

RICHMOND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

2nd November 2023



From the Tumuaki desk this week ...

PARKING IN CHURCH CARPARK and PARKING ON YELLOW LINES

We are very fortunate that the 'Church on the hill' allows parents to park in their carparks. We have to manage the entry as only 34 cars can park in the carpark (a church decree).

The TDC parking wardens have been patrolling areas outside schools in the Richmond area especially at the end of the school day. They are especially targeting people parking in disabled carparks without the appropriate parking permit.

A small number of parents are flouting the laws surrounding:

- **The P2 signs** (parking for 2 minutes only) outside the main office between 8:30 – 9:30am and 2:30 – 3:30pm. Please do not park and go into the school leaving your vehicle unattended (during these times). This is breaking the law.
- **Yellow lines** along Church Street, on the corner by the main office and on Cambridge Street by the RTL building.

The P2 signs are there to aid traffic flow at peak times. The yellow lines are to make sure people do not park where it becomes a potential visibility hazard. At the end of the day our students' safety is PARAMOUNT.

The law is quite clear surrounding yellow lines. I quote directly from the 'NZ Road code' – relevant bullet point from a section entitled - Where not to park:

"For your own safety, and the safety and convenience of other road users, there are certain areas where you must not park. You risk being fined and/or having your vehicle towed away if you park in these areas."

Please be aware that the fine for parking on yellow lines is \$60 and parking in the disabled parks without a permit like \$140.

The chiropractor on Oxford Street has again shared his concern that parents are parking in their carpark which is very annoying to them and their patients. Please refrain from doing this.

Many thanks to all those who model good driving and parking practices.

My suggestions to ease the congestion is parents should:

- Park on Waverley Street and enjoy the 50 metre stroll along Church Lane to the church and wander down hill to the school. A rather pleasant stress-free walk. It is great to see this happening a lot now.
- Recently some parents have shared they are parking down at Jubilee Park and walking down Church Street to pick up their children. Another excellent option.

**IF YOUR CHILD ISN'T ATTENDING RICHMOND SCHOOL
IN 2024, PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW,
AS WE ARE MAKING UP CLASSES NOW.**

CLASS ORGANISATION 2024			
1		NICOLE LAMS Year 5/6	12
2		DAVID COELAND Year 5/6	13
3		RAEWYN BRENTON Year 5/6 Syndicate Leader	14
4		MADDI SPRINGER Year 5/6	15
5		NICOLE ANDREWS Year 5/6	16
10		SUZIE HALLIGAN Year 5/6	17
6		MORGAN EGGERS Year 3/4	18
7		GEORGIA CHARLETT Year 3/4	19
8		JO CANNING Year 3/4 Syndicate Leader	20
9		LEATH ARMSTRONG Year 3/4	21
11		RACHEL DIPPIE Year 3/4	
		YEAR 5/6 SYNDICATE	YEAR 1/2 SYNDICATE
		YEAR 3/4 SYNDICATE	YEAR 0/1 SYNDICATE
			SEBINA BASTION Year 1/2
			TRACEY KRAMMER Year 2 Syndicate Leader
			TORREY GILCHRIST Year 2
			BRONWYN SCOTT Year 1/2
			PIP SCOTT Year 2
			JENNY YDGREN Year 1/New Entrants
			GINA SUCKLING Year 1/New Entrants Syndicate Leader
			CANDICE DUKE Year 1
			KEMELA JOASS Year 1/New Entrants
			Year 0 Starting later in 2024

PARENTS' VIEWS CONSIDERED re 2024 CLASSES

For a number of years, the management team has considered a number of written requests for class placements.

Again, we will consider reasonable parent requests. Your wishes (specific rooms, teachers, pupil placement) **must be written down** and given to Tim Brenton (or the office – marked confidential) by **3pm Thursday 9th November (next week)**. Requests must include reasons for your request.

In the past we have received 20 – 30 requests for specific placements (not a huge number considering we have 530 pupils at Richmond School). Some parents request that children should be together or not together (mostly for appropriate, genuine reasons). Many of the requests are therefore for the older children after they have been at the school for a number of years.

Others have very genuine reasons for requests such as extended or combined families not wanting their children in the same class, parents of twins wanting or not wanting them in the same class and others based on families issues unrelated to the school such as neighbourhood feuds.

