

RICHMOND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

4th February 2025



From the Tumuaki desk this week ...

WELCOME

I trust everyone has had a very relaxing, joyous festive season! I am delighted to see the children back so happy, cheerful and keen to be at school with their classmates. They are eager to learn and get underway with their schooling again. Our staff are incredibly positive people and the children feed off this. It's a win-win for a great start to the school year.

A sincere and special welcome is extended to all new pupils and families to our school community. To our on-going families, we again look forward to your excellent and continuing support. We appreciate parental involvement in our school and would like to remind everyone that the school operates an 'open door' policy, so please feel free to approach teachers to arrange an appointment time or email them should your child be experiencing any difficulties relating to their schooling. **Also, let us know when things are going well.**

SCHOOL TIMES

School begins at 9:00 a.m. each morning – children are not permitted in the school grounds before 8:30 a.m. Lunch break is 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. and school finishes for the day at 3:00 p.m. I would remind you that we do not supervise pupils playing in the grounds out of school instruction hours.

Children should **wait at the allocated areas** if they arrive before 8.30am.

Management

Principal - Tim Brenton

Associate Principal – Glenna Armstrong

Deputy Principal – Ryan Higgins

Part-Timer Teachers

- Grant Irvine – GATERS and Extension
- Rochelle Krammer
- Jo Stevens
- Mel Lucas
- Dianne Thomas
- Lisa Rutledge
- Janita Numa
- Sam Vandenberg
- Rachel Franz
- Sophie Guthrie
- Roxane Coetzee








Support Staff - Admin

- Ang Harris – Admin Officer
- Ruth Malcolm – Office Support
- Mel Milson – Office Support
- Jane Mitchell – Library Assistant

Support Staff – Teacher Aides

- Dianne Anglesey
- Angelie Burnett
- Linda Hahn
- Sheila Hunter
- Rachel Last-Harris
- Ange Richards
- Cheryl Rusbatch
- Sue Russ
- Jo Westley
- Christine Irvine
- Jess Stephens
- Roxane Coetzee

CLASS ORGANISATION 2025

1	 NICOLE LAMS Year 5/6	KAREAREA YEAR 5/6 SYNDICATE	Music Room / Spare Room	12	
2	 DAVID COELAND Year 5/6		TUI YEAR 2 SYNDICATE	TRACEY KRAMMER Year 2 Syndicate Leader	13
3	 RAEWYN BRENTON Year 5/6 Syndicate Leader			SEBINA BASTION Year 2	14
4	 JENNA MAHER Year 5/6			BRONWYN SCOTT Year 2	15
5	 NICOLE ANDREWS Year 5/6			PIP SCOTT Year 2	16
6	 MORGAN EGGERS Year 3/4	TAKAHE YEAR 3/4 SYNDICATE	CANDICE DUKE Year 1	17	
7	 GEORGIA WATERS Year 3/4		GINA SUCKLING Year 1 Syndicate Leader	18	
8	 JO CANNING Year 3/4 Syndicate Leader		JENNY YDGREN Year 1/New Entrants	19	
9	 LEATH ARMSTRONG Year 3/4		KEMELA JOASS Year 1/New Entrants	20	
10	 MADDI SPRINGER Year 3/4		KELSI HARDIMAN Year 0/New Entrants (Later in 2025)	21	
11	 SHAREENA KUMAR Year 3/4		JESS O'CONNOR Year 0/New Entrants (Later in 2025)	22	
		PIWAKAWAKA YEAR 0/1 SYNDICATE			

Thursday 6th February SCHOOL CLOSED – Waitangi Day
Friday 7th February SCHOOL IS OPEN

2025 TERM DATES

- TERM 1 – Wednesday 4th February – Friday 11th April
Tuesday 6th February – Waitangi Day
- TERM 2 – Monday 28th April – Friday 27th June
Friday 20th June – Matariki Day
- TERM 3 – Monday 14th July – Friday 19th September
- TERM 4 – Monday 6th October – Wednesday 17th December
Monday 27th October – Labour Day

MIHI WHAKATAU (powhiri)

On Wednesday 12th February we are holding a **Mihi whākatau (Powhiri)** at 10:00am to welcome our new pupils and staff. Parents are welcome to attend.

If you haven't been to a mihi whākatau (powhiri) at Richmond School before, then please assemble outside the main doors (by the swimming pool gate) at 9:50am and enter along with the new staff and pupils that will be assembled there (this group is known as the 'manuhiri'). Please let the new staff and children go in first when they are 'called onto' ('karanga') the marae setting. We will provide seats for visiting adults to sit on around the outside of the hall (eastern end). The seats at the front of the group are for the new staff members and their whānau (family members) to sit on.

If you have been to one of our mihi whakatau (powhiri) before then please enter via the western door (Oxford Street) and sit with the main school group ('tangata whenua').

CLASS INTRODUCTIONS EVENING

Wednesday 12th February (Week 2)

7:00pm: Year 0/1 (Piwakawaka) Syndicate

7:00pm: Year 2 (Tūi) Syndicate

7:30pm: Middle (Takahē) Syndicate

8:00pm: Senior (Kārearea) Syndicate

8:30pm: Senior classes Camp Meeting

CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS

If your address, cell phone or emergency contact details have changed over the last few months, please contact the school office.

It's important that this information is kept up to date.

Thanks



JOIN OUR FACEBOOK PAGE:
"Richmond School – Nelson"
to keep up to date with events
and notices.

PARKING AROUND SCHOOL

We are very fortunate that the 'Church on the hill' allows parents to park in their carpark. We have to man the entry as only 34 cars can park in the carpark (a church decree). One of our management team is usually there by 2:50pm monitoring the number of vehicles. Please comply with the church's decree or our school community may not be able to use their carpark any longer.

