

OUR FANTASTIC KIDS!!

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

Henry Dyer – 2nd Place – BNZ Colouring competition

Sophie Tuentner – Highly Commended – Auckland West Dance Academy Competition.

Nadia Cannon – Player of the Day – netball

Reece McComb – Most Improved – Karate

Tom Manning – Swimming ribbons – Auckland Swimming Association – Level 3

Michael Martin – Students of the Week – Karate

Isabel Folan – Player of the Day - Soccer

Brooke Burgess – Player of the Day - Netball

COMMUNITY NOTICES

AN ENCHANTED EVENING

The Annual Riverhead Charity Ball is on again! 13th 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.

This 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! Buy your tickets within the next week and get an early bird special of \$85 each!

PIG FOUND! (yes you read it right)

If you have lost a middle sized, quite dirty, brown-grey, slightly hairy pig – can you please contact the school office? The family who found it are quickly running out of food.

RIVERHEAD OP-SHOP – OPEN AGAIN!

We are so delighted to announce that our Op Shop will reopen again on Thursdays. Opening hours are every Thursday from 9.30 to 12.30. Please wash all clothes before you donate them. Shop is located at the Riverhead Presbyterian Church.

Kumeu Children's Art Club for children 7yrs and onward who love art.

Sessions are after school from 3.30 to 6.30pm

Wed session at the the Waimauku Hall or Thursday session at The Kumeu Art Centre.

Term 3 topic and theme will be rich and varied as usual and will include claywork and symbols.

Bookings required. Contact Paul Phone 411 9498 or Libby Phone 411 8323 or email

libpatterson@hotmail.com

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Ron Irwin of the Harcourts Kumeu office is a resident of Riverhead, actively involved in supporting the community and well qualified to assist with any Real Estate Requirements.

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(Just in case you have forgotten what it looks like...)

RIVERHEAD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Newsletter # 23 Week 2 Term 3 2008

WELCOME

A huge warm welcome to **Phoenix** and **Seth**, and their families; who have joined our Riverhead School Community. Our school roll now stands at 276!

Please ensure you read your newsletter every week and note the key dates pertaining to your child.

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 – EARLY WARNING

Please note that 29th August this term is a Teacher only day. Students will not be required to attend school on this day.

PTA MEETING

Please note there will be a PTA meeting for **existing members** at 2.30 on Monday 4th August in the Boardroom. A big thank you to those people who put their names down as helpers after our beg for help. This meeting is to discuss the way forward in terms of the response received, and helpers will be contacted after this meeting.

ILLNESS

Sadly it looks like the recent school holidays did nothing to stem the flow of contagious nasties doing the rounds this winter – and there are lots of them! Between the vomiting bugs, chicken pox, chest infections and the head colds that are all rampant at the moment, it is **vital** that we all do our part to minimise the spread of germs and flu. We understand that this can be difficult with both parents working, however the health of your child (and of the other students), must come first. Please observe the following guidelines when your child is sick:

- If your child has vomited please do not bring them to school until at least 24 hours AFTER the last time they vomit.
- If your child is prescribed antibiotics please do not bring your child to school for at least 48 hours AFTER the first dose of medicine – and obviously, as long as they are well. (If they require medication at school you will need to complete a permission form at the school office on the morning of their return).
- If your child has a thick runny green nose (yes gross, but how else do you describe it), they should not be at school until their nose has 'dried up'; and this is likely to be an infection which requires a visit to the Doctor.
- Conjunctivitis is common in winter (due to the thick runny green noses), and is **highly contagious**. If your child's eye(s) are itchy, red, weepy or have a mucous-like substance in them, please take them to the Doctor immediately and keep them home until 48 hours after the first antibiotic treatment.



- Headaches and sore throats should stay at home until they have cleared up (can be a sign of strep throat and should be seen by a Doctor if they persist for more than 1 day).
- Chicken pox is a common childhood illness with early signs being fever and spots which appear in stages. If your child has chicken pox they should be kept home until 5 days AFTER the appearance of the last spot – providing all spots are dry and scabbed over.
- Finally if your child has 'been up all night' coughing, upset or with a sore tummy, PLEASE keep them home to get some sleep. Tired children in the classroom can't learn and tend to disrupt others.



With so many children away at the moment it is really important that you contact the school before 8.30 and let us know that your child will be away and why (we are currently chasing up at least seven different families each morning who have not advised us students will be absent). We also have several students who are currently undertaking treatment for cancer, which lowers their immunity – so it is essential that we are advised of specific illnesses they may be exposed to at school, as soon as they are diagnosed.

