

# RICHMOND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025



From the Tumuaki desk this week ...

## WONDERFUL GIFT OF DICTIONARIES

We were recently gifted a fabulous donation of 22 picture dictionaries from Richmond Rotary. These were provided through the Bill & Lorna Boyd Charitable Trust, who have issued over 230,000 dictionaries to primary schools and early learning institutions throughout New Zealand and the Pacific Islands. Richmond Rotary Club members support local communities and are involved in many working bees and volunteer groups. I am sure the dictionaries will be well used by the children. Many hearty thanks to Bruce, Debra, Gary and the Richmond Rotary team.



## CHURCH CARPARK ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS

This year the 'Church on the Hill' has hired their hall out to an organization called 'STEM School' each Wednesday. My guess is approximately 20 children attend this programme. This educational organization has nothing to do with our school. However, the parents of the children involved drop the children off in the morning and then pick them up between 2:30 – 3:00pm. This has led to even more congestion around our school in terms of carparking for our parents. My suggestion is for parents to look at parking elsewhere on Wednesdays afternoons in particular.

## SCOOTERS

A large number of children are riding scooters to school. Gary (our caretaker) has noticed a number of the scooters are in need of repairing. I ask parents to check the road worthiness of scooters and repair as necessary.

**A reminder** – children shouldn't be riding their bikes and scooters in the school grounds between 8:30am – 9:00am and 3:00pm – 3:15pm. This is for safety reasons.

## WENSLEY ROAD CLOSURE

You will be aware that part of Wensley Road has been closed for the past five weeks. From Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April they are extending the closed area to INCLUDE WAVERLEY STREET.

# SENIOR SYNDICATE CAMPS

## A Multitude of Outdoor Learning Experiences



During this term, Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 have all been to Golden Bay on 3 day camps. The weather was generally stunning and conducive to education in the outdoors.

It was wonderful to see the children enjoying their camping experiences so much. It was also neat to see them achieve many personal goals and face a number of personal challenges. The syndicate has been focusing their Term 1 studies on 'Man's use of water'. The lessons prior to camp were important as they became real life experiences in the outdoors.

I would like to thank the teachers for their hours of devoted care and also for all their preparation. Organising camps is a

lot of work but the rewards in terms of class team spirit and unity as well as the educational gains, make camps such outstanding learning experiences.

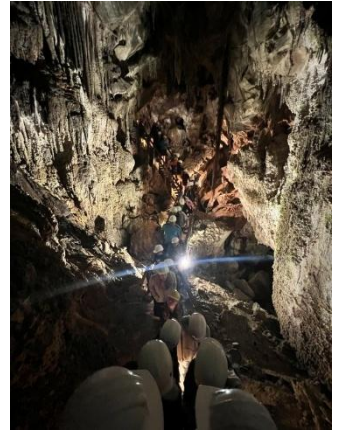
I would like to thank all the wonderful 'camp parents'. Without parent support and involvement, our camps as we know them, wouldn't happen! It is very pleasing to hear how much the parents enjoyed the camps too. For many it was their first time to visit some of the places that are very much on our 'back doorstep' and I suspect many will take their families to the Bay in the future.

The children visited the Ngarua caves, watched milking at Freemans farm (including learning about where they source the water for the land and cows, how all the water used is gravity fed around the farm and to the milking shed), saw where recent whales stranding

happened (as explained during the lesson about Project Jonah before the children went on camp), went out to the Farewell Spit lighthouse via bus, experienced the thrill of running down a major sand dune out at Farewell Spit, visited the Waikoropupu Springs, the Anatoki salmon farm and walked up to the water source of the Pupu hydro power station.

Along the way, we have received many accolades about the behaviour of our children and also how interested they were in learning about the places and how we use water to benefit our society (such as diverting the Anatoki river to use water for the salmon farm and then return it back into the river). The importance of not polluting water and waterways has also been highlighted.

Five highly successful camps and rich learning experiences the children will never forget!





**ROOM 8 have been learning about personification and have been using this to write some weather-related poems.**

*The sun peeks through your  
window at dawn.  
He fights back the cold with his  
warmth.  
His bright smile fills the day  
with happiness.  
He has such a friendly face  
filling me with joy.*

*Sophie*

*The sun is yawning,  
it must be morning.  
He is smiling,  
As he's tickled.*

*The sun is running off to work,  
Painting light in the sky.*

*MaTaia*

*The strong wind hits my hair,  
while it's dancing in the air.  
Rudely snatching off my hat,  
Joyfully taking away the picnic  
mat.*

*Eden*

*The wind was sweeping in the sky,  
Making the dust dance down.  
It felt like it was whispering to me,  
As it walks along the sky.*

*Riva*

## **TERM 2 & 3 MINIBALL REGISTRATIONS**

If your child is interested in playing Miniball this season, please have them get a registration form from Mrs Andrews in Room 5.