Some parents request that children have the same teacher for a second year – this we prefer to avoid. For one or two there are excellent reasons for doing so but I believe for the vast majority it is important they have another teacher the following year. Hence requests for the same teachers are unlikely to be actioned.

Some requests are for specific teachers.

If you wish to make such a request, then we want you to state the names of two teachers – preference 1 and preference 2. We may be able to accommodate one.

Requests will NOT be considered if you only put one teacher's name down.

We genuinely look at each request, but it is not necessarily the overriding factor for placing a specific child in a certain room. We look at lots of factors before making our final decisions. Then we phone the parents whose requests have not been met and explain the reasoning – most are happy with our decisions.

Teachers spend numerous hours placing children in certain classes after considering many factors (e.g. academic groups, age, gender balance, group dynamics, friendships, interests, personality types, skills etc) and so it is not always possible to oblige with parent requests.

However, all written requests will receive due consideration (but we may not necessarily action). Please note:

- **No verbal request** (outlined to the Principal, Syndicate Leaders or Class Teachers) will be considered. Also please be aware letters sent in over past years won't be considered. If you wrote a letter last year or two or three years ago and the circumstances are still the same, please write in again.
- Please don't ask your child's current teacher who they would recommend before writing a letter. Teachers will have their say later when they are discussing class placements.

Please let us know if your child is not going to be attending Richmond School next year.

TOMORROW

GUMBOOT FRIDAY



This term our topic is Hauora, this is all about our wellbeing. As part of our topic on Friday the 3rd of November we will be joining in and supporting **I Am Hope** for Gumboot Friday.

The I am Hope foundation provides children and adults under the age of 25 with free counselling. In honour of this fantastic charity we will be fundraising for them and organising a range of activities to celebrate Gumboot Friday including a gumboot toss, gumboot coin trail and a colouring competition.

Wear your gumboots and bring a gold coin donation to support I Am Hope; the youth and community focused support group who promote positive change in schools and communities around mental health.

For more information on the I am Hope foundation visit: www.gumbootfriday.org.nz.

'SWITCH TO WATER' CAMPAIGN.

At present there is a nation-wide campaign to encourage schools, whānau and communities to promote drinking water as opposed to sugary drinks.

Our school has signed up to this campaign.

Here is a link to the home page for this campaign

[Switch to water | New Zealand Dental Association \(nzda.org.nz\)](http://nzda.org.nz)

where there is an introductory **video** for sharing what it's all about!

JUNIOR ATHLETICS MORNING THURSDAY 9th NOVEMBER

The programme for the day is as follows:

- 9.20am - Running races on front field
- 10.20am - Place winner certificates given out
- 10.30am - Morning tea
- 11.15am-12.15pm - Rotations of activities on front field.



Children will need to wear appropriate clothing (shoulders covered, shorts, brimmed hat) and footwear on the day.

Please make sure your children have sunscreen on.

We love to see whānau there supporting the tamariki.



SCHOOL DISCO

Friday 10th November

\$2 ticket + \$5 goodie bag

(if required)

NO DOOR SALES

Junior Disco: 5.30pm – 6.15pm

Middles Disco: 6.30pm – 7.15pm

Senior Disco: 7.30pm – 8.15pm

SPOT PRIZES

Children are to bring their own drink bottles filled with water.

Parents/legal guardians must stay at the disco with their child.

TICKETS ON SALE
Every morning

8.30am – 9am

Office Foyer

\$2 just entry

\$7 incl goodie bag

**PLEASE DON'T PARK IN THE
TASMAN CHIROPRACTIC CENTRE
CAR PARK.**

This is for their clients only.

Victoria Sharp from the Nelson Cancer Society presenting Student Council President Sophia Colville with a kowhai tree and certificate to acknowledge our contribution to Daffodil Day.

Thanks everyone for your support.



Wear Blue
TO SCHOOL THIS NOVEMBER!



**Live
Brave
Mana
Ora**

diabetes
action month

Diabetes Day Friday 24th November

We are going to have a toy sale again.

Bring in a bag of old toys to donate to Mrs Armstrong and we will give you a small chocolate bar! THANKS.

The GATERS class will also have a Mini-fair this day with all money going to Diabetes.

