Riverton Primary School

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Our Vision - Through our core values & focused teaching & learning programmes, we are committed to be the best we can be in our learning, attitude & behaviour

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Greetings, Haere Mai, Talofa, Namaste, Ni hoa, Kamunsta

We would like to welcome the following children to Riverton Primary Fritz and Krysta.

Well, we made the right decision on Friday to carry on with Pet Day! A huge thank you needs to go out to Jenna and the FOS, as well as to Emma A and our staff for all the planning and hard work that went into organising the day. It was so lovely walking around and talking to the children and parents about the various animals on show. Congratulations to all the children who placed in their respective categories, and a special shout-out to Logan Carson, who took out the Southern Man bake-off!

Our teachers would also like to express their sincere gratitude to the children and the Board. The Board put on a morning tea for Teacher Appreciation Day, which was greatly appreciated by all our staff members.

The start of the Tour of Southland stage at RPS was once again enthusiastically embraced by our pupils and community. We sent the riders off in true RPS fashion after performing a spirited school haka.

In addition, Craig Smith visited us to entertain our children alongside those visiting from Child Care and Kindy. He played his guitar and sang his stories in a wonderful, interactive session where the children used puppets to show what the characters were getting up to. Craig has written many beloved children's books, his most famous being *The Wonky Donkey*.

Reminders

I would like to remind families that if you have signed your children up for a sports team, it is very important that they are present at practices and, more importantly, the games. Many of these teams have been put together specifically to give our children opportunities to participate, and non-attendance directly disadvantages the other children on the team.

Bus pupils need to be accompanied by their parents or secondary siblings when they are picked up and dropped off each day. It is not the bus driver's responsibility to wait for long periods of time or walk children to their homes. If there is no one waiting for the children they will be brought back to the bus depot and families will be rung to collect their children. Please make sure the children don't cross the road or move around the bus until the service has left.

Principal comment continued

Key Updates & Announcements

- **Board Minute Taker Required:** The Board is currently looking for a Minute Taker for 2027. If you are interested in this role, please contact Mr Page at school.
- **Year 4 Camp:** Our Year 4 students will be heading to Borland for their camp on the 18th and 19th of November.
- **Tough Kids:** Tough Kids has come around once again! On 18 November, our Year 5 and 6 children will tackle the fun and energetic challenges put in front of them.
- **Staffing News:** We have a couple of staff announcements as we look ahead:
    - Mr Cleaver will be taking up a new position at Lyttelton Primary in Christchurch next year. We wish him all the best for his next adventure—antlers up forever!
    - Mrs Stalker will be taking a year's leave next year and will return to RPS in 2028.
- **Swimming Programme:** Swimming starts on 30 November. Please remind your children to try on their togs now to make sure they still fit. We are running the sessions a little differently this year, with our own staff conducting the coaching. Parental support is essential, and we would greatly appreciate any help you can offer.
- **End of Year Celebrations:** Our End of Year Celebrations will now take place on **Friday, 11 December at 1:00 PM**. Unfortunately, due to a number of reasons, we have had to adjust the timing this year. We apologise for any inconvenience this change may cause and hope you can clear your calendars to join us for an afternoon of celebration and fun.

Important Dates & Reminders

November - 16 Nov - Cohort Entry, 18-19 Nov - Year 4 Camp to Borland, and Tough Kids on the 18, 24 - Putangitangi, 30 - Swimming Starts, **December -** 2 - Aparima College New Entrant Day, 9 Dec - Year 6 Leavers Dinner, 11 Dec - EOY Celebrations @ 1 pm, 14 Dec - Final Day of Swimming, Squirt Mania, Optional Parent Interviews, 15 Dec - End of Year - 1 pm.

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Tim Page

Principal

END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

Friday 11 Dec 1pm at Aparima College Hall

"The struggle you're in today is developing the strength you need for tomorrow."
- **Robert Tew**

ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE

Parents/Extended Families all welcome

Term 4 2026

Friday 20 Nov @ 2.00pm Room 8

Friday 4 Dec @ 2.00pm Leadership Assembly R9

What's Happening



November

- 16th Nov Cohort Entry
- 18th Nov Year 4 Camp to Borland
- 19th Nov Year 4 Camp returns from Borland
- 24th Nov Putangitangi
- 30th Nov Whole School Swimming starts

