



Riverina School Monthly Panui April 2024



A message from the Senior Leadership Team

Dear Riverina School Community,

As we approach the upcoming long weekend, I want to take a moment to wish each and every one of you a safe and enjoyable break. Please remember that in addition to the public holiday on Friday, March 29, our school will also be closed on Easter Tuesday, April 2nd.

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the families who contributed to the success of our recent Easter Raffle. Thanks to your generosity and support, we were able to raise an impressive \$2000! These funds will go directly towards helping our senior students attend their camp at Long Bay beach this year.

Exciting developments are on the horizon as we gear up for Term 2. I am thrilled to announce the launch of HERO, a dynamic new platform that will streamline communication between our school and home. HERO promises to be a valuable tool for parents, teachers, and staff alike, ensuring transparent and effective communication for the benefit of our students' learning journey.

Speaking of our students, I couldn't be prouder of the dedication and hard work they have displayed throughout Term 1. Their commitment to learning is truly commendable, and I have no doubt they will continue to excel until the final day of term.

Mark your calendars for another exciting event on the horizon - our Car Boot Sale! Scheduled for Saturday, May 11th, from 8 am to 12 pm, this promises to be a fun-filled day for the whole family. Be sure to check out the details on our Riverina School Facebook page and share the event with friends and family.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and partnership in our shared mission of nurturing and educating our students. Wishing you all a wonderful long weekend ahead!

Warm regards,

Ka kite,
Bryce Mills - Principal and Arinam Goundar - Deputy Principal



Photos of our new completed Bike and Pump Track!





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Updates from Riverina School

HERO is coming!

As a school we are really excited about the launch of our new communication platform called 'HERO'. This platform is a one-stop shop for parents and allows seamless communication between school and home. The app allows parents to be kept up to date with regular updates about their child's learning as well as have the ability to report an absence or book student led conference times. We are looking forward to what this new platform will mean for our school and community.

Riverina School Policies

A reminder to our parents that our school policies can be easily found by following the instructions below. Our policies are located on a cloud bases system called 'School Docs'.

This is a comprehensive system with a core set of policies that have been well-researched and follow the Ministry of Education Guidelines. Each term, there are policies and procedures for review. You can find our policies and procedures by following the instructions below.

Go to schooldocs.co.nz

Start typing Riverina and then select it from the dropdown list.

Enter the community username (riverina) and password (Millen)

Easter Raffle Results!

We would like to say a big thank you to our community for their support of our recent Easter Raffle! We have raised an incredible \$2000 this year! These funds will help our senior students attend camp and we are very grateful to everyone for making this happen!

Curriculum Update

At Riverina School Literacy and Maths are taught throughout the year and are integrated across other curriculum areas as applicable. We have high expectations of all our students to achieve success in their learning, and teachers work hard to ensure students who are below curriculum expectation make accelerated progress. Our teachers continue to have professional development in Literacy and Maths to grow their knowledge and skills for the benefit of our students.

Our Inquiry Learning Programmes are all about encouraging the children to understand what they already know, what they would like to know and then how to find and process information.

In Term one, our inquiry focus has been around place and environment. Tamariki learnt that they have a sense of identity in their school and community. They feel especially empowered and connected at Riverina School as it is their foundation, their place in the world, their home. Children will be learning about Planet Earth and Beyond in Term 2, all about the sun, moon, planets, global warming and climate change.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L)

As a PB4L school, we focus on a different school value each month.

This month our focus is: Kindness- Manaakitanga

- We support others when they are hurt, upset or need help.
- We listen and are empathetic.
- We are non-judgemental and show support by being there for others.

To encourage this focus at home, parents could spend time talking with their children about ways that they could show kindness. Let them know that it is okay to ask questions and to express concerns or sadness. One way to encourage conversation is to use family time (such as dinner time) to talk about what is happening in the family as well as in school.

Getting to school on time!

We would like to remind our whanau/parent community to please ensure your child is at school on time each day. We value every second that they are on site and do not want them to miss out on any valuable learning that takes place in the morning. Our suggestion would be to aim for an 8.30am arrival time please. Thanks for your support here!

A photo of our Room 2 students learning how to code in STEAM this week!



A photo of the winners of our 2024 Easter Raffle!



Staff Member Spotlight for April Panui

For this months Panui we would like to spotlight Ally! Ally is our superstar who wears many hats in our school. She is a Teacher, Teacher Aide and International Student Facilitator at our kura. Ally has incredible talents in both visual and performing arts and we think she ROCKS!!



Important Dates

Event	Date
Good Friday - School is closed	29 March
Easter Monday - School is closed	1 April
Easter Tuesday - School is closed	2 April
Inter-School Softball Competition	5 April
Term 1 Ends	12 April
Term 2 Begins	29 April
Community Swimming Begins - Rooms 2, 3 and 5	3 May
New Zealand Sign Language Week	6 May
Room 5 Trip	9 May
Mothers Day Assembly	10 May



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