

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

### **RIVERHEAD CITIZENS HALL - SEPTEMBER MARKET**

Corner of Elliot Street and Coatesville Riverhead Highway from 9.00am to 1.00pm on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September. Crafts, gifts, cakes, produce, plants, books, white elephant, sausage sizzle and lots more! Phone Jan 4129818 to book a stall or car park space.

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# RIVERHEAD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## **TEACHER ONLY DAY – TOMORROW!**

**Please note that tomorrow Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August is a Teacher only day. Students will not be attending on this day.**

### **WELCOME – HAERE MAI**

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](http://www.riverhead.school.nz)

### **INTRODUCING "OPEN FIELD WEDNESDAYS"**

Starting from Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September children will be able to bring along a change of clothes and the school field will be open regardless of how wet the ground is. Students will be required to change back into uniform at the hand bell towards the end of lunchtime. No change of clothes – no open field play.



### **SPELL-A-THON**

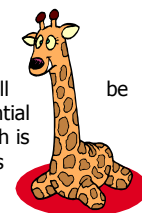
The children are still working really hard learning their spelling words for the upcoming 'Spellathon' - this is such a great event to combine learning with fundraising. Lots of students are also making huge efforts with their sponsorship, and well done to those who are supporting their efforts. Funds 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 22<sup>nd</sup> September (that's next week!). This will enable the necessary adjustments to be made.

### **RIVERHEAD BALL – TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE - AN ENCHANTED EVENING ....**

The Annual Riverhead Charity Ball is on again! 13<sup>th</sup> September from 6.30 to 12.00 at Markovina Estate (Old Railway Road, Riverhead). Entertainment by Mikey Havoc and CVE! Auctions include a Trueform Spa Pool, Afternoon training with an All Black, Luxury Launch Package and more! Tickets are \$95 per person or tables of 10 for \$850, AND THERE ARE STILL SOME AVAILABLE. This price includes a sumptuous 3 course meal and beer and wine. Please phone Harriet Watson on 4126416 to reserve your ticket now! All proceeds this year go towards a new 'Information Centre' for our very own school! So dress up in your best frock or suit and come along to the biggest social event on the local calendar!

### **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'. Thank you to those parents who came along and enjoyed a free parent information session last Tuesday. To see for themselves what the 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 now overdue. We lodged an application to obtain funding for this, but unfortunately this was declined, so if you have not paid your \$3.50 for your child to attend, please pay by the end of this week.



## WHANAU / KAPAHAKA PRACTICE

There will be a Whanau gathering and Kapa haka practice at the school on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 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 – PLEASE ENSURE THERE ARE NO PEANUTS IN THE FOOD. To assist in the organisation of this you could please RSVP to wonderful mum Fran Heath on Ph 4127650, by the end of Friday this week. Thank you.

## TERM DATES

Term 3 – 21st July to 26th September

Term 4 – 13th October to 17th December (Labour Day 27<sup>th</sup> October)

## TERM DATES 2009

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

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

Term 3 – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September

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

## WACKY WEDNESDAY

WOW – Whacky Wednesday went off a treat yesterday! Most students – and all staff - got right into the spirit and dressed up in whacky, outrageous and funky clothes. All together over \$220 was raised towards school camps, which is just an awesome result. Thank you for your support for this event – the kids really loved it!

## OLYMPIC GAMES AFTERNOON

This week your child will find out which country they will be representing in the Riverhead School Olympic Day which will take place next Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at school. Children will be invited to bring a change of suitable sporting clothes to school in the colour of their country (only if you already have them), to change into for the afternoon. An early lunch will be held at 11.50am and then the opening ceremony will kick off at 12.25. There will be 10 varied activities that each 'country' will move around, with each activity lasting around 5 minutes. We'd love to see as many parents as possible at the 'Games' to support the students in their medal pursuits. So come on down next Wednesday in time for our opening ceremony!



