

# **RICHMOND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

**9<sup>th</sup> February 2023**



**From the Tumuaki desk this week ...**

## **CLASS INTRODUCTIONS**

Last night we held our 'Class Introductions' evening. This was the first time for a number of years after the Covid pandemic interfered with us being able to hold such evenings. It was wonderful to see so many parents in attendance. Also, there was a massive turn-out of parents at our senior syndicate camp meeting – the library was packed. Such school events are a very valuable aspect of our 'home-school' partnership.... so thank you for attending.

## **MIHI WHAKATAU (POWHIRI)**

Yesterday we held a powhiri to welcome new staff members, children and families/whānau. As usual it was a wonderful occasion and a very special way to welcome new people into the Richmond School whānau. Each year we have 70-80 new 5-year-olds enrol at the school. There are usually 40-50 other new enrolments during the year and a number of new staff members as well. So there are certainly a lot of newbies each year. However, due to the pandemic we haven't held a mihi whakatau for a few years so there were nearly as many on the manuhiri side (new people) as the larger tangata whenua group (those who have been welcomed to the school in the past). It is a fantastic way to acknowledge the arrival of new pupils, staff and whānau and their inclusion at Richmond School.

Nine new staff members were welcomed to the school including five who have been trainees in the past (Miss Eggers, Mr Gilchrist, Mrs Andrews, Miss Springer and Miss Charlett), Mr Armstrong who taught at Richmond School in 2015, two parents of the school who are now teaching here (Mrs O'Connor and Mrs Bastion) and Mrs Ness who is a specialist teacher working for Maitai School. Miss Charlett was a pupil here 12 years ago, so it is incredibly special for her to be back here! All wonderful additions to our superb team.

## **SKATEBOARD PARK**

Our children are extremely lucky to have a fabulous skateboard park in our local area (Jubilee Park).

Occasionally over the 20 years I've been at Richmond School I have had reason to visit the park and I'm always delighted to see the amazing scooter and skateboard skills of our children display. One thing that has always concerned me was that a number of our children were there for some time without parent supervision. A number of children tell me they are often there for long periods of time without their parents present or checking on them. Generally it is fine but occasionally I have concerns about some of the behaviours of the older children/teenagers there and the influence they may have on our youngsters and then disagreements there impact on behaviour in our school.

Parents, please be vigilant about supervising your children at the skateboard park and also please be careful about them roaming the streets unsupervised.

## NZXEI PAID UNION MEETING

The school has been advised by the NZEI Te Rui Roa that it is holding a **Paid Union Meeting** for primary school teachers - **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023 from 1:30 pm.**

The NZEI is the union that represents primary teachers, primary principals and support staff. Under the Employment Relations Act, paid union meetings are a legal entitlement to discuss union business. In our experience, the NZEI call paid union meetings infrequently and only when they believe that there is urgent and important business to discuss with its members. In this case, Employment Agreement matters.

All NZEI primary teacher members are legally entitled to attend their paid union meeting.

Richmond School management has decided to keep the school operating for the afternoon, manned by non-union members, part-time teachers and relieving teachers. This way our children will be able to continue with their education.

You may hear other primary and intermediate schools have chosen to close or operate a 'supervision' only system where parents can choose to have their children go home at 12:30pm on that day or remain at school being supervised.

I reiterate – **RICHMOND SCHOOL IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS ALL DAY ON Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023.**

## SAL'S PIZZA – VERY GENEROUS SUPPORT

One of our ex-pupils and now a parent of the school (Bonny Sheehy) is the Store manager of Sal's Pizzas. They have kindly donated pizza vouchers for teachers to distribute as prizes. Many hearty thanks! Please support them as they support us. They did the same last year with over 400 vouchers.

<https://www.facebook.com/SalsNYpizzaRichmondNelson>

### PTC MEETING

Next PTC meeting is  
**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February**  
at 7pm in the  
staffroom.

All welcome

## 2023 TERM DATES

- TERM 1 – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April
- TERM 2 – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June
- TERM 3 – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September
- TERM 4 – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023 - Waitangi Day
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April - Term 1 finishes (Easter Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April)

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Class and individual photos will be  
taken on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April.  
Sibling photos 8am - 9am.



**JOIN OUR FACEBOOK PAGE:**  
"Richmond School – Nelson"  
to keep up to date with events  
and notices.



Leath Armstrong



Torrey Gilchrist



Nicole Andrews



Vanessa Ness



Maddi Springer

# MIHI WHAKATAU



Sebina Bastion



Georgia Charlett



Morgan Eggers



Jess O'Connor



**SCHOLASTIC**

**FREE BOOK GIVEAWAY**  
LOOP orders only.

IN OUR NEW  
**BIGGER & BETTER BOOK CLUB!**

Kick start reading in your school for 2023 by letting parents know they can get up to 3 FREE BOOKS on Edition 1!

