



Riverina School

Monthly Panui

August 2023



A message from the Senior Leadership Team

Dear Parents/Caregivers

As we embark on another exciting term, I find it important to emphasise the pivotal role that you, as parents, play in the learning process of your child. Education is a collaborative effort that involves not only teachers and students but also the active involvement and support of parents. Your commitment to your child's education has a profound impact on their overall development and success. In this newsletter, I would like to highlight the various ways in which your participation can make a significant difference in your child's learning journey.

1. Creating a Positive Learning Environment at Home

Home is where the foundation of a child's learning is laid. By fostering a positive and supportive atmosphere at home, you can inspire a love for learning in your tamariki. Encourage regular reading habits, engage in discussions about their school experiences, and provide a quiet space for homework time. A home environment that values education, will instil in your child the belief that learning is essential and enjoyable.

2. Active Communication with Teachers

Maintaining open and regular communication with your child's teachers is invaluable. Attend learning conferences, engage in discussions about your child's progress, and stay informed about their academic achievements and challenges. Working together, we can ensure that each child receives the individual attention and support they need to thrive academically and emotionally.

3. Becoming a Learning Role Model

Children often look up to their parents as role models. By displaying a curiosity for knowledge, a commitment to lifelong learning, and a positive attitude towards challenges, you inspire your child to adopt the same traits. Show them that learning is not confined to the classroom but a continuous journey that enriches one's life.

4. Encouraging Curiosity and Critical Thinking

Nurture your child's natural curiosity by encouraging them to ask questions and seek answers. Engage in discussions about various topics and encourage critical thinking. This will not only enhance their problem-solving skills but also foster a deeper understanding of the world around them.

5. Involvement in Extracurricular Activities

Extracurricular activities are an essential part of a child's holistic development. Encourage your child to participate in activities they are passionate about, be it sports, arts, music, or any other interest. In doing so, you provide them with opportunities to explore their talents, build social skills, and discover new perspectives.

6. Balancing Technology and Screen Time

In today's digital age, it is essential to monitor and balance your child's screen time. While technology can be a valuable educational tool, excessive use may hinder their ability to focus, communicate, and develop essential social skills. Encourage a healthy balance between screen time and other activities that promote physical and mental well-being.

As we continue our journey of nurturing young minds, I want to express my gratitude for your unwavering dedication to your child's education. Together, we form a strong partnership that propels each student towards a successful and fulfilling future. Remember, your involvement, care, and support are priceless gifts that lay the groundwork for your child's lifelong love of learning.

**Ka kite,
Bryce Mills, Principal & Arinam Goundar, Deputy Principal.**





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Updates from Riverina School

Keeping you up to date

We have a few things on the agenda this term and have included a table at the bottom of this newsletter which has key dates for you moving forward. This is to ensure you are aware of any important information that relates to your child. This will be updated each month so that it is current and relevant.

Meet the Principal ZOOM Meeting

We would like to invite you all to a "Meet the Principal" ZOOM meeting on Wednesday 16 August at 6pm. This is a time for me to meet you all via ZOOM and share some of my background and what has brought me to work in this awesome kura. A ZOOM link will be sent closer to the time.

Learning Conferences

Thank you so much for making the time to come along to our learning conferences which took place last week. We know that it takes a village to raise a child and your continued support with their learning and achievement is very much appreciated and important in their learning journey. We were SO proud of our tamariki and the progress that they are making.

Academic Achievement at Riverina School

We are extremely pleased with the academic progress that we are seeing across the school. Our young people are making significant academic progress and we are encouraging them to continue to put their best foot forward - it makes a huge difference!

Grace City Church at Riverina School

We have the wonderful team from Grace City Church doing a working bee on Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 September from 8am to 5pm. They have an extensive list of items that they are going to work through and we are very excited to see the outcome. There will be food and childcare (for those 7 years and above) on site for those parents and families who would like to come down and support the working bee. Thanks so much!

Playground Safety Check

We had an audit done of our playground equipment this week to ensure it was safe and secure for our young people to use and can report back that it was a success. We will ensure these checks are performed on a regular basis moving forward.

PB4L Update this Month

This fortnight our PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) focus is based on our C.C.K. value of: Courage-Maia

- We are curious and ask questions
- We are risk-takers with our learning
- We think of opportunities to get outside of our comfort zones

Student Awards this week



Room 2:

Jedi Thomas for always have positive attitude

Room 3:

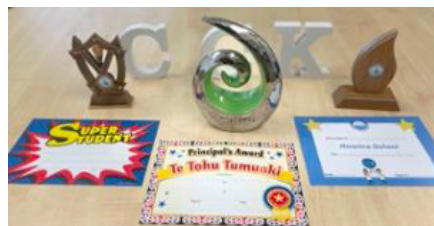
Elijah for settling into Room 3 and showing respectful behaviour

Room 5:

Ru Monga for having a 'can do' attitude towards learning. Ka Pai!

Room 12:

Ava Harris for a fantastic recount using her success criteria



Principal's Cup:

Titiksha for working hard in all her core learning areas and always helping students around her

Sportsmanship Award:

Max for always cheering on and motivating his classmates when they are sharing

Riverina Flame:

Lusina for always having wonderful manners and wearing the correct uniform.



Important Dates

Event	Date
Swimming Starts Lloyd Elsmore	2 August
Photo - Life School Photos	4 August
Cook Island Language Week Assembly	4 August at 2:30pm
Tread Lightly Caravan Room 2 and 12	7 August
Tread Lightly Caravan Room 3 and 5	8 August
National MP Simeon Brown Visiting	8 August
Self defence and Anti-Bullying (Year 5 & 6)	Week starting 7 August
Meet the Principal on ZOOM	16 August at 6pm
School Speech Competition	18 August
In-Class Poetry Competition	21 August
Fathers Day Breakfast	1 September
Junior Poetry Recital	7 September
Tonga Language Week Assembly	8 September at 2.30pm
Grandparents Day/ Whole School Assembly	8 September
Maori Language Week Assembly	15 September at 2.30pm
School Working Bee	16-17 September (weekend)
Riverina's Got Talent - Finals	21 September
End of Term 3	22 September

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