8.30am. They will be in 5-minute slots. Please contact the office staff to make an appointment.

Your son or daughter will bring home an OnLine slip with their unique Shoot Key a few weeks after photo day. This Shoot Key will display all the photographs of your child. It is then an easy process for you to shop on-line and purchase the photographs that you want.

If you place your order before the free delivery expiry date, your child will bring their photographs home.

Any orders placed after the free delivery period will be sent directly to your specified delivery address and will incur a Postage & Packing charge. You will see this message when you go online to view and order your photographs.

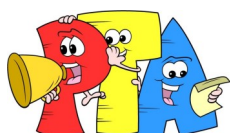
If parents/guardians don't have access to a computer, contact the school office.

# PhotoLife

## PB4L Everywhere Behaviour Expectations

HEARTWISE at Riverview School	Honesty	Excellence	Aroha	Respect	Tolerance	Whānau	Inquiry	Sustainability	Effort
Everywhere	<p>We tell the truth.</p> <p>We own our <u>behaviour</u>.</p> <p>We return promptly to class when the bell goes.</p>	<p>We are the best that we can be in whatever we do.</p> <p>We use the equipment safely and appropriately.</p>	<p>We are kind with our words and actions (e.g. we have helping hands and friendly feet).</p> <p>We support and help others.</p>	<p>We use good manners.</p> <p>We respect people, property, and places.</p> <p>We listen to all of the staff in our school, not just our own teacher.</p>	<p>We are patient.</p> <p>We take turns.</p> <p>We accept each other for who we are.</p>	<p>We encourage and support others.</p> <p>We work well together and we look after each other.</p>	<p>We ask questions and try to solve problems.</p> <p>We think creatively.</p>	<p>We keep doing the right thing.</p> <p>We don't give up.</p> <p>We keep our school clean and tidy.</p>	<p>We try hard in everything we do.</p>

## RIVERVIEW SCHOOL PTA TOILET PAPER FUNDRAISER



Information has been given out today to each family. Orders must be completed either on Kindo or payment to the PTA account before 3pm on **Thursday 23 March**.



**Netball forms** must be returned to the school office no later than **Friday 24 March**.



Peyton Manning has competed in the Northland Tennis Tournament recently, playing doubles with a partner from Kerikeri Primary School.



## CELLPHONES

We do not permit cellphones at school. Please ensure that your children leave these at home. We cannot accept any responsibility for their loss. If you are in doubt, please contact the school for clarification.

If there is a need for a cellphone to come to school, it must be left at the school office until the end of the day. Cellphones must not go on school trips or camps.





## International Student Host Families for 2023

We invite you to join us for an opportunity to learn and share different cultures. We are excited to be able to welcome International Students to Kerikeri High School and the Bay of Islands. Our International Students add a lot to our school and community. All students benefit greatly from the connections and friendships they make with our manuhiri/guests.



Kerikeri High School

Our International Department is now seeking **new host families** to add to our fun and caring host family roopu for 2023. International Students come from a variety of countries from all over the world. Their lengths of stay vary from between one term through to one year.

Our International Students are happy to share their culture with your family, and lifelong friendships are made with people from all over the world. International students that are attracted to Kerikeri are like us: active, busy, and enjoy an outdoor lifestyle. Remuneration is provided and all applicants are Police vetted.

If you would like to receive some more information, please contact **Debbie Ruawai** in our **International Department** on 09 407 0163 or email [druawai@kerikerihigh.ac.nz](mailto:druawai@kerikerihigh.ac.nz).

**Kerikeri Football Club** Registrations are open for this season, with training and games happening through the winter months, across Terms 2 & 3. Suitable for all ages and genders; whether you're a keen footballer/soccer player, or you've never played before, we have a space for you.

If you know you're keen to play, Registration happens online [www.kerikerifc.co.nz](http://www.kerikerifc.co.nz)

Any questions, please get in touch via our website [www.kerikerifc.co.nz](http://www.kerikerifc.co.nz)



## FREE dental care for under 18s

Kei raro iho i te tekau mā waru, kāhore he utu

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



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**Te Whatu Ora**  
Health New Zealand  
Te Tai Tokerau

# FINAL CALL FOR HOCKEY WE NEED PLAYERS!!!!

This is the last chance for expressions of interest for kids to play Hockey. As the registration for the season is closing soon.

We have circa 5 children who have expressed interesting in playing Hockey, but we need to get up to 8-10 to have a realistic chance of being able to field a team for the season.

So we need more players! Clearly it clashes with Netball, Rugby and Football on a Saturday morning which limits uptake. But if there is anyone else out there who has been thinking they might like to try, please let us know ASAP. Beginners very welcome!

Please reach out to Chris on [christophermatthewbaker@gmail.com](mailto:christophermatthewbaker@gmail.com) if you have any budding Hockey players in year 2 to 4 who might be interested!!!



## Mini Sticks Field Hockey – Years 2, 3, and 4 Saturday mornings – Terms 2 and 3

Do your kids want to play Field Hockey?

We are looking to see if we can put a Riverview School team together to play in the Saturday morning school's league at Lindvart Park in Kaikohe. Games are usually 10am each Saturday (TBC).

If we get the numbers from Riverview School we will look at setting up training at school either during the lunch break or after school. Sticks and kit can be provided. Kids will need trainers, football socks, shinpads and gum shields.

Please email Chris Baker on [christophermatthewbaker@gmail.com](mailto:christophermatthewbaker@gmail.com) for more details and to express interest in joining.