

Welcome

Welcome to our new friends – Noah, TeTahi, Toby, Clara, Cora & Sharlene who have recently joined us at Riverton Childcare. We are looking forward to getting to know you and your whānau, and know you will enjoy your time with us.

IMPORTANT DATES

Starting Monday 12th Oct –

Sunscreen and Sunhats

Mon 26th October – **Closed for Labour Day**

Wed 23rd Dec – **Last day for the year**

Thurs 24th Dec – **Christmas Eve Parade**

Monday 11th Jan – **First day back for 2026**

Focus of the Term

Exploration – Where the child learns through active exploration of the environment.

This term our focus questions are:

Navigators': How do I learn through exploring, creating & experimenting?

Adventurers': How do I learn through play and creativity?

Explorers': How do I discover my world?

Daffodil Day

Thanks to everyone who supported our yellow hamper raffle. Between that and the gold coin donations on the day, we banked \$416.00 for the local Cancer Society. What a great effort. A big shout out to the kaiako who contributed items to the hamper. Louise Kerr was the raffle winner.



Gumboots

If it weren't for your gumboots, where would you be.....

Please ensure you name your gumboots when bringing to Childcare.



Staff Updates



We are stoked that Louise Kerr (Weezy) has rejoined our team after quite a few years of living and teaching ECE in Tauranga. Louise decided that the time was right to return to Riverton, and is teaching in our Explorers' room.

Laura who was temporarily teaching in the Explorers' room is now at Lighthouse Childcare in Invercargill, working for Tanya Thom (who used to be a teacher here).

Beverly is also returning to the Explorers' room from 12 October with baby Aaia.

We're pleased to welcome Elizabeth Smith, a student teacher who will be completing some of her training hours with us, currently in the Explorers' room. We also welcome Alyssa MacAskill, who is volunteering with our Adventurers' as she explores future opportunities in ECE teaching.

Sadly, Friday 11th September will be Jeshmin's last day at Riverton Childcare. She has accepted a teaching position in a primary school in Wellington. Although we are sad that she is leaving us, this is a great opportunity for her. We wish Jeshmin and her family the very best.

UNWELL CHILDREN

Hand Foot & Mouth (HFMD), as well as other winter bugs are currently doing the rounds, so we will continue to take a hard line with sick children.

To help keep everyone well at childcare, we continue to adhere to our

'Traffic light' system'

This system is designed to make it easier for caregivers to determine if their child can attend Childcare or not. Please find this attached at the back of the newsletter.

We can all agree that sickness is a real inconvenience, so by everybody playing their part we hope we can help minimise the spread of illness.

To those parents who keep their children home, we see you 🧐 and we very much appreciate that you are doing your part. ❤️

Navigator Swimming

Navigators' swimming will recommence on Friday mornings, from Friday 16th October.



ABSENCES / CHANGES

Reminder to notify us if your tamaiti is going to be absent by 8.30am, please. We also need to know if you're dropping your child off early or collecting your child late, as this affects our roster, and teacher:children ratios.

Spare Clothes

Please send at least one spare set of NAMED clothing with your child each day. The tamariki are often involved in messy and wet play and we need warm spare clothes for them to change into.

If your child is toilet training, please send several changes, as we quickly go through the Childcare's limited supply when we haven't been supplied with spares.

Please return any Childcare clothing you may have at home.



**PLEASE
BRING A BAG,
WITH SPARE
CLOTHES**

The Good Weather is Coming!!

Sunhats

From term 4 (12 October) the tamariki are required to wear sunhats whenever they are outside. We supply sunhats, but if you prefer for your child to wear their own, please send a named hat in their bag each day.

Sunscreen

Also, from 12 October we will be applying sunscreen 3x daily. We currently use Nivea 50+ for the Explorers, and smart365 SUN – SPF50+ for all of the other children.

If you don't want your tamaiti using this particular brand, please send in a named bottle of your preferred brand for us to use on your child.



Polyfest

The weather may have been rubbish last Thursday, but the tamariki put on yet another amazing performance. You all make us so proud! We had to skip the annual play at Anderson's Park, going to the Wallacetown Community Centre instead, for lunch and a dance party / run about.

If you missed the performance or would like to show whānau – it's on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IP4GbSU3fM8> Our performance is 1 hr 55 minutes into the recording. Maybe show your tamariki if you haven't already.



Child Privacy

When visiting Childcare, please only photograph your own child. If another child is accidentally included in a photo, we kindly ask that you don't share it on social media. This helps us respect the privacy and circumstances of all our children and whānau.

