

KEY DATES – TERM 3

Please note the following key dates pertaining to your child on your calendars. This list is updated each week so there will definitely be more added throughout Term 3!

21st August – Life Education Caravan – all students throughout it's stay

21st August – Room 10 visit to Kelly Tarltons

22nd August – Interschool Cross Country

22nd August – Rewards Day – Scooters, skateboards & skates (helmets please), electronic games.

26th August – Spellathon

26th August – Life Education Parents Session 2.30

27th August – Whacky Wednesday

28th August – Interschool Basketball

29th August – **Teacher Only Day**

31st August – Whanau / Kapahaka Practice

3rd September – Olympic Games afternoon

5th September – Sausage Sizzle

8th & 9th September – Room 4/5 Camp @ Millenium Centre

16th September – APPA Choir Rehearsal – Takapuna Primary School

18th September – Board of Trustees Meeting

25th September – PTA Term 3 Disco

25th September – Year 7/8 Volleyball

26th September – Mufti Day – End of Term 3

FATHERS DAY RAFFLE – CAMP FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who donated quality goods for the Fathers Day Raffle that Mr Darren Mathers in Room 11 is organising. Tickets have now been sent home and are selling well. Please return your blue ticket stubs and money as soon as possible. All funds raised go towards camps.

OUR FANTASTIC KIDS!!

WOW! The following students have really excelled in their chosen activities:

James Webb – Player of the Day – Netball

Reece Cook – Most Improved – Soccer

Lincoln Henare – Player of the Day – Rugby

Bradley Laurie – Player of the Day – Rugby

Braedon Peraua – Player of the Day – Rugby

Jarrold Dunn – Player of the Day – Rugby

Cody Blackburn – Award – Motor cross

Isabella Marinovich – Player of the Day – Netball

Lucas MacCauley – Sportsperson of the Day – Rugby

Dana MacCauley – Most Improved – Karate

Joshua McLeod – Player of the Day – Soccer

Renee Paterson – Player of the Day – soccer

Kurt Munford – Most Improved – Soccer

Jaime Parkinson – Player of the Day – Netball

Stella McInally – Player of the Day Netball

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WELCOME – HAERE MAI

Welcome to half way through Term 3! There are only five weeks left to fit in all the amazing, wonderful educational events and activities planned for the Term. So please keep an eye on your newsletter every week and note the key dates pertaining to your child – they are subject to alteration as events are added or re-scheduled due to weather. You can also visit our website if your newsletter is rendered illegible due to spilt yogurt – go to www.riverhead.school.nz

RIVERHEAD TAKES OUT YEAR 7/8 REGIONAL SPEECH FINALS!!

What a busy time our children have had producing fantastic speeches! All students have participated in this annual event and have presented to their respective classes or syndicates. Finalists were chosen from this selection process and they went on to represent their years at the Riverhead Annual Speech Competition night last Thursday. A huge congratulations to the following students who should be very proud of their efforts:

YEAR 0 to 4 SECTION - Casey Trott, Reilly Brewer, Cody Blackburn, Phoebe Franklin, Janey Calder-Walters, Luke van Zuilen, Dominic Overend, Aiden van Zuilen, Bradley Laurie, Renee Paterson, Maddy Cleveland, Michael Loudon, Jaxon Norris, Finlay Brewis and John Tulloch

YEAR 5 and 6 SECTION - Nicola Dowie, Jordan Ashby (Winner), Sarah Paterson (Runner up), Tony Carroll and Aynslee Wilson

YEAR 7 & 8 SECTION - Hannah Le Masurier (Runner up), Julia Baner, Mark Shuker-Jones (Most Original), Kristina Cook (Winner) and Georgia Brett

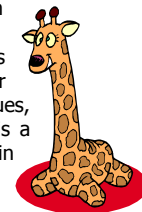
A massive thank you to our judges for the night, Mr Warrick Gibbs and Mrs Gail King. They had a very difficult job in determining the best speeches to go forward and represent the school at the Year 5/6 and Year 7/8 Inter-school Speech Finals. **Jordan Ashby** won the Year 5/6 competition for his speech "Should we be afraid of snakes?"; and **Kristina Cook** won the Year 7/8 section for her speech "Homework". Both of these students also receive a prize of \$75 sponsorship towards their school camp fees from Quadprint Limited (aka the Wilgar family), who very generously donated this prize.