This is for years 3-6. Games start 15/16 May.

## **ACCORD DAY**

**Our next Accord Professional Development day is Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May. This is an extension of King's Birthday Weekend (Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June).**

**Richmond School will closed for instruction that day as all staff (teachers and teacher-aides) will be involved in Professional Development.**

The Minister of Education has approved two Professional Development days for 2025 for schools to upskill and implement the government's new Structured Mathematics approach. There will be a second day later in the year.

Many of the schools in the Waimea Cluster will be closed for instruction on the same day – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May.

# 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.



Key-me-he-ah

You are invited to the  
Term One  
**Whānau Hui**

Thursday 3rd April (Week 9 )  
3.15pm-4.00pm in the Richmond  
School Library. Please bring a small  
plate of kai to share.

**TODAY**

Glenna An...

...you there.

...Team.



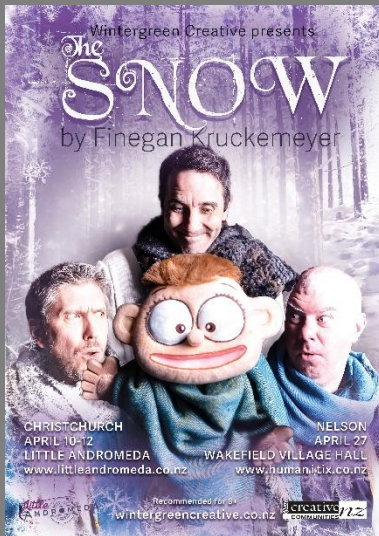
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# COMMUNITY NOTICES

Wintergreen Creative presents  
**The SNOW**  
by Finegan Kruckemeyer



CHRISTCHURCH APRIL 10-12  
LITTLE ANDROMEDA  
www.littleandromeda.co.nz

NELSON APRIL 27  
WAKEFIELD VILLAGE HALL  
www.humanick.co.nz

Recommended for 12  
wintergreencreative.co.nz creativecommunity

**RICHMOND RDA**

**SATURDAY  
5th APRIL  
11AM – 1PM**

**PONY RIDES**

**Kids Pony Rides - \$10  
(UNDER 12 YEARS)**

**BBQ  
Buy a bale of hay**

**NO DOGS PLEASE**

189 CHAMPHION ROAD  
RICHMOND  
PHONE 544 8960  
Email: richmond@rda.co.nz

## Raising Resilient Children

What we can do –  
as parents and  
community – to help!

Nelson College for Girls (NCG) and the Parents and Friends Association (PFA) are proud to host

**KATHRYN BERKETT  
ON  
MAY 21ST AT 7 PM**

at NCG School Hall, 400 Trafalgar Street, Nelson

Kathryn is an insightful and dedicated neuroscience educator who has been empowering people to understand their minds and behaviours for over sixteen years.

We use the word resilience all the time, we want it for ourselves and for our children. But what does it actually look like? And how do we develop it?

Come along to this unique, local opportunity to hear what might be the most useful information of your life!



Tickets are - \$20 adults  
\$10 students  
\$35 for 2  
(plus booking fee)

Available at eventbrite.co.nz



**HOCKEY NELSON**

**2025 HOCKEY OPEN DAY**

**SATURDAY 3rd MAY at Saxton Field Hockey turfs  
9:00 am – 10:30 pm**

**2025  
HOCKEY OPEN DAY**

We welcome everyone for a fun day!

Sticks/balls/bibs will be provided

**FREE OPEN HOCKEY DAY**  
Free sausages & drinks

**Fun games/basics skills**

For information -  
Please contact Lauren Hubert - rhm@nelsonhockey.org.nz  
www.nelsonhockey.org.nz - PH: 03-5479988

**Pretty Crafty Easter Market**

**Sunday 13th April  
10am-2pm**

Gifts & crafts galore, live music, refreshments & kids activities.

See our Facebook page for more info.

