

THE DIRE EFFECTS OF ABSENTEEISM

Every day your child is out of school, for whatever reason, his or her learning achievement suffers. When students miss school due to illness or other reasons, some will fill in the missed instruction on their own, some will stumble but recover and some, unfortunately, will stumble, falter and be confused for the remainder of that unit. Their learning suffers. You can assist by making sure your child is ready for school every day – rested, well nourished and equipped and is absent only when absolutely essential.

PARKING & SAFETY TIPS



Please think of the safety of our children when you are dropping off and picking up your children. We know that sometimes it is raining and you want to get closer to the school but it is far better to get a little wet than have an accident with a child. Please do not park on the driveway, on the footpaths or the grass, in the bus bay or on the yellow lines.

Tips for safety:

Meet your child at the school gate if possible. Always meet your child on the same side of the road as the school or bus stop. Do not wait for or call your child across the road. Model the right behaviour – don't expect your children to do what you say if you are doing something else. Don't double park and ask your child to jump out of the car when it's unsafe to do so.

KAN TABS FOR KIDNEY KIDS

Right now in New Zealand 1250 children require dialysis treatment for 5 hours a day, 3 days a week. Imagine the stresses and strains this can bring to a family. We are currently collecting tear off tabs from soft drink cans, some soft drink bottles (please no beer bottles) and soft metal cases from tea light candles. They are sold to a company who extract the titanium from them with the proceeds going to the "Kidney Kids". We are collecting these at school, or alternatively you may like to drop them into Windmill Orchard in Coatesville who are collecting them for the Kidney Kids Foundation.

COMMUNITY NEWS

RWC2011 is coming to Rodney Let's show the visiting team that Rodney is right behind them, that we are a fun and friendly destination and that we are looking forward to the Rugby World Cup. The public are invited to attend an open training session for the Japanese RWC Team on Monday 31st May, 3.30pm start at the Silverdale United Rugby Football Club. School age children attending the Open Training will receive free tickets to the Japan / North Harbour match on Friday 4th June.

There will be free bouncy castles and interactive entertainment, and autograph opportunities at the end of the training session. Please note: parking will be available in the Silverdale Bowling Club and the Silverdale Tennis Club car park. Any enquiries to Rodney District Council, 09 427 3000 or 021 716 713.



Ron Irwin is a resident of Riverhead and works out of the Harcourts Kumeu office. He is actively involved in supporting the community and is well qualified to assist anyone requiring the services of a local Real Estate consultant.

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RIVERHEAD SCHOOL Newsletter



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TEACHER ONLY DAY

We will be holding a **Teacher Only Day** on the last day of Term 2. The teachers will be working on the new National Standards. School will be closed for instruction on this day. By law we are required to be open for instruction for a set amount of days each year and as such we will now be required to extend the school year by one day from the 15th December to **Wednesday 16th December**.

KEY DATES FOR TERM 2

Please note key dates on your calendar. Details of events are in the newsletter as the dates approach.

TERM 2

- 24th – 28th May - Year 7 & 8 Motutapu Camp
- Friday 4th June - Spellathon Day
- Monday 14th June 6:00pm - Gala Meeting
- Friday 18th June - Spellathon sponsorship money due back to school
- Tuesday 22nd June 6:00pm - Board of Trustees Meeting
- Friday 25th June - Student Disco & Sausage Sizzle
- Thursday 1st July - Rewards & Mufti Day
- Thursday 1st July - Last day of term for students
- Friday 2nd July - Teacher only Day

Term 3

- Monday 19th July - Beginning of Term 3
- Thursday 22nd July - Yr3/4, 5/6 Ripa Rugby
- Tuesday 27th July 6:00pm - Board of Trustees meeting
- Thursday 29th July - Year 7 & 8 Zone Netball
- Friday 24th September - Last day of Term 3
- Monday 11th October - Beginning of Term 4
- Wednesday 16th December - Last Day of Term 4

OUR BRILLIANT KIDS

Well done to the following students who have performed well in their chosen sport / activity over the weekend:

- Henry Davis** Kumeu Rugby – Player of the Day
- Jaxon Norris** Kumeu Rugby – Player of the Day
- Campbell Norris** Kumeu Rugby – Player of the Day
- Blake Hanvey** Kumeu Rugby – Player of the Day
- Aiden van Zuilen** Passed 25 metre swimming stroke



Luke van Zuilen
Blake Harvey

Passed 25 metre swimming stroke
Massey Amateur Swimming club 1st Junior boys Backstroke,
Freestyle, Butterfly, Medley

Torin Hirst
Cody Blackburn
Kyla Porteous

NW Soccer Stingers – Player of the Day
NW Soccer – Player of the Day
NW Soccer – Most Improved

Marissa Porteous
Maddy Cleveland

NW Soccer – Player of the Day
Riverhead Netball – Player of the Day



YEAR 7 & 8– MOTUTAPU CAMP

From all reports to date our Year 7 & 8 students are having an absolute ball at Motutapu. No doubt they will all come back full of stories and a bag full of wet, muddy clothes! ☺ At least we now have lots of water in our tanks (plus some!) to wash all those clothes.