Jordan Ashby went on to represent Riverhead School on Tuesday night at the Year 5/6 Inter-school Finals (held here at Riverhead), where he gave an excellent performance and received very favourable comments from the judges. **Kristina Cook** presented last night at the Year 7/8 Inter-school Finals where, against ten other school in the North-West region – she took out whole competition and was named **Winner of the Year 7/8 Regional Speech Competition!** What a huge and awesome achievement Kristina – we expect to see you on many podiums in the future!

Both students should be extremely proud of their efforts and achievements – there are many adults who could not achieve what they have done! !!! We are all incredibly proud of you both!

LIFE EDUCATION CARAVAN – IT'S HERE!

We are the very first school in New Zealand to be visited by the brand new mobile classroom that is 'Life Education'. So that the school community can see the wonderful interactive and educational activities that come with this classroom, we are holding a 'Life Education Parents Session' at 2.30 on Tuesday 26th August. Do come along and take the opportunity to see for yourself what your children will be learning about related to healthy living, relationships, values, positively striving for potential and physical health habits. Please remember that there is a \$3.50 charge per student which is due back now. We have lodged an application to obtain funding for this, but need to pay the Life Caravan now. If funding is approved all monies will be refunded. Spare notices and permission slips are available from the office if you have misplaced yours.



SPELL-A-THON

The children are working really hard learning their spelling words for the upcoming 'Spellathon' - this is such a great event to combine learning with fundraising. Lots of students are also making huge efforts with their sponsorship, and well done to those who are supporting their efforts. Funds raised through sponsorship will go into a pool to reduce the overall cost of camps, however we understand that some families with children who have made extra special efforts in gaining sponsorship, or families who have several children attending camps, may understandably want their funds raised to go specifically towards their own children's camp fees. If this applies to you, please place written advice of your request with your child's sponsorship money when it is returned to school after the big event on Tuesday 26th August. This will enable the necessary adjustments to be made.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE – CAMP FUNDRAISER



Some fantastic supportive parents and businesses in our school community have organised a sausage sizzle for our students to enjoy on 5th September. A massive thank you to Greer and Brett McNally (Dent Magician), the Harkin Family (J & R Harkin Contractors) and Carlton Electrical for sponsoring all the product necessary to put this sausage sizzle on; and to everyone else who has volunteered their time to help out. Children can purchase a sausage for \$2 on the day, and all funds raised will go towards camps. Further information will come home before the day.

KELLY TARLTONS SLEEPOVERS

Room 6/7 had their sleepover at Kelly Tarltons on Tuesday night and they had a blast! The students were all incredibly well behaved without exception. There were no tears, no emergencies, no night terrors – only brave and independent kids enjoying the time of their life! What they did experience is an amazing educational and informative camp including behind the scenes tours, fish feeding, stingray feeding, Antarctic expedition, Scott's Hut story, torchlight exploration of the underwater world and reefs, the fish hospital where sick sea life are rehabilitated, the inspirational movie of Kelly Tarlton and how his vision became a reality, and an awesome fun sleepover in the tunnels underneath sharks and stingrays! WOW! This is not something they will forget in a hurry! Thank you to all of those fantastic, amazing, supportive parents who gave permission for their children to experience this event, and especially to those who came along and slept with the children – your positive feedback and thanks are really appreciated. Thank you also to all those parents who have expressed gratitude to the organising teachers – they have worked for many, many hours to organise these sleepovers, and their resounding success is a credit to them. At the time of printing Room 8/9 are excitedly waiting on their turn to sleepover and Room 10 are getting ready for their big day visit. We know they will have as great a time as Room 6/7 have!



TERM DATES

Term 3 – 21st July to 26th September

Term 4 – 13th October to 17th December (Labour Day 27th October)

TERM DATES 2009

Term 1 – Monday 2nd February to Thursday 9th April (Waitangi Day 6th February)

Term 2 – Monday 27th April to Friday 3rd July (Queens Birthday 1st June)

Term 3 – Monday 20th July to Friday 25th September

Term 4 – Monday 12 October to Tuesday 15th December (Labour Day 26th October)

TEACHER ONLY DAY

Please note that 29th August this term is a Teacher only day. Students will not be attending on this day.

CAMP REMINDERS

Please note the camp your child is involved in and what needs to happen next. If there is a notice mentioned that you did not receive please ask your child to bring you home another one or grab one from the school office.



