

CHAOS AT THE SCHOOL GATE!



We have had reports, and seen first hand ourselves, parents calling to their children to cross the road outside the school without using the manned crossing. It is a narrow street with cars parked on either sides of the road and cars coming and going making it very hard and confusing for children trying to cross. It is only a matter of time before an unnecessary accident occurs....and all for the sake of a couple of extra minutes to walk along to the crossing. Yes, we know that sometimes you are in a hurry, or it is raining but PLEASE we ask that you lead by example and teach your child the correct way to cross the road.

We also ask that drivers be extra vigilant watching out for our "little green people" when driving past the school, especially when dropping off and picking up children.

PARENTS EVENING FOLLOW UP

As a follow up to our parents evening – come and see written language exemplars. We currently have some of these on display in the foyer of the school office. These show where we expect children to be at various stages in Years 0 – 2 and are a National standard for Exemplars.

WANTED...A VERY KIND PERSON ☺

We are trying to find a really kind person (and we know there are lots of you out there) to put away books in our resource room once or twice a week. Whatever time you can afford would be much appreciated. See Dianne Cook or the ladies in the school office.

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.



THANK YOU

On a personal note: Mrs Vicky Waters from Room 6 would like to say a huge thank you to one of her parents, Rebecca, who twice over the last few weeks has cooked a meal for her and her family. In case you haven't noticed, (tongue in cheek) Vicky is expectant with her 3rd child so Rebecca's kindness is very much appreciated by Vicky.

STARSHIP PHONE CHALLENGE

Thank you to all those who have already dropped off their old cell phones to the office for the Starship Foundation Phone Challenge. We need a concerted effort to collect old, unused mobile phones from your family, friends and whoever else you can think of. Perhaps you can ask your workmates if they have any they may like to donate...the more collected by the school the more chance of winning and the more collected by your child they more chance they have of winning. 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.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE UPCOMING EVENTS

80's Disco – Tickets are now selling for the 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.

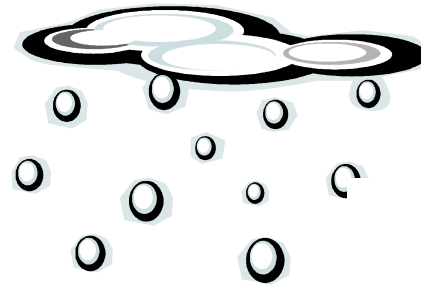
POOL KEY REFUNDS....tomorrow is the last day!

The school pool has closed for the season. 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 (tomorrow).** 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.

RIVERHEAD SCHOOL VISION QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you to all those who took the time to return their questionnaires. Results of the questionnaire will be in our next newsletter but it would appear you are happy with the vision plan for the school as engineered by the Board of Trustees, staff and students of the school.

Community News: Free (domestic ☺) mice, black & white – contact Patria on 4128112 or 0272848872



RIVERHEAD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Newsletter # 14, Week 4, Term 2, 2009
21st May 2009

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WELCOME to another busy and productive week at Riverhead School. You will notice we have new bright orange fencing at the front of the school. This has been donated by **Andrew Coombes from STL, Scot Trust** Limited to use until the building projects have been completed and we can erect permanent fencing. The orange barriers will replace the high fencing already there and save the school considerable money. Please be aware that the fencing is in place for the safety of our children, especially our special needs children, one who has the tendency to do a "runner". When entering or leaving the school, please make sure you shut the gate after you, otherwise this just defeats the purpose of having the fence.

NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK

This year our Year 7 & 8 students will be celebrating National Youth Week which runs from the 23rd to 31st May. The focus this year is 'make time for youth'. About 45% of students report that they don't get enough time with their parents. During Youth Week caregivers and parents are asked to make time for their older children and for young people to do the same for adults.

At school we will have shared discussion and ideas creating around this topic. For more information go to www.youthweek.co.nz

TEACHER ONLY DAY

On Monday 29th June, the teachers of Riverhead School will be meeting to discuss the new Curriculum. The new curriculum is being implemented throughout all New Zealand schools as a Government initiative. Please note the school will be closed for instruction on this day.

