

RICHMOND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

12th May 2026



From the Tumuaki desk this week ...

ROOM 3 POETRY AFTER VISITING ANZAC PARK

*Rusted plaques stood in place honouring people who didn't come back from war.
Swirling, dancing flags from both countries that served in the war remind us of how the ANZAC's
worked together.*

Depressed soldiers stood at the dawn parade sadly listening to the people standing up.

Fletcher

*Golden sunlight filtered through the trees onto ANZAC Park.
Peacefully, the NZ flag fluttered in the crisp morning air.
I felt a sense of sorrow as I picked up a red poppy.*

Toby

*Cold grass sways in the breeze as lost souls drag themselves across the park.
Feeling lost when plaques show hope, the feeling of guilt starts to float.
A wave of sadness drowns the park, as the sadness seeps through your heart.*

Cameron

SCHOOL IS CLOSED ON FRIDAY 15th MAY.

This is an Accord Day (Staff Only Day)

FREE PERIOD PRODUCTS AVAILABLE

Free Period Products available for students – a nationwide initiative.

Our school is participating in the Ministry of Education's nationwide initiative, which provides free period products for students.

This programme ensures that no young person misses out on learning, sports, cultural activities, or feels uncomfortable at school because they do not have access to the products they need.

A range of products is available, including liners, regular and super pads, and tampons. These options support students of different ages, preferences, and cultural considerations. Each period pack is designed to support a full menstrual cycle, and students are encouraged to take as much as they need.

Parents can call into our school office and speak to our office staff (Ang, Mel or Ruth). You may prefer to speak to Mrs Armstrong (our Associate Principal). Parents can send an email or letter if they wish to instead. We request parents come to the office to collect the product packs. Products can be used at school and home.

More information about this initiative is available on the Ministry of Education website at [education.govt.nz](https://www.education.govt.nz)

This also provides information for parents to speak to their children about:

<https://www.education.govt.nz/parents-and-caregivers/schools-year-0-13/health-safety-and-wellbeing/period-products-schools>



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 15th 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.

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.

JUNIOR SYNDICATES' CROSS-COUNTRY

Friday 22nd May.

(Weather dependent)

Richmond School back field.

Races 2pm – 2.40pm

Starting with 5 Year old girls, then 5 Year old boys



SENIOR & MIDDLE SYNDICATES' CROSS-COUNTRY

Tuesday 26th May.

(Postponement date Thursday 28th May)

Rabbit Island

Races start approx 10am

Starting with Year 3 girls, then Year 3 boys

**Junior syndicates join us at mid-day for bbq lunch
and beach afternoon.**

**The PTC require 3 sausage cookers for our fun day at Rabbit
Island on Friday 15th May.**

It would require being at the bbq from about 11am.

**Please email richmondschoolptc@gmail.com or contact the school
office.**

ATHLETIC SUCCESS

Makenzie Evans had a very successful athletics season. She joined Athletics Richmond for the 25/26 season and at the end of the season was awarded winner of the Club Champion 10 year old girls. Awesome Makenzie.



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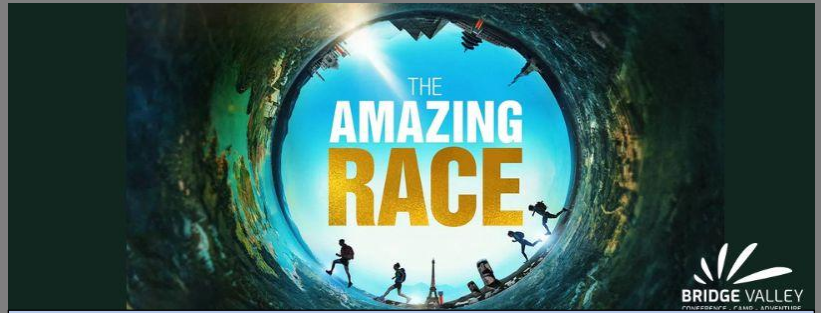
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COMMUNITY NOTICES



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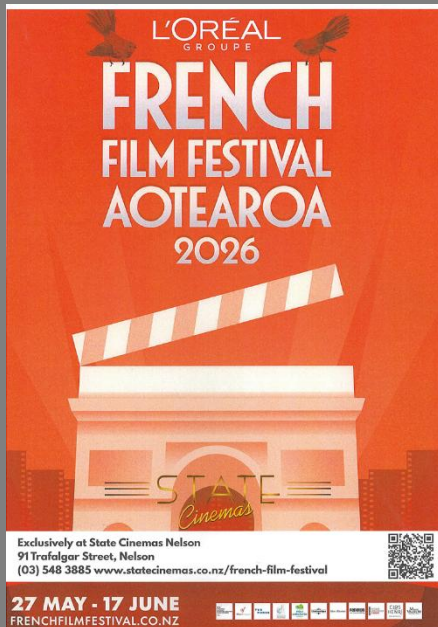


JULY 'AMAZING RACE' DAY CAMP

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



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Great prizes to win in photo competition

There are great prizes to be won in the children's sections of the 2026 Mapua Maritime Museum Amateur Photographic Competition. Entries are open now and photos can be taken on cellphones or digital cameras.

Categories are: Birds, Boats, People, Nature, Landscape/seascape (photos for these five are to be taken from Golden Bay to Cable Bay, inland as well as coastal areas). The Travel category is for photos taken anywhere in New Zealand.

Entries open to children under 15 and to adults close on Friday 17th July 2026.

Photos displayed at Port Mapua Maritime Museum - Monday July 20 to Sunday August 2 when prizegiving will take place.

Some of the images will feature in a special 2027 calendar. All proceeds from the competition and calendar in support of the museum.

Thanks to the generous sponsors: CopyArt; Coolstore Gallery Mapua, Wharf Shack, Mapua Dawn Chorus, Java Hut, Rabbit Island Coffee Co, Bruce Batty of Summit, Delicious Homewares, The Smokehouse, Jared's Fruit and Veg, Apple Shed and Jellyfish, Split Apple Rock Cruise, Earth & Sea Jewellery, Darby & Joan Mapua, Mapua Ferry, Sprig & Fern, Hamish's Mapua, The Indian, Mapua and Mapua Chemist.

Entry forms are available from Delicious Homewares at the Mapua Wharf or by emailing: mapuaboatclubevents@gmail.com



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Kids Race
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Another fundraising event from the team of Active4Good