

## PTA UPDATE

The winner of the last meat raffle was **Rhonda Spiers**. Please call into the office and put your name down on our raffle list - \$2 each or 3 for \$5....not bad value for the chance to win a \$60 value meat pack. All funds raised will go towards our Fitness Trail.

**Disco & Sausage Sizzle** – Thank you to **Ruth Hirst & Patrick Murray** who have volunteered their services to do the sausage sizzle at the Disco. Good on you both!

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.

## DENTAL NURSE –

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

## 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

### FRENCH LANGUAGE & COOKING HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

French immersion language and cooking programme in the school holidays. Young growing gourmets will have the opportunity to learn French and have fun in the kitchen. They will be introduced to French vocabulary, tools and utensils, ingredients, basics of etiquette and they get to **taste** all the French specialities they have created. Kids cook delicious French meals every day & only bring morning tea. The French Cooking Holiday programme will run in the second week of the school holidays, from **12<sup>th</sup> of July to the 15<sup>th</sup> of July from 9 am till 3 pm** at Taupaki School.

Information and enrolment, please call Patsy, “ABC Language Tuition” on 4118980 or Email us [info@abclanguage.co.nz](mailto:info@abclanguage.co.nz) or visit [www.abclanguage.co.nz](http://www.abclanguage.co.nz)

### CURVES ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE-

**\$0 Joining Fee** in exchange for a FULL bag of groceries which will be donated to the local Salvation Army. Offer available from the 1st - 19th June Phone: 832 1900 for more information.

### Bayleys North West Sponsorship

If you, your family or friends list and sell your property through Debbie Berry of Bayleys North West they will donate \$500 to our school. Debbie is an experienced area specialist. Phone 417 0056 or 021 913 084 or on her website : [www.debbieberry.bayleys.co.nz](http://www.debbieberry.bayleys.co.nz)



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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## BUILDING UPDATE

Yes, we are still on track for our term 3 opening! We are planning an Open Day next term when parents and community will be welcomed into our school to look over our lovely new building.

You know you are starting to get close to finishing when you start looking at furniture and we are currently in meetings with companies to outfit our new Library, classrooms & resource room with very modern, funky up-to-the-minute furniture – the colours are going to look amazing. We have the 2008 Riverhead Ball Committee to thank for their very generous donation towards the purchase of this furniture.

## TEACHER ONLY DAY – reminder

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 15<sup>th</sup> December to

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December.**

## KEY DATES

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

### Term 2

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| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> June         | - | Junior Disco at lunchtime                       |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> June         | - | Y7/8 Rugby Tournament – Moire Park              |
| Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 6:00pm  | - | Gala Meeting                                    |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> June         | - | Spellathon sponsorship money due back to school |
| Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 6:00pm | - | Board of Trustees Meeting                       |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June         | - | Student Disco & Sausage Sizzle                  |
| Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> July        | - | Rewards & Mufti Day                             |
| Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> July        | - | Learning Voyage folder sent home                |
| Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> July        | - | Last day of term for students                   |
| Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July          | - | Teacher only Day                                |

### Term 3

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| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> July                  | - | Beginning of Term 3        |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July                | - | Yr3/4, 5/6 Ripa Rugby      |
| Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> July 6:00pm          | - | Board of Trustees meeting  |
| Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> July                | - | Year 7 & 8 Zone Netball    |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> September | - | Year 5 & 6 Shakespear Camp |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> September             | - | Last day of Term 3         |



Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October - Beginning of Term 4  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 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:

**Renee Paterson** - NW Soccer – Player of the Day  
**Michael Carrol** - NW Soccer – Player of the Day  
**Gian Krauer** - NW Soccer – Bullets – Player of the Day

### **YEAR 5 & 6 CAMP – SHAKESPEAR LODGE**

Plans are coming along for the Shakespear Lodge Camp during the last week of Term 3, ie Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

The first payment of \$75 is due to school no later than the 25<sup>th</sup> June. Thanks to those parents who have paid already.

To date we have had several parents put their names forward to come along to camp. It is not too late to offer your assistance so please leave your name at the office or see your child's teacher if you are able to help.

