

PTA UPDATE

The next PTA Meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd August at 1:45pm....everyone welcome ☺

Meat Raffle

The winner of the last meat raffle was **Vicky Waters** 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.

Book order Fundraising – Attached to your newsletter last week was a form to order from a great range of Cookbooks, 2011 diaries, cards and gardening books. All the books are at great prices and make great gifts. Between \$3 and \$4 goes from each book sold is donated back to the school. Money & orders need to be back at school by next Monday 2nd August.

Positive Negative Family Portraits – we have organised these for the 29th August – fliers will be sent home in early August.

MUSIC EDUCATION CENTRE

We currently have tutors from the Music Education centre tutor students in Guitar and Drums, at the school. They have now notified us that they will be commencing Piano lessons. If your child is interested in learning any of these instruments please phone 0800 893939.

COMMUNITY NEWS

OLD MONEY FOR KIDS CAMPAIGN

The Lions Club, in sponsorship with Resene Paints and the Reserve Bank are running a nationwide appeal for the public to donate old pre-decimal coins and banknotes, any Australian or other foreign bank notes & coins, current loose change to this appeal fund. The Reserve bank will honour face value of the currency collected. The established funds will be used to support participants in Outward Bound, Youth Exchange programmes, Lion Quest Programme, Spirit of Adventure, Sir Edward Hilary Outdoor Pursuits Centres and Duke of Edinburgh awards Schemes.

Riverhead School has a collection tin on the counter in the office if you wish to drop in your coins.

Guitar Lessons - for absolute beginners. Local private lessons, maximum of 4 per class. Children and adults \$15 per lesson. Phone 412 5581.

RIVERHEAD WINTER CEILIDH

Saturday 14th August 7:30pm – Midnight at the Riverhead Hall – A Night of Celtic Dance and Winter Cheer with a live Celtic band. \$40 double, \$25 single. Phone Jude on 4127893 or Heather on 4126413 for tickets or more information. All proceeds will go to the Riverhead Scouts for the 2010 National Scout Jamboree.



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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NAU MAI, HAERE MAIWELCOME

Welcome to Sebastian and his family who have joined our school community. The roll now stands at 275.

BUILDING UPDATE

Our new classrooms are now up and running and fully operating – the tamariki (children) have all settled in nicely and gotten over the initial excitement of it all! You will still see workmen on site finishing off ‘bits & pieces’ to the outsides of the building but hopefully for not too much longer.



STRANGER DANGER

We need you to discuss ‘stranger danger’ with your children. Two of our students were approached by a man in a van who tried to entice them towards his van by asking them to come and pat his puppy. Mrs Hughes has spoken to all students about stranger danger but we cannot stress the importance of parents talking to children regularly about not talking to strangers or approaching strangers in cars etc.. Children are very trusting and quick to forget warnings if a person appears to be friendly, hence the need to reiterate this on a regular basis.

TWILIGHT PARTY

The Board of Trustees will be holding a Friday Twilight Party & Celebration including a Tūtiti (Sausage) Sizzle early in Term 4 as the ‘official’ opening of our new buildings. Watch this space for details as it gets closer to the time.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Thank you to all those parents who are attending these this afternoon and tonight. Don’t forget to bring your child’s Learning Voyage Folder with you to the meeting. We are sure you will find the time with your child’s teacher beneficial.

YEAR 5 & 5 CAMP INFORMATION EVENING

All parents and caregivers are invited to attend a camp information evening on Wednesday 4th August at 6:00 p.m. in the staffroom. We would love to see you there to answer any queries you may have about our upcoming camp to Shakespear Lodge.

Just a reminder that there are still a handful of first instalments not yet paid and a lot of second instalments still not paid – if you could please pay these as soon as possible (before the 3rd instalment is due would be good!) it would be most appreciated.

TRASH TO FASHION

Congratulations to all our students who worked so hard to create their wonderful environmental garments for the Trash to Fashion show.

Our intermediate group – **Ruby Tulloch, Maddy Brajkovich, Cheyenne Garland** and **Mia Bob**, participated in the semi finals last weekend. Their outfit was based on Gaia the Greek Goddess of Earth and was modelled beautifully by **Ruby**. Unfortunately the girls didn’t make it through to the

finals but did extremely well to get as far as they did against tough opposition. Our boys also did a fantastic job in the lead up. This is the first year we have competed in the Trash to Fashion show so it was a great learning experience for us all.

This weekend our junior girls are taking part in the first rehearsal for the finals – **Caley Porteous, Harriette Overend** and **Chase Clayton** will be taking part in the Bush Babies category and **Ellie-May Thode, Sarah Wenzlick** and **Fairlane Welsh** in the Camelot category. Good luck girls!

WHAREPUKAPUKA – LIBRARY

Thank you to those who have dropped off books, games and puzzles to fill the shelves of our new library....we still need more so please keep them coming....remember that they do need to be in excellent condition and games & puzzles need to have all pieces intact.

