

YEAR 1 & 2 INFORMATION EVENING



Riverhead School will be holding an information evening for parents of Year 1 and 2 students and for parents of children who will be commencing school over the next year. The information evening will be held on Wednesday 13th May from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. and will encompass such topics as "How you can help your children" and for parents of children soon to start school "How can I prepare my child for school".

If you know of any parents in the area who are planning to send their children to Riverhead School over the next year, you may like to inform them of the information evening.

BOOK WEEK

During week 3 the school will be holding it's Book Week / Book Fair with a Jurassic Theme. Book displays will be set up in the hall and parents are welcome to look at the displays throughout the week where books will be available to purchase. The school makes a small commission on sales with the proceeds going towards books for our lovely soon to be built library. The week will end with a Book Parade with a Jurassic / prehistoric theme



FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE UPCOMING EVENTS

You should by now have received the 2009/10 Entertainment book which contains massive savings on dining, takeaways, movies, attractions, holidays & accommodation, to name a few. If you do wish to purchase this then please return the envelope to the school office along with your payment. The cost of the book is \$65 and for each copy sold the school receives \$18. If you do not wish to purchase the book then please return it to the school office.

We have a car boot sale planned for the 17th May and details of this will be in next week's newsletter. Other fundraising planned for the term include the 80's Boogie Night on the 5th June, Wacky Mufti Day and Children's Disco night to name a few. Details on each event will be in the school newsletter as each event nears.

MAORI TE TEO & TIKANGA MEETING

We will be holding a Maori Te Teo and Tikanga Engagement meeting on Thursday 21st May at 2:00 p.m. in the Board of Trustees meeting room. This meeting is open to any interested people in our school community and will encompass discussions on the development of Maori in the Riverhead School curriculum based on the Ministry of Education directions.

SCHOOL BANKING

ASB bank are shortly starting up a school banking system to encourage our students to save. Registration packs will be sent out next week if you wish your child to join and Angela from the ASB will be joining us at one of our school assemblies to speak to the children about the school banking system.



CAPS

Just a reminder that our Year 7 & 8 students may wear a Riverhead School cap instead of the hats worn by the rest of the students in the school. The caps are of very good quality and are available at the school office for \$12.

GUITAR LESSONS



Our students have the opportunity to benefit from specialist instrumental instruction in one to one lessons here at school. Limited spaces are still available for this term. For more information please contact the Music Education Centre on 0800 893939.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Riverhead Family Church – Friday Night Club

Friday night club recommences this coming Friday 1st May from 7:00pm – 8:30pm for all children aged between 7 and 12 years. Cost – 50c. – Corner Arthur and Great North Roads, Riverhead.

RIVERHEAD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



*Newsletter Number 11
30th April 2009 Week 1 Term 2*

WELCOME TO TERM 2

A warm welcome to our newest students **Logan S, Logan W, Mia, Reeve** and their families. Our school roll now stands at 266.

Now that the wetter weather is upon us it is timely to remind the children to pop a rain jacket in their bags (it can replace the togs and towel!), and if they are prone to playing soccer or rugby on the field at lunchtimes, please feel free to pack (named) old clothes for them to wear. School uniforms will have to be put back on when the hand bell rings indicating the end of lunch is nearing (but this might save you some uniform washing!).

Please also ensure that if you are dropping children off in the rain (or picking them up), that you park in a designated carpark. It is not safe to pull into the school driveway, or double park, as these are busy times of the day and small children are not always easily seen from inside the car. We really appreciate your support in ensuring rainy day drop offs and pick ups do not cause chaos at the school gate.

END OF AN ERA

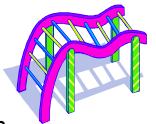
Well our "old girl" has moved onto greener pastures! You may have noticed that the original school building has now been re-sited and will become the clubrooms for the newly renovated netball & tennis courts by the Riverhead War Memorial Park. It already looks like it has always been there!



A huge thank you to the **Harkin family & Harkin Contracting** for the fantastic job they did in communicating with us throughout the process and minimizing any damage to our school. Now that the old building has been removed we are once again in meetings with our Architects and will keep you up to date with the new building projects as they come to hand.

TERM 2 CURRICULUM FOCUS

Our focus throughout the school this term is "How can we challenge ourselves physically?" with our major focus on Technology. Our minor focus is on Science and the Physical world and students will be coming up with ideas on creating a school adventure area and encompassing the values of community and participation with connected values of co-operation, loyalty, consideration & friendliness.



VISION CONSULTATION

The staff and Board of Trustees are currently discussing the Riverhead School Vision and Charter. Copies of the Vision will be sent home next week for feedback from the school community. We look forward to reading your comments on our ideas for the future of the school.

SCHOOL FENCING

Just a reminder that our temporary Rhino fencing is in place for the safety of our special needs children. With this in mind we do ask that when entering and leaving the school grounds please close the gate after you. Once our building projects are complete we will be erecting permanent fencing around the perimeters of the school grounds.



SICKNESS

With the onset of Winter and the changes in seasons, we often see more colds and flu's about. Please keep your child home if they are unwell. The students are not really up to concentrating on the job at hand when they are feeling so miserable. We know that if you are working parents this can be quite difficult at times but by sending them to school they pass the bugs around to the rest of the children and the staff, which in the long run causes even more disruption to the class with relievers having to fill in.

