

RICHMOND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

27th July 2023

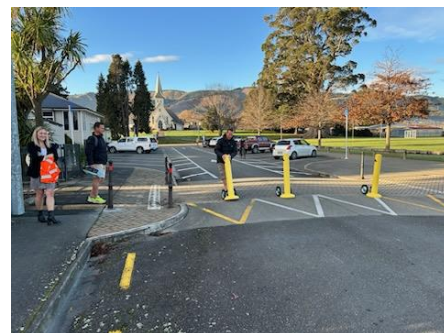


From the Tumuaki desk this week ...

WEEK 2 HAPPENINGS

I would like to thank parents/whānau for complying with our new street regulations. Namely, that the carpark behind the library which is now for the staff. The bollards along Church St have certainly made the crossing from the school buildings to our back field so much safer for our children to access. Many parents hadn't realised the back field was in fact our school's land. It is incredibly strange to have a street dissecting our school! My understanding is back in 1953 the land was purchased for the school which is awesome, otherwise it is likely to have been residential housing. The Playcentre and Waverley kindergarten are on our school land.

The new street layout (and temporary placement of bollards 8:30am – 3:30pm on school days) is for a 12 month trial period and then TDC in conjunction with Richmond School and the Ministry of Education will make decisions about what will happen permanently. Towards the end of the trial period the community will be consulted about their views. Some parents have already done so and that's fine during the trial period. There are already some suggested modified to be actioned in the next few weeks and months. The bottom-line for us – our students' safety is paramount.



On Tuesday afternoon in the hall, our combined Middles and Seniors kapa haka group performed to the school and parents. An excellent performance.

I want to assure parents that we have been dealing recently with a group of teenagers hanging around on the top of Church Hill by the main church door prior to the school day. They have been upsetting a number of our children and parents. We have been speaking to the church, the police, management of the school they are attending and parents of some of the children. We are hopeful our efforts have solved these issues. Please let me know if your children or you experience any further issues.

WANTED

T-shirts (big kid sized) to be used as painting shirts by a New Entrant class.

If you have any old t-shirts that you no longer need and would be suitable, please send to Mrs O'Connor in Room 21.

ENVIRO GROUP



A group of students from the Takahē (middle) Syndicate have been exploring sustainability in our school. The Enviro-Group have weeded and reset the school gardens. We have been planting winter vegetables like broccoli and cauliflower as well as some lettuces, spring onion and garlic. Students have been enjoying saving up seeds from marrows which we will plant later on. We have moved and reset some compost bins and students have been learning how to distribute the soil across our garden beds. A big thank you to our caretaker Gary for providing plants and slugbait. Thanks to Prashanti, our Enviroschools coordinator for your leadership.



SCHOOL IS....

***School is a place where you can play bob tag.
School is a place where you can watch football.
School is kids running.
School is stinking feet.
School is climbing a rope.
School is sliding down a pole.***

By Eric

ROOM 9 WRITING

SCHOOL IS....

***School is yelling and running.
School is kids all playing.
School is kids running.
School playing on the monkey bars.
School is the smell of wood in my desk.
School is playing soccer.***

By Peter

SCHOOL IS....

***School is friends calling me.
School is people playing kick square.
School is small like Subway.
School is people playing basketball.
School is people drawing.***

By Namish

PHYSICAL RESTRAINT POLICY

The school Board develops policies and reviews them. At our 28th June 2023 Board meeting there were a number of changes made to our 'Physical Restraint of children' policy. The changes were primarily due to amendments to the Education Act and the new Ministry of Education rules and guidelines that came into effect on 7th February 2023.

One of the guidelines states: "Early each year the principal shall inform the parent/caregiver community via the weekly school newsletter about the policy and include the policy in the newsletter."

Physical restraint is a severe intervention. It is seen as the 'last resort' of action and infrequently used. If there is an alternative to physically restraining a student, we use the alternative. Teachers and authorised staff members must act reasonably and proportionately in the circumstances to achieve a safe environment for students and staff.

The policy is attached for parents to view.

