



# Riverina School Monthly Panui May 2024



## A message from the Senior Leadership Team

Dear Riverina School Community,

Welcome back, everyone! I hope you had a restful break and are ready for an exciting term ahead. As we begin another journey of learning and growth, I wanted to take a moment to highlight some of the fantastic events and initiatives we have planned for this term.

Firstly, let me express my gratitude to all the parents who have already downloaded our new HERO app. Your proactive engagement in our school community is truly appreciated. For those who haven't yet, please remember to do so as soon as possible. The HERO app will be our primary means of communication, and it's essential for everyone to have it installed. If you encounter any difficulties, please don't hesitate to reach out to Bryce at [b.mills@riverina.school.nz](mailto:b.mills@riverina.school.nz) for assistance.

This term, we have an array of exciting activities lined up. From thrilling sports events to captivating STEAM programmes and the preparation for our eagerly anticipated Art Exhibition, there's something for everyone to look forward to. These experiences not only enrich our students' learning but also foster creativity, teamwork, and a love for exploration.

I'm thrilled to announce that we will be holding a special Powhiri ceremony on Monday, May 13th, at 9:30 am. This Powhiri is a heartfelt welcome to all our new students who have joined us this term. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Additionally, mark your calendars for our upcoming Car Boot Sale on Saturday, May 11th, from 8 am to 12 pm. I want to extend a big thank you to all the parents who have already generously donated items. Your contributions play a crucial role in supporting our Senior School Camp, and I encourage everyone to bring in more items to make this event a resounding success.

As we dive into this term together, let's embrace each opportunity to learn, grow, and connect as a school community. Together, we can make this term one to remember!

Warm regards,

Ka kite,

Bryce Mills - Principal and Arinam Goundar - Deputy Principal



## Photos of our students engaged in their learning!



### Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L)

At the start of every term our PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) focus is based on all of our C.C.K. motto.  
Courage – Māia, Courtesy- Atawhaitanga, Kindness- Manaakitanga

The first two weeks every term focuses on 'No Bullying'. We also strongly encourage students to be an up-stander not a bystander when they see bullying behaviour. Together we can make a difference. We are upstanders- Kia Kaha, Kia Maia, Kia Manawanui. Be Strong, Be Brave and Be Steadfast.

We are a "No Bullying School"- Bullying Strategies (Kid Power / Courage)

If you think you are being bullied:

- Look at the person and say, "Stop it!" "I don't like it!"
  - If it continues to walk away. (This is very important if you feel yourself getting angry.)
  - If it still continues tell an adult
- Kid Power actions- voice power, body power, thinking power

Parents

For younger children, there are a number of books on bullying you can get from your local library that you can read together.

Check out:

- 'Te Taniwha i te Kura' by Tim Tipene
- 'Taming the Taniwha' by Tim Tipene
- 'Back Off Bully' by Mark Dobson
- 'Marvin and the Mean Words' by Suzy Kline
- 'Words are Not for Hurting' by Elizabeth Verdick
- Oat the Goat, an online story that helps children learn the power of kindness



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## Updates from Riverina School

### HERO

HERO is a comprehensive communication platform that serves as a vital link between our school and parents. It provides a convenient and efficient way to stay updated on school news, events, and your child's progress.

To download the HERO app, simply follow these steps:

- Visit the App Store (for iOS devices) or Google Play Store (for Android devices) on your smartphone or tablet.
- Search for "HERO by Linc-Ed" and locate the official HERO app.
- Click on the app and select "Download" or "Install" to begin the download process.
- Once the app is installed, open it and follow the on-screen instructions to set up your account. You may need to enter some basic information and select Riverina Primary School as your institution.
- Once your account is set up, you'll have access to all the features of the HERO platform, including receiving important updates from the school, viewing your child's achievements and progress, and staying informed about upcoming events.

If you encounter any difficulties during the download or setup process, please don't hesitate to reach out to Bryce at [b.mills@riverina.school.nz](mailto:b.mills@riverina.school.nz) for assistance. We're here to help ensure a smooth experience for everyone in our school community. Thank you for your co-operation and commitment to staying connected with us through the HERO platform. Together, we can continue to foster a strong partnership between home and school for the benefit of our students' education and well-being.

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

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

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

### Car Boot Sale!

Don't forget, our Car Boot Sale is just around the corner! Join us on Saturday, May 11th, from 8 am to 12 pm for a fun-filled morning of bargain hunting and community bonding.

Your generous donations are already making a difference, but we still need your support to ensure the success of this event, which will help fund our Senior School Camp. So, please continue to bring in your items for sale. Every contribution counts! See you there for a fantastic day of shopping, socialising, and supporting our school!

### Curriculum Update from our Deputy Principal (DP) - Arinam Goundar

**Learning Focus: Science-** This term, Children are learning about Planet Earth and Beyond. The Junior School's inquiry is around the sun and moon, the Middle School's is around the solar system-planets and the Senior school is focussing around global warming, climate change and natural disasters.

**Writing:** Children will be writing information reports relating to their inquiries in Science. Encourage your child to research about topics they are passionate about and write reports.

**Maths:** Addition and Subtraction is an ongoing focus throughout the year. Children will also be learning about multiplication & division and fractions. Discuss with your children the strategies they are learning to add, subtract, divide or multiply. Knowing basic facts and the times tables is important for children to progress through to the next level.

### A message from our Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO) - Ravina Devi

As part of a sensory rich experience, we have created a sensory space in Room 1 for our neuro-diverse students. Teacher aides will be pulling out groups of students and bringing them to the sensory space for self regulation. The sensory room will help build intrinsic self regulation skills that will support better focus, attention and behaviour. Students have started to use this space from this week and have been very excited and engaged in the number of activities that we have set up for them.

## A photo of our new students enjoying an ice-block on the last day of Term



**A photo of the new pool gate!**



**Staff Member Spotlight for this Panui**

For this months Panui we would like to spotlight Zhana! Zhana looks after all the accounts at our school. She has been at Riverina School for almost 20 years and has a wealth of knowledge both in your role as well as the history of the school. Thanks for all you do Zhana!



## Important Dates

Event	Date
Community Swimming Begins - Rooms 2, 3 and 5 (Please ensure you return your child's permission slips so they can take part)	3 May
New Zealand Sign Language Week	6 May
Room 5 Trip	9 May
Mothers Day Assembly	10 May @ 2pm
Car Boot Sale	11 May @ 8am
Powhiri	13 May @ 9.30am
Rotuma Language Week	13 May
Board Meeting	20 May @ 6.30pm
Samoa Language Week	27 May
Intro	



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