

# RICHMOND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

20<sup>th</sup> March 2025



From the Tumuaki desk this week ...

## KAREAREA SYNDICATE FOCUS ON WATER TERM 1

As part of a water-focused learning module, Prashanti Lovegrove from the TDC Community Engagement team and Andrea Goodwin from the Waters Infrastructure team conducted interactive sessions with five senior classes at Richmond School. These sessions covered topics such as drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater. Nearly 150 children participated, learning how the Waimea Dam replenishes groundwater during dry periods to ensure a year-round supply of drinking water. They also discovered that water entering outside drains flows untreated into our streams, while wastewater from inside the house is treated at the Bells Island wastewater treatment plant before being released into the ocean.

The children engaged in various activities, including connecting pipes on interactive boards, examining maps filled with pipelines, and simulating water flow through a catchment model. They also discussed how unwanted contaminants end up in the stormwater system and ways to prevent this. The feedback from the children was overwhelmingly positive, and everyone had a fun and educational day.



## GOAL-SETTING INTERVIEWS THIS WEEK

Many classes have had nearly 100% of parent attendance at the goal-setting interview this week. This is fantastic as constructive home-school partnerships are super important as we all endeavour to assist children to improve their academic, social, emotional and physical abilities. THANK YOU!

### SWIMMING POOL

Swimming has finished for the season.  
Please return all pool keys to the office. Thanks

# OUR PARENT-TEACHER COMMITTEE (PTC)

Richmond School is super fortunate to have an exceptional Parent-Teacher Committee. Last year, the PTC raised over \$17,700 during the year to provide a number of 'extras' around the school.

Recent projects have been - the new sound system in the school hall and new adventure playground equipment. At last Monday's PTC meeting, they confirmed they are raising funds this year for new playground equipment on the back field and a new gazebo for the school to erect when we have major school events including our participation in the annual Nelson Tryathlon.

The PTC raises funds by holding events such as BBQ sausage sizzles, an annual disco and raffles. However, the PTC is more than a fundraising committee. Being a member is a great way to get to know other school parents. Furthermore (although your children won't necessarily tell you) it demonstrates to your children how much you value their education.

As the name suggests, there are a number of staff members on the PTC. Parents join the committee on a voluntary basis. The committee meets about twice a term in the school's staff meeting at 7:00pm with most meetings lasting no more than an hour and a half. Typically, there are 12 – 20 members at the meetings. They have a great social time.

Associated with the PTC is another group known as the 'Friends of the Committee' who are parents who can't necessarily attend PTC meetings but are more than willing to help out by cooking sausage sizzles and so on.



There are 3 parents who chair the PTC. Namely, Amy Henley, Christine Irvine and Vanessa Jones. The latter two also being school Board members.

Both groups are keen to welcome new members. Please let one of the chairs, the office or myself know if you would like to join either the PTC or 'Friends of the Committee'. Many thanks.

## HELPFUL PHRASES IN TE REO MĀORI

Each week we will add to the newsletter a 'Helpful Phrase' we are promoting at school. These can also be used at home.



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## SWIMMING LESSONS

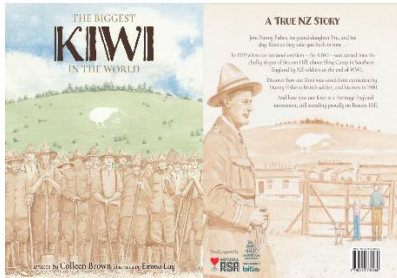
Our school-wide swimming lessons at The Aquatic Centre have been scheduled again for this year.

<b>Juniors</b> (Rms 13 – 21)	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June – Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June (9 Lessons) – Weeks 7 and 8 Term 2
<b>Seniors</b> (Rms 1-5)	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> August (10 Lessons) - Weeks 2 and 3 Term 3
<b>Middles</b> (Rms 6-11)	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> August – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> August (10 Lessons) - Weeks 4 and 5 Term 3

# SENIOR SYNDICATE PRODUCTION

The Kārearea (senior) Syndicate will be performing their production ' *Pirates of the Curry Bean* ' at Hope Community Church, in week 9 of Term 2 (Term 2 is only 9 weeks). This would involve all children in the Kārearea syndicate. We will be holding auditions at school week 9 of this term. More information will be given to students later this term.

