

# RICHMOND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

8<sup>th</sup> June 2023



From the Tumuaki desk this week ...

## ANNUAL SWIMMING PROGRAMME AT THE AQUATIC CENTRE

For the past eleven years, the local *SwimMagic* organisation at the Richmond Aquatic Centre has provided a series of professionally taught swimming lessons to help improve swimming and water safety skills for our children.

Every child receives 10 lessons within a small ability group, taken by a fully trained *SwimMagic* instructor. Each lesson lasts 25 minutes (followed by a 5 minute change-over) and then the class has 25 minutes using other pool facilities to learn about water safety and to practise swimming skills.

Richmond School has opted into the Ministry 'Opt-in' donation scheme again this year, so involvement is free this year for every child.

We will bus the children to and from the Aquatic Centre for their daily lessons for 2 weeks (10 days). We take two classes at the same time.

Parents will receive a hardcopy of a more detailed newsletter with a permission form for parents to complete. Please return this to your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible. We require a permission form back for all children.

Although these lessons are not compulsory, we are hopeful parents will see the terrific opportunity this will be for improving their children's swimming skills. If students do not attend these lessons, they will remain at school and continue with other school tasks in another classroom.

The dates involved (times are on the separate newsletter):

- **8 JUNIOR classes (Rooms 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20)**
  - **Week 10 Term 2** – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023
  - **Week 1 Term 3** – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023
  
- **6 SENIOR classes (Rooms 1, 2, 4, 5, 10 and 11)**
  - **Week 2 Term 3** – 24<sup>th</sup> July – 28<sup>th</sup> July 2023
  - **Week 3 Term 3** – 31<sup>st</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> August 2023
  
- **5 MIDDLES classes (Rooms 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12) and 1 SENIOR class (Room 3)**
  - **Week 4 Term 3** – 7<sup>th</sup> August – 11<sup>th</sup> August 2023
  - **Week 5 Term 3** – 14<sup>th</sup> August – 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023

## ACCORD DAYS

At the end of 2022, the Ministry of Education made the decision that schools were to have four Accord Days during 2023 and 2024. **These are teacher-only days and schools are closed on those days.**

Accord Days are professional development days where teachers will be at school, and the days are about schools strengthening their schooling curriculum and assessment systems to support the 'NZ Curriculum Refresh'. The 'Curriculum Refresh' is the government's latest initiative to revamp the NZ curriculum so teachers will be updated about the new initiative and then determining how to implement it.

Our first Accord Day was held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April. Earlier in the year we notified parents our second one would be on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October (Term 4). However, the Ministry of Education in their wisdom have now decreed the second Accord Day has to be held in a 2 week period determined by them. So, we are having to change this to comply with this requirement. Our local schools are endeavouring to have this on the same day. **It is likely to be Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023. I will confirm this as soon as the final decision has been made.**

## RICHMOND SCHOOL'S WEBSITE

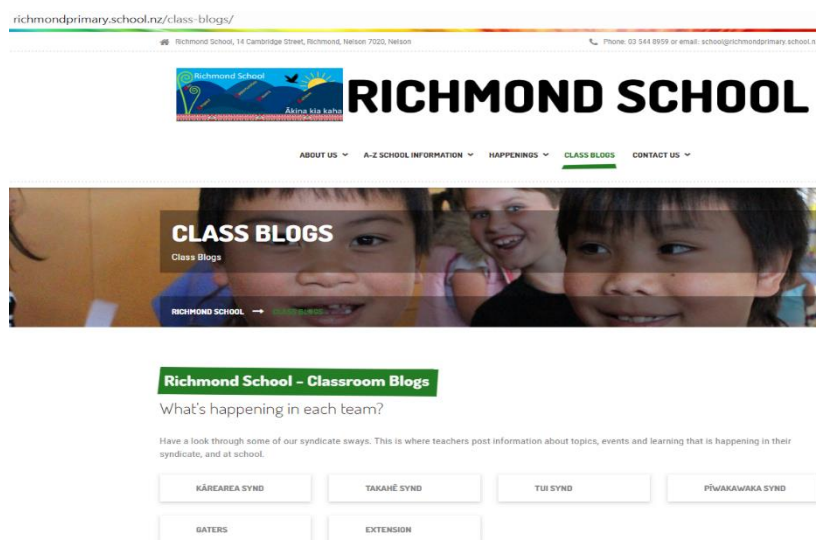
Recently there have been a number of additions to our Richmond School's website. These are mainly about our syndicate activities. Please have a look at these as they are worth showing your children too.