UNIFORMS



There has been a noticeable drop in the standard of our school uniform and we will once again be "cracking" down on the offenders. The uniform consists of a Riverhead School polo shirt, t Shirt or long sleeved t shirt and a sweatshirt. Girls must be either in culottes, skorts, boot leg pants, cargo pants or cargo shorts and the boys in cargo pants or cargo shorts as provided by Apparel Industries. A Riverhead School hat must also be worn during terms 1 and 4. The uniform also includes shoes; the correct shoes should be either black running shoes, sandals (with heel strap) or 'school' shoes such as those sold by Hannahs, The Warehouse, No 1 Shoes etc. (If your child has a pair of black shoes with a little colour on them, a black vivid works wonders at blacking out the colour.) If your child is incorrectly attired a letter will be sent home informing you that part of your child's uniform is incorrect and that it needs to be rectified. If you are wanting to purchase any new items of uniform clothing, our uniform suppliers, Apparel Industries currently have a sale running till the end of May. Order forms are available at the school office, where samples are also available for children to try clothes on for sizing.

To all those who continually come to school correctly attired...WELL DONE.... You are fabulous!

WHOOPIING COUGH

We have been notified that a student in the school has been diagnosed with Whooping Cough. If your child has not been immunised against this, please be aware of this fact.

SOUP DAY

We couldn't have asked for better weather for our soup day! Nothing like a cup of hot soup on a wet, cold & blustery day. Huge thanks to **Kim James, Kim van Zuilen** and once again, **Donna Cleveland** for their wonderful cooking skills and organisation and for stepping up to the plate when our "chief cook" was unable to put on her chef's hat due to family illness.

YEAR 7 & 8 GIRLS SOCCER

Under the fine coaching of teachers **Sheryl Crawford** and **Chris Murray** our Year 7 & 8 girls had an awesome day at the North West Zone Soccer Tournament on Tuesday. The team won EVERY one of their games...WOW! This of course got them through to the finals where they finished 3rd in the competition – a huge feat against 15 very strong teams. Thanks girls for your brilliant behaviour both on and off the field. We are proud for you to wear the Riverhead School uniform. The team consisted of: **Ellise Hirst, Alex Porteous, Devon Webster, Karly Knight, Courtney Soole, Raegan Wilson, Aynslee Wilson, Hannah LeMasurier, Jo Newcombe, Awatea Marshall, Jordan Grant, Kamryn Harrison, Madison Thornton & Emma Lloyd.**



Huge thanks also to our transporting & supervising parents **Rishelle Brown, Kay & Phil Knight** and of course the girls couldn't have done without the support of "Monty the Mascot".

RIPPA RUGBY TOURNAMENT

Thanks to our fearsome coach, Mr Chris Murray, our Rippa Rugby Boys performed well at the tournament on Tuesday. The team – **JJ Soole, Jordan Ashby, Joshua MacCauley, Liam Casey, Angus Ross, Tem Kay, Grayson Gibbes, Jared Dixon, Nathan Cook, Henry Dyer, Dylan Grant, Harley Knox, and Anthony Joyce** all behaved impeccably, winning one of their games and losing another 3 games, two of which were very closely fought. Well done boys!

Thanks to our parents **Kay Cook, Stuart Ross** and **Jenny Coffin** for your assistance with transport and supervision on the day....without your support our children would not have the opportunity to complete in these events.

BUILDING UPDATE

To your eyes I'm sure you probably think that not much is happening on the "building front". We can assure you that plenty is happening behind the scenes with Ministry of Education and Architects. Watch out for the designs in the next few weeks.

OPEN DAY

Riverhead School will be holding an "Open Day" on Tuesday 23rd June. Parents, family and community members will be invited to come along and see how our school operates including how our classrooms operate, numeracy & literacy programmes etc right down to our After School Care programme, plus lots more. There will be displays set up in the MPC along with times to visit the classrooms. Watch this space for further details.

