

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SPONSORSHIP FOR AN EXCITING EVENT?

Riverhead School, under the expertise of Shawn Dyer, has entered a car into the annual Soap Box Derby every year for the last five years – and the team does really well! This year we are looking for a family or business to sponsor the car in the upcoming derby. If this sounds like something you may be interested in, please contact Shawn on Ph 4129500 or leave your details at the school office and he will provide you with more detailed information.

OUR AWESOME KIDS

We LOVE to show off the achievements of our children! If your child has received an award or achieved something through their sporting or special interest club, please tell us so we can include their name and publicly congratulate them at our weekly Wednesday assembly and in our weekly newsletter. A huge congratulations to:

Ashtyn Watson – Winning Team in the Navy Softball Tournament

Daniel Kiernan-James " " " " " "

Boston Heath " " " " " "

Blake Watson " " " " " "

John Tulloch " " " " " "

Amy Gibbs Participation in the Weetbix Tryathlon

Angeline van Zuilen Breathers Swimming Certificate and 25m stroke swimming certificate

Sarah Paterson Piha Nippers Selection – Surf Life Saving

Renee Paterson 3rd place final of the Red Beach Carnival for Beach Flags and 3rd place in Diamond Person – Surf Life Saving

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Riverhead Community Ball Committee are currently taking submissions of interest from local community orientated organisations to be the recipients for this year's fundraising grant. Please apply in writing outlining your organisation and intentions to the Riverhead Community Ball Committee by 5pm on Friday 6th March 2009. Submissions may be sent to PO Box 84307, Westgate 0657

or emailed to riverheadball@hotmail.com

All Star Cheerleaders

Cheerleading is a great sport for young people to get involved in...great for fitness – combining dance and gymnastics for a fun team sport. Cheerleading builds self confidence and raises self esteem. It teaches dedication, discipline and leadership through team work. We encourage positive attitudes, healthy lifestyle, good sportsmanship and excellent work ethics. All Star Cheerleaders are running classes in your area. Everyone is welcome ...no experience necessary. For more information call 0800 CHEERLEADER or www.allstarcheerleaders.co.nz

Bev Birch School of Dance

Tap, Jazz and Ballet classes for girls and boys of all ages. Pupil prepared for exams, stage performance or just for fun. Held in the hall at the corner of Great North Road & McLeod Road, Henderson. For more information phone Bev on 818 5536 or www.bevbirch.com

Kumeu Children's Art Club

After school art classes for children who love art. Sessions on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3.30 to 6.30 p.m. Qualified Art tuition. Bookings and enquiries phone Libby on 411 8323 or Kumeu Art Centre on 412 9480.

RIVERHEAD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



**Newsletter number 3,
19th February 2008, Week 3, Term 1**

WELCOME

Welcome to the third week of term 1! We trust you have managed to get back into the rhythm of school days – this can be a real challenge, especially during daylight savings. It's really important that children get an adequate amount of sleep and are woken at a time each morning that allows them time to eat a nutritional breakfast, get everything they need ready for school, and get to school no later than 8.25. The best mornings are the ones where the kids are not rushed and stressed before they even get here, so where possible get them to prepare whatever they can the night before eg. school uniform, lunches, togs and towel, any homework etc. This is a great habit to get into, helps reduce the 'morning madness' and becomes even more important when they get to high school. It's always a challenge, especially for working parents, but it really pays off in the long run!

PLEASE check the 'Key Dates' in this newsletter carefully and note the dates/times pertaining to your child/ren.

ROAD WORKS



The school has been advised by the Rodney District Council that major road works are about to be carried out in Riverhead. The road works are due to commence on the 2nd March through to approximately the 9th March, depending on the weather. The area affected is from the Rangitopuni Bridge through to the crossing by the Four Square. During construction hours the highway will be down to one lane and will be diverted, where possible, through Newton Road.

They do aim to keep two lanes open during peak times, ie 7:00 – 9:00 am and 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. but of course this may not always be possible.

We are expecting all this to cause disruption to the school, especially during morning drop off and afternoon pick up times. To alleviate any problems, and to ensure that our children are kept safe, we are asking that as many of you as possible walk your children to and from school during this period.

Don't forget that we do offer an after school 'walking bus' service which goes as far as the Four Square shop and we will endeavour to accommodate extra children over this time. Our priority is to keep all our children safe during this disruptive time.

PARENT VOICE QUESTIONNAIRE

You should by now have received a copy of our 'Parent Voice' Questionnaire. This questionnaire is an opportunity for you to share your ideas on how you would like to gain information on your child's achievements, needs and development. We hope that you take the time to fill this in and return it to school so that we can best gauge where changes to our reporting systems are required. If you did not receive a copy (or it has been reduced to shreds by a leaking drink bottle) you may obtain another copy from the school office.

