

HELP....

Does anyone know of someone or have a contact for a person to do repairs (make pieces) for wooden jigsaw puzzles? If you do then please contact the school office on 412 9105 or speak with Dianne Cook our Deputy Principal.

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.

ASB SCHOOL BANKING

Angela from the ASB has been in and distributed starter packs to all those students who have registered to do their banking through the school. Any students who have not yet been given their packs, these will be distributed within the next week.

School banking day will be every **Tuesday** and students may drop their banking into the box provided in the school office from where it will be taken by us to the bank.

If your child has not registered and still wishes to do so, application packs are available at the school office.

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES

A Room 6 child made comment to a **very** expectant Mrs Waters who was having trouble getting off the floor - "It must be very hard being a big lady" (Perhaps Mrs Waters had better refrain from sitting on the floor for a little while!)

FAREWELL

We would like to share a word of thanks that was received from the Trautvetter-Hansen family: "Many thanks to the teachers involved in Bryah's learning this past year and a half. Bryah will miss you all very much". Thank you - we will miss Bryah too & wish her and the family all the best with your move.

NUTRITION TIPS for the week

Kids are often too busy after school; have some quick and easy snacks to grab on the run like fruit, muffins, a monkey roll (banana wrapped in bread) pretzels, unsalted nuts, dried apricots, sultanas or raisins.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Barnados Waitakere Parenting Courses

Inspiring Co-operative Behaviour in our Children - a 10 week course for parents with children aged 4-14 years. Beginning 20th July every Monday 9:30 am - 12:30 p.m. For further information phone Therese or Elizabeth on 838 0479. Other courses also available - please enquire.

ART COURSES FOR ADULTS

Wednesday mornings at 9:45 - 5 weeks commencing 10th June. Cost \$50 at Kumeu Arts Centre (behind the library). Learn about artists Kardinsky, Monet, Van Gogh, Killeen and Albretch then each session do a painting in the style of that artist

Suit all levels of ability. Pre-enrolment essential Phone 4129256.



RIVERHEAD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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4th June 2009

Phone 412 9105 www.riverhead.school.nz

WELCOME to Tess who has joined our school community. Our school roll currently stands at 265.

PLAYGROUND UPDATE

It has been overheard that some parents are unhappy about the lack of playground facilities for our children. The Board of Trustees currently has money invested for the sole purpose of building a new adventure playground, however, it is not feasible for this to happen until the completion of our building projects. With regards to the state of our courts, it was a misconception that the school was given a grant from the Ministry of Education. A grant was given to provide access to the school for a special needs child attending the school. The child left Riverhead School last year so the grant was no longer available to us. It is a priority of the Board of Trustees that we do fix the courts but as we are not funded for this, it is up to the school to come up with the \$40,000 odd that is needed to undertake this work. Any fundraising efforts are currently targeted at raising funds for this project, e.g. 80's Disco, Entertainment book sales, Mufti days etc.

We ask that parents remain patient; we are as eager to get these projects up and running as you are. It is far more beneficial to read the newsletters for progress updates instead of listening to heresay and speculation in the community. It also must be made mention of the fact that the children are quite happy in the playground and do not seem to be suffering unduly as a result of the lack of an adventure playground.



80's DISCO - This Friday - 5th June....tickets selling fast

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 regarding the Disco can be directed to Kim on 412 7840 or tickets can be purchased at the office.

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 continue until the end of term 3, 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.

ACHIEVEMENT STATEMENT REPORTS

On Thursday 2nd July your child will be receiving their school report on how they are achieving at school. If they do not immediately hand it to you after school then please make sure you hunt it out before it becomes encrusted with whatever else may be lurking in the depths.

MOBILE PHONES AT SCHOOL

Once again it has come to our attention that students are bringing phones to school. If your child does bring their phone to school it must be left at the school office and picked up at the end of each day. Students are not allowed to keep their phones in their bags or desks during school time.

