



# Riverina School Monthly Panui March 2024



## A message from the Senior Leadership Team

Dear Riverina School Community,

I am proud to report that the year is off to an incredible start, and our tamariki have embraced their learning with enthusiasm and dedication. As we settle into the rhythm of the academic year, I want to take a moment to highlight some of the fantastic initiatives and events happening at our school.

Our STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) programme continues to be a highlight of our curriculum, providing tamariki with hands-on experiences that foster creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. Every Tuesday, our classes eagerly participate in engaging sessions led by the talented Mrs. Van Wijk. The excitement and passion for learning displayed by our tamariki during these sessions are truly inspiring.

This week, we kicked off our Cross Country practice, and it was wonderful to see so many tamariki actively participating and embracing the spirit of healthy competition. I am confident that our athletes will continue to demonstrate determination and sportsmanship as they prepare for upcoming events.

Looking ahead, we are eagerly anticipating our Goal Setting Evening scheduled for the 14th of March. This event provides an invaluable opportunity for tamariki, parents, and teachers to come together to set academic and personal goals for the remainder of the year. It is always a pleasure to witness the commitment of our school community to supporting their young person's individual growth and success.

Parents, please keep an eye out for a separate communication containing the link to book your interviews

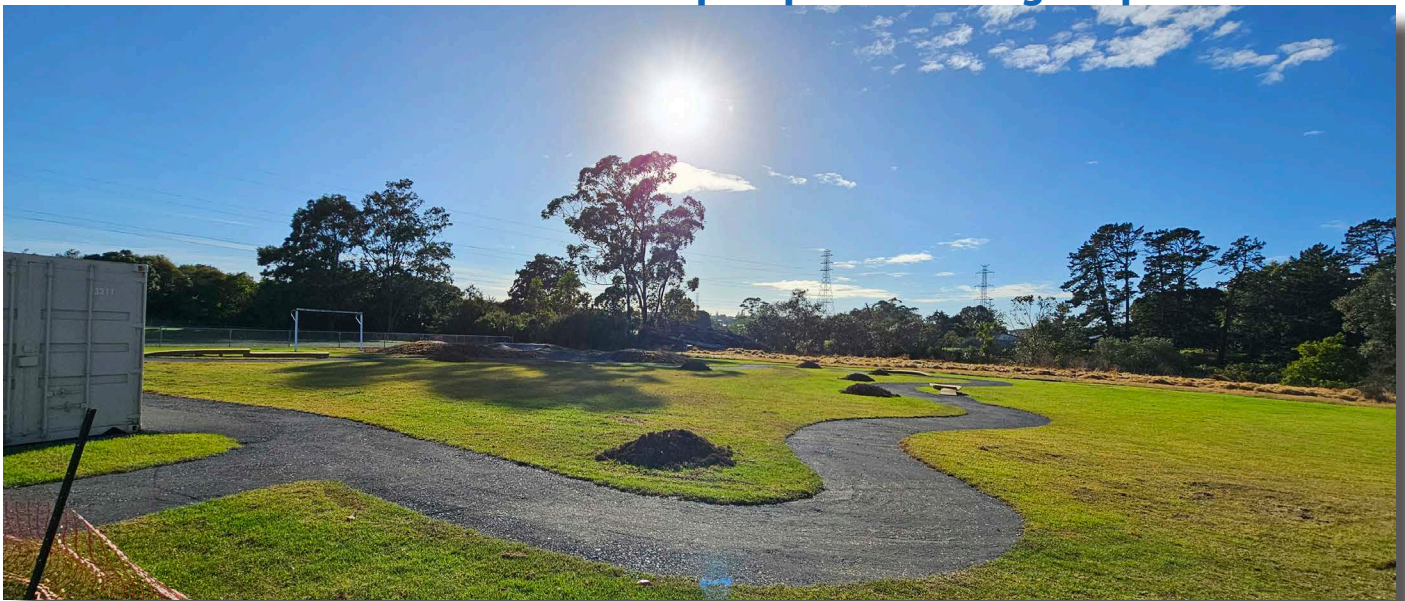
for the Goal Setting Evening. Your involvement and support are essential to the success of these collaborative efforts.

Additionally, I would like to remind everyone about the Riverina Enrolment Drive, currently underway and running until the 5th of July 2024. This initiative is an excellent opportunity for families to join our vibrant school community and experience the outstanding education and opportunities we offer here at Riverina.

As we continue through the year, let us celebrate the achievements of our tamariki, the dedication of our staff, and the unwavering support of our school community. Together, we will continue to nurture a culture of excellence and achievement at Riverina School.

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

### **Photos of our new bike and pump track taking shape!**





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## Updates from Riverina School

### Goal Setting Interviews

A reminder to all our parents that we have our Goal Setting Interviews coming up on Thursday 14 March from 1pm to 7pm. School will close at 12.30pm on Thursday 14 March and all students will need to be collected by a parent or caregiver from the school hall.

Appointments can be booked through the website: [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz), using the event code - n7aah

Or click on the link <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/n7aah>

### 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 based 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](http://schooldocs.co.nz)

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

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

### Parking on the yellow lines on Millen Ave

A friendly reminder to everyone to please avoid parking on the yellow lines outside the school as this is causing congestion around peak times. Thank you for your support in ensuring the roads around our school are safe.

### Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L)

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

Our focus for this month is Kindness-Atawhaitanga. We are kind to ourselves and others! E ngaki ana a mua , e toto mai ana a muri (first clear the weeds, then plant).

Kindness is:

- choosing to do something that helps others
- putting the needs of others before our own. It could be by giving a pencil to someone who might need it more, or offering to look after a new student at school
- playing with someone who doesn't have a friend
- helping a family member at home
- sending a letter to a grandparent
- helping your teacher



**A photo of our Cross Country team beginning their weekly practices**



**A photo of our newly renovated Junior Block!**



## Important Dates

Event	Date
Goal Setting Evening with families and students	14 March
Student Leadership Conference	15 March
Board Meeting - Staffroom	18 March
Good Friday - School is closed	29 March
Inter-School Softball Competition	5 April



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