

RICHMOND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

22nd September 2026



From the Tumuaki desk this week ...

25 YEARS OF WONDERFUL SERVICE – thank you Ang!

At Monday morning tea time we celebrated Ang Harris (Administration Officer) 25 years of outstanding service to Richmond School.

Ang and hubby Dave's three girls were pupils at Richmond School late 1990s/early 2000s and their daughter Mel Lucas is a teacher here now. 25 years on, Ang's four-year old grandson will be starting school here at the start of 2027. I guess that highlights the type of school we have here – it is very family orientated.

Ang signed her initial contract on 21st September 2001. Her first position was as a teacher-aide - 10 hours per week. Then she was a library assistant. Following that she started working in the office as an office assistant and then when Averill Gardner (Administration Officer) was unwell and reduced her hours of work, Ang became the mainstay of the office area from 2010 and then appointed the school's full-time permanent Administration Officer from 2016.

The Richmond School Board and management, our Accountant and Auditors have always spoken highly of Ang's financial prowess, her willingness and ability to implement new programs such as Xero and eTap. Her book-keeping skills are right up there with the best! She makes sure the office ticks over so well and there's always cover happening in the office when needed.



The children all know Ang, and unbelievably she seems to know every child's name and I often hear her ask newbees what their names are and then commits them to memory! No mean feat when we have 525 pupils here. The children enjoy their interactions with Ang and accept it when she occasionally reminds them to use their manners when they come to the office – 'Please' and 'Thankyou'!

So, on behalf of us allTHANK YOU ANG!

TERM 3 FINISHES THIS FRIDAY 25th SEPTEMBER AT 3pm
TERM 4 STARTS MONDAY 12th OCTOBER at 9am

WAIMEA YEAR 6 SPEECH COMPETITION



Last Wednesday evening, Elzette Matthewson (Room 5) and Katelyn Oliver (Room 1) represented our school in the Waimea cluster Year 6 speech competition held in the Waimea College library. The event is organised by the Richmond Lions club.

The girls were selected to represent our school after being placed first and second in our school's Year 6 speech competition. Mrs Armstrong and Mr Irvine were our judges. All our local Waimea cluster schools had two participants. Once again, the speeches were of a very high standard.

At the end of the evening Elzette was announced as the winner. CONGRATULATIONS Elzette! Richmond School has a very proud record in this event and once again our two girls shone!

TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI (Māori Language Week 14-18 September)

During week 9, we celebrated Te Wiki o te Reo Māori. There was plenty of te reo happening all throughout the week in classes. Jo Westley (Teacher Aide) led two staff Professional Development lessons during lunchtime, learning new kupu and sentences which staff will be able to use in classrooms. At the teacher meeting that week, the Maori team (led by Morgan Eggers) introduced new te reo games to try and include in class, and for morning tea one day, the staff tasted fried bread made by Mel Lucas.

On Thursday 17th we had Tē Kura Kuapapa Māori o tuia te mutangi visit to perform with their kapahaka group. Three of the local pre-schools attended as well. This was amazing to watch and have our kapa haka groups perform for them. A lovely celebration of waiata.

Tē Kura Kuapapa Māori o tuia te mutangi also composed and gifted a haka to our students. A truly wonderful gift. We will look forward to teaching our current kapahaka students and those in the future.



We invited our whānau to come and watch on Monday 21st September for an afternoon of kapa haka. Isn't it lovely to see so many children wanting to learn kapa haka. We have over 160 children involved in the two kapa haka groups.

Ake, Ake, Ake - a forever language.



KĀREAREA KAPA HAKA

Kārearea Kapa haka performed at Stillwater Rest Home on 17th September 2026.

We were contacted by the activities team at Stillwater Rest Home and invited to bring a group of students to perform. We took our Kārearea kapa haka performance group of 40 students to sing waiata.

The residents absolutely loved it and we were presented with this certificate of appreciation. The students all were able to stay for some kai as well.



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.

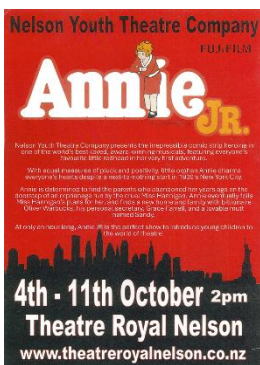
A range of products is available, including liners, regular and super pads, and tampons. These options support students of different ages, preferences, and cultural considerations. Each period pack is designed to support a full menstrual cycle, and students are encouraged to take as much as they need.

