

# RICHMOND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

17<sup>th</sup> March 2026



From the Tumuaki desk this week ...

## STAFF CHANGES

I thought I would let the community know of some staff changes for Term 2 2026.

- **Jo Canning (Room 8 teacher)** had her requested **Refreshment Leave for Term 2 2026** approved by the Board last year. We are very fortunate to have high-quality part-time teachers available for times like this. Sebina Bastion will teach Room 8 during Term 2.
- **Olivia Johnston (Room 10 teacher)** is pregnant with twin girls. Olivia will start her **maternity leave** during Term 2 – her likely last day teaching Room 10 being Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May. The Board has ratified the appointment of **Samara Shepherd to teach Room 10, once Oliva is on maternity leave**. The appointment is for the remainder of 2026. Samara completed her last trainee placement in Room 13 with Tracey Krammer towards the end of 2025. In 2022 whilst teacher training she was a teacher-aide at Nelson Central, 2021 – 2025, Samara has run after-school care and holiday programmes for children – ‘Shine kids’ at Birchwood School. Her placements as a trainee have been at Stoke School, Birchwood School, Waimea Intermediate and Richmond School.
- Also, I would like to notify the staff about the appointment of **Sharon Poindgestre to a teacher-aide position**. Sharon is a very experienced teacher-aide, having worked here from 2009 – 2018 (10 years) and then moved to St Paul’s School to be a teacher-aide there. It is great to welcome her back.



### TERM 2/3 NETBALL

Netball notices have been given out.

Registrations close Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

If you need another notice, please collect from the office.

### SWIMMING POOL

The swimming pool has now closed.

Please return all pool keys to the office. Thanks

# INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING

Last Wednesday, nine enthusiastic swimmers, along with Mrs Andrews, represented our school at the interschool swimming sports held at Nayland Pool. We were fortunate to enjoy wonderful parent support and beautiful weather throughout the day.

Congratulations to the following students who placed in the finals.

8 yrs and under freestyle - Hermione Brown 1<sup>st</sup> place

8 yrs and under backstroke - Hermione Brown 1<sup>st</sup> place

10 yrs and over freestyle - Mia Del-Favero 1<sup>st</sup> place

10 yrs and over freestyle - Alex Porlym 2<sup>nd</sup> place

10 yrs and over backstroke - Alex Porlym 2<sup>nd</sup> place



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

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March (Week 8) in the  
school wharepukapuka - library  
3.15 - 4.00pm. Please bring a small  
plate of kai to share.**



**We are going to make harakeke putiputi (flax  
flowers). Everyone is welcome we will have  
instructions and hopefully some people to help!**

We hope to see you there.  
Glenna Armstrong, Morgan Eggers and the Māori Team.

If you know how to make one and would like to help please let Morgan know.

[meggers@staff.richmondprimary.school.nz](mailto:meggers@staff.richmondprimary.school.nz)

 **RICHMOND SCHOOL**



# BENEFITS OF REGULAR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

## Short term benefits

### Keeps Learning on Track

Your child won't miss key lessons, so they can keep up with reading, writing and maths.

### Building Friendships

Kura (school) is where kids make friends, learn to share and work together, helping them feel included and happy.

### Increased Confidence and Security

Being part of a familiar school routine gives your child a sense of belonging. A steady routine can ease anxiety and help them feel more confident.

### Support from Kaiako & Staff

The more your child is at kura, the more kaiako (teacher) and staff understand their needs and can help straight away.

### Good Routines & Responsibility

Regular wake-ups, packing kai (food) and arriving on time teach organisation and responsibility - skills for life.

## Long term benefits

### Better Career & Earnings

Good grades and potential for university or NMIT, opening more job options and better pay.

### Resilience & Wellbeing

Learning to stick with things teaches grit, helping them tackle challenges, which will support wellbeing and build resilience into adulthood.

