



**Riverina School**  
**Monthly Panui**  
**February 2024**

**A message from the Senior Leadership Team**

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to the start of another exciting year at Riverina School. We are very excited to welcome our tamariki on site on Thursday 1 February at 9am in the school hall.

We have a few important events coming up soon and have included the dates and times for you below as we would like you all to attend if you are able to. These include events such as Family Night and Goal Setting events. We will give you a lot of notice so that you can make work arrangements or childcare.

Our programme of learning is action packed this term and is designed to engage and empower our students. These programmes will integrate perfectly between what is happening in the classroom as well as what is planned for the activities in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths). The integration of our programmes of work allow students to make powerful learning connections as well as add a sense of relevance to what they are learning. We aim to take you with us on our learning journey too so watch this space for more information for parents.

Finally, can we just acknowledge the fantastic school attendance on the first day back - one class getting 100% attendance. We know it is tricky to get our tamariki back into the routine of coming to school so please let the school know if you need any assistance with getting your young person to school on time.

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

# Photos of our International Student Programme which started this week.





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## Updates from Riverina School

### **Family Night - Meet the teacher evening - Thursday 8 February 2024 (PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE)**

We would like to invite all our families to our Family Night which is taking place on Thursday 8 February at 6pm in the school hall. The night will involve spending time in your child's class and then sharing a meal together in the hall. We would love to see you all there.

### **Library Update**

In addition to our library being open before school for our students to sit and read to play boardgames, we now have two dedicated Librarians who will be working in the library on a Wednesday and Friday. They will be running programmes for students as well as wet lunchtime activities in the winter month. We are very excited about lifting the profile of reading in our school.

### **Room 11 and 12 Building Improvements**

We invite you to pop into Room 11 and 12 and take a look at the fantastic upgrades that have taken place in this learning space over the break. This new layout is conducive to collaboration and ensures our tamariki are learning these future-focussed skills at a young age. In addition to this, they have also been fitted with all new furniture to start the year. The place looks awesome!

### **Attendance**

The start of a new year is a perfect time to remind us all about the importance of ensuring our young people attend school each day. Our staff have exciting and engaging programmes of work planned and it is crucial that everyone is at school so that they do not miss out on any important learning. Thanks in advance in ensuring your young person attends school each day and arrives at school on time.

### **Positive Behaviour for Learning - Monthly Focus**

We are a Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) school and have a school value that we focus on each month. This value is explicitly taught in classes and students are rewarded when they demonstrate that value. This month our focus is courage and our teachers will be planning units of work around how we can show courage. You are encouraged to keep the conversation going at home too.



**Photo of our staff team building day on Wednesday 31 January**

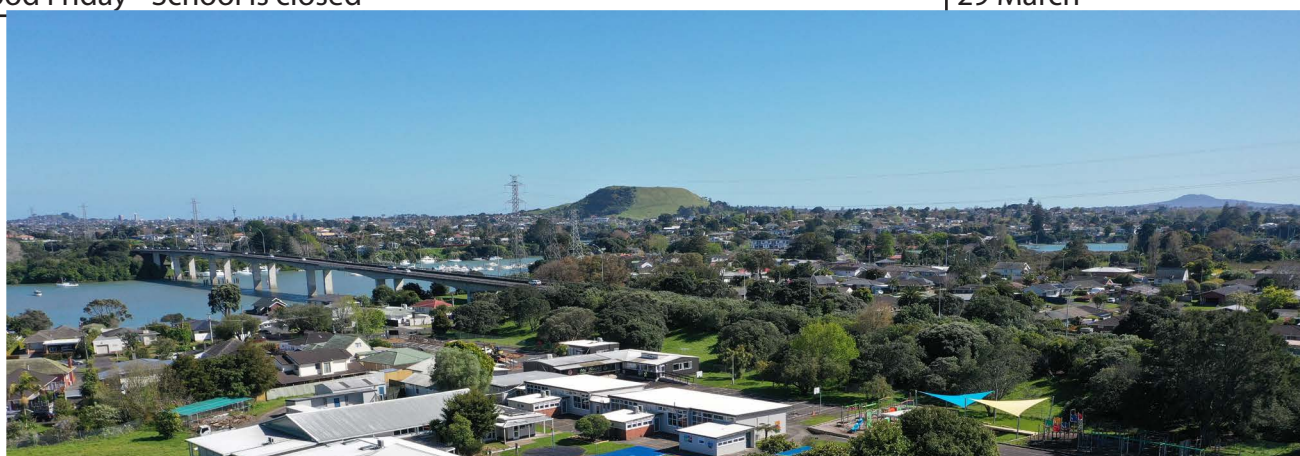


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## Important Dates

Event	Date
Waitangi Day - School is closed	6 February
Family Night - Meet the Teacher	8 February at 6pm
Powhiri to welcome new students and staff	12 February
Teacher Only Day - School is closed	16 February
Board Meeting - Staffroom	19 February at 6.30pm
Inter-school Softball Competition	1 March
Goal Setting Evening with families and students	14 March
Student Leadership Conference	15 March
Board Meeting - Staffroom	18 March
Inter-school Swimming Competition	22 March
Good Friday - School is closed	29 March



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