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)

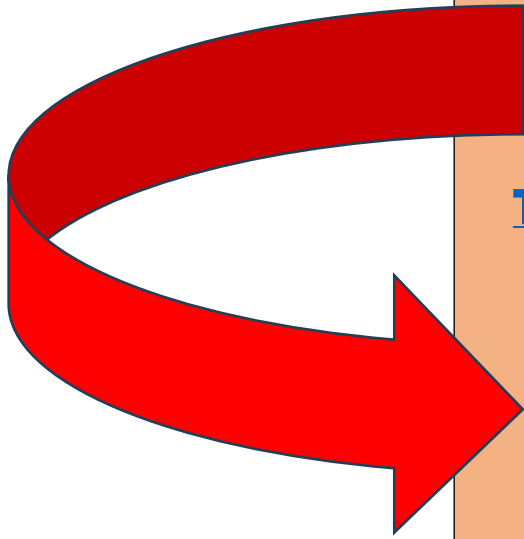
This also provides information for parents to speak to their children about.

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



KATELYN LEADS THE WAY

Our very own Katelyn Oliver in Room 1 has the lead role (alternating days) of Annie in the upcoming Nelson Youth Theatre Company production of Annie Jr. Support these talented youth if you can.



**TERM 4 SPORTS
REGISTRATIONS
NOW OPEN.**

**Term 4 Sports Registration 2026 –
Fill out form**

**Registrations close
Wednesday 23rd September**

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2026

Tuesday 15th December

12.30pm finish

SCHOOL IS CLOSED ON FRIDAY 23rd OCTOBER.

This is an Accord Day (Staff Only Day).

This is the same weekend as Labour Weekend.

2027 TERM DATES

Term 1: Tuesday 2nd February – Friday 9th April

Term 2: Tuesday 27th April – Friday 2nd July

Term 3: Monday 19th July – Friday 24th September

Term 4: Monday 11th October – Thursday 16th December

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

VOLLEYBALL TASMAN

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS SKILLS CAMP

Please see this link for all information such as dates, times, locations, cost etc.

Volleyball Tasman Inc - Te Totara Holiday Skills Programme

Jo Robertson PARENTING WORKSHOP SERIES

NELSON / TASMAN

28 OCTOBER

RAISING BOYS

29 OCTOBER

LEFT TO THEIR OWN DEVICES

MAHITAHU COLAB TASMAN
18 Stafford Drive, Māpua | 7 - 9 pm

\$35 EACH • BOTH WORKSHOPS \$60

PAY WHAT YOU CAN PLACES AVAILABLE

TICKETS VIA HUMANITIX

SCAN TO BOOK



pic's PEANUT BUTTER

CREATE, SNAP & CELEBRATE

MAKE A DECORATION FOR OUR SPECIAL CHRISTMAS TREE

Come and get creative at Pic's Peanut Butter World these school holidays!

Decorate your very own peanut butter lid Christmas decoration, then have a Polaroid photo taken to add to the other side.



WHERE: Pic's Peanut Butter World, Nelson
WHEN: From 28 September, 8:30am-4pm
WHAT: Make your own peanut butter lid decoration + snap a Polaroid!

Your creation will become part of a very special Christmas tree at Nelson Cathedral, bringing together decorations made by families from our Pic's Peanut Butter community.

Come along, get creative and help us fill the tree!

Robertson

Kids' LIGHT Party
31 October FREE!
6:00-7:30 pm
GRACE CHURCH, 2 HEADINGLY LN
BOUNCY CASTLE • FOOD • ACTIVITIES • LOLLIES

shine KIDS SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2026 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
BOOK ONLINE NOW AT www.shinekids.co.nz

MON 28th SEPT	TUE 29th SEPT	WED 30th SEPT	THU 1st OCT	FRI 2nd OCT
TOP DAY - NELSON MUSEUM EXHIBITS OUT REACH: Rangitikei, Inverclyde, Hawke's Bay, Marlborough, Nelson, Tasman, West Coast, Canterbury, Otago, South Island, New Zealand. Working on our own Museum projects with Art Student Associate Tim.	TOP DAY - BIRCHWOOD Big games at Birchwood, Reading for Success with Willem and Art with Associate. Something for everyone.	TOP DAY - NATIVELAND Beach exploration building. Plants.	TOP DAY - MESSY MAKERS Get creative and use your imagination to make a mess. Make a mess with clay, paper, rocks and sand.	TOP DAY - BAKE Bring your ideas for the day back. Enjoy some delicious treats, brownies, cakes, scones and more. - weekend day - Bake, Vanda and Tim please!
MON 5th OCT	TUE 6th OCT	WED 7th OCT	THU 8th OCT	FRI 9th OCT
FOODIE FUN Foodie Fun! Lunch becomes an adventure. And eating food becomes seriously good fun!	TOP DAY - NELSON CIVIC PLAYGROUND Bike! 12+ events!	STEAM DREAMS WITH ELS Science Channel! An action packed day of science, technology, engineering, art and maths. The best of all worlds. Learning to be a scientist, engineer, artist and mathematician. All day long.	TOP DAY - ICE CREAM An exciting day of science, technology, engineering, art and maths. The best of all worlds. Learning to be a scientist, engineer, artist and mathematician. All day long.	TOP DAY - ICE CREAM The ultimate day of science, technology, engineering, art and maths. The best of all worlds. Learning to be a scientist, engineer, artist and mathematician. All day long.