### Healthier Lifestyle

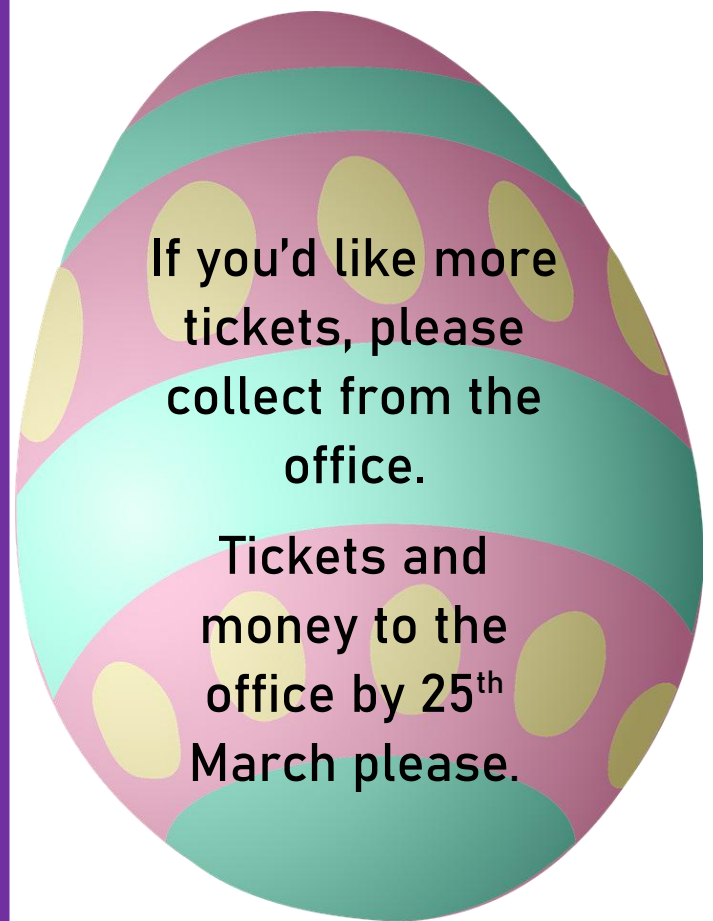
Regularly engaged students often grow into adults who prioritise exercise, good kai and self-care.

### Community Participation

Teamwork and cooperation at Kura pave the way for participation in sports, the arts and cultural groups.

### Strong Study Habits

Building solid study routines sees your child right through intermediate and secondary school.



## **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 download your child's images online.
- QR code and website details for ordering.

To place a photo order 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 accepted by credit or debit card.

**Orders for FREE delivery to school close on 17 March 2026 at 11.59pm.** Orders placed after this date will be sent via NZ Couriers and shipping applies.

**Free delivery option finishes tonight**

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

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

**RICHMOND PLANT MARKET**  
All your plant requirements

- Indoor Plants
- Seedlings & Cuttings
- Garden Plants
- Succulents & Cacti
- Bonsai

Date: 21st March  
Time: 10am - 2pm  
Location: Richmond School Hall  
Cambridge Street

Bargain plants  
Local growers  
Café fundraiser

**GOLD COIN ENTRY**  
Bring cash and a box for your plants!

**JELLYBEAN ALLEY**  
Family Mountain Bike Event

**FREE ENTRY!**

12pm - 4pm  
Motorua Rabbit Island

**April 12th - 2026**

WAYNE POOL

WHENUA ITI OUTDOORS  
Journeys of discovery

**GO WILD**

AGES 7-10

GO WILD holiday programme is designed for younger adventurers. 5 days of action, nature immersion and outdoor exploration.

wio.org.nz

**LEGO CLUB HOLIDAY FUN**  
8, 9 & 10 APRIL FOUNDERS, NELSON  
15 & 16 APRIL RICHMOND TOWN HALL  
**9.30AM-3PM**  
**6-11YR OLDS**

bricksincludedplay@gmail.com  
https://bricksincluded.nz  
bookings essential, numbers limited  
engineer, build, explore

WELLINGTON PHOENIX FC  
**GIRLS ONLY CAMP**  
NELSON | 13-14 APRIL | 12:30PM - 3PM

AGE GROUPS: 2009-2014

**SECURE YOUR SPOT**

**Teapot Valley Christian Camp**

Grab the Gold & Escape The Dragon

April Holidays kids Camp  
Monday 13th - Friday 17th April.

