

RICHMOND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

3rd February 2026



From the Tumuaki desk this week ...

WELCOME

I trust everyone has had a very relaxing, joyous festive season! I am delighted to see the children back so happy, cheerful and keen to be at school with their classmates. They are eager to learn and get underway with their schooling again. Our staff are incredibly positive people and the children feed off this. It's a win-win for a great start to the school year.

A sincere and special welcome is extended to all new pupils and families to our school community. To our on-going families, we again look forward to your excellent and continuing support. We appreciate parental involvement in our school and would like to remind everyone that the school operates an 'open door' policy, so please feel free to approach teachers to arrange an appointment time or email them should your child be experiencing any difficulties relating to their schooling. **Also, let us know when things are going well.**

SCHOOL TIMES

School begins at 9:00 a.m. each morning – children are not permitted in the school grounds before 8:30 a.m. Lunch break is 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. and school finishes for the day at 3:00 p.m. I would remind you that we do not supervise pupils playing in the grounds out of school instruction hours.

Children should **wait at the allocated areas** if they arrive before 8.30am.

Management

Principal - Tim Brenton

Associate Principal – Glenna Armstrong

Deputy Principal – Ryan Higgins

Part-Timer Teachers

- Grant Irvine – GATERS and Extension
- Rochelle Krammer
- Jo Stevens
- Mel Lucas
- Dianne Thomas
- Rachel Dippie
- Janita Numa
- Sam Vandenberg
- Rachel Franz
- Suzie Halligan
- Roxane Coetzee

Support Staff - Admin

- Ang Harris – Admin Officer
- Ruth Malcolm – Office Support
- Mel Milson – Office Support
- Jane Mitchell – Library Assistant

Support Staff – Teacher Aides

- Amy Barnett
- Ana Burne
- Ange Richards
- Angelie Burnett
- Cherie Llewellyn
- Christine Irvine
- Dianne Anglesey
- Jess Stephens
- Jo Westley
- Linda Hahn
- Rachel Last-Harris
- Sheila Hunter
- Sue Russ

Caretaker

- Craig Burne

CLASS ORGANISATION 2026

1	 NICOLE LAMS Year 5/6	KĀREAREA YEAR 5/6	TAKAHE	JESS O'CONNOR Year 3/4		12
2	 DAVID COELAND Year 5/6		SHAREENA KUMAR Year 3/4		13	
3	 RAEWYN BRENTON Year 5/6 Syndicate Leader		TŪI YEAR	TRACEY KRAMMER Year 2 Syndicate Leader		14
4	 JENNA MAHER Year 5/6		BRONWYN SCOTT Year 2		15	
5	 NICOLE ANDREWS Year 5/6		PIP SCOTT Year 2		16	
10	 OLIVIA JOHNSTON Year 4/5	TAKAHE YEAR 3/4	PIWAKAWAKA YEAR 0/1	CANDICE DUKE Year 1 Syndicate Leader		17
6	 MORGAN EGGERS Year 3/4			GINA SUCKLING Year 1		18
7	 MADDI SPRINGER Year 3/4			JENNY YDGREN Year 1/New Entrants		19
8	 JO CANNING Year 3/4 Syndicate Leader			KEMELA JOASS Year 1/New Entrants		20
9	 LEATH ARMSTRONG Year 3/4			ROXANE COETZEE Year 0/New Entrants (Later in 2026)		21
11	SPARE ROOM	KELSI HARDIMAN Year 0/New Entrants		22		

Friday 6th February SCHOOL CLOSED – Waitangi Day

School pool is also closed

2026 TERM DATES

- TERM 1 – Tuesday 3rd February – Thursday 2nd April
Friday 6th February – Waitangi Day
Friday 3rd April – Easter Friday
- TERM 2 – Monday 20th April – Friday 3rd July
Monday 27th April – ANZAC Day observed
- TERM 3 – Monday 20th July – Friday 25th September
- TERM 4 – Monday 12th October – Tuesday 15th December
Monday 26th October – Labour Day

MIHI WHAKATAU (powhiri)

On Tuesday 10th February we are holding a **Mihi whākatau (Powhiri)** at 10:00am to welcome our new pupils and staff. Parents are welcome to attend.