YEAR 5 & 6 CAMP – SHAKESPEAR LODGE

Plans are coming along for the Shakespear Lodge Camp in Term 3. We hope to have a finalised cost within the next week but at present we are estimating around \$275. If you wish to start making small payments towards this then please see the ladies in the office.

A letter to our Year 5 & 6 parents / caregivers will be sent home shortly with all information pertaining to their camp....please make sure your child keeps on top of giving you all these notices and doesn't leave them scrunched at the bottom of their bag with the old chippie packets ☺

Cake Stall Fundraiser



Thanks to all those who supported our Cake Stall last Friday. Thanks to your generosity and to our parents for doing the baking, we raised \$340.50 which will go towards our Shakespear Camp next term.

Guess the Lollies – We have a jar of lollies on the office counter at the moment – please call in and pay 50c for a guess of how many lollies there are in the jar...the closest guess will win the jar of lollies! All money will go to our camp.

SPELLATHON – next week

Your child should be hard at work on their spelling lists for the Spellathon and hopefully busy getting some sponsors as well. The Spellathon 'test' day will be held on Friday 4th June with money due back at school by Friday 18th June. All children with 100% passes will go into a draw for a \$25 Warehouse voucher and the child who raises the most money will also be presented with a \$25 Warehouse voucher.

PTA UPDATE

The winner of the last meat raffle was **Julianne Molineaux** – we raised \$25. Thanks to all those who are continuing to support the raffle. *For the past 3 weeks we have made a plea for a parent to take a walk around the school for 10 minutes during the busy pick up time at the end of the school day to hopefully sell a few more tickets...so far this plea has gone unheard.* Ten minutes one afternoon a week from around 2:25 to 2:35pm is all that is needed.

Please call into the office and put your name down on our raffle list - \$2 each or 3 for \$5. With so few people now buying these you have a fantastic opportunity of winning yourself a \$40 meat pack! All funds raised will go towards our Fitness Trail.



Westpac Rescue Helicopter Appeal - Riverhead School raised a total of \$246 at our Gold Coin Mufti Day last Friday – This will be donated to the fantastic Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service.

Disco & Sausage Sizzle - We would like to have a sausage sizzle at the next Disco on the 25th June. However, we do need parents to come forward and volunteer to cook the sausages. Please give your name to the office ladies if you are available to help out.

We will also be selling baking and water. Your donated baking will, as ever, be greatly appreciated. Glow sticks and other glow jewellery will also be on sale.

SOAP BOX DERBY

There is currently a raffle on display at the office which is to help Shawn & Henry with uniforms and other essentials for their trip to Ohio in July. The prize is a basket of beauty products & tickets are just \$1 each. You might also like to purchase a Soap box Derby pin badge for \$2 to support the team.



Thank you to Willcox Nurseries for the donation of top soil for the replanting of our plants. We are extremely grateful for your support.

BUS PUPILS

If your child is not catching the bus then please ring the school and inform them of this. Staff are constantly chasing after children who are supposed to be on the bus when in actual fact they have arranged to play at a friends house instead of catching the bus....not very pleasant when it is pouring with rain. Likewise, if your child is eligible to catch the bus but does not use the service, then please inform the school of this. On most days our Principal, Kris Hughes, checks the children onto the bus each day and does get to know who is and isn't a regular. However, there are some days when another staff member may take over the task and is unaware that your child, though on the list, doesn't usually catch it. We thank for your co-operation.

WALKING SCHOOL BUS

We struggle to find good people out there willing to give up there time to walk our children safely home from school. This job isn't made any easier when they wait needlessly for a child on their list who has actually been picked up by mum because it is raining. Please give some thought to the walking school bus drivers who are giving up there warm, dry cars and let the office know in advance if your child is not on the walking school bus that day.

RIPPA & TACKLE RUGBY

What an awesome day! A huge thank you to all the parents who came and supported on the day. A special thank you to Steve Cathcart who stepped up and coached the year 5 & 6 Rippa team. Thanks to Steve's efforts and the fine skills of the team they won 2 games and lost 1. The Year 3 & 4 team won all of their 3 games! Well done teams!

PIZZA ORDERS

Please remember that if your child wishes to order a pizza for delivery on Wednesday, they must have their order & money to school *no later* than 8:30 on Tuesday mornings. The office staff have had to place several late orders recently and the pizza company get tired of us constantly ringing them with late orders. The pizza order and money are collated by staff at 8:30 on the Tuesday and collected by Hells Pizza staff around 9:30am.

DENTAL NURSE - the dental clinic have completed their run at Riverhead School. For information where your nearest clinic is please phone 0800 4 dental.