

RICHMOND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

29th June 2023



From the Tumuaki desk this week ...

Today we have 501 pupils on the school roll. This week we have seen a significant increase in numbers of children away – far greater numbers than in previous weeks. Other schools have had similar numbers away this week and some schools large numbers for the past few weeks. The vast majority of those away are because they have coughs, colds, the ‘flu, COVID or parents have taken their children on holiday (something we can’t condone as children should be at school – a legal requirement). In terms of Covid cases these aren’t the most prevalent reason why children are absent. Here is a tally of cases this week:

- Monday – 8 Covid cases and 139 away in total.
- Tuesday – 6 new Covid cases and 149 away in total.
- Wednesday – 3 new Covid cases and 149 away in total.
- Thursday – 2 new Covid cases and 153 away in total.

ALESHA SIMS

Tomorrow we farewell one of our part-time teachers. Alesha Sims who runs our GATERS programme (Gifted and Talented Education at Richmond School) has resigned. Alesha has been teaching two days a week at Richmond School whilst their little girls have been pre-schoolers. Now one of their girls is a pupil at St Paul’s and their second daughter is about to start so it makes sense for Alesha to be at the same school as their daughters. Alesha has won a shared teaching position there starting Day 1 Term 3 2023. Alesha was only appointed late last week so we are looking at who we will appoint to replace Alesha as soon as possible. More details at the start of Term 3. Many hearty thanks Alesha for all your sterling work here and we wish you well in your new position.



FURTHER STAFFING MATTERS

At last night’s Board meeting the following personnel decisions were also made:

- The Board accepted with huge regret the resignations (effective from the end of 2023) from 3 permanent teachers who have been on maternity, paternity and discretionary leave in recent times. They are Mitch Neal, Jess Drummond and Becky Tucker. They are all wonderful young teachers whom we are very hopeful will return to teach here in the future. For now their primary focus is on raising their own children.
- Jaime Kingi and Shareena Kumar (permanent teaching positions) who are on maternity leave have been granted discretionary leave from their full-time positions for 2024 but will be working here in 2024 in part-time teaching capacities.
- Gina Suckling (Room 18 teacher) and Bronwyn Scott (Room 15 teacher) have been granted Refreshment Leave for 2024. Gina will be on leave for the first term and a bit and will teach the first ‘Start-up’ New Entrant class when it opens (usually the latter half of Term 2). Bronwyn Scott will be on leave for one term – likely to be Term 3.

SUPPORT STAFF WEEK

This week we have been celebrating Support Staff Week. This is a nationwide celebration of all the numerous things Support Staff do for children and schools generally. Our Support Staff team includes our office staff, library assistant, teacher-aides, caretaker and cleaners (17 in total). Without their involvement we would struggle to provide a first-rate education for our children.

A very big THANKYOU from us all.

PRODUCTION

Our biennial Senior syndicate production at the end of Term 2 was highly successful. Another absolute highlight for the year.

185 senior syndicate pupils were involved. It is an experience they will never forget. It is difficult to quantify the benefits of major performances. The children learn so much about:

- teamwork
- meeting deadlines
- performing to an audience
- learning scripts and songs
- acting skills
- playing instruments
- social skills such as listening, patience, tolerance, respect, determination, encouraging and supporting each other
- wearing costumes and make-up!

It was magnificent to see the pupils' improved confidence and self-belief. As I mentioned at the end of the show last Thursday evening, it is easy to forget they children are only 9-11 years old.

The show was a big hit. So many people contributed in so many ways. Parents and staff assisted with back-drops, costumes, props, make-up, photography (photos and video) and dancing. The Hope Community Church was an excellent venue. The Senior syndicate teachers and support staff were fully involved. Grant Ellis from RAGE sound and lighting service was fantastic too. Gareth Hare videoed the show for us. Thanks too, to those who supplied many costumes – Nicole Andrews, Glenna Armstrong and Peta Spooner from Whakatu Dance. A massive thank you to the team of dressers and helpers with make-up and hair styling. There were so many who offered their help prior and during the show. So neat to see some ex-pupils coming back to assist too.

