

# RICHMOND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

5<sup>th</sup> May 2026



From the Tumuaki desk this week ...

## ANZAC SERVICE

The Senior Choir (Year 4-6 children) performed 4 songs at ANZAC Memorial Park in Richmond. This included a special song called 'Lest We Forget'. We also had John Jones play the Last Post and Reveille.

The children all performed beautifully, including leaders and soloists Elzette Matthewson, Lilly-Rae Churstain, Katelyn Oliver and Dion Perez.

We invited members of the RSA to attend. They shared family medals, photos and stories with the children afterwards.

Thank you to the supportive audience who came out at lunchtime to watch.



## NEW SANDPIT TOYS

Last Saturday our wonderful teacher Mrs Suckling, spent time purchasing a lot of new sandpit toys for the Junior Adventure Playground sandpit and also some for the Year 3s and 4s to use in the sand area by Room 9.

At last night's Parent-Teacher Committee meeting the PTC agreed to fundraise for a new Year 3&4 sandpit behind Room 9, so the present long jump pits can be returned to being a long jump pit!!

Children love sandpits and playing in them. Our previous sandpit toys (buckets, spades, trucks etc) are all old and damaged so to have brand new ones is fantastic!

As we know, many little children play 'alongside' each other (as opposed to 'with' each other) when they are younger. A sandpit is a perfect place to play together and a place where conversations begin and develop and so do friendships. Sandpits are all part of our school's learning environment.

Thank you Mrs Suckling and our wonderful Parent-Teacher Committee!!



# QUIZ NIGHT

The Richmond School Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) is excited to be organizing an upcoming Quiz Night, scheduled for early Term 4. This year we are fundraising for a purpose built brand new enclosed sandpit for our Year 3 and 4 children, along with a pair of high-quality basketball hoops.

To make this happen we're calling on our amazing school community for your support.

We're currently looking for:

- A duty manager for the evening
- Helpers behind the bar
- People floating on the night

We need help with:

- Sending emails and communications
- Donating items or services for the raffle
- Helping set up and pack down the hall
- Sponsoring a table

Any help big or small would be greatly appreciated.

This is always a fantastic, fun night out and a great way to connect with our school community, whilst raising funds for projects that will benefit our tamariki.

We will hold a Quiz Helpers meeting on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm in the staffroom for anyone interested in helping. Everyone is welcome, you don't need to be a part of the PTC to attend. If you can't make the meeting, but would like to be involved, please email [richmondschoolptc@gmail.com](mailto:richmondschoolptc@gmail.com).

Your support will help us create an engaging and active space for our children to learn and play alongside each other, for years to come.



**LUCKY BOOK CLUB  
DUE 7<sup>th</sup> MAY**

## JUMP JAM COMPETITION

**Jump Jam registrations close on  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May.**

**Please ensure payment (\$42) is  
made by that date also, as we  
send payment with the  
registration.**

**If you wish to pay via on-line banking, our  
account number is 030751 0191581 00 –  
Richmond School Board of Trustees**

# TERM 2 MINIBALL

Year 5/6 miniball registration notices have been given out. Registrations (and payment) was due back to the office yesterday, so this your LAST CHANCE to register.



Year 3/4 girls – please register via this QR code. No teams will be registered or organised through schools this term.

## UNWELL CHILDREN

**The winter bugs have already arrived.**

**PLEASE, if your child is unwell, keep them at home.**

**A 48 hour stand-down period is appreciated if your child vomits or has diarrhoea.**

## SWIMMING LESSONS

**Our annual swimming programme at the Aquatic Centre will start later this term.**

**A separate newsletter will be sent home this week. We require the permission form to be sent back to school please.**

## ANNUAL CROSS-COUNTRY DAY AT RABBIT ISLAND

**Look out for another newsletter detailing the annual cross-country day at Rabbit Island – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May.**