Our school's website address is -

<http://www.richmondprimary.school.nz/>

The link to the syndicate blogs is - [Class Blogs – Richmond School \(richmondprimary.school.nz\)](#)

This is what you will find and then click on the boxes.



## SENIOR SYNDICATE PRODUCTION – 'PORRIDGE'

During Week 9 Term 2 the senior syndicate children (190 in total) will all be involved in our biennial major production. The children have been spending a lot of time at practices and I hear them around the school reciting their lines and singing the songs. Good times. Huge thanks to Grant Irvine and Glenna Armstrong (our main producers) assisted by Nicole Andrews for producing the show. Gary Paterson (caretaker) has made a significant number of stage and acting props. Also special thanks to a number of parents, support staff and teachers for helping out organising the props and costumes. A great team in action. I know Glenna and Grant would greatly appreciate more assistance (details in a newsletter that went out to parents of children in the senior syndicate yesterday).

On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June **all the senior syndicate children** will be bused out to the Hope Community Hall (opposite Ranzau School) to complete final preparations and to hold 2 matinee performances. Leaving school at 9:05am and returning at 2:30pm.

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June **all the other children at our school** will be bused out to watch the show for our children only. They will leave school at 11:45am, returning at 2:15pm.

Please note – if you are unhappy about your child going out to participate in the show or watch, please let your child's teacher know – otherwise we will believe you are fine with these arrangements.

## CHANGES TO WENSLEY ROAD/CRESCENT STEET AND CHURCH STREET

In an effort to improve safety for pedestrians and our school children the TDC has designed some street modifications. School management and the Board have been in discussions with the TDC about the dangers of vehicles travelling the wrong way down Church St (against the law). Our main concern is around our children crossing the street to the back field. The back field belongs to Richmond School (yes it is very strange we have a street through the centre of our school!). Safety is paramount. The attached letter indicates that movable bollards will be in place for a trial 12 month period at the crossing by the main PE shed/bike enclosure entrance. The street will be closed from 8:30am – 4:00pm on school days.



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Phone 543 8400

2 June 2023

Dear Residents

### Church Street safety improvements.

This is to let you know that we are working with Richmond School to make safety improvements for students on Church Street.

We are planning to close the street to through traffic on weekdays during school hours 8.30am to 4pm Monday to Friday, so students can cross the road between the school and sports grounds in a safer manner.

We plan to instal permanent bollards in the footpath and install removable bollards across the road on the raised crossing that the school will manage and control. The intention is for the road to be closed prior to school starting each morning then opened at the end of the school day.

A cycle lane through the closed area will remain open always allowing bike and foot access. At this stage we are planning to do the works during the July school holidays and intend to run the trial closure for 12-months.



Figure 1. Location of proposed removable bollards

If you have any queries, please give us a call on 543 8400 or e-mail [projects@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:projects@tasman.govt.nz)

Regards

Graham Rimmer  
Project Manager



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From Tuesday 6 June until Thursday 15 June, there will be a road closure at the intersection of Wensley Road and Crescent Street while we install a raised crossing across the road. During this time, there will be no access into Crescent Street from Wensley Road, and the following detour will be in place.

- East bound traffic on Wensley Road, right onto Oxford Street, then right onto Crescent Street.
- West bound traffic on Wensley Road, left onto Surrey Road, left onto Blair Terrace.



The Takahē Syndicate have been learning about Matariki and recently visited the Suter Art Gallery. One activity was making stars out of clay and stamping a goal on them.





# SENIOR SYNDICATE PRODUCTION TERM 2

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June & Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

## Hope Community Church

We require the following props/costumes if anyone at all can help us. Please name your item so we can return it to you. We will also keep a record.