We had a big crew of helpers setting up the hall, transporting props, choir risers and costumes out to the hall and then returning them, cleaning up the venue, washing all the costumes, putting the costumes away or taking them back to whom we borrowed them from. The Celtic Pipe Band donated the drums. Kerianne Moar (parent) and Fuji Xerox photocopied the programme. Other parents also sponsored the production.

A very special 'thank you' to the directors and choreographers, Grant Irvine, Glenna Armstrong and Nicole Andrews. They are so passionate about performances such as this and spent numerous hours perfecting the show.

A wonderful team effort.

We have received many emails from people. The accolades have been much appreciated. Here is an example of an email from a teacher from another school: *Thanks for the awesome show. I was entertained from the slick start, all the way through. The kids were amazing. The singing tuneful. The actors were in role. Loved it all. Hard to believe such a young cast can do so much. I think the support crew and stage crew all deserve applause. Loved it. Best primary school show I have seen. And that's without knowing a single child.*

TERM 2 FINISHES FRIDAY 30th JUNE AT 3PM.
TERM 3 STARTS MONDAY 17th JULY AT 9AM.
HAVE A LOVELY HOLIDAY. STAY WARM.



SENIOR SYNDICATE PRODUCTION OF PORRIDGE



FOLK DANCING

On Thursday and Friday last week, the Tui syndicate (Rooms 13- 16) and the Piwakawaka syndicate (Rooms 17 – 20) held their folk dancing displays during the afternoon. The children have been working incredibly hard to perfect their dancing skills and they certainly performed so well. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who turned up to watch and many participated as well. Fun times!



TUI SYNDICATE

FOLK DANCING

PIWAKAWAKA
SYNDICATE



MID YEAR INTERVIEWS

Tuesday 18th July and Wednesday 19th July, Week 1 Term 3.

Bookings are now open.

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

code: uxcxr

Bookings close 5pm Monday 17th July.



Richmond School

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Quiz Night & Silent Auction

7pm, Friday 18th August 2023

**Richmond School Hall
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Tickets available

Monday 26th – Friday 30th June

8.30am – 9.15am

2.30pm – 3.15pm

Richmond School office foyer

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

SAVE THE DATE!

Nelson

Rhythmic Gymnastics

Competition

July 22nd 2023

Nelson Badminton Hall

20a Gladstone Road Richmond

Nelson Rhythmic Gymnastics Club
is now taking enrolments
for Term 3 2023

If you would like to come along
to a free trial class

Thursday July 27th

4:15-5:15pm please email us at
info.nelsonrgclub@gmail.com

This offer is open to all children aged 5-12 years
of age. Spaces are limited so get in quick!



KIDS AIKIDO (8-12 YRS)

Every Wednesday and Friday

5pm to 6pm

during school term

Kids can be enrolled in the first 3 weeks of each Term.

Aikido is a Japanese martial art that uses strikes, locks, holds,
throws and the opponent's momentum to fend off attacks.

Beginners learn how to safely fall and roll.

Aikido will help your child strengthen their body, mind and spirit.

Contact Callum: 021 069 4211 for details

First class is free

If fees are a barrier – do not hesitate to contact us
Uniform supplied for small cost

63 Tahunanui Drive (opposite McDonalds)



MATARIKI CELEBRATION

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THURSDAY
29TH OF JUNE 2023
5-7PM

Bring the whānau and join us to celebrate Matariki.

Wandering around the school you will find:

Market Stalls selling a range of goods and services

Matariki Art Exhibition

Show Quest Videoed Performance

Performances

Lantern Walk

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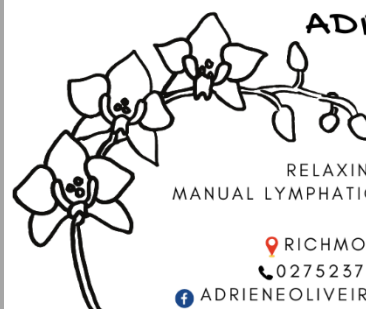
Is it hard to get your child to school on time?

Most children are chronically
overtired which can mean that they
are hard to wake, slow moving,
grumpy and unmotivated in the
mornings. This often means that
mornings are stressful for
everyone, they are late to school
and you are late to work.

