RICHMOND SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



20th February 2025



From the Tumuaki desk this week ...

SENIOR SYNDICATE CAMPS – FEBRUARY/MARCH 2025

Over the next few weeks, our senior classes (Year 5 and 6 pupils) are all going to Golden Bay for 3 day camps. These are during weeks 4, 6 & 8.

The cost being \$175 per child. This includes a five-hour bus trip to the Farewell Spit lighthouse (\$80 per person). The Spit is one of Golden Bay's wonderful, natural treasures (taonga) — a trip of a lifetime.

Parents are asked to pay a \$175 donation. This can be by cash, eftpos or internet banking. Receipts will be issued as these donations are tax deductible. Our school's internet banking account details are 030751 0191581 00. The donation request is just that – a request. This is because the government supports our school and many others with an amount to help subsidize Outdoor Education activities.

<u>We expect all our senior pupils to go on camp</u>, even if parents don't pay the requested amount or even a proportion of it. I am fully aware of other schools who are also in the government's 'Opt-in donation' scheme, who have a different approach. Their approach being camps are optional and if children go on camp, then parents have to pay the specific camp amount.

The main reason we want <u>all</u> our children to go on camp is the syndicate's main topic for the term is 'Man's use of water'. Many class and school lessons are based around this topic and the camp activities consolidate the learnings. Many other school camps are about one-off outdoor activities that aren't usually related to the school-based topic for the term.

On camp, the children will see first-hand how a dairy farmer uses a water supply for daily milking and feeding of stock. All the water is diverted from a creek and is gravity-fed around the farm – not one electrical power pump is used. The children are so fortunate to see the effect of water on rocks/land and see first-hand how water and wind have help create the natural phenomenon called 'Farewell Spit'. They see where and why the Farewell Spit lighthouse was constructed and how it helps protect ships from being marooned, they see close-up bird life and seals in their natural habitat. They venture through the Ngarua cave and experience not only being inside a cave but can appreciate how caves were formed on 'Marble Mountain' (Takaka Hill).

The children visit New Zealand's largest freshwater springs (Te Waikoropupū Springs) and the largest coldwater springs in the southern hemisphere, with some of the clearest water ever measured. They learn about how long the water remains underground and where it comes from and why it is so clear.

In terms of the Pupu walkway power scheme and the Anatoki Salmon farm - the children walk to the source of the water when it is diverted from the main river. They can then fully understand how a basic but creative idea can lead to successful business operations. As I say, 'Man's use of water'. After the children have experienced these, then they come back to school with a greater appreciation of what they have experienced first-hand and so higher quality work follows.

The dates of the camps are:

- 24th February 26th February 2025 (Week 4). Room 2 David Coeland.
- 26th February 28th February 2025. (Week 4). Room 1 Nicole Lams.
- 10th March 12th March 2025 (Week 6). Room 3 Raewyn Brenton.
- 24th March 26th March 2025 (Week 8). Room 4 Jenna Maher.
- 26th March 28th March 2020. (Week 8). Room 5 Nicole Andrews.

Many thanks to all our wonderful parents who have agreed to attend as 'camp parents', those who support us financially (even as much as parents can afford at present) and our teachers who spend numerous hours preparing for these camps.

KAREAREA SYNDICATE SPEAKERS

As a part of the Karearea syndicate's Water unit, a number of guest speakers have been invited to speak to us about their special knowledge.

Firstly, Whaea Kelly from the Nelson Museum presented a talk about the Legend of Wainui Falls. She shared a power point animation as she retold and explained the legend. Yesterday James (a member of a conservation group) spoke to us about Te Waikoropupu Springs and the problems facing this area

from nitrates and the proposed gold mining and its potential threats to the water systems.

Today, Shirley from Project Jonah will be talking to us about whale strandings in Golden Bay and how her group works when this happens.

Coming up, we also have Prachanti from the T.D.C. to talk to us about where our water comes from, how it is used and where it goes.

We are really fortunate that we have these amazing speakers available to come and help build up our knowledge of Water in our area. Hopefully these experiences will help stimulate some great letter writing and artwork.

PTC (Parent-Teacher Committee)

The PTC have organised a fundraiser the office staff are 100% behind. Imagine NO lost property.



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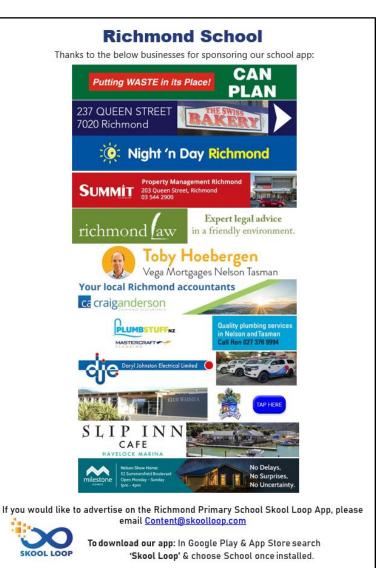
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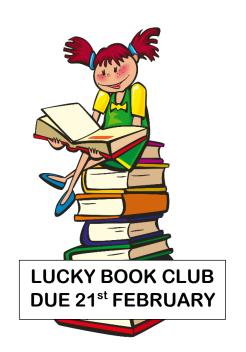
www.tryathlon.co.nz/locations/nelson

SPORTS FEES & UNIFORM

Please ensure your child's sports fees are paid before their games start. It is helpful for us to not have to chase up.

If the \$10 uniform fee has been paid, please have your child collect their shirt from the school office.

Please note the \$10 uniform fee is ON TOP of the sports fee.



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COMMUNITY



FANCY LEARNING A WHOLE NEW ADVENTURE?

If that sounds like you, how about Ballroom Dancing?

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Starting; Saturday 1st March 2025 until; Saturday 29th March 2025

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Tasman Hockey Club are recruiting for Junior and Senior Players!

Tasman Hockey Club welcome the opportunity to discuss playing hockey for the 2025 season for both new and experienced players

Why Hockey?

Hockey is not just a sport; it's a lesson in teamwork, leadership, and cooperation. Playing on a team teaches valuable life skills, including effective communication, collaboration, and the ability to work towards a common goal

Tasman Hockey have opportunities for Men, Women and children of all ages and we are particularly looking for Goalkeepers, a specialised position, and arguably the most important position on the hockey field! A good Goalkeeper can win you games!

If you, or your children are looking for an opportunity to play hockey, please contact us for a chat and any information:

Bridget Lash 027-3708570 Rosey Wilson 027-2460554

