

RICHMOND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

10th April 2025



From the Tumuaki desk this week ...

INCREDIBLE SERVICE TO RICHMOND SCHOOL

How time flies when you are having fun!

Recently, it was mentioned Grant Irvine (part-time teacher now) has just completed 25 years service at Richmond School. This is a wonderful achievement and Richmond School has been incredibly fortunate to have Grant teach here for so long. For years, he taught in the senior syndicate and was the syndicate leader for a lengthy period. His teaching skills, his passion for teaching and his sense of humour are legendary.



When one researched this further, one finds that many of the staff have been here for many years. Sheila Hunter has been teacher-aiding here since June 2000. We frequently joke with Sheila that this is really 'her school'.



Many teachers started as Beginning Teachers and are still here. Pip Scott (Room 16 teacher) started as a second year teacher back in 2002. Ryan Higgins (Deputy Principal) was employed in 2004 as a second year teacher and there is a long list of teachers who have begun here as first year teachers and are still here – David Coeland, Jo Stevens, Tracey Krammer, Candice Duke, Mel Lucas, Morgan Eggers, Nicole Andrews, Maddi Springer, Georgia Waters and Olivia Johnston.

I guess when we employed them, we knew they would fit and foster the culture of the school. All good people and awesome teachers. And, as history shows loyal, dedicated staff members.

Many of our Support Staff members began as parents of the school and then were employed, as we knew they would be very successful employees in our school environment. Some of our staff have been pupils of the school in the past. For example – Mel Lucas (part-time teacher), Georgia Waters (Room 7 teacher) and perhaps the best example being Sheila Hunter (teacher-aide). Sheila's hubby (Jimmy) and her, were in the same year at Richmond School in the 1960s, then their children were pupils here in the 1990s and now their grandchildren are Richmond School students.

Here is a list of those who have been employees for over 20 years (and when they began here):

- Grant Irvine (part-time teacher) and Sheila Hunter (teacher-aide) – 2000.
- Sue Russ (teacher-aide), Jo Westley (teacher-aide) and Ang Harris (Administration Officer) – 2001.
- Pip Scott (Room 16 teacher), Raewyn Brenton (Room 3 teacher) and Tim Brenton (Principal) – 2002.
- Glenna Armstrong (Associate Principal), Ryan Higgins (Deputy Principal) and Bronwyn Scott (Room 15 teacher) – 2004.
- David Coeland (Room 2 teacher) – 2005.

Here is a list of those who have been employees for **over 10 years**:

- Linda Hahn (teacher-aide) – 2008.
- Gina Suckling (Room 18 teacher) and Cheryl Rusbatch (teacher-aide) – 2009.
- Rachel Last-Harris (teacher-aide) and Jo Stevens (part-time teacher) – 2010.
- Tracey Krammer (Room 13 teacher) – 2011.
- Ange Richards (teacher-aide) – 2012.
- Janita Numa (Part-time teacher) – 2013.
- Nicole Lams (Room 1 teacher) – 2014.
- Rochelle Krammer (part-time teacher), Leath Armstrong (Room 9 teacher), Ruth Malcolm (Office Assistant) and Mel Milson (Office Assistant) – 2015.

Employees here for **over 5 years**:

- Shareena Kumar (Room 11 teacher) – 2016.
- Kemela Joass (Room 20 teacher), Candice Duke (Room 17 teacher) and Jess O'Connor (part-time teacher) – 2017.
- Jo Canning (Room 8 teacher) – 2018.
- Angelie Burnett (teacher-aide), Suzie Halligan (teacher on Maternity Leave), Gary Paterson (caretaker) and Dianne Anglesey (teacher-aide) – 2019.
- Mel Lucas (part-time teacher) and Suzie Halligan (teacher on Maternity Leave) – 2018.

Bottom-line – a huge shout out to our long-serving staff members.

Accolades to them all for their outstanding service and contributions to Richmond School.

PARKING AROUND SCHOOL

We are very fortunate that the 'Church on the Hill' allows parents to park in their carpark. We have to man the entry as only 34 cars can park in the carpark (a church decree). One of our management team is usually there by 2:50pm monitoring the number of vehicles. Please comply with the church's decree or our school community may not be able to use their carpark any longer.

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 and people parked, or even stopping, on broken yellow lines.

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."

At present one of the parking wardens is frequently monitoring the carparking around our school and is giving out tickets to transgress.

He mentioned the other day about the number of car drivers still think it is Ok to stop on broken yellow lines waiting for their children to get into or out of their car. This is likely to attract a fine from now on, if he sees you doing so. Please take this as fair warning.

Here is a link to the latest information about the increase in fines (from 1st October 2024) with the important ones for car drivers in our school are:

- For parking on broken yellow lines – the fine will increase from \$60 to \$100.
- For parking in a park reserved for those displaying a disabled sign an increase from \$150 to \$750.