## AUTHOR VISIT

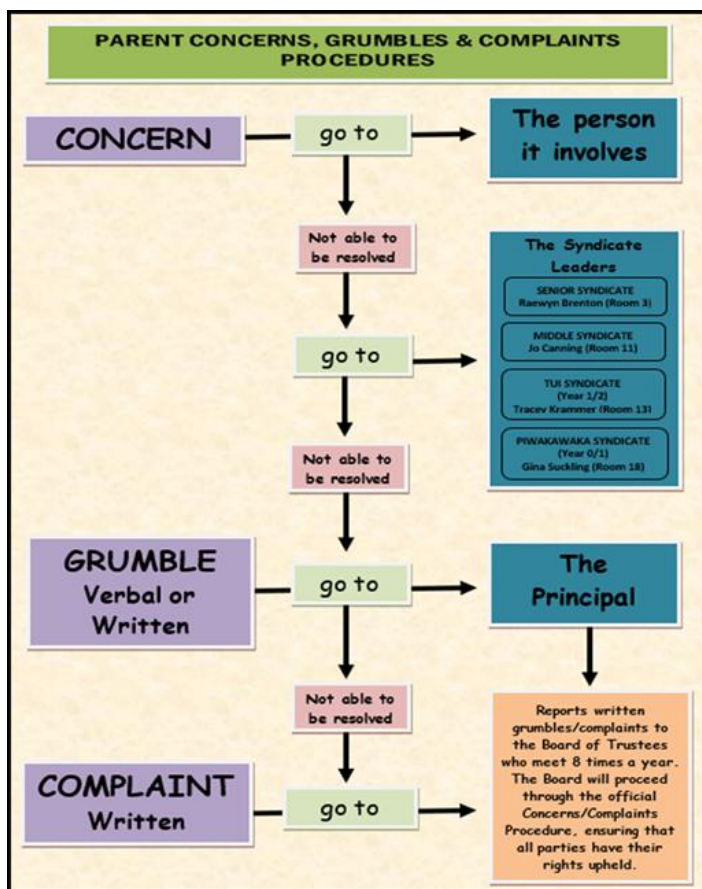


Yesterday we were so lucky to be able to host author Colleen Brown. She came and spoke to the senior syndicate about her new book ' *The Biggest Kiwi in the World* '. It is based on the true story of New Zealand soldiers in WW1 who carved out a kiwi in the hills of Salisbury, England.

If you would like to see Colleen for yourselves, she is speaking at the Elmer Turner library this Sunday at 2pm.



## PARENT CONCERNS, GRUMBLES & COMPLAINTS PROCEDURES



Once a year we are obliged (in accordance with our 'Parental Concerns/Complaints policy') to remind parents of our 'Grumble Procedures'. These are set out below. This doesn't mean there are people complaining. More we are obliged to inform. Secondly, we are delighted about all the compliments we receive!!!



**LUCKY BOOK CLUB  
DUE 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH**





**May is SCHOLASTIC NATIONAL FAMILY READING MONTH**

**READ EVERY DAY! READ MORE IN MAY!**

May is the month for readers. Bring your family together and join us in the NATIONAL FAMILY READING MONTH Challenge.

Register between 1 March and 31 March to **WIN ONE OF 50 FREE BOOK PACKS** worth \$150!

Take the 31-Day Challenge: [scholastic.com.au/nfrm](http://scholastic.com.au/nfrm)



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\*Choose Richmond School

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## **NETBALL REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN.**

**Please get a registration form from the office if you haven't already. Closing on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March.**



**P.T.C. EASTER RAFFLE**

**PLEASE.....**

**WE NEED EASTER GOODIES PLEASE!**

e.g. Easter eggs, Easter themed goodies & non-perishable food items.  
**NO alcohol please.**

**THANK YOU!**

Thank you for taking part in this fundraising effort for Richmond School.

More tickets are available from the school office.

All sheets and money are due back to school by Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March.



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# COMMUNITY NOTICES

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## NBS dancing for a cause

nelson hospice

Fri 16th & Sat 17th May 2025 **Trafalgar Centre**

**Tickets on Sale Now**

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## POWER ZONE

### HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

MON 14 APRIL  
THURS 24 APRIL



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## BE IN TO WIN FLIGHTS

### 2025 Nelson Airport Summer Photo Competition

**Capture the Feeling of a Nelson Tasman Summer**  
Prizes include return flights for 2 to Wellington with Sounds Air + much more  
Submit now at [nelsonairport.co.nz](http://nelsonairport.co.nz)  
Entries close 31st March

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## HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

7 to 12 year olds:  
16th - 18th April 2025

13 to 16 year olds:  
23rd - 25th April 2025

**Saxton Field, Stoke**  
**9.00am-12.00pm**  
**\$35.00 per day**

Our programmes are open to both boys & girls

Visit [www.nelsonsuburbs.co.nz](http://www.nelsonsuburbs.co.nz) to REGISTER



## MAY 5 - th ANNIVERSARY

**Celebration Variety Show!**  
**Fundraising for Glenna Armstrong School of Tap.**

Where: Playhouse Theatre, Mapua.  
Time: 7pm-9pm  
Date: Friday 2nd May

Tickets just \$50-Entry, entertainment and finger food inclusive.  
\*Formal attire  
\*\* 50% discount dress rental at **Leilani & May Boutique**

Contact: May - 0210903 4378 or Glenna 021 293 5383 to book your ticket.



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