

RICHMOND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

3rd August 2023



From the Tumuaki desk this week ...

ROOM 21

On Monday our latest 'Start-up' New Entrants class began. We now have 4 New Entrant classes. The 6 new children are delightful. Jess O'Connor is their teacher. Jess is a part-time teacher here at present. She has taught here part-time and full-time in the past. Her 6 year old daughter is now at Richmond School and her 4 year old will start next year. Also, welcome to our new students and their whānau.



GATERS & EXTENSION GROUPS

Grant Irvine (another of our wonderful part-time teachers) will be teaching our GATERS and Extension groups on Fridays for the remainder of 2023. Grant began teaching at Richmond School in 2001, teaching senior students and was the Senior syndicate leader for many years before he reduced his teaching workload over recent years. At present he works predominately in Rooms 5, 9 and 11 on days our Beginning Teachers are released to complete administrative tasks. Recently, we needed a teacher to teach our GATERS and Extension groups and so we approached Grant to work Fridays as well as his other 2 days a week. Teaching more able students has always been a passion of Grant's and loves to challenge them academically. The students will enjoy Grant's sessions. The GATERS group (Gifted and Talented Education at Richmond School) is a group of 18 Year 5 and 6 students who are tested into the programme who work together on tasks in the library on Friday mornings. The Extension group is similar but for Year 3 and 4 pupils who will be taught by Grant on Friday afternoons.



NEW TEACHER-AIDE

A new teacher-aide has begun helping around the school. Jess Stephens (parent) will be working here during the mornings. Welcome to the team Jess!



INSTRUCTIONAL READERS



On Monday an ex-parent of the school dropped by to return a number of instructional readers that she had found in her children's bedrooms (under their beds, behind their beds etc). She was a little embarrassed about returning them. I assured her that no judgement is made – we want them all back! Please if you find Richmond School books at any time....please drop them in. No questions asked!

PTC'S QUIZ EVENING

Our wonderful Parent-Teacher Committee has been beaver away behind the scenes preparing for the forthcoming Quiz evening.

This is one of our major fundraisers for the year. The raised funds will be used to purchase a new sound system for the school hall.

30 tables have been sold with 2 more still available.

Most of the tables have a sponsor. It costs \$50 to sponsor a table and the sponsor organises their own sponsor's products and brochures/signs for the tables. **Please let us know if you would like to sponsor a table.**

We have many sponsorship items. Some are for live auction and others for the silent auction. The live items include accommodation and activity packages (more details later) and a training Crusaders rugby top donated by Macca Springer (Super 15 Crusader, Mako, NZ All Blacks Under 20 player and at the recent world tournament was included in the world team). Macca's sister Maddi is a teacher in Room 11.

A full list of sponsors and auction items will be made available prior to the quiz evening night and available on tables at the quiz evening.

Please remember to bring along gold coins for the 'Heads and Tails' games.



The poster features a blue header with 'Richmond School' in white. Below it, a stylized landscape with mountains and a sun contains the words 'Ako', 'Respect', 'Opportunities', 'Hauora', and 'Ākina kia'. A green diagonal banner on the right says 'Only 2 tables left.' The main title 'Quiz Night & Silent Auction' is in large black letters. Below it, the date '7pm, Friday 18th August 2023' is in bold. The location 'Richmond School Hall, Cambridge Street, Richmond' is in red. A red starburst on the left shows pricing: '\$20 Early Bird PER PERSON Max 8 per table' and '\$25 From 24 July'. A yellow box on the right lists 'Bar Available from 6.30pm', 'EftPos available', 'Pizza, hot chips & Subway supplied.', and 'Welcome to bring your own Snacks'. The bottom right section, in a blue box, says 'Hosted by Richmond School Parent-Teacher Committee'. The very bottom, in a yellow box, provides contact information: 'For further information contact: Richmond School 544 8959'.