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

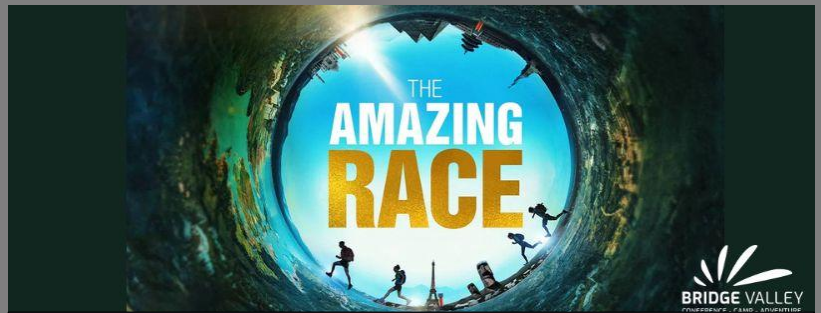
# COMMUNITY NOTICES



**Kids Race**  
**3.2km Trail Course**  
11:45 am, 31 May

• Ages 5 - 14  
• \$5 entry. Spot prizes. Earn a donation for your school (t&cs)  
• More info: <https://www.kaiteritigold.org/>

Another fundraising event from the team at Active4Good



## JULY 'AMAZING RACE' DAY CAMP

From 13th-17th July, we have a day camp for 7 - 13 year old's. The theme is 'Amazing Race' - so each day we will be competing to the finish line in fun team challenges to see who takes it out.


This is along with our classic Bridge Valley activities such as Archery, Luge, Rock Climbing and more. We'd love to see you here!

To register visit <https://www.bridgevalley.co.nz/holiday-camps> or email us at [holidaycamps@bridgevalley.co.nz](mailto:holidaycamps@bridgevalley.co.nz)



**LEGO CLUB**  
**TEACHER ONLY DAY**  
15 MAY  
HEADINGLY CENTRE  
LOWER QUEEN ST, RICHMOND  
9AM-3PM  
5-11YR OLDS



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<https://bricksincluded.nz>  
bookings essential, numbers limited  
engineer, build, explore



**AIKIDO**  
NELSON est. 1988  
[www.aikidonelson.nz](http://www.aikidonelson.nz)

Want to learn self defence and become more confident?  
New students can enrol in the first three weeks of each Term  
Check out our [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/aikidonelson), [www.aikidonelson.nz](http://www.aikidonelson.nz) or  
call Callum 021 0694211

5-7 year olds Mondays 5-5.45pm Wednesdays 4.15-5pm	8-13 year olds Wednesdays and Fridays 5-6pm	14+ year olds Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 6-7.30pm
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**2026 Nelson Hockey Junior Program II**  
Thursday 14th May to 18th June - Saxton Field Hockey Turfs  
Register online at [www.nelsonhockey.org.nz](http://www.nelsonhockey.org.nz)

<b>Kindy Sticks:</b> 3 & 4 years old, fun fundamental skill games 3.45pm - 4.30pm \$45 for six week program	<b>Fun Sticks:</b> 5 & 6 years old, learn the basics of hockey, some fun games 3.45pm - 4.30pm \$45 for six week program	<b>Mini Sticks:</b> 6 to 8 year old, skill development and game 4.30pm - 5.30pm \$60 for six week program	<b>Kwai Sticks:</b> 9 to 13 year old, skill development and game 5.30pm - 6.30pm \$65 for six week program
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Please make payment using child's name as reference to:  
03-1354-0452914-16  
Registration spaces are limited and will close 7th May  
Sessions could be cancel under bad weather conditions.

Regional Development Manager  
[rdm@nelsonhockey.org.nz](mailto:rdm@nelsonhockey.org.nz) or phone - 03-5472988



**Hockey Games**  
CHILDREN'S HOCKEY LEAGUE

If your children are interested in joining a club to play games in a hockey league please come and join our club!

COMPETITION IS ON WEDS NIGHTS  
BETWEEN 4:30PM-7:00PM  
STARTS TERM 2 2026.

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK FOR REGISTRATION DETAILS

Teams are 6 a side with a goalie played on half a turf

Please contact us to register for the upcoming winter season

[Waimai United Hockey Club](https://www.facebook.com/WaimaiUnitedHockeyClub)  
[dige\\_nz@outlook.com](mailto:dige_nz@outlook.com)



**OPEN DAY**  
MAY 17

**WILLOW BANK**  
HERITAGE VILLAGE

APPLE + PEAR HARVEST

ENTRY FEE:  
\$7 PER ADULT (AGES 18+)  
\$3 PER CHILD

**APPLE HARVEST**

VISIT A FUN AND INTERACTIVE LIVING MUSEUM 1KM SOUTH OF WAKEFIELD. NELSON. WE HAVE 20+ SHOP DISPLAYS FOR YOU TO EXPLORE, FOOD AND DRINK AND LOTS MORE.

**SUNDAY 10AM - 3PM**  
MAY 17

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

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