



Riverina School Monthly Panui December 2023



A message from the Senior Leadership Team

Dear Parents/Caregivers

As we approach the end of another academic year, we are filled with gratitude and pride as we reflect on the incredible journey we have undertaken together as a school community. It has been a year of growth, achievement, and collaboration, and I am immensely thankful for the dedication and support of our wonderful community.

Our tamariki have demonstrated exceptional commitment and enthusiasm, and we are thrilled to share the outstanding academic results we have achieved this year. Across all areas of learning, our young people have made significant progress, showcasing their resilience and determination. These achievements are a testament to their hard work and the supportive environment we've cultivated at our kura.

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the parents who actively participated in our recent Whanau Engagement Day. Your valuable insights and thoughts on our next strategic plan were truly outstanding. Your contributions play a pivotal role in shaping the future of our school, and we are grateful for the collaborative spirit that defines our community.

A special acknowledgment goes to our dedicated and passionate staff who have worked tirelessly throughout the year. Your commitment to providing an exceptional learning experience for our tamariki does not go unnoticed. Each one of you plays a crucial role in making Riverina School the vibrant and nurturing place it is.

We also want to express my gratitude to the School Board for their outstanding oversight and support over the past year. The countless hours they invest in our kura are truly commendable, and their dedication ensures the smooth operation and continuous improvement of our institution.

Looking ahead to 2024, we have an exciting year planned with the introduction of STEAM into our curriculum. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics. This holistic approach to education fosters creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills, preparing our students for the challenges and opportunities of the future.

As we approach the holiday season, we wish everyone a joyful and restful break. Please take this time to relax, rejuvenate, and spend quality moments with loved ones. Above all, we encourage everyone to stay safe and embrace the spirit of community that defines Riverina School.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support and commitment to the success of our students. We look forward to the continued collaboration and achievements that the new year will bring.

Warm regards,

**Happy Holidays,
Bryce Mills, Principal & Arinam Goundar, Deputy Principal.**





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Updates from Riverina School

New STEAM teacher in 2024!

As we mentioned above, our new STEAM programme starts from Week 2 of next term. Steph is a highly skilled STEAM teacher who is excited about bringing her expertise and talent to our kura. She will conduct these lessons in the Library space and I know our tamariki are really going to LOVE working with her!

Whanau Engagement Day Feedback.

Thank you so much for all the amazing thoughts and ideas that you contributed towards our next strategic plan. We found some very clear themes and threads which will feature in our next strategic plan as well as our annual implementation plan. Thank you so much again!

Library in 2024.

We are excited to announce that Ally, our wonderful teacher and teacher aide, will be running lunchtime programmes in the Library next year on a Wednesday and Friday. This will give our tamariki another place to spend their lunchtimes in - especially on those wet winter days! Thank you Ally!

Updates for parents regarding 2024 classes.

Letters will be coming home on Friday 8 December with information of your young person's new teacher for 2024. These letters will be sent home in hard copy form in your child's school bag. Please let us know if you do not receive this information.

Last Day Organisation

The school day ends at 1pm on Friday 15 December. We ask that all parents/caregivers arrive on time to collect their children please. Our staff have their Christmas lunch following the students departure. Please organise for SKIDS after-school care if you are not able to collect them at 1pm. Thanks so much for your support with this.

This month our PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) focus is based on all of our C.C.K. motto: Kindness- Manaakitanga. We make sure everyone is included in our school.

Ki te kotahi te kākaho, ka whati; ki te kāpuia, e kore e whati.



Highlights from our Whanau Engagement Day and MOTAT Visit



Photos of our young people enjoying their sessions with the team from MOTAT. They were able to explore robots and learnt about programming too.



Our Whanau Engagement Day was a huge success with over 70 people attending! The thoughts and feedback gathered has already formed part of the draft strategic plan. We are so incredibly grateful to those who came out to offer their thoughts.

Important Dates

Event	Date
Board Meeting @ 6.30pm	27 November
Year 6 Marae overnight stay	30 November
School reports sent home	30 November
Year 6 Graduation Assembly @ 6.30pm	4 December
Whole School Celebration Assembly and family picnic	6 December
Last day of Term 4 - School finishes @ 1pm	15 December
First Day of Term 1, 2024	1 February
Waitangi Day - SCHOOL CLOSED	6 February
Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED	16 February



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