REWARDS DAY

In line with our behaviour policy we will be holding our 5 weekly rewards day on Friday 29th May. All children who have not been yellow carded and have made the correct choices for their behaviour, both in and out of the classroom, will have the opportunity to participate in one of the following activities: Netball, Little Girls toys, Little Boys toys, Development (painting, play doh etc.), Drawing, Wheels (no bikes & please make sure a helmet is also provided), Electronics, Music, Board Games (including jigsaws & reading) and Science. All those who have made incorrect choices will attend a class to assist them in making better choices next time.

FUNNY FRIDAY MUFTI DAY



Hunt out those wacky clothes for our Funny Friday Mufti Day. Children may wear their funniest clothing to school and forgo wearing their uniform for a day **AS LONG AS THEY PAY \$2** for the privilege. Any students arriving at school in Mufti and without \$2 will be sent to the office to ring their parents. All money raised will be go to the fundraising committee who are raising funds for the resurfacing of the school courts. A whopping \$40,000 is needed for this project and is one that will benefit all our children.

ASB SCHOOL BANKING

Apologies from Angela of the ASB who was to attend out assembly yesterday to hand out starter packs to children who have registered to commence school banking. Unfortunately Angela was unable to attend this week but has promised she will be at the next assembly to hand these out. 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.

BOOK WEEK PARADE

What an awesome Book Week Parade last Friday....it was fantastic to see the effort put in by the children (and parents of course) with lots of thought going into their costumes. Newsbrief was in attendance so hopefully we will be in the paper this week. Thanks also to **Gaye Sanderson, Sue Shields, Joelle Brown** and **Chrissie Mason** for organising the Book Fair. Over \$2700 of books were sold and with the school receiving a commission to purchase books this should buy us a good amount of books for the new library. A big thank you also to those parents who purchased books to donate to the library. These books will have stickers placed on the insides of them stating they were donated by your family.



PRINCIPALS AWARD FOR FANTASTIC WRITING

This week we have another piece of writing to share with you from the pen of **Graysen Brown** a Year 4 student from Room 10....Awesome writing & great visualisation **Graysen**...keep up the great work!

Autumn

I hear the bristling, brown crispy leaves under my feet as I walk to school

I see the frosty grass in the morning

I feel the warm breeze on my face

I taste the cold air as I walk

I smell the cold damp air

Autumn



KEY DATES FOR TERM 2

Thursday 21 st May	-	Maori Te Reo & Tikanga Consultation Meeting
Wednesday 20 th May	-	NW Zone Boys Soccer Tournament
Friday 29 th May	-	Funny Friday Mufti Day & Rewards
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 23 rd June	-	Riverhead School Open Day
Monday 29 th June	-	Teacher only Day
Tuesday 30 th June	-	North Harbour Rugby Module
Thursday 2 nd July	-	Disco
Friday 3 rd July	-	Last day of Term 2

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.

Trent Wild	-	Kumeu Rugby – Sports Award
Jack Short	-	Kumeu Rugby – Sports Award
Blake Hanvey	-	Kumeu Rugby – Player of the Day
Nathan Tait	-	Kumeu Rugby – Player of the Day
Jaxon Norris	-	Kumeu Rugby – Player of the Day
Jordan Ashby	-	Kumeu Rugby - Player of the Day
Joshua Sinclair	-	NW Soccer – Player of the Day
Cody Waters	-	NW Soccer – Player of the Day
Blake Watson	-	NW Soccer – Player of the Day
Blake Wilburn	-	NW Soccer – Most Improved
Ashtyn Watson	-	NW Soccer – Player of the Day
James Webb	-	NW Soccer – Most Improved
Alana Joyce	-	Riverhead Netball – Player of the Day
Caitlin Hoban	-	Riverhead Netball – Player of the Day
Anthony Joyce	-	Auckland ATV Club Summer Series 12-14 years 2 nd Place