Due to the recent scare with "Swine flu" and following our school's pandemic plan, the children have been reminded to blow their nose into a tissue and throw the tissue into the bin, to wash their hands regularly and to tell their teacher if they feel sick.

KEY DATES FOR TERM 2

Sunday 26 th April	-	Pool closed for the 08/09 season – refunds now available
Monday 11 th May	-	Book Week begins – Jurassic Theme
Monday 11 th May	-	Kool Kids Care presentation (\$3.50 per student)
Wednesday 13 th May	-	Muriwai Tree Planting – Year 7 & 8 students
Wednesday 13 th May	-	Year 1 & 2 Information evening
Friday 15 th May	-	Book Week Parade
Sunday 17 th May	-	Car Boot Sale
Tuesday 19 th May	-	NW Zone Girls Soccer Tournament
Tuesday 19 th May	-	North Harbour Rippa Rugby tournament
Tuesday 19 th May	-	Scholastic Book Club orders due back
Thursday 21 st May	-	Maori Te Reo & Tikanga
Wednesday 20 th May	-	NW Zone Boys Soccer Tournament
Monday 1 st June	-	Queens Birthday – Long weekend
Thursday 4 th June	-	North Harbour Rugby Module
Friday 5 th June	-	NW Zone Boys & Girls Rugby Tournament
Friday 5 th June	-	80's Boogie Night
Tuesday 23 rd June	-	North Harbour Rugby Tournament
Tuesday 30 th June	-	North Harbour Rugby Module
Thursday 2 nd July	-	Disco
Friday 3 rd July	-	Last day of Term 2

KOOL KIDS PRESENTATION

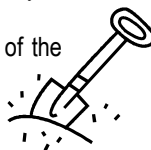


On Monday 11th May we are very fortunate to be having a visit from award winning magician, ventriloquist and present, Elgregoe. The one hour show is suitable for all students in years 1 – 8 and teaches children that they have got the power to make the right choices and lets them know that they can feel good about doing the right thing at school. It has a very strong anti bullying message and teaches the children key values

for a great day at school. The cost is \$3.50 per child and we hope that all students will be given the opportunity to attend. Your children should have received a permission slip for this yesterday.

MURIWAI TREE PLANTING

On Wednesday 13th May our Year 7 & 8 students will be travelling to Muriwai as part of the Science Curriculum. They will be assisting the Auckland Regional Council with their annual tree planting project with the planting of spinafex in line with this years focus on sand dune erosion. Permission slips for this trip were sent home yesterday.



2009 TERM DATES

Term 2	27 th April	-	3 rd July
Term 3	20 th July	-	25 th September
Term 4	12 th October	-	18 th December

POOL KEY RETURNS

The school pool has now closed for the season. All Pool keys may now be returned for a \$20 refund. All Keys must be returned no later than 22nd May 2009 – no refunds will be given after this date. Keys are reprogrammed each year so all keys issued this season will be of no use next season.

NUTRITION COMMITTEE LUNCHES

Thanks for the wonderful ladies on our Nutrition committee, our yummy Sushi lunches will be recommencing next Thursday 7th May. Payment envelopes will be sent home on Tuesday. This will follow with Subway lunches the following Thursday and continue to alternate weekly throughout the term.



Donna Cleveland, from the Nutrition Committee is currently working on a application with the Waitakere City Health Board for a grant to get a school vegetable garden up and running. Donna has also met with several students to brainstorm ideas on how this will operate. They have come up with some great ideas so let's hope that we get the funding to follow through with them. We will keep you posted on the outcome of the application and thank **Donna** for all her hard work thus far.

OUR AWESOME KIDS

Congratulations to the following STARS who have excelled at their chosen activity:

Joshua McLeod	-	Most Improved – NW Soccer
Kenneth Loudon	-	Waikaraka Speedway – finals qualifier
Gian Krauer	-	Level 3 Ski Sport final, passed Level 3 Ski Star
Casey Trott	-	Horseriding
Zaria Martin	-	Horseriding
Ashtyn Watson	-	2008/09 Roosters U8 Most Valuable Player
Blake Watson	-	2008/09 Roosters U10 Top Batter & Sportsperson
Tyran Wilkinson	-	Selected for Waitakere U15 Badminton Rep Team
Trent Wild	}	Played at North Harbour Stadium on Saturday in a curtain raiser game for the Blue's versus Red's (they didn't win but apparently played better than the Blues!)
Thomas Shepherd		
Logan Wild		
Blake Harvey		
Cody Waters	-	NW Soccer – Most Improved



REPORTING TO PARENTS – TIMEFRAME

After consultation with the school community, the timeframe for reporting to parents is as follows:

Week 3, Term 2 – Learning Plan with reflections

Week 10, Term 2 – Learning feedback report – this is a full report on your child's learning with a Learning Voyage folder with work examples etc.)

Term 3 – Parent / Teacher Interviews

OPERETTA



Planning is already underway for our Operetta's. The Senior school Operetta will be held towards the end of Term 3 with the Junior school's at the beginning of Term 4. We are still working through trying to get rights to the music of one of the operettas and will announce what they will be once this has been finalised. This will be our first Operetta held in our new MPC so we are very excited about it. All students will be engaged in some way, shape or form towards making these shows a success, be it on the stage, assisting behind the scenes, costumes, scenery, music, props etc. Auditions for lead rolls will begin later in the term. We will also be on the look out to use the talents of our parents to assist with prop making etc.