- Set of plastic bowls, all the same colour
- Airhorn
- Police hats (more required please)
- Time bucket)

Dress rehearsals are next week. All students are required to have their costumes.

Help notices went home yesterday. Please let us know if you can help. We require them back as soon as possible please.

Thanks

Glenna and Grant, Senior Production 2023

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE NOW**

**\$20 adult**

**\$15 student**

**\$10 senior**

**\$60 family 2/2**

**Performances at 12 noon & 7pm both dates.**

### REPORTS & INTERVIEWS

Our mid-year reports will be handed out at our mid-year interviews.

These will be held Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July, Week 1 Term 3.

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Notify Us Of Your **Child's Absence** Within  
Seconds On Our **Skool Loop App**

### ATTENDANCE

- ✓ Open the Skool Loop App & select Absentee
- ✓ Select a date range, if applicable
- ✓ Receive email receipt of your submission

Download **The Skool Loop App**. A simple 100% free download:  
In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.

## WINTER HAIKU

It is really cold.

Brain freezes hurt your head. Ow!

It is snowy cold.

By Glen, Room 9

# LUCKY BOOK CLUB

## due Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June

## Richmond Primary School

Thanks to the below businesses for sponsoring our school app:

 <p>237 QUEEN STREET 7020 Richmond</p>		
		
		
		
		

If you would like to advertise on the Richmond Primary School Skool Loop App please email [Content@skoolloop.com](mailto:Content@skoolloop.com)



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# COMMUNITY NOTICES



ADVENTURE IS  
WAITING FOR YOU



Seascape Farmscape Landscape

## July Holidays

MONDAY 3RD TO FRIDAY 7TH JULY  
[www.yikesnelson.com/holidays](http://www.yikesnelson.com/holidays)



**WAIMEA  
OPEN  
NIGHT**

15TH JUNE 2023  
6.30-8PM  
RICHMOND BAPTIST CHURCH  
123 SALISBURY RD, RICHMOND

Are you aged 5-18? You are invited to attend an Open Night for St John Youth to find out about the new Waimea Division that is due to open in Term 3. If you haven't heard about St John Youth before why not come and see what we do. First aid, drill, games, badges, leadership developmental, camps and making friends. All are welcome, we would love to see you there.

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## NELSON SUBURBS FOOTBALL CLUB SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Great news!! We are pleased to announce that we will be running another one of our fabulous school holiday programmes in **JULY**. Our holiday programmes are very popular so be sure to get in early and register. Details are as follows:

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME (3 DAYS)**

**WHEN: WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> – FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023**

**WHERE: Saxton Field**

**TIME: 9.00am-12.00pm**

**AGE: 7-14 year olds (Boys & Girls)**

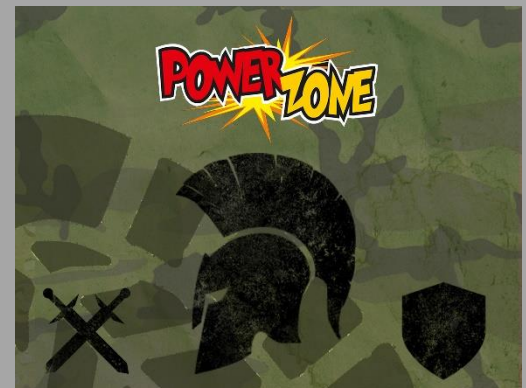
**COST: \$35.00 per day (admin fees apply)**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Girls have the option to be part of an "All Girls" group.

Please visit our website [www.nelsonsuburbs.co.nz](http://www.nelsonsuburbs.co.nz) to REGISTER. Click on Programmes and scroll down to Holiday Programmes.

Please note – payment must be made to complete the full registration process.

For further information please contact Sandy on 0275525668 or at [sandy@nelsonsuburbs.co.nz](mailto:sandy@nelsonsuburbs.co.nz).



**POWER ZONE**

# BOOT CAMP

## HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

**MON 03 JUL – THURS 13 JUL**

**CALL 547 2533 FOR MORE DETAILS**  
THIS PROGRAMME IS OT & OSCAR APPROVED  
**625 MAIN ROAD STOKE**

*Elim Christian Centre*