



Tēnā koutou

Welcome to week 7, term 1. It is hard to believe that we've already had half of our Year 10 classes attend our camp at Orohaki with the feedback from the students being very positive. We are very lucky to have such a great team of adults running our programme in North Canterbury. We look forward to offering this opportunity to our Year 9 students next term.



My thanks to members of our Pasifika community who attended our first Talanoa for 2025 last week. Amongst a full agenda for the evening, we acknowledged the amazing efforts going into preparing our students for Polyfest which takes place on Saturday 22 March at North Hagley Park. It would be wonderful to see members of our Riccarton High School community there.

A schedule of when the different schools are performing will be published at the beginning of next week.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to Year 9 student **Andre Asare** on his recent Canterbury U16 Basketball team selection. Andre's recent participation in the Under 16 Canterbury trials was truly remarkable! Despite being one of the youngest out of the 140 boys trialling, he received a call-back. It's fantastic to see Andre's hard work paying off, and his success is an inspiration to all aspiring athletes.

This week, Year 13 student **Hannah Jones** will be up in North Harbour competing in the New Zealand Women's Club National Softball Tournament. This is a fantastic opportunity for Hannah, and we wish her well!

UPDATING OF MEDICAL INFORMATION:

We kindly request parents and caregivers to update their child's medical records with any new information that has become available since enrolment. This includes ensuring that email addresses and contact details are current and accurate. Parents and caregivers can update contact details by signing in to the Riccarton High School KAMAR portal (<https://riccarton.school.kiwi>). In the **Details menu**, go to Caregiver Details to view address and contact information. Use the **Edit Details button**, which will allow you to make changes if needed. For any additions or changes to medical information, parents and caregivers need to either use the **Contact Us button** on the portal which is in the **Medical Details** area of the portal, or email Mrs Anne Roberts (Student Services) directly at: rt@riccarton.school.nz. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

KAI & KORERO

A reminder that our Māori Whānau Hui will take place on 12 March from 6.00pm to 7.30pm in Manu Tiria. A barbeque will also be provided for those attending.

PEER SUPPORT 2025

Our Peer Support Leaders have just completed their set class work and will be joining our Year 9 classes as they visit Pūtaringamotu this week. These leaders have put a huge amount of energy into volunteering their time to make our new students feel welcome at Riccarton High School and we greatly appreciate all of their mahi. From the enthusiasm they have brought to every session to the mentoring they have offered during this time of transition, they have been completely embodying our Riccarton Way values. These leaders will continue to support these classes in the year ahead, including accompanying them on camp next term.

NCEA PARENTS INFORMATION EVENING

- **Thursday 20th March**
- **6:00pm-7.30pm**
- **Riccarton High School Staff Room**

This evening is for any students and whānau wanting to increase their understanding of the NCEA qualification. This is particularly relevant for parents of students in Year 10-Year 13.

BILINGUAL LEARNING ASSISTANT POSITION

Riccarton High School's English Language Department is looking for a Samoan speaker to work as a bilingual learning assistant for five hours a week. If you can speak Samoan and can work during school hours, please either call the school on 348 5073 or email Annette Schnell (sl@riccarton.school.nz).

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

Tuesday 11 March	Careers Information Evening for Year 12 & Year 13 parents/whānau. Manu Tiria 4. 6.30pm to 8.00pm
Wednesday 12 March	Kai and Korero - Māori Whānau Gathering. Manu Tiria 4. 6.00pm to 7.30pm
	100 Camp to Orohaki
Friday 14 March	L3 Biology Field Trip to Orana Park. 9.00am to 3.00pm
Sunday 16 March	L2 Biology Field Trip to Temple Basin. Returning Tuesday, 18 March
Monday 17 March	L1 ELP Field Trip to City Centre. 9.30am to 2.30pm
Wednesday 19 March	10I Camp to Orohaki
	Cultural Clothing Day
	L1 GEO Field Trip – MO's Class. 11.00am to 3.00pm
Thursday 20 March	L1 GEO Field Trip – PA's Class. 8.30am to 12.00pm
	NCEA Whānau Information Evening
Friday 21 March	Fortnightly Reports Issued
Saturday 22 March	Polyfest. 8.30am to 5.30pm. Hagley Park

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