**Pretty Crafty Market**  
Richmond Town Hall  
9 Cambridge St

Bring cash, some stalls do not have eilpos

**Travelling overseas soon?**

**You must do a New Zealand Traveller Declaration when you come back**

**TravellerDeclaration.govt.nz**

**Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa**  
New Zealand Government

**New Zealand Traveller Declaration**

**Whakapukanga**  
Tangata Hāere ki Aotearoa

**AIKIDO NELSON** est. 1988  
www.aikidonelson.nz

**NEW Little Samurai classes for 5-7 year olds**  
Wednesdays 4.15-5pm  
Junior classes for 8-14 year olds on  
Wednesdays + Fridays 5-6pm

New students can enrol in the first three weeks of each Term  
Check out our **facebook: www.aikidonelson.nz**  
or call Callum 021 0694211



**GARDENS OF THE WORLD**

**Easter BUNNY Hunt**

**SATURDAY 19 APRIL  
10AM TO 12PM**

**\$5 ENTRY**

ALL PRIZES TO BE COLLECTED ON THE DAY BY 12:30PM  
BRING A PICNIC LUNCH AND SPEND YOUR AFTERNOON ENJOYING THE GARDENS

GARDENS OF THE WORLD - 95 CLOVER ROAD EAST, HOPE  
WWW.GARDENSOFTHEWORLD.CO.NZ 03 542 3036

Proudly sponsored by The Warehouse Richmond thewarehouse

**LEGO CLUB**

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN**

**TUES 15 & WED 16 APRIL (LEGO)**  
**TUES 22 & WED 23 APRIL (LEGO)**

**THUR 17 & THUR 24 APRIL (LEGO CRAFTS)**

**6-10 YR OLDS  
9.30AM-12.30PM**

bricksincludedplay@gmail.com  
bookings essential  
engineer, build, explore

@ Jaycee Room Founders Heritage Park





**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.

**Term 2!**

Mountain biking sessions full of adventure, skills and fun!

**NIGHT RIDING NELSON**  
Wednesday nights  
Starts May  
10+ years  
Intermediate to advanced

**SILVAN Sessions**  
8-15yrs 3-4.30pm

**MINIS AT RABBIT ISLAND**  
6-9yr olds 12.30-2pm  
Bookings open March 23rd @ 6pm

Find information and bookings at [www.krunkinkids.co.nz](http://www.krunkinkids.co.nz)  
Email [info@krunkinkids.co.nz](mailto:info@krunkinkids.co.nz)

**APRIL MTB HOLIDAY PROGRAMS**

**KAITERTERI**  
2-DAY SESSION: APRIL 15 & 16TH  
(one-day or half-day option available)  
9am-3pm  
8-15yrs All abilities welcome!

**PICTON**  
1 DAY SESSION: APRIL 23RD  
9am-3pm  
8-15yrs All abilities welcome!

**SILVAN SHUTTLES**  
With MTB Nelson  
APRIL 22ND  
9am-3pm  
Intermediate-Advanced

**STOKE**  
**FRIENDS**  
**SHUTTLES**  
**SKILLS**

Enquiries: [info@krunkinkids.co.nz](mailto:info@krunkinkids.co.nz) Details & Bookings: [www.krunkinkids.co.nz](http://www.krunkinkids.co.nz)

**LEGO CLUB**

Building social competence & emotional well-being through LEGO enrolements open for term 2

explore, build, play  
email [bricksincludedplay@gmail.com](mailto:bricksincludedplay@gmail.com)

**Wallace Shield Cross Country Series**

Free, fun, family event  
Good training for School League series  
1, 2 or 3 laps of 1.7km  
All ages

Moturoa/Rabbit Island, Saturdays 29 Mar, 5 Apr, 12 Apr  
2:30 pm race start More info: [www.waimeaharriers.nz](http://www.waimeaharriers.nz)

**OPEN DAY APRIL 6**

**WILLOW BANK HERITAGE VILLAGE**

**APPLE HARVEST**

ENTRY FEE: \$7 PER PERSON \$3 PER CHILD

APPLE + PEAR HARVEST OPEN DAY-APRIL 6 10AM - 3PM

**SUNDAY 10AM - 3PM APRIL 6**

APPLE + PEAR HARVEST OPEN DAY. BRING YOUR FRUIT TO JUICE. JUICE BAGS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE.

