

TERM DATES 2012

Term 1 Wednesday 1st February – Thursday 5th April (Good Friday 6th April)

Term 2 Monday 23rd April – Friday 29th June

Term 3 Monday 16th July – Friday 28th September

Term 4 Monday 15th October – Thursday 20th December

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Just a reminder that some parents have outstanding accounts for the After School Care programme. If you are one of these people, then please make sure you attend to this as soon as possible. Payments may be made to the After school care staff with cash or cheque or to the office staff by cash, cheque, eftpos or internet banking to Riverhead School 12 3109 0012631 00. If using this method of payment, please ensure you use a reference; ie ASC and your child's surname.

DISCO

Unfortunately we have had to cancel our School Disco this term. There is just so much happening in such a short space of time that it is just impossible to fit everything in. We apologise to our disco diva's and hope you won't be too disappointed.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Order number eight for the year has just been sent home with your child. Orders need to be back to school by December 1st so we can make sure we get the books back before the end of term.

Please make any cheques payable to Scholastic NZ.

Thank you to all those who regularly place orders with Scholastic. The school receives bonus 'Free Picks' to spend on books for both the library and for reading books.

YOUR CHILD 2012

Attached to your newsletter last week was a short questionnaire to help us with our class placements for 2012. We would appreciate it if you could please fill this in and return it to school by tomorrow, Friday 18th November. Thank you to all those who have taken the time to fill these in and return them already.

OUR BRILLIANT KIDS

Each week children have the opportunity of bringing along to school any certificates, trophies or awards they have received over the course of the week outside of school. Please drop them to the office by **MONDAY** morning.

Sophie Tuenter - Jazz Dance – Certificate with pre grade credit

Luke van Zuilen - Go Kan Ryu Karate – 6th Kyu

Aidan van Zuilen - Go Kan Ryu Karate – 6th Kyu



Local identity Ron Irwin – long time resident in Riverhead, and Marg Collins work as a team out of the high profile Harcourts, Kumeu office. Both are hugely experienced to assist with your Real Estate needs whether selling or buying in Riverhead and surrounding areas. For professional and pro-active advice call Ron or Marg

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YEAR 8 WELLINGTON TRIP

Our Year 8 students are off to Wellington this week for their annual sojourn. The students leave by train on Sunday and spend 3 nights exploring Wellington, including Te Papa and the Beehive, before flying back to Auckland late on Wednesday night.

We are sure they will all have a wonderful time and create many memories with their adventures.

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Well done to all those involved in our Senior Operetta, Alice in Wonderland. We would like to especially thank **Miriam Kamsteeg** for the awesome job she did with directing and producing the show. However she couldn't have done it without our hardworking staff - **Philippa Randell, Jessica Lovell, Kelly Gaston, Jacqui Lyttle, Jono Lange, Shawn Dyer & Danielle Williams**. These people were very ably assisted by lots of other people, mainly of course the parents. So to everyone who contributed to its success with props, scenery, costumes, lighting, sound, makeup, actors, chorus, tickets, posters etc. **TAKE A BOW** – we couldn't have done it without you all.

SPELLATHON

Our Spellathon testing was done today – fingers crossed with excellent results. Your child should have come to school today with their sponsorship list which will be marked with the number of correct words and returned to them on Friday so they can begin to collect their money. If your child has not yet done this then please make sure it is sent to school with them tomorrow. Thank You.

LATENESS

Yet again we have to remind parents about the seriousness of children constantly arriving late to school. We are not talking about the child who occasionally arrives late because they had a mini crisis at home. We are talking about a small group of children who *constantly* arrive late on an almost daily basis. *It is so disruptive to the rest of the class and the teacher as the child has missed the 'first round of instructions' for the day and this either has to be repeated, or your child remains one step behind for the rest of the day.* If we added up the 10-20 minutes or so each day over the course of a week we are talking about up to 2 hours per week your child has missed valuable time in the class. Add that up over a year and we are talking about some serious amount of learning time.

We are not sure what the reasons are for constant lateness, whether it is the fault of the parent or the child but in either case it's probably a case of just setting the clock for 10-15 minutes earlier. Lessons commence at 8:25am so try to get your child here by at least 8:20am to give them time to put their bag away and say hi to their friends before getting on with the day.

RUNNING LATE?

We all strike times when we are caught up in traffic and unfortunately this sometimes happens when we are on our way to pick kids up from school. Please tell your child to wait by the office if ever you are late arriving and if possible phone the office to inform them that you are running late. There are also times when pick up arrangement changes. Please inform the office of any changes so we can let your child know. Likewise if there are changes with your child catching or not catching the school bus or using the services of the walking school bus....Please inform the office immediately.