Richmond School

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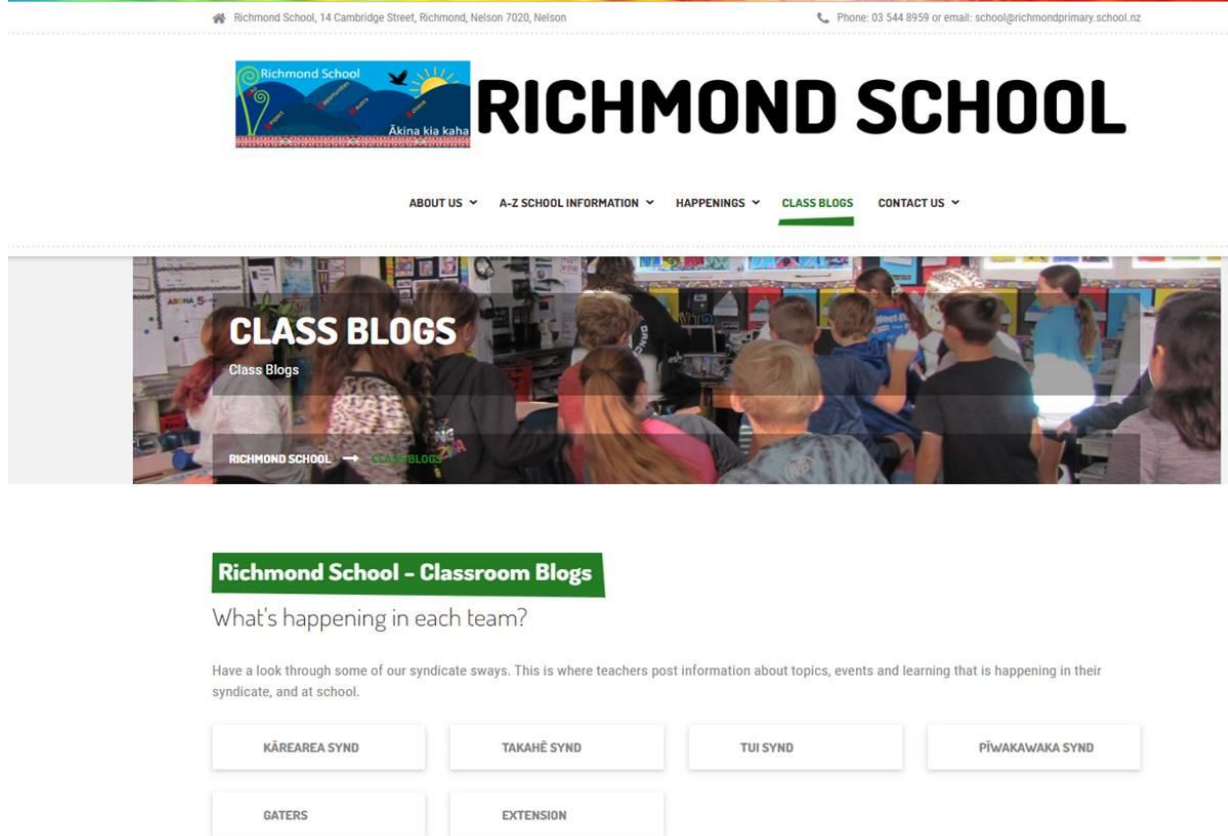
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RICHMOND SCHOOL'S WEBSITE

Have you recently looked at our school's website: <http://www.richmondprimary.school.nz>

Under the Blogs' section you will find a number of really neat articles. For example, under the Kārearea (Senior) syndicate you will find the recent kapa haka performance photos and videos. Check them out.

richmondprimary.school.nz/class-blogs/



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.

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.

BABYSITTER/SURROGATE GRANDPARENT REQUIRED

We have a family in the school community looking for a babysitter for a 5 year old maybe once a month. Open to surrogate grandparents as don't have family in the area.

Please contact Amo 027 650 0380

NETBALL UNIFORMS

PLEASE RETURN ALL NETBALL
UNIFORMS NEXT WEEK

THANKS



DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO WOULD BENEFIT FROM SWIMMING LESSONS

NBS, in collaboration with CLM, is proud to announce the sponsorship of two terms of free-swimming lessons for 140 school children across the Nelson-Tasman region. The initiative aims to provide invaluable opportunities for children who may not have had access to swimming tuition due to financial constraints.

As an island nation surrounded by oceans, lakes, and rivers, swimming is a fundamental skill and a national rite of passage in New Zealand. However, the country has unfortunately experienced high rates of drowning, largely due to limited access to swimming education. By offering swimming lessons at the primary school age, NBS and CLM aim to address this issue and equip children with essential water safety skills.

NBS has generously provided the financial support necessary to facilitate two terms of swimming lessons for up to 140 children in the Nelson-Tasman region. In addition, NBS has purchased 140 pairs of goggles, ensuring that each child receives the necessary equipment to enhance their swimming experience.

Nic Foster, Community Engagement Manager at NBS, emphasised the long-term value of teaching children to swim, stating, "Learning to swim is not only a fun skill, but it can also save lives by enabling individuals to navigate dangerous water situations. We are delighted to contribute to a large number of lessons for children who may otherwise never have the opportunity to learn this essential skill."

Vaughan Hope, Facility Manager at Richmond Aquatic Centre, expressed his appreciation for NBS' investment and highlighted the significant need for swimming lessons in the community. "We are dedicated to delivering high-quality swimming lessons and recognise the immense value in teaching this life-saving skill. We are extremely grateful for NBS' support, and I am confident that the children benefiting from this sponsorship will be immensely thankful for the opportunity to learn and receive free goggles," said Hope.

This initiative underscores NBS' commitment to the well-being and safety of the Nelson-Tasman community. By partnering with CLM and investing in swimming lessons, NBS aims to make a lasting positive impact and help address the alarming rates of drowning in New Zealand.

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