KEEPING EVERYONE WELL AT CHILDCARE

- ✗ High temperature
- ✗ Vomiting or diarrhoea
- ✗ Lethargic
- ✗ Constant runny nose with yellow/green tint
- ✗ Persistent cough
- ✗ Wheezy or shortness of breath
- ✗ Undiagnosed rashes
- ✗ Red or weeping eyes
- ✗ Swollen glands or sore throat
- ✗ Unwell enough to require paracetamol

- Fever free for 24 hrs
- Sporadic cough
- Minimal green/yellow runny nose
- Recent return from illness

- ✓ Mild & infrequent cough
- ✓ Clear runny nose
- ✓ Rested, active and ready to play.

**Stay at
home for
48 hrs**

**Be ready
On call
To pick up**

**Safe to
attend**

OUR PRIORITY IS TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE AND WELL.



**RIVERTON
CHILDCARE**

SPACES AVAILABLE for all ages!

Two great offers!



**\$50
CREDIT**

Any of our existing
whānau who
introduces a new
child to Riverton
Childcare will
receive a
\$50 credit on
their account!



**FLAT FEE
\$10
PER DAY**

- Limited spaces available in our Adventures Room. (exclusively for 2 year olds).
- Open to current families extending their child's booking, and to new enrolments.
- Valid until 1 Dec 2026.
- Eligible hours: 9am-3pm.
- Select days only.



Your Turangawaewae
A place where you belong.



GET IN TOUCH
with Britt today to
find out more!



Ngā ratonga ki te manawa o te whenua
Heartland Services

**RIVERTON
Community House**

**37 Napier Street
Riverton**
Ph: (03) 234 8206
info@rivhouse.nz

SEPTEMBER

Work and Income le Pirangi tangata	LOUISE MCCLOY CASE MANAGER	WEDNESDAY BY APPOINTMENT 03 234 8206	02/09/2026
jubilee Community Services	JENNY BUDGET ADVISOR	THURSDAY BY APPOINTMENT 0800 582 4533	03/09/2026 17/09/2026
nkmp Nga Kete Mātauranga Pounamu Charitable Trust	Manawa Ora Nurse	WEDNESDAY DROP IN 9.30am - 12.30pm 2pm - 4pm	02/09/2026 16/09/2026
Alzheimers Society New Zealand Aparima Support Group	APARIMA SUPPORT GROUP	MONDAY 10.30am at Bupa office@alzheimerssocietysouthland.org.nz	21/09/2026
Heartland Services	OREPUKI OUTREACH - OREPUKI FIRE BRIGADE	WEDNESDAY 10.30am - 11.30pm	30/09/2026
MINISTRY OF JUSTICE Tāke Kōwhiri	MICAELA BEKHUIS FAMILY COURT NAVIGATOR	TUESDAY 10am - 2pm	07/09/2026

We can help you get in contact with the right people!
Our Service is friendly, free and Confidential to all
INDIVIDUALS - FAMILY - YOUTH - ELDERLY - GROUPS

NGA KETE MATAURANGA POUNAMU
CHARITABLE TRUST

He Puna Waiora
Wellness Centre

BLUFF MEDICAL CENTRE

Our nursing team is here to support the
hauora of our **tamariki, whānau**
and community.

KEEPING OUR TAMARIKI HEALTHY!

WE OFFER POINT-OF-CARE TESTING (POCT)
FAST RESULTS WHILE YOU WAIT.

SORE THROAT?
Test for Strep A
(the bacteria that causes strep throat)

**SKIN INFECTION
OR RASH?**
Test for Staph
(Staphylococcus aureus) & MRSA

**GET ANSWERS
QUICKLY**
and start the right
treatment sooner.

✓ FAST • ACCURATE • CONFIDENTIAL • FREE

**ALL WHĀNAU
CAN BE TESTED!**
POCT isn't just for tamariki—
parents, caregivers and
all whānau members are
welcome to be assessed
and tested too.

**RIVERTON OUTREACH
NURSING CLINIC**

**RIVERTON COMMUNITY HOUSE
37 NAPIER STREET, RIVERTON**

**EVERY SECOND
WEDNESDAY
9:30AM - 12:30PM**

OUR NURSING CLINIC CAN HELP WITH:

- Sore throats & skin infections (POCT available)
- Blood pressure checks
- Blood sugar (diabetes) checks
- Wound care & dressings
- Stroke education and prevention advice
- General nursing assessments and health advice

ALL WHĀNAU WELCOME
TAMARIKI • RANGATAHI • PARENTS • KAUMĀTUA

**PHONE OR TEXT TO BOOK
022 517 2769**

Drop in!
or call/text

022 517 2769
to book an appointment.

MANAĀKI TAMARIKI
Caring for our children

MANAĀKI WHĀNAU
Caring for our families

MANAĀKI HAPORI
Caring for our community