If you haven't been to a mihi whākatau (powhiri) at Richmond School before, then please assemble outside the main doors (by the swimming pool gate) at 9:50am and enter along with the new staff and pupils that will be assembled there (this group is known as the 'manuhiri'). Please let the new staff and children go in first when they are 'called onto' ('karanga') the marae setting. We will provide seats for visiting adults to sit on around the outside of the hall (eastern end). The seats at the front of the group are for the new staff members and their whānau (family members) to sit on. Please remove shoes before entering the hall. Ladies please wear a skirt.

If you have been to one of our mihi whakatau (powhiri) before then please enter via the western door (Oxford Street) and sit with the main school group ('tangata whenua').

CLASS INTRODUCTIONS EVENING

Wednesday 11th February (Week 2)

7:00pm: Year 0/1 (Piwakawaka) Syndicate

7:00pm: Year 2 (Tūi) Syndicate

7:30pm: Middle (Takahē) Syndicate

8:00pm: Senior (Kārearea) Syndicate

CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS

If your address, cell phone or emergency contact details have changed over the last few months, please contact the school office.

It's important that this information is kept up to date.

Thanks

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."

Talking with one of the parking wardens who frequently comes down to the school, he informed me about the huge increase in the cost of fines from the 1st October 2024. He also 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 she sees you doing so. Please take this as fair warning.

Here is a link to the latest information about the increase in fines 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-infringment-and-towage-fees.pdf \(waitaki.govt.nz\)](#)

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.

REMEMBER the 2-minute parking rule outside the school office between 8.30am – 9.30am and 2.30pm – 3.30pm.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

TUESDAY 17th FEBRUARY

Class and individual photos will be taken.

SIBLING PHOTOS – If you wish to have a sibling/family photo taken, please click the link below and follow the booking steps. Sibling photos are from 8.15am – 9am.

To make a booking please [click here](#). Alternatively, please use the QR code to access the booking system.

Bookings close on Monday, 16th February 2025.



The office staff would like to promote the SKOOL LOOP app. We intend to put notices on Skool Loop so that parents get an instant notification, instead of have to scroll through Facebook or check our website.

It's also a great way to leave an absence.

Download now.

If you have any trouble, please be in touch with the office.



A vertical graphic with a teal background. At the top, there are school supplies: a green pencil sharpener, a red pencil, a blue pencil, a yellow ruler, and several paper clips. The text "GET BACK TO SCHOOL READY" is written in large, stylized letters. "GET" is in white, "BACK" is in white with a black outline, "TO" is in small white letters, "SCHOOL" is in yellow with a black outline, and "READY" is in white. Below this, the text "With our Skool Loop app!" is written in a cursive, orange font. To the left of this text is a smartphone displaying the Skool Loop app interface. Below the phone, the text "Download today to keep up to date with school information. Notices, newsletters, absentee notifications and much more." is written in white. At the bottom, it says "Simple Free Download" in bold black, followed by "In Google play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed." in white. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner.

WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Look for your school newsletter in your email inbox and on Skool Loop every Tuesday.

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Private Music Tuition

Places now available for piano, keyboard, guitar, ukulele and music theory lessons.

Experienced and professional teacher based in Richmond.

Please contact Maree to enrol or for more information

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Email: pukekoparadise@xtra.co.nz



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JOIN US AT

CATCHBALL

- **Tuesday 6.30pm:** Nelson College for Girls Upper Gym -12 Bronte St, Nelson
- **Friday 6pm:** Badminton Hall - 20b Gladstone Road, Richmond

- First TWO sessions are FREE
- \$60/term, youth \$35/term, \$10/session casual rate.
- Women's sport for teenagers to 60+



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