[1-october-2024-increases-to-parking-infringement-and-towage-fees.pdf \(waitaki.govt.nz\)](https://www.waitaki.govt.nz/1-october-2024-increases-to-parking-infringement-and-towage-fees.pdf)

Also, it would be appreciated if school parents didn't park:

- **In the 10 minute parks outside Richmond Pre-School on Oxford Street. Please leave these for the families attending the pre-school.**
- **At the neighbouring chiropractor's carpark on Oxford Street.**

CHILDREN ON OUR GROUNDS OUT OF SCHOOL INSTRUCTION HOURS

We are always very happy for families to use our grounds and adventure playgrounds out of school hours. It is always neat to see mums and dads here helping their children learn to ride their bikes or gain confidence to use our adventure playground equipment. However, recently we have noticed children coming back to school unsupervised. We don't provide out-of-school hours supervision – this is the responsibility of parents. On a number of occasions children as young as 5 or 6 are here unsupervised. This can be very dangerous as often there are others here and especially when older children (teenagers) are present. Parents please be vigilant about this.

PLEASE HELP US KEEP THE GATES CLOSED NEXT TERM

Next term, we have a new little 5 year old starting who rather likes to run out of the institution grounds they attend (if they can). Attempts have happened at the early childhood they attend. I would like parents and other children to assist us by making sure all gates are closed at all times until this little person understands the importance of staying within our school boundaries.

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.

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.



Hi-re key wah-hoe

**A BIG THANK YOU from the PTC for the support given for our Easter Raffle. All winners and have been notified and prizes collected.
Approximately \$3,200 was raised.**

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES



TASMAN RUGBY UNION
TEENAGE GIRLS
Rugby Master

Notes & Times

BLenheim CLUSTER
Lansdowne Park
Friday 11th April | 4-6pm

NELSON CLUSTER
Jubilee Park
Saturday 12th April | 9:30-11:30am


MOTUEKA CLUSTER
Cooks Reserve
Saturday 12th April | 1:30-3:30pm


CALLING ALL U13, U15 & U18 GIRLS
Come along, meet some coaches, play some games, and check out what rugby opportunities there are for you in 2025!

RELEASE A... KIWI

Take part in kiwi pukupuku being released into The Brook Waimarama Sanctuary

WIN THE EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME FOR YOU AND YOUR WHANAU
Subscribe to win.
Competition closes 30 April


BRINGING KIWI HOME



Full terms and conditions available online



SATURDAY April 19th
Fundraiser Skate Night
6.30 to 8.30pm
\$10 Includes: Admission to Skate / Skate Rental
Tahunanui Skating Rink


Proceeds to assist 9 of our Junior Inline Hockey players attend 3 rounds of League Events in the North Island

Easter themed treat box \$35

Happy Easter

In your treat box you will get:
2 Easter themed cupcakes
2 Rich chocolate brownies with mini eggs
1 mini Easter themed chocolate cake

All treats are gluten free and made in a gluten free safe environment

Pick up 4pm Friday 18th just in time for Easter
8 Poukiri Place, Richmond


Pre order your treat box by Monday 14th April email to confirm your order and payment method
Charleskitchennelson@gmail.com

AUTUMN HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Wk 1 Monday 14th to Thursday 17th April
Wk 2 Tuesday 22nd to Thursday 24th April

OUR PROGRAM:

- ✓ Birding, Bushcraft, Binoculars
- ✓ Local cinema
- ✓ Rock "therapy"
- ✓ and more.....

WWW.YIKESNELSON.COM/SCHEDULE


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358 Lower Queen St
Richmond



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





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CREATIVE HUB
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SELF-DIRECTED EDUCATION
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KIDS COURSES
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AFTER SCHOOL SESSIONS 3:15 TO 5:30

We run small sized after school sessions Monday and Wednesday in town (close to the cathedral) where children are free to work on their own projects - woodwork, art, drama etc. \$7 per hour

After school on Tuesdays for term two we will be running an Automata making course - simple machines and physics... check our website for details. \$30 per session + a full term commitment.

On Thursdays we will be running taster courses after school - three consecutive weeks on a 'topic'. Let us know if your child has a particular interest and we will see what we could do. Check website for details.

WHAKATU KIDS' CO-OP
Whakatutukidscoperative.org.nz
10 Clarks Lane
You will need to book
0276644767



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

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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
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Travelling overseas soon?

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

[TravellerDeclaration.govt.nz](https://travellerdeclaration.govt.nz)

Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa
New Zealand Government

New Zealand Traveller Declaration

Whakapuakanga
Tangata Haere ki
Aotearoa

LEGO CLUB

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



explore, build, play
email 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

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 Hudson - info@nelsonhockey.org.nz
www.nelsonhockey.org.nz - PH: 03-6479868



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.

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

Rose & Lena

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: richmondrda@ts.co.nz Phone: 544 8960

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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
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or call Callum 021 0694211



MINISTRY OF INSPIRATION

STEAMS SCHOOLS STEAMS COURSES
AQUABOTS INSPIRE

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/a24661e5495609e4f0357f331/files/09e70cb2-bf0a-1f94-e2a1-e61d77b98505/April_Holiday_Programme.pdf