MORE THAN JUST THE FEATURED ACTIVITY!
Each day has a range of other activities, games, puzzles, and more. All day long. The best of all worlds. Learning to be a scientist, engineer, artist and mathematician. All day long.

VIBRANT RAINBOW NIGHT HOCKEY FUNDRAISING DISCO
2ND OCTOBER 6:30-8:30 ENTRY \$10
NELSON SKATE RINK - TAHUNANUI
WEAR YOUR MOST COLOURFUL CLOTHING!

IRON DUKE SEA SCOUTS
Txt Miriam 021 0291 0684 for tickets
The Jamboree
10 October 5pm-8pm \$20 per jumper
@ JUMPIN' NELSON
Funds raised will help the Iron Dukes sea Scout to attend the Jamboree at Mystery Creek

Chess in Nelson
Learn think play.
CHESS PROGRAMS

Chessmate Pawn Ages 7-10 - Beginner to Intermediate	Nelson - Richmond - Māpua - Motueka
Chessmate Knight Ages 11-18 - Intermediate to Advanced	Nelson
Chessmate Rook Private Lessons - All ages & levels	Nelson - Richmond - Online
Nelson Chess Club Teens & Adults - Intermediate to Advanced	Nelson

play@chessinelson.com

 **Helping Families NELSON**

 **Book Fair**

3rd & 4th HOPE HALL
OCTOBER 2026
184 MAIN ROAD HOPE
OPEN 10AM TO 3 PM

 **GOLD COIN ENTRY**

Something for everyone!
Thank you for your support!
www.helpingfamiliesnelson.org.nz

 **The AfterSchool Spot**

Welcome to The AfterSchool Spot. Our small after-school programme gives children aged 5-13 yrs a comfortable, low-stress space to unwind at their own pace. Whether they want to join in on structured arts, crafts, and games, or just enjoy freeplay with toys and friends, we have them covered.

Term Time Before School Regular Bookings
7am-9am - \$16

After School Regular Bookings
3pm-4pm - \$15.50
3pm-6pm - \$22
Casual Bookings are \$2 extra

Holidays Sessions between 7am-6pm
Priced between \$50-\$65

How to find us Richmond Town Hall
0221579943
admin@theafterschoolspot.co.nz
www.facebook.com/theafterschoolspotnz
OSCAR Subsidies available

Pretty Smart Sale

Pre-loved clothing for adults, kids and babies
plus accessories, book, toys, homewares



Sat+Sun 26+27 Sept
9:00am - 2:00pm

Hope Recreational Hall
184 Main Road, Hope

Cash Only **\$2 Entry**

School Holiday Programmes at Common Threads

Common Threads (Bridge Street, Nelson) is running hands-on School Holiday Programmes for ages 8-12 this holidays — Learn to Crochet, Weave a Wall Hanging, and Sew a Softie. Small groups, all materials included, and kids take home a handmade piece plus their own tool.

Details and bookings:
<https://www.commonthreadsnz.com/pages/workshops>

 **LEGO CLUB HOLIDAY FUN**

TUE 29, WED 30 SEPT
MON 5, TUE 6 OCT
FOUNDERS, NELSON
WED 7 OCT
HEADINGLY CENTRE, RICHMOND
9AM-3PM
6-11YR OLDS

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

ATHLETICS Richmond

Athletics teaches you fundamental physical skills and is a fun and family friendly sport!



HAVE A GO NIGHT - TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER
SAXTON ATHLETICS TRACK 5:15-7:00PM

For children aged 5-14 years of age (as of 31/12/26)

 **Athletics Richmond** www.sporty.co.nz/athleticsrichmond

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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

 **Richmond NZRDA**  **Nelson Vintage Car Club**

Fundraiser in conjunction with

VINTAGE CAR CLUB Display



SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2026
10AM - 2PM

RICHMOND RDA GROUNDS
169 CHAMPION ROAD, RICHMOND

ENTRY \$5 FOR ADULTS **CHILDREN FREE**

WALK AROUND SILVAN GARDEN

Come along and support Richmond RDA
Enjoy a great day out for the whole family!

 **TEA AND COFFEE**  **SAUSAGE SIZZLE**  **RAFFLES**

CASH ONLY - NO ETPOS Thank you for your support! <

 **BANK ACCOUNT** **Riding for the Disabled Richmond**
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