KEY DATES

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

Term 3

Taite - Thursday 29 th July 2:40 – 7pm	-	Parent / Teacher Conferences
Paraire - Friday 30 th July	-	Junior folk dancing display for parents
Mane - Monday 2 nd August	-	Rooms 7,8,9,10 MOTAT visit
Wenerei - Wednesday 4 th August	-	School Cross Country
Taite - Thursday 5 th August	-	Year 7 & 8 Zone Netball Rain savaday
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Paraire - Friday 20 th August	-	Rewards Day
Tūrei Tuesday 24 th August 6:00pm	-	Board of Trustees meeting
Taite - Thursday 26 th August	-	Year 3 & 4 Howick Historical Village trip
Rūtapu - Sunday 29 th August	-	Positive Negative Family Portrait fundraiser
Wenerei - Wednesday 1 st September	-	School Speech Competition
Wenerei - Wednesday 15 th September	-	Year 5 & 6 Cluster Speech competition
Taite - Thursday 16 th September	-	Year 7 & 8 Cluster Speech competition
20 th – 23 rd September	-	Year 5 & 6 Shakespear Camp
Wenerei - Wednesday 22 nd September	-	APPA Choir Rehearsal at Oteha Valley
Paraire - Friday 24 th September	-	Last day of Term 3
Mane - Monday 11 th October	-	Beginning of Term 4
Taite - Thursday 16 th December	-	Last Day of Term 4



OUR BRILLIANT TAMARIKICHILDREN

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

Aidan Dreaver	-	Kumeu Whutupūro (Rugby) – Player of the Day
Thomas Shepherd	-	Kumeu Whutupūro (Rugby) – Player of the Day
Riley Brewis	-	Kumeu Whutupūro (Rugby) – Player of the Day
Dior Carson	-	Riverhead Neti pūro (Netball) Player of the Day
Carlo Marinovich	-	NorWest Whana poikiri (Soccer) – Most Improved



FITNESS TRAIL

Another step closer...we now have approximately 7 stations financed by our fantastic sponsors.... 5 to go! What a great effort and fantastic support we have from our local businesses. Thanks you again to **North Auckland Caravans, Ron Irwin from Harcourt's, Craig Walker Building Removals, Fulton Hogan** and our latest sponsor, **Mega Mitre 10** who have also

sponsored a complete station. We also have funding for one station from the PTA and income raised by the Nutrition committee from our Hell's Pizzas lunches. If you know of anyone who may be interested in sponsorship, please let the office ladies know.

TRAVELWISE

Earlier this year you may remember completing a survey in conjunction with Rodney Council and Travelwise. You will be pleased to hear that we have been listened to you can expect to see *huge* changes to the school crossings, both outside the school and at the Four Square shop in the future months. It will be fantastic for our children to finally be able to cross the roads in a much more controlled area.

POSSUM CONTROL



The school has been notified of a Possum Control drop within the Riverhead Forest. This will take place between 1st August and the 30th September. Warning signage will remain in place until the end of the caution period on the 30th November. The poison will be laid within 200 metres of the forest boundary and is of course extremely toxic and poisoning can occur through eating or handling the bait. Risk can be eliminated by following these simple rules:

- Do not handle any bait, bait stations or dead possums
- Do not allow children or pets to enter the operational area

If you do suspect poisoning contact:

- Your local doctor
- Local hospital
- The National Poisons centre on 0800 764 766 (24 hours) or
- If it's a pet contact your local vet.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the nature of this operation please do not hesitate to email sam.middlemass@rayonier.com or call 094374082 or 0274375 341

ROAD PATROL

We still URGENTLY need a parent for the Four Square shop road crossing on Friday mornings. Many thanks to **Donna Massey & Vicky Waters** for stepping up and offering their services for the previous vacancies.

EGG CARTONS

Thanks to all those who have dropped in egg cartons for soundproofing the Room 6 Music Room. You can ease up on eating your eggs now as we have enough of these nowthank you.

TRIPS

Throughout the year teachers and office staff spend much time organising trips for our students. These trips fits with our curriculum, enhances the children's learning and offers a change of scenery from the usual classroom environment. Experiences from these trips that children take back to the classroom are a crucial part of a unit or study currently being covered. If a child misses out on the trip then they are often not able to participate to discussions and complete the work required. If you were lucky enough to have teachers organise trips for you then I'm sure you have fond memories of these – probably more so than time spent at your classroom desk 😊 With this in mind, please be aware that when we organise a trip, it is not just a fun day; it is actually still a school 'learning' day and all students are expected to attend. Pahi (Buses) are booked and costings worked out on the number of children attending from a particular class. When, for example 6 children don't attend, this means the school then has to make up the difference for the cost of the pahi (bus)....and this money could well be spent on other areas.