

## **WHY WAS THERE NO ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK?**

To those of you who turned up for Tuesday community assembly we are sorry we had to cancel it due to Hall ceiling repairs. We could not hold it outside as the days were very sunny earlier in the week and our students are not wearing hats yet. Return to normal assembly

## **OUR FANTASTIC KIDS!!**

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

**Samuel Sinclair** – Player of the Day – Soccer

**Luke Van Zuilen** – Most Improved Student – Go Kan Ru

**Chloe McKnight & Alana Joyce** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Spring Cheerleading Carnival

**Tate Huggins** – Participation Certificate – Rugby League

**Cole Huggins** – Player of the Year – Rugby League

**Levi Wenzlick** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Overall Boys, 2<sup>nd</sup> High Bar, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vault, 3<sup>rd</sup> Parallel Bars, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 3<sup>rd</sup> Rings – Level 2 Gymnastics

**James Kemp** – Participation Certificate – Kumeu Rugby

**JJ Soole** – Most Valuable Player of the Year – Kumeu Rugby

**Jerome Soole** – Most Valuable Player of the Year – Kumeu Rugby

**Graysen Brown** – Sportsperson of the Year – Kumeu Rugby

**Christopher Laurie** – Player of the Year – Kumeu Rugby

**James Brown** – Sportsperson of the Year – Kumeu Rugby

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**JUNIOR TOUCH RUGBY** -Do you have a team of kids who are interested in playing social touch this summer? 6-13 (Year 2 to Year 8) children, Thursdays at 5.00 at the Riverhead War Memorial Park, Minimum of 7 players per team. Please call Deb MacCaulley on 4122912 to register your interest.

**Sunny season for the holidays** - Searching for something to do with the kids these holidays? There are three sessions daily. Times: 10.00am, 12pm, 2.00pm Dates: 29 Sep – 3 Oct, 6 Oct – 10 Oct Price: \$15.00 per person Groups of (20+) \$10 per person (One free adult with every 8 children attending with a holiday programme group). Booking is essential call now; 09 624-1246. [www.stardome.org.nz](http://www.stardome.org.nz)

**CAMPERVAN RENTALS** – Do you have relatives coming from overseas this summer to tour NZ? Locally built 2/3 berth campervans for hire, 2 burner cooker, electric coolbox, fully equipped mini kitchen with running water, comfy bed and good sounds in reliable vans. Great rates – check us out at [www.coolkiwicampers.co.nz](http://www.coolkiwicampers.co.nz) or phone 4118664 or 0274182746.

**Riverhead Athletics Club** Season Starts Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Oct, 5.30 pm. Ages 2-14yrs. Registration Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Sept, 4-6pm at the Riverhead Memorial Park. All welcome for drinks and nibbles at the AGM Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept, 7.30pm, Kumeu Club.

**The Groove Factory** is held over 4 days, 29 Sept to 2 Oct from 9 - 3pm in the music suite at Kaipara College. Cost is \$120 per student. The programme is aimed at beginner to intermediate level musicians, actors and dancers only. For more information and/or a registration pack call Nick Roberts on 021 420 784 or email [hville@xtra.co.nz](mailto:hville@xtra.co.nz).

**Muriwai Junior Surf Club Registration Day:** Sunday, 19 October 2008, 10am – 1pm. Come along and meet the coaches, and register for the upcoming Junior Surf Season. New members are most welcome; we have a great team of people to help you through the process. Fantastic life skills and great fun. See you at the Muriwai Surf Lifesaving clubrooms. First club training day is Sunday, 2nd November 2008, 9.30am.

## **ROS IS QUALIFIED AND READY TO MASSAGE!!**

**RELAXATION MASSAGE Rosalind Berben (NZCM)** Relax, de-stress, unwind, decrease anxiety, improve sleep, wellbeing and circulation - Ease tension headaches, loosen tight & sore muscles MOST OF ALL ENJOY your massage experience!! Customise your relaxation massage, 1 hour \$50 Any queries or to make an appointment please phone Rosalind 021 169 3594.