RICHMOND SCHOOL POLICY STATEMENT **H16**

Reducing student distress and the use of Physical Restraint

RATIONALE:

The Board of Trustees recognises its responsibility to ensure that the school is a safe and healthy place for its employees, students and other people. Every school must have a policy on managing challenging behaviour and using physical restraint that is consistent with the Reducing student distress and the use of Physical Restraint of Children rules (amendment to the Act Section 139AD).

PURPOSE:

To ensure that the procedures of the school are compliant with the changes to the Education Act 1989 in regard to the Physical Restraint of Children rules (amendment to the Act Section 139AD) that came into force on 15th August 2017 and the new rules and guidelines that came into effect on the 7th February 2023.

GUIDELINES:

1. When there is a need to restrain children then employees must comply with recent changes to the Education Act 1989 in regard to the Physical Restraint of Children rules (amendment to the Act, Section 139AD) that came into force on 15th August 2017 and the new rules and guidelines that came into effect on the 7th February 2023.
2. The Act defines 'physical restraint' as using physical force to prevent, restrict, or subdue the movement of a student's body or part of the student's body.
3. Physical restraint is a severe intervention. It should be seen as the 'last resort' of action.
The Ministry of Education's updated:
[Guidelines for Registered Schools in New Zealand on the Use of Physical Restraint \[PDF, 279 KB\]](#)
aim to minimise the use of physical restraint. Please note:
 - If there is an alternative to physically restraining a student, use the alternative.
 - Teachers and authorised staff members must act reasonably and proportionately in the circumstances to achieve a safe environment for students and staff.
4. A teacher or authorised staff member must not physically restrain a student unless:
 - The teacher or staff member reasonably believes that the safety of the student or of any other person is at serious and imminent risk; and
 - The physical restraint is reasonable and proportionate in the circumstances.
5. Do not use physical restraint for behaviour that is disrupting the classroom but not putting anyone at risk of injury:

- for refusal to comply with an adult's request
- in response to verbal threats
- to stop a student who is trying to leave the classroom or school without permission
- as coercion, discipline or punishment
- for damaging property, unless this could cause injury

6. When a student regularly presents a heightened risk of serious injury to themselves or others, an Individual Behaviour Plan should be developed.
7. Every employer must take appropriate steps to ensure that parents, students, school staff and the community know about the school's policy for managing challenging behaviour and using physical restraint. Early each year the principal shall inform the parent/caregiver community via the weekly school newsletter about the policy and include the policy in the newsletter.
8. Staff members must be familiar with the requirements of this amendment and this policy. Management will provide on-going professional guidance, reminders and support regarding the Education Act Section 139AD amendment and the new rules and guidelines that came into effect on the 7th February 2023, our policy and our procedures.
9. Every staff member who uses physical restraint must complete a staff physical restraint incident report (refer to form attached). The employer must place a copy of the form in the student's file and provide a copy to the student's teacher, parent and/or caregivers.
10. The Principal (or Associate Principal) will send to the Ministry of Education (Wellington) completed physical restraint incident forms within a few days after the Physical Restraint incident has occurred. A copy must be kept for a minimum of ten years. These will be kept in a 'Physical restraint incident forms' file located in the principal's office.
11. The Board (via the principal) is accepting of the Principal, Associate Principal, teachers and authorised teacher-aides undertaking physical restraint as deemed appropriate as per the school's policy and procedures. They must be suitably supported and trained.
12. The principal will keep a record of authorised teacher-aides. Every authorisation must be in writing. The principal must provide the authorised teacher-aide with a copy of this authorisation. The principal may, by written notice to the employee, revoke an authorisation at any time.
14. Management will take all appropriate steps to ensure parents/caregivers are notified if physical restraint is an element in a student's Individual Behaviour Plan. There will be an explanation of how physical restraint will be applied in accordance with the Education Act (Section 139AD amendment) and the new Ministry of Education rules and guidelines that came into effect on the 7th February 2023.
15. The principal will ensure parents/caregivers are notified as soon as possible on the same day about any incident of physical restraint, including how it was managed in accordance with the new Ministry of Education rules and guidelines that came into effect on the 7th February 2023.
16. Every employer must take appropriate steps to ensure that, for any student who has been physically restrained and for any staff member who has used physical restraint, their physical and psychological well-being is monitored for the rest of the school day following an incident of physical restraint.
17. The principal will check the documentation about each incident and make sure it is completed.
18. All physical restraint incidents will be reported at the next Board meeting and the Board will be kept informed of all relevant information (risks, trends and impacts).