Receive	When you spend over
1 Free Book	\$30
2 Free Books	\$50
3 Free Books	\$70

**DON'T FORGET!**



**SCHOLASTIC**

**Book Club**  
orders are due:

**24/02/2023**



**IN NELSON ON SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

**HELP US BE THE SCHOOL WITH THE MOST PARTICIPANTS & REGISTER UNDER THE RICHMOND SCHOOL (NELSON) NAME.**

**[www.tryathlon.co.nz/locations/nelson](http://www.tryathlon.co.nz/locations/nelson)**

## **OUT OF SCHOOL SPORTS REGISTRATIONS TERM 1 2023**

**Sports Registrations are open.**

**We have mini football, 3x3 basketball, volleyball, baseball, hockey, rippa, Incrediball, & t-ball/softball available.**

**All registrations are online –**

**[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Yjyxe7QnckixqwKk0\\_6jhw\\_DB0oAUcdEtryZQJBgOzZUQ0ZUTks0U0ZFQVdGQIA0VEdZSjhNTkdZSC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Yjyxe7QnckixqwKk0_6jhw_DB0oAUcdEtryZQJBgOzZUQ0ZUTks0U0ZFQVdGQIA0VEdZSjhNTkdZSC4u)**

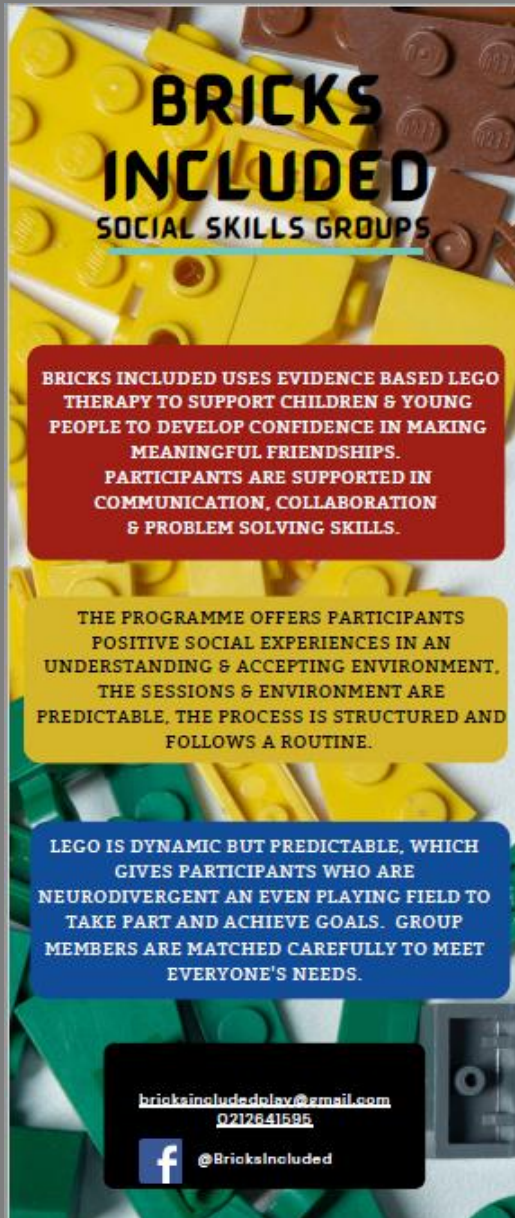
**Some sports start week 3 so registration is required as soon as possible.**

**We will close registrations on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February.**

**Sports shirts are available from the school office once payments are made.**

**Baseball and 3x3 basketball now included**

# COMMUNITY NOTICES




**BRICKS INCLUDED**  
SOCIAL SKILLS GROUPS

BRICKS INCLUDED USES EVIDENCE BASED LEGO THERAPY TO SUPPORT CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE TO DEVELOP CONFIDENCE IN MAKING MEANINGFUL FRIENDSHIPS. PARTICIPANTS ARE SUPPORTED IN COMMUNICATION, COLLABORATION & PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS.

THE PROGRAMME OFFERS PARTICIPANTS POSITIVE SOCIAL EXPERIENCES IN AN UNDERSTANDING & ACCEPTING ENVIRONMENT. THE SESSIONS & ENVIRONMENT ARE PREDICTABLE, THE PROCESS IS STRUCTURED AND FOLLOWS A ROUTINE.

LEGO IS DYNAMIC BUT PREDICTABLE, WHICH GIVES PARTICIPANTS WHO ARE NEURODIVERGENT AN EVEN PLAYING FIELD TO TAKE PART AND ACHIEVE GOALS. GROUP MEMBERS ARE MATCHED CAREFULLY TO MEET EVERYONE'S NEEDS.