**HAVE FUN AT SNOWPLANT THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!** Snowplanet, offering a winter wonderland experience just 20 minutes north of the Bridge, is proud to support our school an offers great deals for families and kids during the September/October school holidays. The all new exciting new 5-day kids school holiday programme comes with a 2 hour fun group lesson each day including rental equipment and a kids meal voucher...a great way to learn new snow sport skills in a fun and active environment. To book in your child, call Snowplanet on 094270044 xtn 725 email [schools@snowplanet.co.nz](mailto:schools@snowplanet.co.nz)

# RIVERHEAD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## **WELCOME – HAERE MAI**

A massive Riverhead School welcome to **Connor, Adam** and their families who have joined our school community. Our school roll stands at 278.

With only 1 week left in the term we ask that you please note the key dates pertaining to your child for event happening before the end of Term 3. You can also visit our website if your newsletter is rendered illegible due to squashed bananas – go to [www.riverhead.school.nz](http://www.riverhead.school.nz)

## **VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE**

We were advised on Tuesday evening that a senior student from our school was approached and restrained by an offender on Monday afternoon whilst she walked home from school. The student managed to keep her wits about her and apply the 'confident kids' actions taught at school to get out of the situation. We are extremely proud of her and she is dealing with the situation incredibly well. The Police are taking this matter extremely seriously and have had a strong presence in the village since the incident was reported. Staff also stationed themselves around the district this morning to ensure the children got to school safely. Today your child attended a special assembly about 'stranger danger' on specific advice from the Police, where we have reiterated the ways in which they can keep themselves safe. There are things that you as members of the school community and parents can do to support the safety of your children.

- Talk to your children about what they have learnt to do if they are approached by strangers. Ensure they understand strangers look just like normal people and can tell them all sorts of clever things to get children to go with them.
- Put your children on the walking school bus, regardless of their age. This service currently gets over 30 children to various stops safely every day – and it's free! Grab an enrolment pack from the office.
- Ensure your child walks to school in a group, and that they leave home in plenty of time to be walking while other children are also walking to school.
- If your child is going to be absent, phone the school BEFORE 8.25am. We check unaccounted for children every morning, but this can take up to half an hour if we have many calls to make, and this is too long if a child has gone missing.
- Ensure the school has your up to date contact numbers, home, mobile and emergency contact details need to be current.
- Children under the age of 14 must legally have an adult at home when they get home from school.
- Be vigilant! If you see anything suspicious report it immediately. The Police would rather deal with dozens of false alarms than one preventable offence.
- Encourage your children to be aware of their surroundings, and if they ever tell you anything that sounds suspicious tell us and tell the Police.

**Thank you for your support in this very serious matter.**



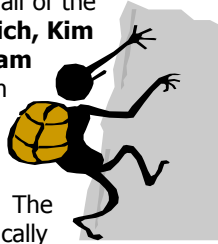
## **RIVERHEAD SCHOOL – FUTURE DIRECTION A COMMUNITY MEETING**

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00pm the school community are invited to attend meeting focussing on the future direction of Riverhead School. This will include development of a new School Vision, changes to the New Zealand Primary School Curriculum, changes to the school buildings and property, and the introduction of Riverhead Force. A crèche will be provided to encourage attendance, and we hope to see as

many school community parents and caregivers as possible. Come along and be informed!

### **MILLENIUM CAMP**

What a fantastic time we all had! All the children tried their very best at all of the awesome activities. Special thanks to our parent helpers **Tony Marinovich, Kim VanZuilen, Jo Nordmeyer, Donna Massey, Peter Cleveland and Sam Wilburn**; who helped us care for the children. They were such an amazing team, and we know they enjoyed every minute of the camp as well. Thank you also to everyone who sent home baking and cookies – they were absolutely delicious. We would also like to acknowledge huge appreciation to Boric Orchards for their generous donation of fruit. The Millenium Centre emailed the school after the camp and specifically commented *"everyone here is still talking about how well behaved your children were, they are a credit to your school and their parents"*. Thank you to all of the wonderful parents who have provided such positive feedback on the organisation and experience for the kids, your comments are really appreciated. *Jacqui Lyttle & Holly Vega – Organising Teachers*



### **RIVERHEAD BALL 2008**

A simply stunning evening was enjoyed by all guests at the Riverhead Ball last Saturday night – held in support of the school's information centre. All together over \$17,000 was raised which is just incredible!!! The Riverhead Community Ball Committee are to be congratulated on their massive effort and the culmination of what saw hours and hours of volunteer work, turn into a spectacular success. To hear how the money you as a community raised will be spent, come along to our 'Future Direction' evening next Wednesday.