ICT STUDENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Congratulations to **Isaac Body, Jordan Ashby, Sarah Paterson, James Dentice, Tayla James, Alex Gaston and Liam Casey** who have been selected to work with Mr Stuart Hale from Renaissance. The students will join with a selection of 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



Parents of our Year 7 & 8 students will have received an invitation to the Dancing with the Stars evening to be held on Thursday 11th June at 6:30 pm. Over the past few weeks our students, under the expert guidance of Philippa Randell and Sheryl Crawford, have been learning folk dancing and are ready to showcase their skills. The students will also be teaching their families the dances and will compete in a 'Dancing with the Stars' type competition.

The evening will end with a shared supper.

OPEN DAY

Pencil in Tuesday 23rd June for Riverhead School's Open Day. Next week you will receive an invitation to attend one of two sessions. The first session will commence at 9:00am when groups will be given guided tours through each of the classrooms. The tour will finish at 10:00 in the MPC for morning tea where there will also be displays of other programmes which operate throughout the school, e.g. numeracy & literacy programmes, music etc., right down to our After School Care programme. The second group begins at 10:00 and will start off with morning tea followed by their escorted tour through the classrooms at 10:40am. At the bottom of your invitation will be a tear off slip for you to send back indicating which session you would like to attend. We look forward to you joining us at school and learning more about how our wonderful school operates.



KEY DATES

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	-	Student Achievement Statement Reports sent home
Thursday 2 nd July	-	School Disco

Friday 3 rd July	-	Last day of Term 2
Monday 20 th July	-	First Day of Term 3
Thursday 30 th July	-	Parent Interviews

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)

Torin Hirst	-	NW Soccer – Most Improved Player
Reece Cook	-	NW Soccer – Player of the Day
Adam Kiernan-James	-	NW Soccer – Most Improved Player
Daniel Kiernan-James	-	NW Soccer – Player of the Day
Hamish Armstrong	-	NW Soccer – Player of the Day
Mia Bob	-	Riverhead Netball – Player of the Day
Reuben Davis	-	Kumeu Rugby - Best Tackler
Harriette Overend	-	Waitemata District Pony Club – D Grade Certificate, Coatesville Pony Club "Potential" certificate, April Holiday Helensville Riding School Programme certificate



Reece McCoomb - Gu-Kan-Ryu Karate – Student of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who had the most sales of Entertainment Books in the school. For their efforts **Blake Hanvey** and **Janus Ratsdorf** will receive a "Vintage TShirt" voucher each and **Rohan Patel** will receive a \$20 Warehouse Stationery voucher. Thank you to all those who purchased Entertainment Books. We will update you in the next newsletter with the total amount raised towards resurfacing our courts.

FUNNY FRIDAY MUFTI DAY

What a great effort the students made for our Funny Friday Mufti Day....wearing pj's was a very popular choice. The Riverhead School Fundraising committee would like to thank you all for getting behind the mufti day – a whopping **\$428** was raised to put towards the playground resurface.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS FOR AWESOME WRITING

By **Isabel Folan** – Year 2, Room 7

★ On Saturday I played soccer. I'm a great defender. I nearly got the trophy but I didn't because I had it last week. When we were going home we discussed if I am allowed to go to McDonald's because last week I didn't get my soccer voucher. I didn't go to McDonalds but my day was great because I got to watch TV all day long. On Sunday in the morning me and my family made friendship bracelets then we were discussing about what we might do today but we stayed at home and played with my toys.

By **Lucas MacCauley** – Year 2, Room 7

Today I have rugby practice. Carl and Tim are my coaches. I play tackle rugby. After we have warm ups we do tackle bags. Sometimes I hurt myself on the tackle bags. I have got new boots. My cousins had given me the boots. I chose the boots with metal sprigs then I chose the ones with the blades. I will never slip on those boots. Because the metal sprigs were slippery I kept on slipping on the grass. If we are being silly we have to run to the end of the field. If they are silly again sometimes we have to do a double around the goal post. We get to play a real game of rugby. We have a girl in our team. She is our right winger. She is pretty fast.

Great writing skills from Room 7!