The TDC parking wardens have been patrolling areas outside schools in the Richmond area especially at the end of the school day. They are especially targeting people parking in disabled carparks without the appropriate parking permit and people parked, or even stopping, on broken yellow lines.

The law is quite clear surrounding yellow lines. I quote directly from the 'NZ Road code' – relevant bullet point from a section entitled – 'Where not to park':

"For your own safety, and the safety and convenience of other road users, there are certain areas where you must not park. You risk being fined and/or having your vehicle towed away if you park in these areas."

Talking with one of the parking wardens who frequently comes down to the school, she informed me about the huge increase in the cost of fines from the 1st October 2024. She also mentioned the other day about the number of car drivers still think it is Ok to stop on broken yellow lines waiting for their children to get into or out of their car. This is likely to attract a fine from now on, if she sees you doing so. Please take this as fair warning.

Here is a link to the latest information about the increase in fines with the important ones for car drivers in our school are:

- For parking on broken yellow lines – the fine will increase from \$60 to \$100.
- For parking in a park reserved for those displaying a disabled sign an increase from \$150 to \$750.

[1-october-2024-increases-to-parking-infringement-and-towage-fees.pdf \(waitaki.govt.nz\)](#)

It would be appreciated if school parents didn't park in the 10 minute parks outside Richmond Pre-School on Oxford Street. Please leave these for the families attending the pre-school.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

MONDAY 10th FEBRUARY

Class and individual photos will be taken.

SIBLING PHOTOS – If you wish to have a sibling/family photo taken, please click the link below and follow the booking steps. Sibling photos are from 8.15am – 9am.

To book a sibling photo, please [CLICK HERE](#), or on the QR code below.

Bookings close on Sunday, 9 February 2025.



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

COMMUNITY NOTICES



SHARLAND CYCLES

5K FUN RUN & WALK FROM CLUB WAIMEA

Great spot prizes every week and the chance to win a pair of running shoes at the end of the series

Sharland Cycles 5km Fun Run & Walk from Club Waimea
Wednesdays in November, December, February and March

Series starts on 6 November 2024 @ Club Waimea

Registration 5:30pm
Event start 6pm
Everyone welcome
\$3 entry
Free entry for children & students
More info at www.waimeaharriers.nz

CONNINGS active good Foodrite Phil's Place NBS



IN NELSON ON SUNDAY 9th MARCH

HELP US BE THE SCHOOL WITH THE MOST PARTICIPANTS & REGISTER UNDER THE RICHMOND SCHOOL (NELSON) NAME.

www.tryathlon.co.nz/locations/nelson



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WAIMEA OLD BOYS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB PRESENTS

Valentine's BINGO Night!

FRIDAY 14th FEBRUARY

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM - BINGO STARTS AT 7:00PM

Bingo Cards \$5 each
Please bring cash for raffles etc.

Drinks & Nibbles also available to purchase

Book your table now!

All proceeds from the evening will be donated to the Thake Family

B	BINGO				
15	23	33	48	63	
3	18	40	52	70	
7	29	FREE	59	65	
9	21	37	49	75	
1	19	43	56	72	

SINGING LESSONS

SPACES AVAILABLE ON MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

FROM 4.00 - 5.30PM

LOCATION: THE MEADOWS

\$40.00/HALF HOUR LESSON

Qualified Primary School Teacher / Singing Teacher

Please contact Marilyn via email: vibrato4ind@yahoo.co.nz

Please note that lessons are not based on pop music, but rather, getting children into good singing habits using age appropriate material

BRICKS INCLUDED PRESENTS

LEGO CLUB

Building social competence and emotional wellbeing

Small group or individual

Bricks Included offers small group sessions using a playful therapeutic approach for promoting emotional wellbeing and building social competence

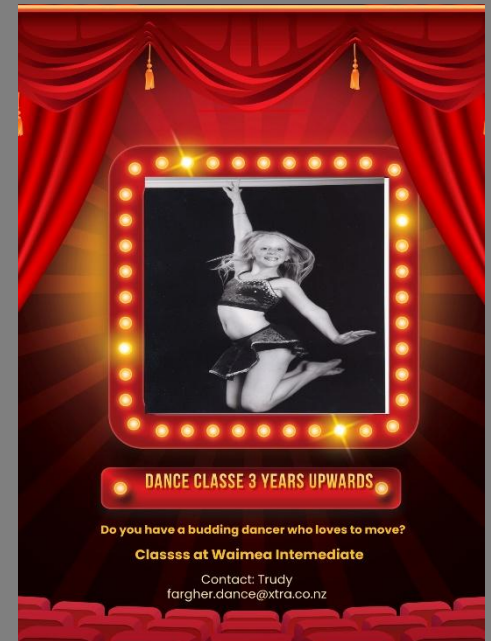
Meeting your needs

Groups can be arranged to meet the needs of tamariki or rangatahi who have experienced trauma, are neurodivergent or need some social support

email bricksincludedplay@gmail.com

BRICKS INCLUDED USES EVIDENCE BASED LEGO THERAPY & THERA-BUILD MODELS TO SUPPORT CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE TO DEVELOP CONFIDENCE IN MAKING MEANINGFUL FRIENDSHIPS. PARTICIPANTS ARE SUPPORTED IN COMMUNICATION, COLLABORATION & PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS.

email bricksincludedplay@gmail.com



DANCE CLASSE 3 YEARS UPWARDS

Do you have a budding dancer who loves to move?

Classes at Waimea Intermediate

Contact: Trudy fargher.dance@xtra.co.nz