### **SCHOOL DISCO – NEXT THURSDAY!!!**

The PTA Term 3 Disco will be held next Thursday evening at the school hall from 6.00 to 8.00. We recommend you pre-purchase tickets using the attached flyer for \$3 per student (door sales will be available for \$5 per student). Please note that only students currently attending Riverhead School are able to attend the disco. We know this affects some helpers however there are many implications if non-students attend and it is best to have one rule for everybody to avoid any confusion. Some PTA helpers who put their name on the list will be approached to provide assistance with baking and helping out on the night, if you know you are coming and want to lend a hand – please let the school office know.

### **STUDENT SUPPORT COUNSELLOR**

A reminder that the school provides the services of a Student Support Counsellor for all of our students – Mrs Rose Stanley. Rose comes in each Thursday and works directly with Year 6, 7 and 8. She also picks up requests from any student from her 'mailboxes' throughout the school, and sees any child who asks her for some individual time. Children may have concerns over any number of things like arguments with their brother or sister, feeling like someone in class does not like them, parents rules at home, pets that are sick...anything! Talking confidentially with someone who is totally removed from a situation (and who is trained to listen and counsel wisely), can make the world of difference to *their* world! If there is anything going on in your child's life that makes you feel they would benefit from talking things through, you can talk directly to Rose who can instigate a time with your child. Encouraging your children to talk when they have problems is vital to their ongoing mental health. Rose can be contacted via the school office.

## **CAMP REMINDERS**

We are down to just two camps now! 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. Remember camp fees can be paid off by instalment past the actual date of camp. If you require this it needs to be arranged with 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. Parents attending have been notified and we are still waiting on a few deposits. An update notice will be sent home shortly.
- **Year 5/6 Camp at Shakespeare Lodge** - This camp is happening on 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> October. A notice was sent home on 8<sup>th</sup> September advising of an interim revised total of \$180 (reduced by \$20 per student due to fundraising!!). The full amount is due to be paid no later than Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September, and a final total cost will be advised by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September.

### **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!

**18th September** – Board of Trustees Meeting

**24<sup>TH</sup> September** – Riverhead School Future Direction Community Meeting

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

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

**26th September** – Mufti Day - End of Term 3

### **HATS**

Please remember that school uniform hats must be worn for the duration of Term 1 and 4. Please check that you have your hats now and if you need to order one we suggest you get together with other parents from your child's class and place one bulk order to save on the freight charge. Hats will be compulsory from Week 2 of Term 4.

### **TERM END**

Term 3 will end at 2.30 on Friday next week. Term 4 commences at 8.25 on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October. Please note that Labour Day will be on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October during Term 4.

### **WHAT NOW AT CHLOE MCKNIGHT'S HOUSE!**

A notice came home earlier this week advising that Room 4 student Chloe McKnight has won a 'What Now' competition to have the programme filmed at her house! Well done Chloe – we know how excited you are! Students are invited to Chloe's place at 24 Maude Street, Riverhead from 7.15am sharp (NO EARLIER PLEASE), and should wait outside the gate. Numbers are limited to 80 students and Chloe's class gets first preference. The programme theme will be the CIRCUS, so if you can't make it to Chloe's house, make sure you tune in to TV 2 from 8 to 10 this Sunday morning to see Riverhead LIVE on the telly!



### **SUBWAY LUNCH TOMORROW – YUM YUM!!**

An envelope was sent home earlier this week, and orders should have been placed by today for Subway Lunch on Friday. Sorry but if you have not placed your order by now, it is too late to do so. Thank you to our hard working Nutrition Committee for organising another awesome and nutritious lunch! There will be one more SUSHI Lunch next week – THE LAST WEEK OF TERM.