RICHMOND SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



16th February 2023



From the Tumuaki desk this week ...

Another very busy week at Richmond School. We are nearing the end of our re-roofing project and replacement of the old higher windows in the Senior School block. We are looking forward to the scaffolding being removed. The builders and roofers have frequently commented on how polite and well behaved our children are. Our children largely ignore what is happening and get on with playing around them. The builders and roofers work in a number of school and have told me this is not always the case at other schools.

On Monday night at 7:00pm we held a Parent-Teacher Committee meeting and last night our first Finance board meeting at 6:30pm followed by our first full Board meeting for the year at 7:00pm.

TAKAHĒ FAMILY PICNIC

Congratulations to the Takahē Middle syndicate children for entertaining their families singing waiata so well at their syndicate's family picnic last night. It was fantastic to see so many family come along and then enjoy interacting with other families and playing a number of games. The rain also played its part and stayed away during the picnic. Fun times.



PARENT TEACHER COMMITTEE

Vanessa Jones has been the chairperson of the committee for two years of sterling service and after a little persuading kindly agreed to stay on as a chairperson provided she had another co-chair. It was wonderful that two other parents agreed to step up and assist so instead of a co-chair arrangement we now have a co-co-chair arrangement. Huge thanks to Amy Henley and Christine Irvine for being the other two sharing the position. This is fantastic. It was also awesome to have some 15 or 16 present with a number of newbies joining the PTC team. More parents are welcome to come along to our next meeting on Monday 20th March at 7:00pm in the school's staffroom. It is a great way to meet others in our school community. Many new friendships have been established at these meetings with some being very long-standing ones. If you would like more details please see Tim Brenton (management's representative on the committee), one of our 3 chairs or speak to the office staff.

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The PTC raises extra funds for lots of 'extras' around the school which we greatly appreciate. Last year the committee raised close to \$16,000. There are nearly enough funds for a high quality sound system for the hall that will be portable so can be used outdoors as well. They are also keen to raise funds for more musical instruments around the school.

This year the main fundraisers will be our annual Easter raffle, a quiz evening in the school hall on Friday 18th August and the annual calendar promotion later in the year. There will also be sausage sizzles happening.

SCHOOL BOARD

Richmond School is governed by a Board of Trustees. The school community is incredibly well represented by our board members. Their role is primarily to make sure policies are set, to be involved in strategic planning, to review academic attainments and also be assured that the school is running well.

On the Board there are seven trustees – 5 parent elected representatives, a staff representative and the principal. Every three years, 3 parent representatives and the staff representative are elected. We also have two parent representatives elected at mid-term elections (18 months later and again for a 3 year term). This is known as staggered elections.

Annually at the start of the year we elect a new Board Chair (now known as the 'Presiding Member'). Paul Suisted was once again elected. Paul is an excellent Chair and we are very fortunate to have him leading the team. Coral Smith was also co-opted onto the Board for her expertise in policy making and reviewing, and her experience as a Board member and PTC member for many years. Ryan Higgins was once again appointed to be the Board's Minute Secretary.

The Board members are:

- Paul Suisted (Parent representative and Presiding Member)
- Tina Harper (Parent representative)
- Chris Finch (Parent representative)
- Jesse Clements (Parent representative)
- Christine Irvine (Parent representative)
- Coral Smith (Co-opted member)
- Suzie Halligan (Staff representative)
- Tim Brenton (Principal)
- Ryan Higgins (Deputy Principal) in attendance as the Minute Secretary

PUB CHARITY SUPPORT

Recently we applied to Pub Charity for funding to purchase 15 new laptops for the school. This was successful. We greatly appreciate their support – thank you!

TERM 1 SPORTS

Information on teams will be sent out as soon the teams are sorted and registered.

If your child requires a sports shirt, please collect from the office.

All fees need to have been paid please.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



















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, 23rd February: 10am

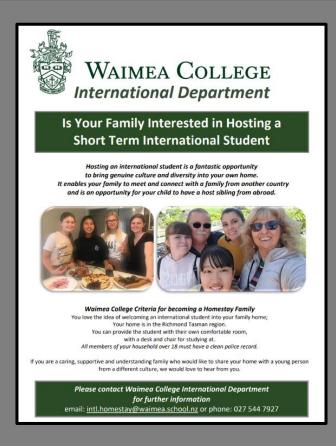
Thursday, 23rd February: 7pm

Saturday, 25th February: 10am

Please come along and hear more about this Home Ownership Opportunity

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Habitat for Humanity Nelson | 022 135 2922







Cost: \$30.00 per child

To register and for further information contact :
 Julie, Sports Co-ordinator, Inclusive Sport Trust,
Email: admin@inclusivesport.ora.nz Phone: 021 062 6750

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