

RICHMOND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

13th October 2026



From the Tumuaki desk this week ...

Spring is in the air! What a wonderful time of the year.

The children have returned to school eager to learn and interact with each other. This is a nine week, 2 day term so time will fly by. There is a huge number of exciting activities planned for the children in terms of topics along with the usual 3Rs.

QUIZ NIGHT FUNDRAISING FOR NEW SANDPIT

This coming Friday night, the Parent-Teacher Committee (PTC) is holding a quiz evening to fund-raise money for a Year 3 and 4 sandpit by Room 9. Our Junior sandpit is well-used every day by the Junior children. The children enjoy playing in it tremendously. We have very few hassles behaviour-wise due to it being a decent size and the children are fully engaged when they are playing in there. When it was built about 2004, we only had about 330 pupils at the school at the time, now we have 534.

Many of our Year 3 and 4 children would still love to be able to play in there, but numbers don't permit it. A downside of a larger school. A number of the Year 3 and 4 children have been playing in the sand by Room 9 (in the long jump-pits). Unfortunately, it has meant the sand has been scattered all around the area. So, the PTC are raising funds for another fully enclosed sandpit over there. It will be a real hit with many of the Year 3 and 4 children. The hope being to have it fully operational by the end of this term.

NEW FENCES AND GATES

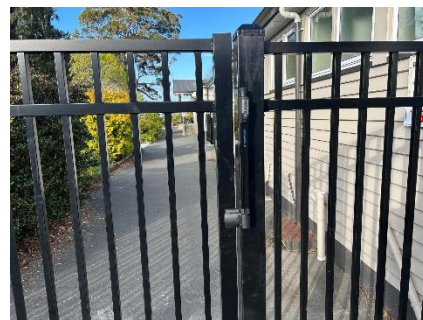
Many parents experienced an issue with the new fences and gates around the school yesterday and today. A number have questioned why the fences, gates and latches are so high since many children and even some adults can not open the gate latches. The reason being this is a Ministry of Education project (they are paying for them) as opposed to a Richmond School project. These are necessary to contain one, and possibly more, children who have enrolled in recent times who endeavour to leave the school grounds with little appreciation of the dangers involved. One child used to climb the early childhood fences/gates and leave the centre. The Ministry has commissioned this for our school rather than provide a full-time teacher-aid for this child (and others). The latches have to be this high for these reasons. If parents and children can't open the latches then please come to the main office area and press the button.



There are now gates at all our access points (like 12 entrances). Also, the office area has to be secured so the



children can't leave through the main office door via the eastern foyer door. So, again the Ministry of Education is paying for a fancy buzzer intercom system (there is a TV type screen in the office) and the office staff/management will open the door remotely for visitors, courier drivers etc. Parents can still enter via an outside gate and visit the office area via the western door to the office area. The office system will be computerised to operate 8:30am – 3:10pm. Outside of these hours the door will be able to be accessed as per now.



Our aim is to make changes to this system once there is no longer a major need (for safety reasons) to have these latches so high and the office area so securely controlled.

PIWAKAWAKA'S VISIT A FARM

At the end of last term, six of our Piwakawaka classes were lucky enough to visit a lifestyle block owned by a school family as part of our farm inquiry topic. The weather was perfect and we all had a fantastic day exploring life on the farm.

The children enjoyed a variety of fun farm activities, including sitting on a tractor, taking part in a farm scavenger hunt, grooming ponies, patting baby lambs and racing hobby horses around an arena. It was lovely to see how much they enjoyed the experience, even if some of the farm smells were a little unfamiliar!

The children were exceptionally well-behaved throughout the day and represented our school with pride. A special thank you to the Stevens' family for their generosity and kindness in welcoming us onto their property and making this memorable experience possible.



INTER-REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY



Recently the regional cross-country event was held with a number of our students taking part. Lily Houlth came 11th with Lily Rowland right behind her in 12th place.

Both girls then represented Tasman in the Inter-Regional competition, coming in 33rd and 26th respectively. Fantastic results girls.



**LUCKY BOOK CLUB
CLOSES THURSDAY
29th OCTOBER**



- Bring your own nibbles
- Bar available – cash or EftPos but no credit or paywave
- Bring coins for heads and tails game

QUIZ HELPERS REQUIRED

We require helpers on Friday night from 6.30pm – 10pm.

