





**2025 Classes / Changes:**

In 2025, we will again start with 18 classes. Due to various dynamics, some teachers may change the class they are currently in.

We have decided that we will have all our classes as straight Year levels. This means there will be no Years 5 / 6 classes integrated as previously done. We will have three Year 5 classes and three Year Six Classes. We will notify the staffing of each of these when confirmed.

The 2025 Camp will also change. This will be a Year 6 camp at Marsden Point. The Year 5s will have an Education Outside the Classroom week during this time.

**Kapa Haka:**

This week we started back with Kapa Haka. During the week, the whole school will participate in this.

**Attendance:**

Last term saw a drop in the schools 'Regular' Attendance. Various areas contributed to this including holidays, illness, and unknown / unjustified days off. It is very important that tamariki attend school regularly, to support development in social, emotional and educational development.

**New Classroom:**

As many will have seen, the new classroom has yet to arrive. We are very disappointed with this. As Room 19 is getting more tamariki, we are redirecting daily Learning Support Assistants to be in the class regularly, to support learning and take groups out.

**Office Hours:**

This is a reminder that the front office does not open until 8:15am. Could we politely request that whānau do not come in prior to that.

**Drop off time:**

We are seeing children being dropped off earlier and earlier. Please do not drop children off prior to 8:00am as this is a health and safety risk. Team members may be here, however, we are all busy in meetings or preparing for the day. Children may be dropped off after 8:00am.

**Book Fair:**

We are very excited to be holding our Annual Scholastic Book Fair. Jo has some exciting initiative for this, including a parent only evening and a book character parade. Watch out for further information.

**PTA Events:**

Please keep an eye out for the PTA Events this term. There are some exciting initiatives which include a Hot Rod and Car Show, Car Boot Sale, and more. Next year the PTA aim to run Touch Rugby as well as the Gala in March.

**Loud Shirt Day:**

Tomorrow we are holding an informal Loud Shirt Day. Please be aware that this is NOT a fundraising event, rather a day the kids can wear loud (yet appropriate) shirts. Loud Shirt Day focuses on Cochlear Implants. Teachers will share some learning about everyone's differences, which may include those who may have cochlear implants. There is no pressure for anyone to spend money or go overboard, other than wearing a bright top.

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★ **ShakeOut Day:**

★ ShakeOut day is a self-run earthquake drill. Riverview School will be participating in this next Thursday.

★ **Road Safety:**

★ Please make your children aware of safe crossing, as well as scootering or biking around our roads. There have been some near misses recently caused by children either running or hesitating when crossing the road, causing vehicles to stop abruptly.

★ **Teacher Only Day - next Friday 25 October:**

★ Please be aware that next Friday 25 October is a Teacher Only Day. There is no school or OSCAR on this day. Labour Day is on Monday 28 October.

★ **Whooping Cough:**

★ We have been advised by the Public Health Nurse that there have been some confirmed cases of Whooping Cough in the Kerikeri region. Please be aware of the symptoms. If children are untreated they need to remain at home for 3 weeks, however they can attend school 2-5 days after starting antibiotics depending on the antibiotic they are prescribed. Attached to the newsletter is a fact sheet.

★ **Te Pūherenga Hui – Aotearoa Histories Curriculum**

★ Our local schools (KKHS, KKPS, BOII, Harvest, and Riverview Schools) have been working with Matua Kipa Munro and hapu members from Ngāti Rēhia to discuss how local history, te reo, tikanga, and stories can be woven into school culture and curriculum. The working group, called 'Te Pūherenga' have been creating a range of teaching and learning resources for all kura, Kaiako, ākonga, whānau, and hapu.

★ We are currently confirming a Kerikeri-wide whānau hui at Whitiara Marae. The proposed date is Thursday 14 November. The Kaupapa of this hui is to share the mahi from the Te Pūherenga initiative and also to have a kōrero with whānau to develop a shared vision for education in our community. Dr Lisa Watson (Ngāpuhi and Ngātiwai) from the University of Auckland and Jane Jarman, from Kerikeri High School will facilitate the hui.

★ **BOT Meeting:**

★ Our next Board Meeting is Tuesday 29 October at 6:30pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

★ Kia pai tō wiki – Have a good week.

★ Eamonn Kelly  
★ Tumukaki



**CHILDREN COLLECTED BY CAR**

Children must wait at the roundabout at the end of the day, supervised by a teacher until 3.15pm. Should children not be picked up by 3.15pm, they then wait at the flagpole by the school office. Office staff will phone you to check on your arrival time.



**2025 Term Dates:**

**Term 1. Mon 3 Feb - Fri 11 April**  
**Term 3. Mon 14 Jul - Fri 19 Sept**

**Term 2. Mon 28 April - Fri 27 June**  
**Term 4. Mon 6 Oct - Tues 16 Dec**

The school works with SchoolDocs to maintain, update, and review our policies. SchoolDocs provides us with a comprehensive core set of policies, which have been well researched and follow the Ministry of Education National Administration Guidelines. The policies and procedures are tailored to our school, and the school supplies specific information such as our charter, and procedures for behaviour management, reporting to parents, etc.

SchoolDocs updates, modifies, or creates policies in response to changes in legislation or Ministry guidelines, significant events, reviews/requests from schools, and regular reviewing from the SchoolDocs team. Our Board of Trustees has the opportunity to view changes/additions and comment on them before they are implemented. We will advise you when policies are up for review and how you can take part in the review.