DISCLAIMER These are notices we include on request of organisations and individuals.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Pretty Crafty Christmas Market
Sun. 12th November
10am-2pm

Richmond Town Hall
9 Cambridge St.

Bring Cash some stalls do not have eftpos Entry by gold coin koha to The Buzz- Nelson

TOP OF THE SOUTH BRICK SHOW 2023
18th & 19th November

Memorial Hall,
8 Pah Street, Motueka
Saturday 18th Nov
9am - 5pm
Sunday 19th Nov
9am - 4pm
\$2 Entry
Cash Only
Under 3 Free

Great Displays, Activities, Sales & Raffles

Proceeds donated to Motueka Technology Education Centre

Ulysses Club Nelson Branch
invite all Motorcyclists to the
Annual NELSON TOY RUN

Saturday Nov 18th 2023
Meet at A&P SHOWGROUNDS
Lower Queen St., Richmond
from 10am **Depart 11am SHARP**

Decorate your bike and bring new toys / games for children (girls and boys) of all ages (no soft toys).
This ride will occur whatever the weather!

Sausage sizzle at destination: -
Trafalgar Park off Trafalgar St.
Air GT2 Helmet Raffle \$10/ticket
(Retail p. \$899) *All proceeds to the Salvation Army.*

Gold coin donations for the Salvation Army gratefully accepted on the day.

See the parade - on:
RICHMOND - Queen St.,
Salisbury Rd. STOKES - Stoke
Highway
TASMAN NELSON -
Waimea Rd,
Rutherford St
You are welcome
at Trafalgar Park
to view the
motorcycles.

In association with:
Waimea Weekly
MORE FM
NBS Community
FILCO FARM & SPORT
NAYLAND COLLEGE

For more information, visit our website:
www.ulyssesnelson.org.nz

FUNDRAISING WAVE RAVE
GUMBOOT FRIDAY

EVERY ENTRY
DONATES \$2.00
TO GUMBOOT
FRIDAY!

**FRIDAY
3RD
NOV**
7.00PM - 9.00PM
\$8 PER CHILD

MAKE A SPLASH
FOR A CAUSE AT
THE WAVE RAVE
GUMBOOT
FRIDAY!

AQUA RUN,
BOMB COMP,
GAMES,
PRIZES AND
FUN!

Richmond Aquatic Centre
161 Salisbury Road, Richmond
Ph: 03 543 9155 | E: info@richmondac.nz
www.richmondac.nz

RICHMOND AQUATIC CENTRE

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MĀPUA BOAT CLUB KIDS FISHING COMPETITION

Where - Māpua Wharf
When - Sunday 19th November 2023
Time - Lines in 2.30pm - out 3.30pm
Registrations from 2.00 pm

3 Categories:
• Under six years
• 6 - 9 years
• 10 - 12 years

Spot prizes - sausage sizzle
Prize presentation
CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:
Only fish caught on lines win prizes
Maximum 3 hooks per line
Children to be accompanied by an adult at all times

Please direct enquiries to:
mapuaboatclubevents@gmail.com

Hunting & Fishing NEW ZEALAND
Jimmys BAIT Co

SHARLAND CYCLES
5K FUN RUN & WALK FROM CLUB WAIMEA
Great spot prizes every week and the chance to win a pair of running shoes at the end of the series

Sharland Cycles 5km Fun Run & Walk from Club Waimea
Wednesdays in November,
December, February and March

Series starts on 1 November 2023
@ Club Waimea

Registration 5:30pm
Event start 6pm
Everyone welcome
\$3 entry
Free entry for children & students

More info at www.waimeaharriers.nz

CONNINGS **Pic's PEANUT BUTTER** **PROPER CRISPS** **SPRING** **NBS**

RICHMOND WAIMEA TOY LIBRARY

We provide affordable and sustainable access to a wide range of exciting and educational toys for your children to enjoy

Annual membership: \$45
Toy hire fees range from \$1 to \$4.50 for two weeks
Grandparent, casual hire rates and gift vouchers available
Bouncy castle hire additional

Drop by or get in contact:
Open: Tuesday 9:30 - 12:30
Saturday: 9:30 - 12:30
20C Gladstone Road, Richmond
(Behind Badminton hall)

Richmond Waimea Toy Library
r.toyllibrary@gmail.com
Payments accepted by EFTPOS