Showing people to tables, selling raffles and bribes, collecting for heads & tails game, collecting and marking answer sheets.

If you're able to help, we would love to hear from you. Contact the office or email richmondptc@gmail.com

TERM 4 DATES TO NOTE

Friday 23rd October – Teacher Only Day

Monday 26th October – Labour Day

Friday 30th October - Gym Competition

Tuesday 3rd November through to Tuesday 10th November – Takahe Syndicate camps

Thursday 5th November - Gym Competition

Thursday 12th November - Senior/Middle Athletics

Friday 13th November - Year 6 students visit WIS

Monday 16th November for two weeks - Life Education

Tuesday 17th November approx. 11am - New Entrant Classes & Year 6 photos

Friday 20th November - Junior Athletics

Wednesday 25th November - New Entrant Information Evening

Wednesday 25th November (no postponement date) - Interschool Athletics

Tuesday 1st December - Tui Syndicate day camp at Quinney's Bush

Tuesday 8th December & Thursday 10th December - 2027 New Entrant Visits

Thursday 10th December - Reports given out

Monday 14th December 11am - Year 6 Final Assembly

Monday 14th December - Year 6 Graduation Dinner

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.



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COMMUNITY NOTICES

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MOVIE QUIZ NIGHT
PICK YOUR MOVIE. BOOK YOUR TABLE. DRESS THE PART!
SAT 17TH OCTOBER 2026
BRIGHTWATER, RICHMOND AND STOKE SCOUTS JAMBOREE FUNDRAISER
WITH QUIZMASTER MURRAY

TIME: 6PM DOORS OPEN, 7PM QUIZ STARTS
LOCATION: SAXTON NETBALL PAVILION
COST: \$15 PER PERSON (TABLES SEAT 8)

DRINKS AND NIBBLES AVAILABLE AT THE BAR.
R18
2 PIZZAS PER TABLE INCLUDED. PRE-ORDERED PLATTERS CASH & EFFORTS. R18.

★ PRIZES ★ RAFFLES ★ SILENT AUCTIONS ★ PRIZE FOR BEST COSTUME ★ (NOT COMPULSORY)

EMAIL: richmond@group.scouts.nz

25 ICONIC MOVIES AVAILABLE! FIRST IN, FIRST CHOICE!

- 1 INDIANA JONES
- 2 GREASE
- 3 BACK TO THE FUTURE
- 4 TOP GUN
- 5 THE WIZARD OF OZ
- 6 STAR WARS
- 7 HARRY POTTER
- 8 THE LORD OF THE RINGS
- 9 JURASSIC PARK
- 10 GHOSTBUSTERS
- 11 PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN
- 12 THE BLUES BROTHERS
- 13 MAMMA MIA!
- 14 THE GREATEST SHOWMAN
- 15 BARBIE
- 16 SHREK
- 17 AUSTIN POWERS
- 18 DIRTY DANCING
- 19 GLADIATOR
- 20 SCREAM
- 21 THE HANGOVER
- 22 ANCHORMAN
- 23 THE BEST HORROR PICTURE EVER
- 24 MAD MAX
- 25 DODGEBALL

SCOUTS Aotearoa

Jo Robertson
PARENTING WORKSHOP SERIES
NELSON / TASMAN

28 OCTOBER
RAISING BOYS

29 OCTOBER
LEFT TO THEIR OWN DEVICES

MAHITAHİ 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.

"Merry Pic'smas you lovely peanut!"

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!

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

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)

[f](https://www.facebook.com/AthleticsRichmond) Athletics Richmond www.sporty.co.nz/athleticsrichmond

Whakatū Kids' Cooperative
(A makerspace for kids)

After school creativity sessions
3:15 - 5:30pm Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Dress up, put on plays, learn to animate, knit, sew, do woodwork, make sculptures, miniatures, draw, paint, experiment or bring your own project.

10 Crisp Lane, (near the Cathedral steps) on eBus route 1, and a short walk from Hampton St, Auckland Pt, St Joseph, and Nelson Central schools.

\$7 per session
Call Anna 021 70441762
Or drop in and visit.

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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

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
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