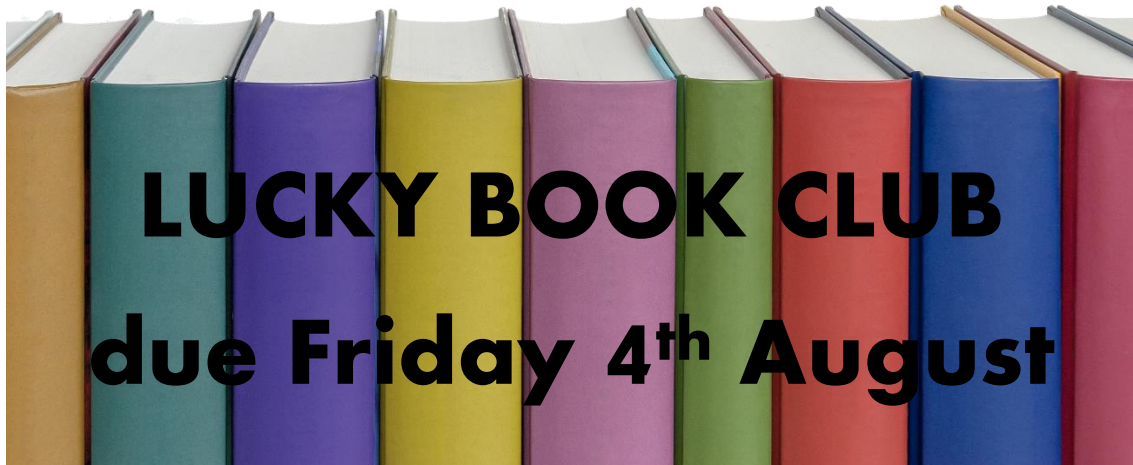
18. All injuries and first aid treatments that are prior to or an outcome of the physical restraint incident and are thought to be serious (to staff and/or children) must be recorded in the First Aid register.

CONCLUSION:

By implementing appropriate reducing student distress and the use physical restraint of children procedures and methods, the Board of Trustees and management will be complying with the regulations noted in the Education Act (Section 139AD amendment) and the new Ministry of Education rules and guidelines that came into effect on the 7th February 2023.

Paul Suisted
Board Chairperson

Date of Adoption: 28th June 2023
Next review date: Term 2 2027



WAIMEA INTERMEDIATE PARENT EVENING

Waimea Intermediate invite and encourage Parents/Caregivers of Year 6 students to attend their information evening on THURSDAY 14th SEPTEMBER, 7pm in the Waimea Intermediate school hall.

This is for parents/caregivers only as they do not have the capacity to accommodate children as well.

WIS teachers will visit our school on Wednesday 9th August to say hi to the students.

Year 6 students will visit WIS in term 4.



Quiz Night & Silent Auction

7pm, Friday 18th August 2023

**Richmond School Hall
Cambridge Street
Richmond**

Early Bird

\$20

PER PERSON
Max 8 per table

\$25

From 24 July

**Bar Available from
6.30pm**

EftPos available

**Pizza, hot chips &
Subway supplied.**

**Welcome to bring your
own Snacks**

**Hosted by Richmond School
Parent-Teacher Committee**

For further information contact:
Richmond School
544 8959

Only 3 tables left.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES



27 May Victory Community Centre
18 Jun Founders Heritage Park
29 Jul Pūtangitangi Greenmeadows Centre
20 Aug Saxton Oval

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Discover new hobbies

Nelson City Council | Te Kaunihera o Whakatū

Join us for a free hobby extravaganza.
See what hobbies are available in our region and see if something interests you.
Saturday 29 July @ Pūtangitangi Greenmeadows Centre
11am – 3pm
All ages welcome



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*Physical activity programme for children aged 5-11
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Every Thursday from July 27th—Sept 14th 2023

Saxton Stadium 3.40 pm-4.40 pm.



*With a focus on fun games, the sessions will help to build
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Cost : \$30.00 per child for the term.
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