[bricksincludedplay@gmail.com](mailto:bricksincludedplay@gmail.com)  
0212641595

 @BricksIncluded



**2023 KICK-OFF DAY**

19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY | 1PM - 4PM | JUBILEE PARK

ALL WELCOME  
LET'S START 2023  
WITH A BANG!

BAR WILL BE OPEN  
FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE  
BOOT SWAP & GEAR DONATION  
FUN KICK AROUND GAMES

REGISTER FOR 2023 & PAY AT THE EVENT AND GET A FREE RICHMOND FC T-SHIRT!

\*ONE T-SHIRT PER REGISTRATION. APPLIES TO THOSE WHO REGISTER AND PAY ON THE DAY AND AT THE EVENT ONLY.



Behind The Scenes  
**Dog Trials**  
Family Afternoon

- Demonstration with Commentary
- FENZ Information on Living @ The Wildfire Interface
- Free Kids Games + Afternoon Tea

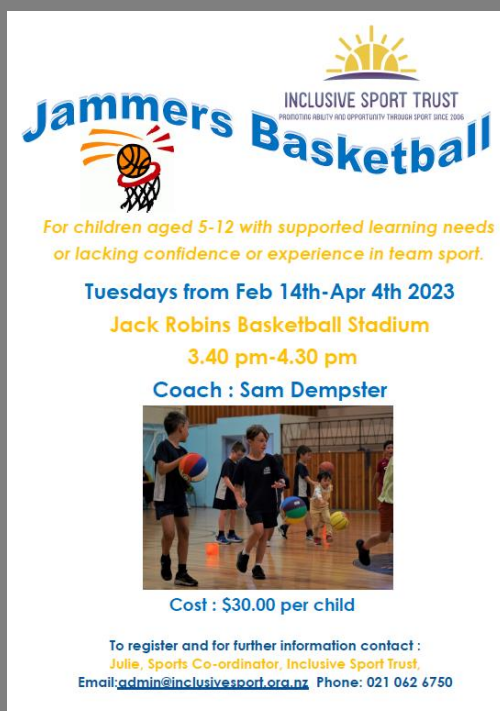
Sunday 19th Feb 3pm  
Gold Coin Entry  
Richmond A+P Showgrounds  
Registration Essential

To Register text your full name and how many people are coming to :  
020 4184 2546

Please note cancelled if wet, if in doubt check the following Facebook page

FB : Waimea/Tapawera Dog Trial Clubs

**WAIMEA RURAL CONNECTIONS**




**Jammers Basketball**

INCLUSIVE SPORT TRUST  
PROMOTING ABILITY AND OPPORTUNITY THROUGH SPORT SINCE 2006

For children aged 5-12 with supported learning needs or lacking confidence or experience in team sport.

Tuesdays from Feb 14th-Apr 4th 2023  
Jack Robins Basketball Stadium  
3.40 pm-4.30 pm  
Coach : Sam Dempster



Cost : \$30.00 per child

To register and for further information contact :  
Julie, Sports Co-ordinator, Inclusive Sport Trust,  
Email: [admin@inclusivesport.org.nz](mailto:admin@inclusivesport.org.nz) Phone: 021 062 6750



Family Friendly  
**KAI AND CATCH UP**

At Wanderers Rugby Club Rooms  
Brightwater

24<sup>th</sup> FEB 6pm  
24<sup>th</sup> MARCH 6pm  
28<sup>th</sup> APRIL 6pm

It's impossible to list all the jobs in the primary industries but think 'the 4 F's' ... Farming, Fishing, Forestry & Fruit ....do you work in the primary sector? If so then this is for you!

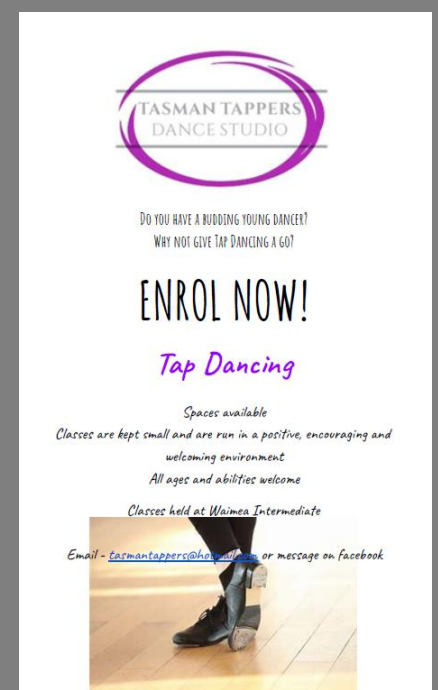
Bring the whole family and join us for a relaxed meal, connect with others in the Waimea region involved in the primary industries.