- **Year 7/8 Camp at Motutapu Island** – This camp is happening from 28th to 31st of October. Information and a permission slip, plus deposit requirement has been sent home, and an information evening was held on Tuesday evening last week. Deposit and permission slips need to be returned by 28th August. EOTC forms have also been sent home and these are due back now.
- **Year 5/6 Camp at Shakespeare Lodge** - This camp is happening on 14th to 17th October. An information evening was held on Tuesday evening last week. A permission slip and \$50 deposit should have been returned by now (due date was 1st August). Parents who put their names forward as helpers need to complete a questionnaire as we had more helpers than we can take. These forms, along with the students EOTC forms, are due back now.

- **Room 4/5 Camp at the Millenium Institute** - This camp is happening on 8th and 9th of September and a permission slip and \$50 deposit should have been returned by now (due date was 1st August). An information notice about the camp, and EOTC forms have also been sent home. All camp consent/health/diet/EOTC forms should have been returned by now. A notice will be sent home this week requesting the next \$50 instalment and updating information on fundraising.

INTER-SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE

We wish the following students all the best of luck at the Inter-school Cross Country championships to be held this Friday at Woodhill. They have earned their place by outstanding performances in the school cross country held last week:

Year 8 – Lydia Clarke, Brittany Anderson, Corryn Paterson, Georgia Brett, Kristina Cook, Matthew Warner, Levi Wenzlick, John Holliday and Anaru Ashby

Year 7 – Julia Baner, Jordan Grant, Awatea Marshall, Hannah LeMasurier, Courtney Soole, Ethen Weaver, Tom Manning, Nathan Cook, Dylan Grant and Grayson Gibbes

Year 6 – Alex Porteous, Emma Lloyd, Sherry Tuhiwai, Ellise Hirst, Cheyenne Garland, Todd Gibbs, Daniel Wallace, Logan Dunn, James Brown and Benjamin Frame.

Year 5 – Ellie-May Thode, Michaela Thornton, Amy Gibbs, Govinda Pinter, Charlotte Folan, Sarah Paterson, Jordan Ashby, Boston Heath, Cole Huggins, JJ Soole, Liam Casey, Christopher Laurie and Joshua MacCauley.

CONDOLENCES...

Many of you will remember Mr Richard Nahi the esteemed Kaumatua who officiated at the dawn blessing of our MPC Building at the beginning of this year. Sadly Mr Nahi passed away recently, and we would like to extend our sympathy and thoughts to his whanau at this sad time.



WHANAU / KAPAHAKA PRACTICE

There will be a Whanau Kapa haka practice at the school on Sunday 31st August from 1.00 to 4.00pm for all junior and senior Kapa haka students. Whanau and parents are encouraged to stay and participate, and are requested to please bring a plate of food along to the gathering.

CAMP DONATION

A massive thank you to Alliance Construction Limited (aka the MacCauley family) who have very generously donated \$300 towards a camp activity at the Millenium Camp for Room 4 & 5! Thank you for your awesome support!

WALKING SCHOOL BUS

We have to acknowledge the amazing assistance of our volunteer mums who run the walking school bus – especially with the weather the way it has been of late. They do a fantastic job keeping over 30 kids safe and alleviating the congestion at the school gate at pick up time. Thank you to you all, we really, really appreciate your time and your effort. A special mention to Megan Martin who is our parent co-ordinator, where would we be without you? If you are able to volunteer just one afternoon each week between 2.30 and 3.00 to walk our students to the Four Square, please let the school office know.

NITS, NITS, NITS

We have several classes within the school which seem to be breeding grounds for head lice. Despite sending 'nit notices' home, some children seem to have repeated infestations that quickly spread to classmates. One (just one) live head lice can lay 400 eggs in 40 days. These eggs hatch within 7-10 days and the hatched lice start laying straight away – and feeding on blood through the human scalp 5 to 6 times a day. Therefore not checking your child's hair for just one night can result in rapid infestation. They spread very easily (yes they can jump), and remain alive on bed linen, hats and hairbrushes which all need to be washed at over 60 degrees celsius to kill the lice. Whilst nits are not a sign of poor hygiene (they prefer clean hair and scalps) – not treating them is. There are many very effective treatments available through chemists (including naturopathic treatments), and if you require further information please check at the school office. We would really appreciate your support in checking your child's hair regularly and treating nits immediately if they are found – keep them home from school until they have been treated and the head is clear. If hair is long, tying it back can work wonders for deterring transmission.

WACKY WEDNESDAY

Next Wednesday we are having a 'wacky' day! This means all students (and staff) can dress up in crazy funky clothes – inside out and upside down!! Make sure they do their hair as well! To participate students are requested to bring a gold coin donation as this is also a camp fundraiser. There won't be a parade on the day due to so many other activities taking place.