

2009 BACCHUS BALL

Once again we are very privileged to be the recipients of part of the proceeds from the Riverhead Community Ball.....So buy the dress, book the hairdresser & extend the overdraft! The Riverhead Community Ball Committee brings you the Bacchus Ball (think Leonardo da Vinci, Ruben, Michelangelo) – To be held at Markovina Estate, Saturday 15th August. Tickets to on sale 22nd June for \$95 which includes a 3 course meal, wine & beer.



Our share of the money will go towards upgrading the resurface of the school pool along with a much needed upgrade to the filtration system.

If you have any queries regarding the Ball or would like to purchase tickets please contact Andrea North on 0211864225.

SCHOOL CROSSING



We have had a report that some of our children are riding their bikes across the school crossing by the Four Square shop. Please make sure your children are aware that the crossing is a “pedestrian” crossing and when riding bikes they must follow the rules of the road, including the wearing of a helmet. If they wish to cross at the crossing, they need to dismount their bike and walk it across the road.

We have also been asked to request that if you see any trucks speeding or practising unsafe driving to make a note of the company and to advise the school.

PREVENTING FLU

The best thing you can do to stop the spread of any type of influenza virus is to:

- Stay at home & away from others if you are sick
- Cover your coughs & sneezes with a tissue
- Put used tissues into a rubbish bin
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth – germs spread that way
- Be careful to wash your hands often with soap and dry them thoroughly – **hand hygiene is critical**. Remember the 20/20 rule – 20 seconds washing & 20 seconds drying
- Keep surfaces clean at home, school & work

MUD, GLORIOUS MUD!

Wet weather and mud come hand in hand, so with this in mind please send your child to school with a spare set of clothes in which they can play on the fields. Children can then change back into their nice clean, dry uniform when the hand bell goes to signal the end of lunch.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

RIVERHEAD SCOUTS – FIREWOOD FOR SALE Get in early and support your local scouts. \$65.00 collected per cubic metre or \$75 delivered locally. Phone 412 8353 or 0211730549.

Pippins - Kumeu Pippins has started for 2009! Open to 5 and 6-year-old girls in the Woodhill District. We run our unit meetings every Tuesday night at the Taupaki School hall from 6:30pm until 7:30pm. For more information or to register your daughter please contact Eleanor Turner on 021 069 9634 or email eleaturner@gmail.com. Alternatively, contact district co-ordinator Kirstin Hansby kirstinh@hotmail.com.



RIVERHEAD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Phone 412 9105 www.riverhead.school.nz

WELCOME to Isabelle & her family who have joined our school community. The school roll now stands at 266.

RIVERHEAD SCHOOL VISION QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you to all those who have taken the time to return the questionnaires to the school. We really value your input and will take on board any suggestions to our Vision Statement that you may care to make. You have until tomorrow, Friday 15th May to return these to school. If for some reason you did not receive a copy, you may pick one up from the school office.

CONGRATULATIONS TO COURTNEY SOOLE

The staff have voted unanimously to award Room 2, Year 8 student, **Courtney Soole** with the first Bronze Award for the 2009 year. **Courtney** is *always* a most pleasant, well-mannered student who is tries her best, both in and out of the classroom. She has an awesome attitude and consistently shows both respect and kindness to others. Well done **Courtney**...we are proud to have you at our school. Watch this space for the date **Courtney** will receive her award.



SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

If you haven't been to one of our school assemblies lately, you might like to mark Wednesday mornings at 8:35am in your calendar and come along and see our students run the assemblies with our great new sound system. The kids just do a fantastic job every week and you will be surprised by the maturity and professionalism of the school councillors running the show.



ASB SCHOOL BANKING

You will by now have received information & registration packs if you wish your child to commence school banking with the ASB. Angela from the ASB will be attending assembly on Wednesday 20th May to hand out starter packs to all children who have enrolled. The school banking will be ongoing so if at any time you wish your child to register, packs may be picked up at the school office.



YEAR 1 & 2 INFORMATION EVENING

We had a solid turn out to our first Year 1 & 2 information evening last night. It was great to see some of our future parents of the school attending and from the positive feedback received, we are sure they gained much valuable information to set their children up for commencing school.

POOL KEY REFUNDS

The school pool has closed for the season, though I doubt you would want to use it now anyway! If you have not already done so, please return your key to the school office where you will receive your \$20 refund. Key refunds are only available until the 22nd May. Keys may still be returned after this date but no refunds will be available. Please note that any keys not returned will be wiped off the system making them unusable for next season.

