



Events Calendar

Monday 23 October
Labour Day (school closed)

Wednesday 25 October
School Photos

Thursday 26 October
BOT Meeting 6:30pm

Tuesday 31 October
Year 7 & 8 Technology

9/10 Nov
Hui and overnight stay in the Catlins

Friday 17 November
Pet Day – at Knapdale

Principal Report

It is lovely to see all the students back from the term break happy and healthy and we will take as much of this sunshine as we can get.

This week we have been talking to the students about the amount of sleep they should be getting as some of them are very tired throughout the day and spend a lot of time yawning. Children from the ages 6 -12 should be getting around 10 - 12 hours of sleep every night. They need this to be able to grow well, stay healthy and to be able to concentrate and learn throughout the day.

There are a large number of events that we are involved with in term 4. The first one that is coming up is the Enviroschools Hui at Curio Bay on November 9. We are planning an overnight stay in the Catlins for this night and will need some parent help with transport and supervision so have a think about this and we will be sending home some forms soon. The senior class are the ones who will be attending the Hui and we are planning for the junior class to join them for the overnight stay and activities the next day.

Please remember that we will be having photos on Wednesday and could you please send back your consent forms for the family photos.

Finally, it is with mixed emotions that I inform you that I will not be returning to Otama School next year. While I have genuinely loved my time here it is time to move on and I have been fortunate enough to be appointed the new principal of Longford Intermediate in 2018. I will miss the Otama students, staff, board and community a great deal but it is an exciting change for me and I am thrilled to be continuing the trend of Longford principals coming from this school. I will continue to work at Otama School until the end of this year.

Have a lovely long weekend

Mrs Yvonne Catherwood

Notice:

Consent forms from Mr Horrell for family photos. If you could please fill these in and return to school would be much appreciated thank you.

Individual photos will be taken of every pupil at the school. If for any reason you do not want an individual taken please let the school or the photographer know on photo day.

Junior Room Report

Welcome back everyone!

I hope you all had a fantastic break and enjoyed all the amazing weather we were gifted. I certainly enjoyed being able to get out into the garden and enjoy the sunshine, even if it was a tad windy.

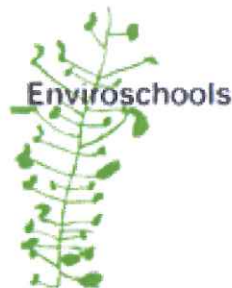
We have a busy term ahead, with pet day, beach education, tough kids, our talent show and more on the agenda. In the junior class we are starting a new maths unit on statistics. The students have enjoyed our first two days on this topic, discussing how to group objects and read simple tables, as well as getting to count and group jelly beans to create tally charts.

This week we have been reading a shared book called Bubbles. To help inspire the children and spark some vocabulary for their writing, we made giant bubble mixture. The students really enjoyed trying to make the big bubbles and created some awesome snake bubbles. It has even prompted conversations around what bubble mixture is best and what could be used as a bubble wand. I think some experimenting is in order.

Have an excellent Labour weekend.

To all Parents

We have one scrap bucket going home to families on a weekly basis. This is only for families that do not have animals that they feed their scraps to. There is a note attached explaining what can/can't go in the bucket.



Soon we will be planting our seeds and vege garden. If you have any unused planting pots (no plastic), and a pile of soil available to donate, this would be greatly appreciated, thank you.

Mrs McKee and Miss den Boon

Drama Classes

Invers Theatre are now taking enrolments for Term 4 drama classes! Wednesdays in Gore

FOR AGES 8-11 An introduction to drama, covering all aspects of theatre production. Students develop in confidence by understanding the value of being a good team player. Skills include improvisation, projection, articulation, storytelling, mime, and more! The fee per class is \$12.50. Enrol online using the link below.

www.inverstheatre.co.nz/drama-academy
Facebook: Invers Theatre Company

Knapdale School is holding a "Spring Fling" on Friday 27th October from 6.30pm at the Knapdale Hall. This is an evening where a variety of cultural groups are preparing foods to sell for dinner - Nepalese; Filipino; Kenyan; Kiwi Bring your own drinks and glass; tea and coffee available.

Karaoke and entertainment during the night, bring the kids for a fun night out. The only cost is a dinner ticket, and funds raised go to Knapdale School.

For further enquiries please contact Knapdale School.



Northern Southland's
"Cycle and Celebrate"
Cycle Race and Market Day

**CYCLE
and
CELEBRATE**

Saturday 11th November 2017
15km bike ride from Five Rivers to Lumsden
11am start for ride & market day

Market Day Face Painting
Cycle Race from Five Rivers Live music

www.cycleandcelebrate.co.nz



Calvin Community Church Presents
ANGELS & HEROES

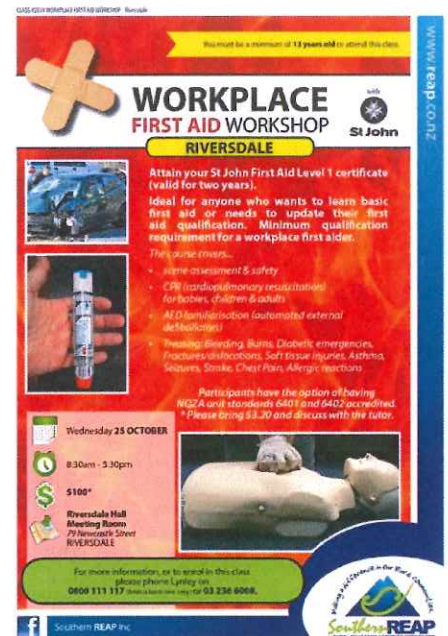
FREE FUN ALTERNATIVE TO HALLOWEEN
FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN UP TO YEAR 6
TUESDAY OCTOBER 31ST, 4:30PM OR 6:30PM

**FUN, GAMES,
FOOD &
PRIZES**

COME DRESSED AS A
SUPERHERO OR
ANGEL!

NO SCARY COSTUMES PLEASE

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT
TICKETS ARE FREE, BUT LIMITED, SO PICK YOURS UP
FROM MANNA BOOKSTORE OR CALVIN COMMUNITY
CHURCH, 25 ROBERTSON STREET



Must be a minimum of 18 years old to attend this class.

**WORKPLACE
FIRST AID WORKSHOP** with St John
RIVERSDALE

Attain your St John First Aid Level 1 certificate (valid for two years).
Ideal for anyone who wants to learn basic first aid or needs to update their first aid qualification. Minimum qualification requirement for a workplace first aider.

The course covers...

- First assessment & safety
- CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) for babies, children & adults
- AED (automated external defibrillator)
- Wound dressing, Burns, Diabetes emergencies, Fractures/dislocations, Soft tissue injuries, Asthma, Seizures, Stroke, Chest Pains, Allergic reactions

Participants have the option of having NZQA unit standards 6401 and 6402 accredited.
*Please bring \$3.20 and discuss with the tutor.

Wednesday 25 OCTOBER
8:30am - 5:30pm
\$100*

Riversdale Hall Meeting Room
79 Newmarket Street
RIVERSDALE

For more information, or to enrol in this class, please phone Lynley on 0800 111 117 (toll free) or 03 236 8008.

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