- \*\* Free meal
- \*\* Free kids games and activities
- \*\* Cash bar open - including non- alcoholic drinks

REGISTERING IS ESSENTIAL: To register please text your full name and the number of people coming to  
Devon : 027 868 7000

**WAIMEA RURAL CONNECTIONS**

**WANDERERS RUGBY CLUB**



**TASMAN TAPPERS DANCE STUDIO**


Do you have a budding young dancer?  
Why not give Tap Dancing a go?

**ENROL NOW!**

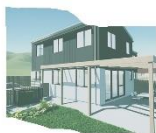
Tap Dancing

Spaces available  
Classes are kept small and are run in a positive, encouraging and welcoming environment  
All ages and abilities welcome  
Classes held at Waimea Intermediate

Email - [tasmantappers@tapdancing.co.nz](mailto:tasmantappers@tapdancing.co.nz) or message on facebook







## Info Meetings

Are you interested in a rent-to-buy opportunity?

We are building 5 x 3 bedroom townhouses in Richmond. Please note, regular paid employment and a substantial level of investment will be required, due to the values of these homes.

In order to apply, you **MUST** attend one of the public info meetings below. No pre-registration required. Application Packs available at the public meetings.

**The Richmond Room at Club Waimea**  
345 Lower Queen Street, Richmond

Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February: 10am

Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February: 7pm

Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> February: 10am

Please come along and hear more about this Home Ownership Opportunity.

Contact:

Tor Kiore, Support Services Coordinator  
Habitat for Humanity Nelson | 022 135 2922

# TASMAN SKATEPARK SERIES

## EVENT LOCATIONS

McGazzaLand	-	12:30pm	- 11th Feb
Motueka Skatepark	-	12:30pm	- 18th Feb
Richmond Skatepark	-	12:30pm	- 4th Mar
Neale Skatepark	-	12:30pm	- 18th Mar

## EVENT INFO

- Free event with heaps of great prizes to be won!!
  - Jam format competition
  - Pump track time trial and races
  - Dirt jump competition at McGazzaLand
  - Skate, BMX and Scooter categories
  - Girls, Under 12, Under 17 & Open categories
  - Sausage sizzle fundraiser

For more details, visit [www.tasmanyouthhub.co.nz/skatepark-tour](http://www.tasmanyouthhub.co.nz/skatepark-tour)



## COMMUNITY PICNIC

Sunday 12th February 2023

12—1:30pm

Holy Trinity Church—27 Dorset St RICHMOND

A chance to connect with your neighbourhood for outside games and water sliding.

Bring a picnic lunch and your togs, towel and sunscreen.

AGES 9 TO 18

## CODING LESSONS



CODINGNZ

## Coding NZ Lessons

- Learn coding languages to create technology.
- An expert tutor is online to help during lessons.
- 1 hour per week at 4pm, 5pm or 6pm weekdays.
- Try a free trial lesson at [codingnz.com](http://codingnz.com)

**COPS WITH CAKES**  
THE SAFE AS EXPO

Cops, cakes, games, prizes, food and fun!  
A road safety expo that helps make our communities safer and happier places to live.

**COME AND JOIN THE FUN**

**SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 10AM – 1PM**  
**SAXTON FIELD BY THE STADIUM**

**EMERGENCY SERVICE DISPLAYS**  
**ROAD SAFETY INFO & DEMOS**  
**COPS V KIDS GAMES & RACES**  
**LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS**  
**FREE FUNFAIR, COPCAKES & SAUSAGE SIZZLE FOR KIDS**  
**MC BLAIR KIDNEY – BREEZE FM**

**25 FEB. 10 AM**

**MEET BY THE RICHMOND AQUATIC CENTRE**

**RICHMOND OF RABBIT ISLAND**  
*Family Bike Ride*

Check your bike with Wheel Woman before you start, then ride along the Great Taste Trail with fun activities along the way. Celebrate with a free sausage sizzle and games at Motueka. There will be a nature shuttle available at a small cost (limited spaces available). To reserve your spot please email [see.xt@ntc.co.nz](mailto:see.xt@ntc.co.nz)

**Active8Kids**

Physical activity programme for children aged 5-11 with supported learning needs or lacking confidence.

**Every Thursday from Feb 16th—Apr 6th 2023**  
**Saxton Stadium 3.40 pm-4.40 pm.**

With a focus on fun games, the sessions will help to develop a range of sports skills and build your child's confidence.

**Cost: \$30.00 per child.**  
**Sport Start funding may be available for eligible families**

To register contact:  
**Julie, Sports Co-ordinator, Inclusive Sport Trust,**  
Email: [admin@inclusivesport.org.nz](mailto:admin@inclusivesport.org.nz) | Phone: 021 062 6750