BOOK WEEK PARADE.....Tomorrow



Don't forget our Book Parade tomorrow at 8:45am ...parents are welcome to come and join in the fun. Children may come to school dressed as a book character. This year we have a Jurassic Theme so children may like to dress with that in mind...a stegosaurus, t rex, brachiosaurus...I'm sure parents will be able to work out a costume for them! © PLEASE NOTE: Children must bring their school uniforms to school to change into after the parade. Book displays are currently set up in the hall if you wish to see what is on offer...there are some great deals. The school does make a small commission on sales with the proceeds going towards books for our lovely, soon to be built library. The hall will be open to view the display up until 3:00pm on Friday.

PRINCIPALS AWARD FOR FANTASTIC WRITING

We would like to share with you a fantastic piece of writing from **Millie Trautvetter** a Year 6 student from Room 4....Awesome writing Millie...keep up the great work!

Hate is a smoky grey

It's the taste of a rusty stained metal

And the smell of a burnt piece of toast

It looks like a ghastly frown of disappointment

It sounds like guilty cries of sadness

The feel of rusty needles

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE UPCOMING EVENTS

!!CANCELLED!! Car Boot Sale – Thank you to all those who enquired about the Car boot sale. Unfortunately due to the inclement weather we have decided to postpone the sale until the weather fines up. Keep an eye out in the newsletter for an amended date.

80's Disco – Don't forget to get your tickets for our 80's Disco on the 5th June. Remember that you can dress to the theme with lots of prizes up for grabs along with auctions on the night. All enquiries to Kim on 412 7840 or tickets can be purchased at the office.

KEY DATES FOR TERM 2 – please check your calendar re

Friday 15 th May	-	Book Week Parade – 8:45 am
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

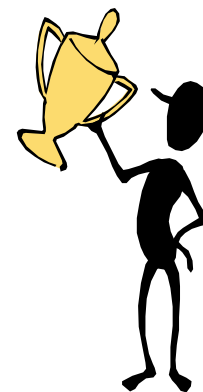
WALKING SCHOOL BUS

Just a reminder to parents of our Walking School Bus children – this service is for walkers only and not for bikes and scooters. If your child does have their bike or scooter they must walk them until they leave the bus. Please also a reminder to let the office know if your child will not be catching the bus that day as often volunteer drivers wait around or send other children off to look for missing children whose parents have made other plans for them and neglected to let the school know.

OUR AWESOME KIDS!

Congratulations to the following students who have excelled at their chosen activity this week. Please remember to sellotape or stick a name onto your child's trophy or medal – it makes life a whole lot easier if we know what belongs to who as we get so many each week – thanks.

Bradley Laurie	-	Kumeu Rugby – Player of the Day
Kieran Casey	-	Kumeu Rugby – Sportsman of the Day
Sasha Nordmeyer	-	Riverhead Netball – Player of the Day
Amber Donaldson	-	Riverhead Netball – Player of the Day
Amy Gibbs	-	Riverhead Netball – Player of the Day
Dana MacCauley	-	Riverhead Netball – Player of the Day
Amy Gibbs	-	Small Whites – Player of the Day
Adam Kiernan-James	-	Norwest Soccer – Player of the Day
Tyler Watson	-	Norwest Soccer – Most Improved
Isabel Folan	-	Norwest Soccer – Player of the Day
Carlo Marinovich	-	Norwest Soccer – Player of the Day
Bliss Flynn-Rhind	-	Norwest Soccer – Player of the Day



STARSHIP PHONE CHALLENGE – Collection slip attached

Riverhead School has registered for the Starship Foundation Phone Challenge. This challenge is for the school to collect as many old, unused mobile phones from your family, friends and whoever else you can think of. The Starship Foundation will send the phones to a recycling company where their memories are cleared and recycled either by makeover, used for parts, broken down for metal & plastic recycling etc. The school has the opportunity to win \$5000, a digital camera and the child who collects the most phones throughout the country can win a trip for 2 to Wellington on Air NZ to visit and tour Parliament and have a one on one meeting with the Prime Minister. If you, your friends or family have phones to donate then please fill in the attached form and return with the phone/s to the school office.

NUTRITION TIPS



As parents, we find it hard to come up with tasty, healthy school lunches every day. From time to time, and as room permits, we will try to put some tips and ideas in the newsletter for not only making lunches more interesting but also general nutrition tips to help make your daily lives easier.

For the non-sandwich eater, try leftover homemade pizza, cheese & crackers, use leftover potatoes, kumara or pasta to make a salad (remember a fork or spoon) or what about a high fibre, low sugar breakfast cereal like Weetbix with a thin spread of margarine, vegemite or peanut butter.

THANK YOU

Huge applause to our wonderful little group of fundraising ladies for their outstanding efforts in raising funds for the fantastic new sound system in our MPC. Along with the fundraisers, thanks must also go to Joelle Brown, our Music Specialist for her research and planning to find the best system and to Shawn, our caretaker for his ingenuity with installing the system. Awesome job all round guys!