December

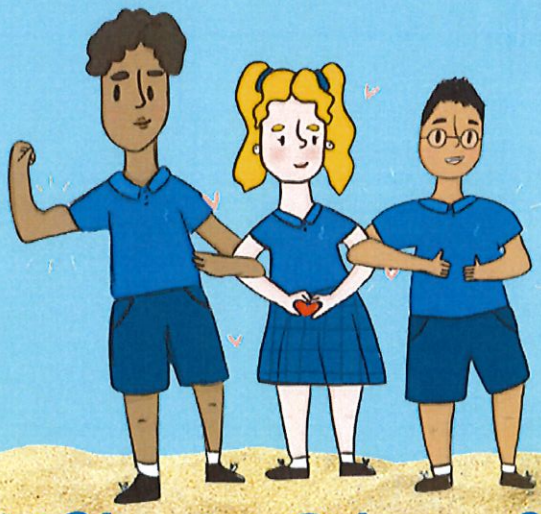
- 1st Dec Whole School Swimming
- 2nd Dec Whole School Swimming
- 3rd Dec Whole School Swimming, Aparima Orientation for Yr 6's
- 4th Dec Whole School Swimming
- 7th Dec Whole School Swimming
- 8th Dec Whole School Swimming, Board Meeting
- 9th Dec Whole School Swimming, Year 6 Leavers Dinner
- 10th Dec Whole School Swimming
- 11th Dec EOY Celebrations @ College 1pm
- 14th Dec Whole School Swimming – last day, Squirt Mania, Optional 3 way conferences
- 15th Dec EOY School finishes @ 1pm students will need to be picked up then and buses will leave then

CARE



Here are our latest SILVER medal recipients who have completed 10 CARE Cards. Well Done to you all!

Lucy Hopcroft
Harper Turner
Hunter Judd
Louan Baker-Blanc
Riley Slater



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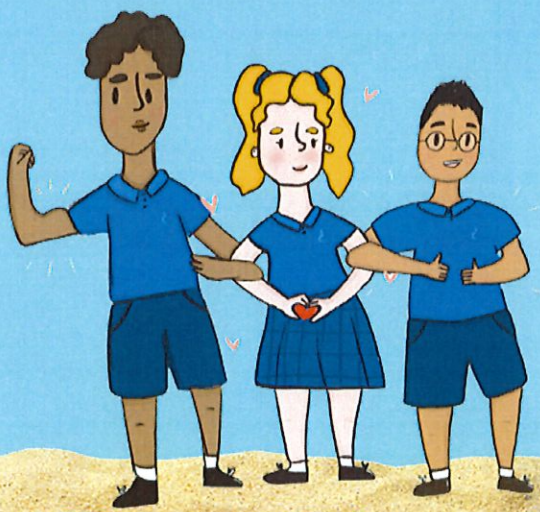
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Here are our latest BRONZE medal recipients who have completed 5 CARE Cards. Well Done to you all!

Toby Lonneker
Hunter Connor
Olivia George
Evie Young



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Certificate Recipients from the Week 4 Assembly

Room 7 - Grayson Philpot, Harper Haigh

Room 2 - Hana McKay, Taylor Tecofsky

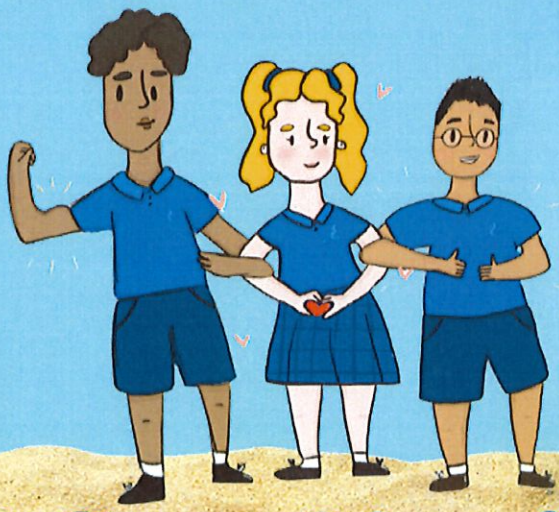
Room 3 - Moana Judd, Zap Tumai-Totorewa

Room 4 - Legacy Hollands

Room 8 - Oliver Russell, Jacob Anderson-Beattie

Room 10 - Rubin Thapa, Laney Orr

Room 9 - Annika Bond, Storm Fallowfield



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PET DAY













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CRAIG SMITH

THE STINKY WONKY DONKEY SHOW



HOUSE POINTS







MINIBALL 2026

TOUR OF SOUTHLAND