## VARIETY BASH COMING TO TOWN!



On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September the Variety Childrens Charity Bash will be coming to Riverhead School! The travelling 'Bashers' (great name), will be with us from 10.05 to 10.35am with free goodies for all students and education kits for classroom activities. For more information about what the Variety Bash is all about visit [www.variety.org.nz](http://www.variety.org.nz)

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.



## 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 28<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> of October. EOTC forms are now urgently required if you have not sent them back already.
  - **Year 5/6 Camp at Shakespeare Lodge** - This camp is happening on 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> October. 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, must be returned this week. A letter requesting a further deposit will be sent home this week.
- **Room 4/5 Camp at the Millenium Institute** - This camp is happening on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of September. Due to your amazing fundraising support the cost for this camp has been reduced from \$180 per student to \$160 per student. The second instalment of \$50 is due to be paid by Monday.

## DOES YOUR CHILD CATCH THE BUS?

If your child catches the bus (that's the big bus with wheels OR the walking school bus), it is imperative that you advise the school if they are **not** going to catch it on a particular day. For both buses rolls are called to ensure nobody is left behind, therefore a search of the school and phone calls to parents are set in motion when a child does not turn up. Please contact the school office or ensure your child does if they will not be catching the bus. Thank you.

## ARE YOU GOING TO THE BALL – WOULD YOU LIKE A NAICURE & MAKE-UP ON THE BIG DAY?

Talented mum Briar Dunn has very kindly donated a manicure and make-up session to make some lucky person look 'glam' for the 2008 Riverhead Charity Ball on 13<sup>th</sup> September! As a different type of fundraiser, this will be the prize in a silent auction. If you have never participated in a silent auction before and would like to place a bid, please come into the school office and add your bid to the list at the counter. You can see what the last bid was and increase it by whatever amount you like. The person with the highest bid at close of auction being Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 3.00pm wins! Thank you for your generosity Briar!

## INTER-SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS



Congratulations to all those children who were listed in last weeks newsletter for participating in the inter-school cross country event at Woodhill Sands. The student were exceptionally well behaved and gave it their best shot. Going on to compete in the Auckland Champs will be **Jordan Grant, Julia Baner** and **Awatea Marshall** – well done to you all and the very best of luck at the Auckland Champs this Friday! A massive thank you to all those wonderful parents who provided transport and encouragement on the day of the Woodhill event – you were just fantastic. Thank you for your support!

## 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!

### **29<sup>th</sup> August – Teacher Only Day**

**31<sup>st</sup> August** – Whanau / Kapahaka Practice

**3<sup>rd</sup> September** – Olympic Games afternoon

**5<sup>th</sup> September** – Sausage Sizzle

**8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> September** – Room 4/5 Camp @ Millenium Centre

**11<sup>th</sup> September** – Year 5/6 Inter-school Netball

**12<sup>th</sup> September** – Variety Bash visiting school

**16<sup>th</sup> September** – APPA Choir Rehearsal – Takapuna Primary School

**18<sup>th</sup> September** – Board of Trustees Meeting

**25<sup>th</sup> September** – PTA Term 3 Disco

**25<sup>th</sup> September** – Year 7/8 Vollyball

**26<sup>th</sup> 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:

**Nathan Cook** - Muriwai Sports Fishing Club – Heaviest Trevally Trophy 5.22 kg (Junior Division), Heaviest Kingfish Trophy 12.84 kg (Junior Division) – Nathan even beat the adult division with his Kingfish catch!!

**Mitchell Dentice, Blake Watson, Blake Wilburn, Jarod Ramsay, Ashtyn Watson** – Most Improved Player – Soccer  
**Tyler Watson, Nadia Connon, Piata Heath, Zalia Martin, Dana MacCauley, Jorjah Hubbard, Sarah Paterson** – Player of the Day – Netball

**Joshua Sinclair, Henry Dyer** – Player of the Day – Soccer

**Tate Huggins** – Player of the Day – Rugby League

