## RICHMOND SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER



19th October 2023



From the Tumuaki desk this week ...

### **BOARD MATTERS**

Our wonderful school board meets eight times per year. Their role is to govern the school. They set and review policies and their role is very much making sure (an assurance role) that the school is well-managed and operating well. They have oversight of finances, property, personnel, self-review and our strategic planning.

The school's management team determines how to manage the school's operations – all the facets that entails.

On our school board we have five elected parent representatives, a staff representative and the principal. The latter two are full board members with full board membership rights.

Our elected parent members hold office for three years. Three members were elected 18 months ago – **Paul Suisted** (Chairperson or now the latest fad name is 'Presiding Member'), **Tina Harper** and **Christine Irvine**. Our staff representative was also elected at the time – **Suzie Halligan** (Room 10 teacher).

We also have mid-term elections where two parents are elected (again for a period of three years). The present members are **Chris Finch** and **Jesse Clements**. As parents will know we have recently held our mid-term elections. Two new members were elected (**Vanessa Jones** and **Bryan Llewellin**). They were the only two nominations that were received which meant no election was necessary. Vanessa and Bryan do not start on the Board until the new board takes office on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023. Chris Finch and Jesse Clements did not stand for re-election.

Chris and Jesse are fantastic members with a wealth of knowledge about how schools are governed and have represented parents/whānau so incredibly well and they certainly have the best interest of the staff, parents, children and community at heart when they are involved in decisions.

Jesse is still keen to carry on as a board member so at last night's Board meeting the Board decided to 'co-opt' Jesse back onto the board (after 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023) as an extra member - for his expertise in property management and knowledge of board operations.

Vanessa is one of our three PTC (Parent-Teacher Committee) chairpersons and Bryan is a very active community-minded person in terms of football in the region. We look forward to them being part of our Board's team.

We DO NOT have a teacher only day tomorrow. Our next Accord Day is Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November.

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### **FOOTPATH AND CYCLEWAY MODIFICATIONS**

As parents will know, there will be on-going modifications to the footpaths and streets around the school. There will be new pedestrian crossings and cycleways. These will begin at the start of 2024. Local residents, including us, have received this notification from the TDC.



**Dear Residents** 

### Exciting developments are happening in your neighbourhood in the next few months...

We are planning a series of projects aimed at making Tasman a better and safer place to live and we want to let you know what's happening near your place.

We want to provide our community with better and safer choices about how they and their families live and move around in Richmond.

Just a few examples of work likely to be included are.

- Modified intersection layouts.
- Improved crossings for pedestrians and cyclists at several intersections.
- Widened Shared paths.

We're focusing on areas near schools, like Richmond Primary School.



Fig 1 – Examples of the proposed work

#### How does this affect you?

There are likely to be disruptions to some traffic movements, and roads may need to be closed at times to enable the construction of these upgrades and improvements, but we want to work with you to ensure any disruptions are kept to a minimum.

Before construction is scheduled to start you will receive another letter from Downer New Zealand Ltd.

For more detailed information please check https://shape.tasman.govt.nz/transport-choices-2023

Yours Faithfully Graham Rimmer Project Manager

### **DAFFODIL DAY THANK YOU**

A huge thank you to our school community for the successful fundraising day for the Cancer Society.

We raised \$1645.

Thank you to all the families who made cupcakes for us to sell, Vanessa Jones who brought in lambs for us to see, all the student councillors who worked on the tables selling items, face painting throughout their breaks, running a disco/jump jam session at lunchtime, organising and judging colouring in competitions and selling the cupcakes.







### PTC SAUSAGE SIZZLE

The next PTC sausage sizzle is Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October. \$2.50 each

These are the guidelines we would like parents and children to follow please:

- Orders and money in an envelope or plastic bag
- Child's full name and room number, along with number of sausages
  - Order to the CLASSROOM MONEY BOX, not the office (teachers will show the children where the money box is)
  - Orders in by 9am on the morning of the sausage sizzle
    - Siblings can be in the same order
- Money boxes will be brought to the office by classroom monitors after 9am



### **SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS**

### Parent Election Results Declaration

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

### BRYAN LLEWELLIN VANESSA JONES

Ang Harris Returning Officer

### **Parents of Year 6 Students**

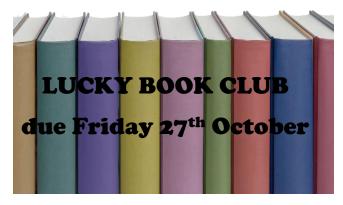
The JR McKenzie Youth Education Fund has a proud tradition of supporting families in need of financial assistance, with the purchasing of a school uniform for the 2024 year. The grant is for the basic school uniform and footwear only (excluding road shoes, runners, stationery, school bags, laptops).

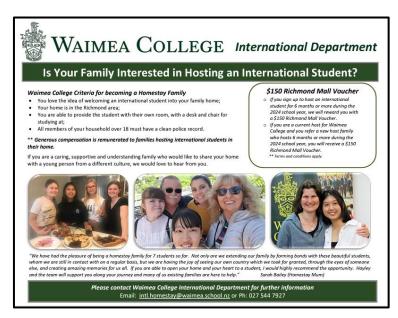
Application forms are available at our school office. Families complete the form and arrange a quote from the appropriate uniform shop. The school can sign as the sponsor.

Applications need to be back to our school office by **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November**.

Applications will be treated with strict confidence and forwarded to the local Rotary Club who make all decisions on eligibility.









12<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024 Join the Richmond School group.

# **COMMUNITY NOTICES**















