

# RICHMOND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

6<sup>th</sup> March 2025



## From the Tumuaki desk this week ...

A huge number of things certainly happen in one week at Richmond School. The Takahē syndicate classes have been on trips to the Nelson Museum and the Centre of NZ. The senior classes either have been, or soon will be, camping over in Golden Bay. Many parents with children in Year 1-4 attended our parent information sessions on Tuesday about the Better Start Literacy Approach programme. Thank you. And yes, we are still endeavouring to comply with the government's decree that on average during a week the children will be involved in 5 hours of reading, writing and Mathematics tasks. School life is incredibly busy!

## OUR SCHOOL BOARD

On our school Board we have 5 parent elected representatives, a staff representative and the principal.

The elected parent representatives and the staff representative are elected every three years (for a 3 year term). The parent representatives are **Paul Suisted**, **Tina Harper**, **Vanessa Jones**, **Bryan Llewellyn** and **Christine Irvine**. **Sue Russ** (elected last year) is the staff representative. As the principal, I am also a board member with full board members rights (a little different to say the CEO's role of company).

Most of the parent members have been on the Board for many years. Paul began on the Board on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019, Tina started on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020, Christine since 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and Bryan and Vanessa began on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023. Vanessa and Christine are also chairpersons of the Parent-Teacher Committee, along with Amy Henley. At our latest Board meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025, Paul Suisted was re-elected as the Board Chairperson (now known as the 'Presiding Member'). Paul has been in this role since 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021 and is an outstanding Presiding Member.

The Board members combine to form a very professional group, who govern the school extremely well and ensure the school is functioning as well as possible. The members are very knowledgeable about their role. The Board deals with the 'governance' (setting policies and ratifying documentation/happenings once assured they are completed) of the school whereas management (day-to-day running of the school) is the domain of the school's management team.

What also impresses me about the Richmond School Board, is their focus on making sure things just get better and better – the promotion of continuous improvement.



Paul Suisted



Vanessa  
Jones



Christine  
Irvine



Tina Harper



Bryan  
Llewellyn



Sue Russ

# SWIMMING POOL

There certainly has been a change in temperature in the morning and at night-time recently. The swimming season is nearly over. The last day for classroom swimming will be next Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March (end of next week – Week 6). The last afternoon pool holders can use the pool will be Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Pool key holders please return your keys to the office after that. Thanks.

## TASMAN BAY CHIROPRACTIC PARKING

Our Tasman Bay Chiropractic neighbours have erected these signs to remind the community that their car parks are only for their customers. Please respect these and park elsewhere.



## REQUEST FROM TEACHERS

If your child is being picked up by someone other than a caregiver and they don't know about it, please let the office or your child's teacher know.

## WEETBIX TRYATHLETES

The Weetbix Triathlon is on this weekend. Good luck and have fun to all our students participating. Look for the gazebo with the Richmond School flags as a central point to leave bags and hang out.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Heritage Productions visited our school recently to take our annual school photos.

An order card has been produced for each child present on the day of the photo session. The order card contains the following information:

- Photo proof
- Unique passcode. This enables you to view and order your child's images online.
- QR code and website details for ordering

To place a photo order and receive FREE shipping to school, please either scan the QR code or visit their website listed on the order card.

Their website contains all the information on pack sizes and pricing. Payments are online via credit or debit card.

The closing date for orders is **12 March 2025**. Thereafter, your order will be posted and shipping applies.

You will receive an order confirmation by email.

**CLOSING DATE IS NEXT WEEK**



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# COMMUNITY NOTICES



**RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB**

## REGISTER NOW

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR ALL AGES & GRADES FOR THE 2025 SEASON

CRAFTS. SNACKS. GAMES. FUN.

## KIDZ CLUB

Tuesdays @ 3.30-5.30pm  
(during school term)  
COST: Gold Coin Donation  
Richmond New Life Church  
85 Wensley Road, Richmond

**STARTS TUESDAY 4 MARCH!!**

FOR MORE INFO: [CHILDRENS@RICHMONDNEWLIFE.ORG.NZ](mailto:CHILDRENS@RICHMONDNEWLIFE.ORG.NZ)



## Quilts in the Gardens

By Nelson Quilters

A display of quilts - Includes craft and merchant stalls plus a coffee cart

**Saturday 8 March 2025 10AM-3PM** \$5 Entry

Gardens of the World - Hope

(Wet Weather postponement date: Saturday 15 March)



## JUNIOR HOCKEY

### 2025 Nelson Hockey Junior Program I

Thursday 20th February to 27th March 2025 - Saxton Field Hockey Turfs

Register online at [www.nelsonhockey.org.nz](http://www.nelsonhockey.org.nz)

**MATATU** 

## WE INVITE YOU

TO JOIN US IN WELCOMING THE MATATU SUPER AUPIKI TEAM TO THE REGION.

THE TEAM LANDS AT 09:30AM, FRIDAY 14TH OF MARCH

IF YOU CAN BE THERE BY 09:15AM, THE TASMAN COMMUNITY STAFF WILL HAVE SOME FLAGS ETC FOR YOU TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!



## MUDDY BUDDY

Adventure Fun Run

**SUNDAY 23 MARCH 2025** 



FOOD | COFFEE | SILENT AUCTION | WHITE ELEPHANT STALL & MORE!

### GREAT SPOT PRIZES!

Incl. 2 BIKES from MY RIDE RICHMOND

PRIZES FOR THE BEST ECO DRESS-UP!

EARLYBIRD/ ONLINE | \$20 per person | \$50 family  
ENTER ON THE DAY | \$25 per person | \$55 family  
SIGN IN 9.30-11am | RACE STARTS 11.30am

EACH LAP APPROX 1KM | 1 LAP - Kids, Family Fun, Open | 2 LAPS - Open | 3 LAPS - Open

[www.tasman.school.nz](http://www.tasman.school.nz)



## PRETTY SMART

Quality pre-loved clothing

## SALE

**22/23 March '25**

**9:00am - 2:00pm**

**Hope Recreation Hall**  
184 Main Rd, Hope

**\$2 entry**

Cash sales only

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