LEARNING DIRECTION MEETINGS

Our first 'Learning Direction' meetings will be held on Tuesday 24th February from 2:40pm through to 7:00 p.m. in 10 minute intervals. These meetings are a chance for you to

communicate with your child's teacher about your child; how they respond to different situations, their habits etc., anything that may assist the teacher in getting to know your child better to enable them to teach them more effectively. The teacher will also talk to you about what your child will be focussing on in Term one plus you will receive a 'Learning Direction' plan which has been produced by the students. An appointment sheet was sent home with your child on Tuesday. If you wish to attend a meeting with your child's teacher then please fill in the form and return to the teacher by tomorrow (Friday 20th February). Confirmation times will be sent home with your child on Monday. If you have not received an appointment sheet a copy may be picked up at the school office.

SUBWAY LUNCH

Subway lunch order forms were sent home with your child on Tuesday. If your child wishes to have Subway for lunch on Friday then orders should have been sent to school with your child today. Sorry, we cannot take late orders. Next week Sushi order forms will be sent home so keep an eye out for them.

We must say a HUGE thank you to one of our parents, Donna Cleveland, for all the effort she puts in to organising these lunches each week. If you see Donna about perhaps a thank you wouldn't go astray to her for all her hard work....volunteering is usually such a thankless task.

CHICKEN POX AND MEASLES AWARENESS



Please contact the school office or class teacher if your child comes into contact with chickenpox or measles, or develops them.

These illnesses can have serious implications for a couple of students in our school who are receiving treatment for cancer, and we need to inform the parents so that appropriate action can be taken.

STATIONERY SUPPLIES



It is great to see that just about all students now have their stationery and can get down to the business of learning. If your child does not yet have their stationery please send their order and accompanying money in an envelope to school. From next week any stationery requirements will be available from the school office. All discounts on stationery apply till the end of February and will then be sold at normal retail prices.

COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL POOL

Please note the pool opens for community use at 4:30 on school days. After 263 children have used it each day we need this time to check the chemical levels and let the pool 'sit' for a period of at least half an hour. The After School Care children then have the use of the pool till 4:30 p.m. Please do not be offended if we ask you to leave the pool between 2.30 and 4:30 pm

SCHOOL TERMS 2009

<u>Term 1</u>	2 nd February	-	9 th April
<u>Term 2</u>	27 th April	-	3 rd July
<u>Term 3</u>	20 th July	-	25 th September
<u>Term 4</u>	12 th October	-	18 th December

SCHOOL DONATION



The Board of Trustees sets a school figure at the beginning of each year. Although these are a voluntary donation, the fees collected are much needed to supplement the Government Grant received to run the school each year. The fees help to provide equipment in the school not provided by or allowed for in the Ministry of Education figures. All donations are tax deductible and a receipt is issued (slightly delayed at this time of year, but it will come home with your child over the next few weeks attached to your newsletter)

Donations can be paid with your stationery order or sent along to the school office. There is a 20% discount if paid in full by 31st March. Alternatively they may be paid by instalments each term.

This year the Board has set the fees at:

One child = \$110 (\$88 with 20% discount)

Two Children = \$150 (120 with 20% discount)

Three or more children = \$190 (\$152 with 20% discount)

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KEY DATES FOR TERM 1

Please note key dates on your calendar. Details of events are in the newsletter as the dates approach.

Tuesday 24 th February	-	Confident Kids programme commences
Tuesday 24 th February	-	Learning Direction Parent Meeting – from 2:30 pm
Wednesday 25 th February	-	Confident Kids
Monday 2 nd March	-	PAT assessments begin
Tuesday 3 rd March	-	Confident Kids
Wednesday 4 th March	-	Confident Kids
Wednesday 4 th March	-	NW Zone Softball – Years 7 & 8
Friday 6 th March	-	Riverhead School Swimming Competition
Monday 9 th March	-	Hearing & Vision Testing
Tuesday 10 th March	-	Confident Kids
Wednesday 11 th March	-	Confident Kids
Tuesday 17 th March	-	Years 1 – 4 Stepping Out (pedestrian license)
Friday 20 th March	-	NW Zone Swimming Competition
Tuesday 24 th March	-	Year 1 – 4 Stepping out programme
Sunday 29 th March	-	Daylight saving ends
Tuesday 31 st March	-	Years 1 – 4 Stepping out programme
Thursday 9 th April	-	Last day of Term 1
Friday 10 th April	-	Good Friday

SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC

Our school dental clinic is currently unattended. If your child has an urgent dental issue, please phone Lincoln Heights School Dental Clinic on 8337481 for information on the closest clinic they can attend.