### **Junior Disco**

The Year 5 & 6 students will be holding a Junior School Disco (Years 0-4) camp fundraiser tomorrow straight after lunch eating. Entry fee to join in the fun is a gold coin donation.

**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 Shakespear Camp.

**Sunflower Sales** – thanks to Ron van Zuilen from Treedom Garden Services Ltd (4154312) for donating the sunflowers for the Year 5 & 6 camp fundraiser. Your generosity was wonderful.

### **VALUE OF CAMPS**

As we scrimp and save to find the money to send our children off to school camps, please ponder the following article from the "Curious Parent" -

*Camping is an integral part of the school curriculum. The magic in a camp experience is that it provides developmental values for our children.*

*Of all the educational possibilities for personal growth in our present day, the camping experience stands as one of our highest. Factors supporting this statement are due to the camp setting itself, the interaction of group living, the sharing of activities and the different form of leadership offered by adults who are not parents or teachers.*

*A camp experience should be available to a broad scope of our young citizens. A keen look at the camping objectives will make one realize that life will be enriched and enhanced for a better preparation into adulthood: The camping experience offers many opportunities to develop a variety of skills such as sports, crafts, water skills, nature lore, etc. The young person can explore new interests, in addition to extending already adopted interests.*

*Development of physical characteristics is a basic aim of camping. With diversified activities, balanced meals, trained supervision, camping increases mental and physical vigour. The most important skill of all is the promotion of social skills. The personal adjustments that campers have to make because of the intimacy of close living is a crucial need to be ready for our diverse, changing and demanding society. Camping develops pathways that lead to the understanding of others, such as persons of different races, economic levels, religions, gender*

*and levels of capabilities. The characteristics that our schools are premised upon, democratic living, is solidified by camp life. This is so important in our current existence, especially when we exist in a multi-cultural society. Camping is fun, plus it is this atmosphere that provides a needed change of pace from the academic demands of our young people today.*

Thinking back to your childhood days, I'm sure you would agree that if you were fortunate enough to attend school camps they are some of your fondest memories.

### **SPELLATHON**

Spellathon money is now due back to school. Winners of the Warehouse vouchers will be announced next week.

### **LEARNING VOYAGE FOLDERS**

Just a reminder that there are still some children who have not yet returned their Learning Voyage Folders to school. Updates of your children's learning achievements are due to be sent home in these folders on the 1<sup>st</sup> July so we do need these back as soon as possible.



School Banking can be done on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays – Kashin is situated in the foyer of the school office. Encourage a good savings habit from a young age, making small and regular deposits is the best way to go even 50c or 10c a week is a great start to regular savings and creates good saving habits. If you would like to register your child, applications are available from the school office. The children receive a Kashin banking bag which includes a savings diary, calculator and certificate.



### **BUCKETS & BOUQUETS**

We all know that if someone gives us a compliment or tells us we have done a great job, it makes us feel warm & fuzzy and want to try even harder. This goes for children and adults alike and the staff at Riverhead School are no different. Sometimes it feels like all we hear are grumbles and the ladies in the office feel like they run a 'complaints department'. We do love to hear positive reinforcements sometimes but if, however, you do have a problem then the process for dealing with this is as follows.

- First step – Make a time to speak with your child's teacher
- Second step – Make a time to meet with the Syndicate Leader (Junior – Sue Shields, Senior – Philippa Randell) or Associate Principal - Dianne Cook
- Third Step – Make a time to speak with the Principal, Mrs Kris Hughes
- Fourth Step – Contact a member of the Board of Trustees

We do ask that you follow this process and if after each step your problem remains unsolved to your satisfaction then please proceed to the next step available to you.

On the subject of 'positive reinforcement' we would like to thank the 3 parents who took the time to write to the Principal to say what a wonderful job Annette Browne and her team are doing in the After School Care programme. Well done Annette and Sam – Keep up the good work ladies.



### **PERSONAL DETAILS UPDATE**



When you enrol at the school we obtain from you your address, phone number, child's caregivers work numbers. If these should change, please inform the school immediately. An up to date file of these facts is essential for us in an emergency or in cases of illness. Rest assured that emergencies happen quite rarely, however, it is better to be prepared. Similarly if you are difficult to contact leave with us a reliable alternative contact.