POOL TIMES

There seems to be a bit of confusion regarding the time the pool is available on school days. As per the set of rules signed by key holders this is set at 4.30pm – 8:00pm. The pool is used between 2:30 and 3:30pm by After School Care and the staff do need to keep control of the children in their care and not be distracted by other children in the pool. Following this the filtration system needs an hour to normalise & reticulate after a full day of children being in the water. You must remember that in excess 280 children have been swimming over the day, many of them in the afternoon....that is a lot of 'normalising' the system has to do! You will be asked to leave the pool grounds if you arrive before 4:30pm on school days. On weekends, public holidays and school holidays, the pool hours are from 9:00 am to 8:00pm.

STATIONERY STOCKTAKE SALE

We are currently having a clear out of end of line stationery items. These are items which are no longer used in the school but are still good quality items which may be great for use at home or as stocking fillers. Please call into the office next week and have a look....prices will be super cheap as all stock must go.

On the subject of stationery, please check that your child doesn't need any more supplies to see them through to the end of the school year. Stationery sales will close on Wednesday 30th November to enable us to do a stocktake.

TERM 4

Friday 18 th November	-	Rewards & Mufti Day
Sunday 20 th November	-	Year 8's leave for Wellington trip
Wednesday 23 rd November	-	Year 8's return from Wellington trip
Friday 25 th November	-	Riverhead School Athletics
Wednesday 30 th November	-	Stationery sales close for the year
Wednesday 7 th December	-	Monitors /WSB/ Road patrols Parakai trip
Thursday 8 th December	-	Monitors Assembly
Tuesday 13 th December	-	School Annual Prizegiving
Wednesday 14 th December	-	School Picnic Day
Thursday 15 th December	-	Rewards & Mufti Day
Thursday 15 th December	-	Term 4 Ends



SCHOOL POOL KEYS – approximately 10 remaining for sale

Pool keys are now on sale. The number of keys for sale to the school community is 70 so get in early to avoid any disappointment. The cost of the key is \$155 with a refund of \$20 at the end of the season on the return of the key. A contract must be signed at the time of purchase. Payment for pool keys is by cheque, cash or eftpos – please note – no internet deposits are available for pool keys.

We also require people to volunteer their services for our cleaning roster. Please see the ladies in the office if you can assist.

WALKING SCHOOL BUS

A huge thank you to **Dallas McDonald** who has very kindly offered to take over the running of the Walking School Bus. Great news and peace of mind for the parents whose children currently use the service each week.

MEAT RAFFLES

Congratulations to **Quentin**, no 29 this week's winner of our meat raffle. Thanks to all those who continue to support our weekly meat raffles. Please call into the office and put your name down for your chance to win the meat pack. \$2 each or 3 for \$5. You can also send along the money to school with your child. Thanks to the Huapai Butcher who continues to supply us with these fabulous packs each week at a very reasonable price.

SWIMMING SEASON

Some of the older classes have already begun swimming each day as part of our school curriculum. Please ensure that your child brings togs and a towel to school each day. A note must be sent to school if there is a reason your child cannot swim.

Just a reminder that ALL togs and towels must be named, along with all items of school uniform clothing. The swimming season is a particularly bad time for lost property clothing – we usually end up with boxes full. If the items are named we can return them to their rightful owners. If your child does lose an item of clothing, please check the plastic bins at the bottom of the admin stairs.

REWARDS

Tomorrow, Friday 18th November, we will be holding our 5-weekly reward session where students who have made wise choices in both the classroom and playground can choose a reward to participate in. Students can choose from :

Boys toys, Senior Music, Electronics, Swimming, Sandpit, Drawing & Writing, Playground, Developmental.

All those who have not made good choices will attend a class and hopefully will next time participate in rewards.

MUFTI

Tomorrow, Friday 18th November is Mufti Day. Mufti may be worn by students but for the privilege they must pay with a gold coin donation. All funds raised will go towards reading books for our school.

Please note – if your child chooses to wear mufti then they must pay the donation...no money...no mufti....parents will be phoned if necessary. All money raised will go toward reading books.

IMPORTANT DATES

As the wind up to the end of the school year begins, now is the time to mark into your diary some important dates. Our annual School Prizegiving will be held on Tuesday 13th December and we love to see all students and their parents attend, whether they are receiving an award or not, it is important they celebrate with their peers.

On Wednesday 14th December we will have our yearly school picnic which is a great time for students and their families to have a relaxing and enjoyable day together.

We hope that you mark these dates down in your diary and are able to attend.