

STARSHIP PHONE CHALLENGE....keep those phones coming in....

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 to make 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 the 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 drop into the school office. If you require another form this can also be picked up at the office.

FUNKY MONKEYS

The Paper Plus Group have invited schools to sign up to the online Paper Plus Kids' Club and go in the draw to win an appearance by New Zealand's musical superstars, the Funky Monkeys. The school with the highest percentage of kids to join the club will win the grand prize – a lunch time musical extravaganza at their school from the Funky Monkeys. The 5 runner up schools will receive a \$500 book pack for the school along with t-shirts, cd's and Funky Monkey packs. To sign up visit www.paperplus.co.nz/kids-club/funky-monkeys

RIVERHEAD SCHOOL VISION QUESTIONNAIRE

The results of our Vision Questionnaire show that 99.9% of parents had positive feedback and are happy with the 'vision' and for our School as jointly engineered by the staff, students and Board of Trustees. We also had many parents verbally respond by saying that had they taken the time to fill their in the forms, they would all have ticked the 4/5 box in all cases.

ASB SCHOOL BANKING

Apologies AGAIN from Angela of the ASB who was to attend our assembly yesterday to hand out starter packs to children who have registered to commence school banking. Unfortunately Angela was unable to attend this week due to illness but will try for next week. 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.

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. With the long weekend try making some homemade pizzas with your kids...use a small or medium sized pita bread and let each child top their own with some of the following - cooked chicken, ham, cheese, onion, mushroom, grated carrot, pineapple, broccoli, capsicum etc. Top with grated cheese & bake in the oven for 20 minutes or so. Makes a nice, tasty, nutritious lunch or dinner and the kids have some fun in the kitchen with mum or dad as well.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The **Linton Family** would like to thank the school community for all their prayers and concern for Finn during his recent illness...the prayers have certainly worked as his doctors are unable to explain his fantastic recovery! THANK YOU.

SCOUTS FIREWOOD

With this earlier than usual chilly weather don't find yourself left short by the end of Winter...firewood still available from the Riverhead Scouts. \$65.00 collected per cubic metre or \$75 delivered locally. Phone 412 8353 or 0211730549.

RIVERHEAD PLAYGROUP PRE-SCHOOL DISCO

Friday 29th May – 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Ages 0 – 5 years. Cost \$2 - Glow sticks \$1, 50c for drinks/lollies/chips. Riverhead War Memorial. All Welcome.



RIVERHEAD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Phone 412 9105 www.riverhead.school.nz



Don't forget Queen's Birthday weekend so no school on Monday

1st June....YAY a long weekend! Let's hope that the weather is kind to us all.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

As the colder weather descends upon us, we have decided that our weekly school assemblies will now be held on Wednesday afternoons commencing at 1:45pm. It is extremely cold in the MPC first thing in the morning, as those who attend the assemblies will be able to tell you. The new time will start from next Wednesday, the 3rd June and continue at this time through to the end of Term Two and possibly into Term Three, depending on how soon the weather begins to warm up again.



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.

ICT STUDENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We are very lucky to have acquired the services of Mr Stuart Hale from Renaissance to work for 6 months with a team of our Year 6 students on ICT Professional Learning Development. A selection of Year 6 student's, who will be continuing at Riverhead School next year, will join with Huapai & Taupaki Year 6 students for these sessions, to be run by us at Riverhead School. The students will also have the opportunity to travel to Tauranga later in the year as part of this learning development.



In 2010 these students will also be the lead teaching crew for the Apple Bus Tour at Riverhead School. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students and will certainly enhance their understanding of the all important world of 'Information & communications technology'.

DANCING WITH THE STARS...COMING TO RIVERHEAD



On Thursday 11th June at 6:30 pm families of our Year 7 & 8 students will be invited to attend our "Dancing with the Stars" evening. Over the past few weeks our students, under the expert guidance of Philippa Randell and Sherryl Crawford, have been learning folk dancing and would now like to showcase their skills. Lots of fun is planned for the evening, along with a 'dancing with the stars' type competition. More information will follow next week.

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

PAST STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to one of our former students, **Garry Browne**, who has just passed his private pilots licence. Well done Garry....I guess we'll see you flying those big Air New Zealand planes one of these days.



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!

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.

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KEY DATES FOR TERM 2

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
Thursday 11 th June	-	6:30 pm. Year 7 & 8 Dancing with the Stars
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	-	School 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. (It is great if you can stick your child's name on the trophy/award to make it easier for our presenters at assembly time...thank you)

Charlotte Simpson -	Massey Amateur Swimming – 1 st Freestyle & 3 rd Medley Green level
Carlo Marinovich -	NW Soccer – Most Improved
Kurt Munford -	NW Soccer – Player of the Day
Joshua McLeod -	NW Soccer – Player of the Day
Amon Conquer -	NW Soccer – Most Improved
Renee Paterson -	Renee's team selected to play in the NZ Nationals tournament
Dana MacCauley -	Riverhead Netball – Player of the Day
Tessa Pook -	Riverhead Netball - Player of the Day
Briar Wood -	Riverhead Netball – Player of the Day
Jaime Parkinson -	Gymnast of the Week
Jerome Soole -	Kumeu Rugby – Player of the Day
Samuel Ashby -	Kumeu Rugby – Player of the Day
James McNeil -	Kumeu Rugby – Sportsperson of the Week
Campbell Norris -	Kumeu Rugby – Player of the Day



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.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE 80's DISCO

Tickets are selling fast 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.

FOUND... VERY KIND PEOPLE☺

Thank you to the very kind Deb MacCauley, Kim van Zuien and Andrea Frame who have offered to put away books in our resource room once or twice a week, as per our request last week. It's great to have such supportive parents in our school.

Thanks also to **Angela van Winden, Patty Wilson, Glenys Paterson, Katrina Krauer, Justin Simpson and Karen Wooler** who are our fantastic parents / grandparents who have offered their services for our Parent tutoring / reading programme. This is a very worthwhile programme which our children really benefit from and couldn't be run without their help.

And still on the subject of kindness...thank you to **Patricia Holford** who has donated lots of sellotape and boxes of plasters to the school (and with all the stubbed toes and grazed knees we get, they definitely won't go astray)

We also must make mention and give thanks to Fran Heath for attending our Maori Te Reo & Tikanga meeting last Thursday. I'm sure Fran, along with our Kapahaka tutor, Fritha Taylor, appreciated all the work our organising teacher, Joelle Brown put into preparing for the meeting.

FACING HARD TIMES

With all the talk of recessions, job losses etc.sometimes children can worry and be deeply affected by crises, financial difficulties or an atmosphere of anxiety in their home. We all need the reassurance that troubles are temporary, just as our forebears got through hard timesFearlessness is not the absence of fear. It's the mastery of fear. It's about getting up one more time than we fall down. Reassure them that no matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow (Massey High newsletter)