Info: [www.willowbankwakefield.co.nz](http://www.willowbankwakefield.co.nz) @willowbankheritagevillage  
AVAILABLE FOR GROUP BOOKINGS  
[WWW.WILLOWBANKWAKEFIELD.CO.NZ](http://WWW.WILLOWBANKWAKEFIELD.CO.NZ)  
79 WAKEFIELD - KOHATU HIGHWAY, WAKEFIELD

**School Holiday Workshops**

Join us for **BRACELET MAKING \$10**

Be sure to book in for our 30 minute workshops ahead of time. We have limited availability for each time.

<b>SAT 12th</b> 10:30 am 11:30 am 12:30 pm 1:30 pm	<b>SUN 13th</b> 10:30 am 11:30 am 12:30 pm 1:30 pm	<b>MON 14th</b> 1:00 pm 2:00 pm	<b>TUES 15th</b> 10:30 am 11:30 am 12:30 pm 1:30 pm
<b>WED 16th</b> 10:30 am 11:30 am 12:30 pm 1:30 pm	<b>THURS 17th</b> 10:30 am 11:30 am 12:30 pm 1:30 pm	<b>SAT 19th</b> 11:30 am 12:30 pm 1:00 pm	<b>MON 21st</b> 1:00 pm 2:00 pm
<b>TUES 22nd</b> 10:30 am 11:30 am 12:30 pm 1:30 pm	<b>WED 23rd</b> 10:30 am 11:30 am 12:30 pm 1:30 pm	<b>THURS 24th</b> 12:30 pm 1:30 pm	<b>SAT 26th</b> 10:30 am 11:30 am 12:30 pm 1:30 pm

*Rose & Lane*

**Autumn at "Silvan" - Open Garden**

Entry via Richmond RDA, 169 Champion Road, Richmond  
Saturday April 26th 10am - 2pm

Postponement date Sunday 27th April 10am - 2pm

Fundraiser for  
**RICHMOND RIDING FOR THE DISABLED**

Tea, coffee and light refreshments available to purchase.  
Also Raffles, Sponsor a Special Pony and "Buy a Bale" of hay to feed the horses.

Come and enjoy the autumn colour in this extensive garden.

Admission: \$5 per person, Children under 12-free (CASH ONLY - no eftpos)  
Not suitable for mobility scooters.  
Parking: Richmond RDA 169 Champion Road, Richmond  
Email: [richmondriding@rda.co.nz](mailto:richmondriding@rda.co.nz) Phone: 544 8960

Looking for a fun low impact way to get fit

**Women only JUDO**

- OPEN TO ALL AGES
- GAIN CONFIDENCE
- LEARN SELF DEFENCE
- FEMALE INSTRUCTORS

**FRIDAY AFTERNOONS**  
1pm - 2.30pm  
**NELSON JUDO CLUB**  
UPSTAIRS WAIMEA OLD BOYS RUGBY CLUB, RICHMOND

Email: [nelsonjudoclub@gmail.com](mailto:nelsonjudoclub@gmail.com)

**MINISTRY OF INSPIRATION**

**STEAMS SCHOOLS** **STEAMS COURSES**

**AQUABOTS** **INSPIRE**

[www.ministryofinspiration.org](http://www.ministryofinspiration.org)

**MOI STEAMS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

STEAMS Holiday programmes by Ministry of Inspiration are designed for 7-13 year olds (up to year 8) at Nelson Intermediate- 14/15 April and 16/17 April

**Art and Engineering 14/15**  
Participants will spend their time learning about friction, propulsion, and inertia as they build and test various CARS (wind powered and motor powered) using simple materials. In addition, they will be participating in several short engineering challenges.

**Art and Engineering 16/17**  
Participants will spend their time building robotic DINOSAURS! These will also have LED lights! In addition, they will be participating in several short engineering challenges.

**Cooking and Science 14/15 and 16/17**  
Cooking participants in both classes will be creating an entrée, main, and dessert each day. These will be different for each 2 day programme set. Science topics covered are: acid/base indicators, micro-organisms, Maillard reaction, and more!

To sign up for the programme go here:  
<https://events.humanitix.com/april-holiday-programme-nelson-intermediate>  
[https://mcusercontent.com/a24661e5495609e4f0357f31/files/09e70cb2-bf0a-1194-e2a1-e61d77b98505/April\\_Holiday\\_Programme.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/a24661e5495609e4f0357f31/files/09e70cb2-bf0a-1194-e2a1-e61d77b98505/April_Holiday_Programme.pdf)