School Year: 5-8  
Residential and Day Programs.

Sign up now! [TeapotValley.co.nz/Holiday-Camps](http://TeapotValley.co.nz/Holiday-Camps)

Nelson's Nature School

**Enrollments have opened!**

Come and see what a day/week/term in the bush can do for your kids. No screens, health and relationship-focused, Freedom to move, play, explore, grow, be joyful, be themselves.

-April holiday programme  
-Term 2 full day programme  
-and term 2 After-School

[www.NelsonNatureSchool.com](http://www.NelsonNatureSchool.com)

GARDENS OF THE WORLD  
SATURDAY 4 APRIL 2026  
10AM TO 12PM

\$5 ENTRY

**EASTER BUNNY HUNT**

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](http://WWW.GARDENSOFTHEWORLD.CO.NZ) 03 542 3036

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Pretty Crafty Easter Market  
Sunday 29th March

10am-2pm  
Richmond Town Hall  
9 Cambridge St.

Gifts & crafts galore, Koha jewellery making workshop for all ages refreshments & more!

See our Facebook page for more info  
F Pretty Crafty Market



Good can Koha entry to Tahuna FC Kids Football



Bring cash, some stalls do not have eftpos



POWER ZONE



# NAILED IT!

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

7TH APRIL – 17TH APRIL 2026



Book Now!  
OR FOR MORE INFORMATION

WWW.ELIMNELSON.NZ/POWERZONENELSON  
03 547 2533 | POWERZONE@ELIMNELSON.NZ  
625 MAIN ROAD STOKE

Elim Christian Centre

**NELSON SCHOOLS' CRITERIUM CYCLING SERIES**

TERM 1 2026

FRIDAY 13 | 20 | 27 MARCH



3 RACE SERIES WITH OVERALL WINNERS FOR EACH RACE CATEGORY

**GET READY TO ROLL!**

The Nelson Schools Criterium Cycling Series is back by popular demand! This cycling event is designed to get kids of all ages and abilities active and excited about cycling. From balance bike beginners to teenage racers, this series offers safe, age-group racing in a fun and supportive environment.

**Event Location: 17 Boxman Place, Annesbrook**

4:15 Sign-on & Warm up opens

**RACING STARTS:**

4:30 RACE 1 - Under 6  
4:45 RACE 2 - 6-8years  
5:00 RACE 3 - 7-10years  
5:40 RACE 4 - Senior (novice) and Elite riders - 11-18 years

**KOHA ENTRY**

Competitors must have shoes, gloves and a well fitting helmet, and may bring any bike.

SPONSORS:



**Pretty Smart Sale**

Pre-loved clothing for adults, kids & babies plus accessories, books, toys & homewares



**Sat+Sun 21+22 March**

9.00am - 2.00pm


**Hope Recreational Hall**

184 Main Rd, Hope

Cash Only \$2 Entry

**Nelson Whalers Inline Hockey**

**Learn to play!**



Free coaching session  
All Skating Skills Welcome  
Bring a bike helmet or use ours  
Skates provided  
Sticks provided  
Boys and girls  
4yrs to 16yrs

Just like Ice Hockey but without the ice  
Sunday March 22nd 11am-1pm

Tahuanui Skating Rink - Beach Road  
email: [nelsonwhalersinline@gmail.com](mailto:nelsonwhalersinline@gmail.com)

**Free Music Taster Lessons at NCMA**

Great news! Free Taster Lesson spaces are now available at NCMA.

Primary and intermediate school students can try two music lessons for a \$5 per-student sign-up fee and experience the joy of learning an instrument before committing.

After the taster sessions, students can continue with affordable options:

- Dynamic Duo lessons – \$25 per lesson
- Solo lessons – \$46 per lesson

(Both billed monthly + \$45 yearly NCMA membership)

It's a great way for children to explore music, build confidence, and discover an instrument they love.

Spaces are limited and lessons start next week.

Click the link to secure your place and choose a time:  
<https://ncma.opus1.io/w/free-taster-lessons>