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JULY 23 HOLIDAYS

HP Activity Day FD 08:15 a.m.-05:45 p.m. \$70.00
 HP Activity Day SH 08:15 a.m.-03:15 p.m. \$60.00
 HP Activity Day HD 08:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$45.00
 HP HALF DAY (afternoon) 01:00 p.m.-05:45 p.m. \$35.00
 Maximum 25 children per day

Swimming Mon 03 Jul We haven't been for a while. Splashing about with mates at the Aquatic Centre.	Sour Sweets Tue 04 Jul Ughh - Sour! Do you like it sour a little or a lot? Making gummies today!	Inflatables Wed 05 Jul An hour to let off steam chasing each other around the Inflatable Arena!	Waffles & Baking Thu 06 Jul Souces, Sprinkle & Cream, Muffins & Gingerbread Men	Lets Experiment Fri 07 Jul Will it float or sink? Ice & Salt Static electricity, Rock Candy. Bring your bike - How strong are we?
Jump-In Mon 10 Jul Foam Pit, Trampolines, Dodge Ball. Lets try em all.	Pavepool with Gwen Tue 11 Jul Making your own sculpture with our visiting Instructor.	Teaology & Subway Wed 12 Jul We'll learn how to make bubble tea, then head to Subway for lunch.	Slumber Party Thu 13 Jul Wear your PJ's - funkier the better! Something for boys, something for girls! Movies, pizza, games & more.	CLOSED - MATARIKI Fri 14 Jul Matariki is a special occasion in the New Zealand calendar which marks the start of the Maori New Year.

Fun for all. Join us! MSD, OSCAR & WINZ approved

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Alpha Parenting Course

For parents with children 0 - 10 years old

Start Date Monday 24 July - Monday 21 August

Arrive 6:45 to start at 7pm - 9pm at Richmond Baptist Church, 123 Salisbury Road, Richmond
 Course is Free and all materials resources and refreshments are provided.
 Ph 021 818 410 or tinastanton88@gmail.com, before Wednesday 17th July, to secure a place.

The Parenting Children Course was developed in 1990 by Nicky and Sila Lee (authors of The Parenting Book) for parents and care-givers looking for practical support to strengthen their family relationships.

Over five sessions, the course will help you to:

- Build strong foundations
- Meet your children's needs
- Set clear boundaries
- Teach healthy relationships
- Consider your long term aim

The Parenting Children Course is for parents, step-parents, prospective parents or carers of children aged 0-10 years.

The course is for every type of parenting situation including parenting on your own, step-parenting and parenting as a couple.

The Parenting Children Course is based on

Christian principles but designed for all couples with or without a church background.

Richmond WINTER HOLIDAYS

3 RD-13 TH JULY

WEEK 1

ECO WARRIORS 3rd THEME DAY - ECO WARRIORS The children will take part in a variety of activities, including a nature collage, bird feeders and more.	AQUATIC CENTRE 4th EXCURSION - AQUATIC CENTRE Children will enjoy a fun filled outing to Aquatic Centre. Then, SWEET TOOTH Make it, bake it and squish it! Baking and creating.	COLOURS OF THE WIND 5th THEME DAY - COLOURS OF THE WIND Create colourful wind chimes from recycled cutlery, pinecones or recycled materials.	MATERIAL WORLD 6th THEME DAY - MATERIAL WORLD Children will have fun designing and creating, from scratch and upcycled.	MOLLYWOOD 7th SPECIAL DAY - MOLLYWOOD (MASH MEETS HOLLYWOOD) Children will be VIP for the day they will dress up, walk the red carpet and watch a V.I.P. film premiere.
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WEEK 2

BOX ON 10th THEME DAY - BOX ON A full day of innovative ways to create different things out of boxes.	INFLATABLE WORLD 11th EXCURSION - INFLATABLE WORLD A day filled with excitement and adventure at INFLATABLE WORLD.	MATARIKI CELEBRATION 12th THEME DAY - MATARIKI CELEBRATIONS A day of celebrating Matariki, Haka - Shared Kai, Poi making, pa waka, waka and kite making and more.	ROLLER SKATING 13th EXCURSION - ROLLER SKATING A fun trip to visit roller Nelson.	MATARIKI CLOSED 14th MATARIKI KI RUNGA CLOSED TO CELEBRATE MATARIKI.
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