SUBWAY SANDWICH DAY!!

A big thank you to Fran Heath and Deb MacCauley, and everyone on the Nutrition Committee for organising this lunch day. Orders should have been placed today (in the envelopes that were provided earlier in the week). Sorry no late orders can be accepted.

CAMP REMINDERS

Notices were sent home at the end of last term with regard to each of the following camps. Please note the camp your child is involved in and what needs to happen next. If you did not receive a notice please ask your child to bring you home another one or grab one from the school office.

- **Year 5/6 Camp at Shakespeare Lodge** - This camp is happening on 14th to 17th October and a permission slip and \$50 deposit are required back at school no later than 1st August.
- **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 are required back at school no later than 1st August.
- **Room 6/7 Sleepover at Kelly Tarltons** - This camp is happening on 20th August and parent helpers have now been confirmed. Thank you if you volunteered.
- **Room 8/9 Sleepover at Kelly Tarltons** - This camp is happening on 19th August and parent helpers have now been confirmed. Thank you if you volunteered.
- **Room 10 Daytrip to Kelly Tarltons** - This is happening on 21st August and detailed information will be sent home soon.

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!

4th August – PTA Meeting 2.30 in the Boardroom

5th August – APPA Choir Rehearsal – Milford Primary School

7th August – Inter-school netball

8th August – Middle School Cake Stall – morning tea – all items \$1

13th August – Board of Trustees Meeting

14th August – School Speech Competitions

14th August – Rippa Rugby & Tackle Rugby Tournament #3

19th August – Interschool Speech Competition Year 5/6

19th August – Sleepover @ Kelly Tarltons – Room 8/9

20th August - Interschool Speech Competition Year 7/8

20th August – Sleepover @ Kelly Tarltons – Room 6/7 & Room 6 Outdoor Education

21st August – Room 10 visit to Kelly Tarltons

25th August – Life Education Caravan comes to Riverhead School

28th August – Interschool Basketball

29th August – Teacher Only Day

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

16th September – APPA Choir Rehearsal – Takapuna Primary School

18th September – Board of Trustees Meeting

26th September – End of Term 3

INTER-SCHOOL NETBALL



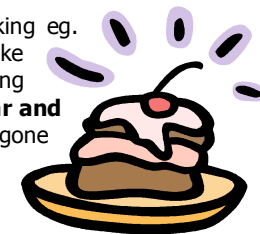
We have a couple of teams representing our school at next week's inter-school competitions. Permission notices and requests for transport have been sent home to relevant students, and these are required back at school by Friday (tomorrow). Thank you.

MYSTIC VISIT

A massive thank you to Heather Lundon who organised two wonderfully talented players from the Mystic Netball Team to come along to the Riverhead Netball practice earlier this week. Thankfully the weather was not too bad and the netball teams enjoyed a few pointers and tips on how to improve their game! Awesome!

CAKE STALL – CAMP FUNDRAISER

All middle school parents are asked to bring an item of home baking eg. muffins, fudge, cupcakes etc., to school on Friday 8th August for a cake stall to raise funds for camps. Each item will be sold for \$1 at morning tea on the day, so **all students are invited to bring along a dollar and purchase some yummy home made morning tea!** A notice has gone home to all middle school parents this week – so please support the schools' efforts in reducing the cost of camp. Thanks, Holly Vega – Organising Teacher



JOB VACANCIES – AFTER SCHOOL CARE

We have two vacancies for After School Care persons for various afternoons each week from 2.30 to 5.30. Applicants must be flexible, display initiative and genuinely love kids. Please contact the school office if you are interested or see Annette Browne – After School Care Supervisor.

NEW SIGN OUT SLIPS



When parents come into school during the day to take their children out, we have in the past, issued a slip for them to give to the teacher before their child is released. A new system has now been put in place for all local schools, with the support of the NZ Police, Waitakere Area Principals Association and Waitakere City Improving School Attendance Programme. This system means the 'School Leave Slip' we now issue, needs to be shown to the class teacher, but then **kept by you** for the rest of the day. This is to ensure that any Truant Officer or the Police can request to see a leave slip if they see children out and about. Thankfully we do not have a problem with truancy at Riverhead School, but this system is designed for the safety of students and therefore we are sure you will support it's introduction.

FATHERS DAY RAFFLE – CAMP FUNDRAISER

Mr Darren Mathers in Room 11 is organising a Fathers Day Raffle to raise funds for camps. At this stage he is asking if anybody would like to make some kind donations of quality items to fill several hampers. We are hoping to get enough for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize and any donation (big or small) would be greatly appreciated.