We invite you to visit the site at <https://riverview.schooldocs.co.nz> (note that there's no "www."). Our username is "riverview" and password "heartwise".

The review topic this term for parents and caregivers is:

- ◆ Finance and Asset Management Policy
- ◆ Managing Income and Expenditure
- ◆ Financial Conflicts of Interest
- ◆ School Donations and Student Activity Payments / Attendance Dues and Other Income
- ◆ Expenditure
- ◆ Asset Management and Protection
- ◆ Property Planning and Maintenance
- ◆ Prevention of Bribery, Corruption, Fraud, and Theft



Please follow these instructions:

1. Visit the website <https://riverview.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (riverview) and password (heartwise).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type.
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.



If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

### Kerikeri Cricket Club - Junior Cricket.

Junior cricket will be starting on Friday 1 November 4-5pm at Kerikeri High School. This is for boys and girls aged 5 to 11years.

Any adult assistance would be appreciated.

Rob Drummond



Practice Books, Course Books, Teacher Guides, and Answer Books all available @ \$5.00. Previous Version. Material is still relevant. Not all levels available and some are limited. Available at Riverview School Office.

### CELLPHONES

We do not permit cellphones at school. Please ensure that your children leave these at home. We cannot accept any responsibility for their loss. If you are in doubt, please contact the school for clarification.

If there is a need for a cellphone to come to school, it must be left at the school office until the end of the day. Cellphones must not go on school trips or camps.



# Term 4 2024

## What's on at Riverview School?

<b>Mon 14 Oct</b>	First day of Term 4
<b>Tues 15 Oct</b>	PTA Meeting at 6.30pm in the staffroom
<b>Thurs 17 Oct</b>	KKHS Enrolment Evening 4.00pm to 7.00pm
<b>Tues 22 Oct</b>	Year 2 trip to Te Ahurea
<b>Thurs 24 Oct</b>	Earthquake Drill
<b>Fri 25 Oct</b>	Teacher Only Day
<b>Mon 28 Oct</b>	Labour Day
<b>Tues 29 Oct</b>	Board Meeting at 6.30pm in the staffroom Information Evening for 2025 Term 1 new entrants
<b>Thurs 31 Oct</b>	PTA Halloween Sausage Sizzle 4.30pm
<b>Sat 2 Nov</b>	PTA Car Boot Sale 9am PTA Family Photo fundraiser 9am
<b>Wed 6 Nov</b>	Book Week Character Dress Up Day Scholastic Book Fair - Parent only Night 4pm-6.30pm
<b>Thurs 14 Nov</b>	Year 1 and 2 trip
<b>Sat 23 Nov</b>	PTA Rod and Custom Car Show
<b>Tues 26 Nov</b>	Board Meeting at 6.30pm in the staffroom
<b>Wed 4 Dec</b>	Junior Variety Show 1.45pm
<b>Wed 11 Dec</b>	Year 6 Celebration Assembly 12noon
<b>Thurs 12 Dec</b>	BOT / PTA Christmas Carols
<b>Mon 16 Dec</b>	Last Day Term 4 - finish at 12noon <b>(No buses)</b>



*Parents Only Night: Wednesday 6 November*

*4pm-6:30pm*

*All Welcome Thursday & Friday 3pm-5pm*

*Saturday 9am-11am*



*There will be a Character Dress Up Day for students and staff on Wednesday 6 November.*

# Whooping cough (Pertussis)

## What is it?

Whooping cough is a bacterial infection, which affects the respiratory system. It is also known as the '100 day cough' because of the long course of the illness.

## What are the symptoms?

Whooping cough usually starts with a runny nose and irritating cough lasting 1-2 weeks. This then develops into fits of coughing, which may end with vomiting, or with a 'whooping' sound.

Complications can include pneumonia, ear infections, and symptoms related to the effects of coughing. It can be particularly serious in children under one year of age who are more at risk of serious complications including in very severe cases brain damage and death.

## Can adults get whooping cough?

Adults and older children can also get whooping cough. Sometimes they do not get the classical symptoms of cough with whoop, but instead a persistent cough which can be worse at night.

## How does it spread?

Whooping cough spreads when someone with the illness coughs or sneezes, spraying droplets of fluid from the nose or throat.

## Infectious period

A person is most infectious in the early stage of runny nose and irritating cough. Without treatment they continue to be infectious until three weeks after the start of the fits of coughing.

Antibiotics shorten the infectious period to 2 days if azithromycin is used, or 5 days for other appropriate antibiotics.

## Vaccination

Regional Public Health advises all parents to ensure that their children are fully immunised against this disease. The immunisation is normally given at 6 weeks, 3 months, 5 months and a booster at 4 and 11 years of age.

**Immunisation is free to all children and pregnant women to prevent whooping cough (Boostrix).**

- The vaccine is funded from the beginning of the second trimester of every pregnancy, and recommended to be administered from 16 weeks.
- Boostrix vaccine is recommended but not funded for: Early Child Care workers, health professionals that work with young children or work in high risk areas and families of new born babies.

## Can fully vaccinated children get whooping cough?

Yes, when there is a high level of infection in the community even fully vaccinated children can get whooping cough as the vaccines are effective in preventing illness in more than 80% of people.

Vaccinated children may get a milder infection. To stop whooping cough circulating in the community we need a very high level of vaccination.