

STARSHIP PHONE CHALLENGE – Last week

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

ANSWER PHONE MESSAGE

A couple of times lately both the After School Care and the School Office have had parents leaving messages on the answer phones which have been difficult to hear or understand. Please, it is important that we get the message right so do remember to speak in a loud, clear voice. We don't want to send a child home to an empty house when they should be in After School Care.

ASB SCHOOL BANKING

If you visit the school office you will see our lovely new friendly elephant in the foyer. All children who are registered with the ASB for school banking can drop their money into the "elephant" box on a Tuesday. Children wishing to commence school banking may collect a registration pack from the school office.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE - PAYMENTS

If your child attends After School care for 1 – 3 afternoons a week payment must be made within the same week. If your child attends for 4 to 5 days a week payment must be made on the Thursday or Friday of that week. Our records are updated on a daily basis so please check with the after school care personnel if you are unsure of how much is owing.

HELP: is there anyone out there who is able to sew up some very large cushions for the After School Care. If so, please leave your name and number at the school office or phone the school on 4129105, extension 715 and leave a message for Annette. Thank you.

WET WEATHER

If your child normally plays on the field, please ensure they bring along a change of clothes in their school bag. This is especially important if they are involved in representative teams such as Ripa Rugby, Tackle Rugby and Soccer – as practices are held regularly when the

weather permits.

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MASSEY HIGH SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT -

Monday 27th July 3:30 – 5:30 pm or 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Meet in the school hall for Principal's address.

Enrolment nights (for in zone students only) School Library :

Monday 3rd August 7-9pm, Tuesday 4th August 4 – 7pm, Wednesday 5th August 4 – 7pm, Thursday 6th August 4 – 7pm. Any queries for Out-of-Zone students please contact Elaine Curtis on 8310500 x 526.

School Holiday Soccer Coaching – Fred Taylor Park, Hwy 16, Whenuapai. For further information phone Graham on 021 162 0283 or visit www.waitakerecityfc.org.nz



RIVERHEAD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Newsletter # 17 Week 7, Term 2, 2009

11th June 2009

Phone 412 9105 www.riverhead.school.nz

WELCOME to Daniel and Ella who have joined our school community. Our school roll currently stands at 267.

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.

SWINE FLU UPDATE – MINISTRY OF HEALTH DIRECTIVE

The Ministry of Health is preparing for the possibility of an escalation of Swine flu throughout the country and are strongly advising all school and early childhood services to do the same. With this in mind the Ministry of Health has suggested that families of students who are travelling to Australia in the next few weeks keep their children home for a week upon their return, even if they have no symptoms. We understand that this may be inconvenient for working parents but in order to prevent a serious outbreak, we do ask that parents follow this directive.



WHOOPING COUGH

We have been notified once again of a student in the school who may have Whooping Cough. They are currently awaiting the results of tests to confirm this. If your child has not been immunised against Whooping Cough then please be aware of this fact.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT RIVERHEAD SCHOOL?

If you would like to see more of what is happening at the school then visit our school website: www.riverhead.school.nz and click on the side panel "Rooms" followed by "Specialist" you can read and see photos of all the extra special things that children experience at Riverhead School.

EX PUPIL NEWS

One of our ex pupils, Harrison Thornton, has been selected to play in the Westlake Boys First XV Rugby Team. A future All Black in the making...well done Harrison – it's great to see our ex pupils do so well.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

➤ YEAR 5 & 6 TACKLE RUGBY

Thanks to great coaching from Mr Chris Murray our boys won all their games in the tournament last Thursday – Riverhead v Whenuapai was the only game we conceded a try with a score of 20-5 and the games against Coatesville and Taupaki we won convincingly 15-0 and 30-0 respectively. Awesome work **Finn Andrew, Boston Heath, Finlay Brewis, James Dentice, Christopher Laurie, John Tulloch, Jarrod Dunn, Liam Casey, JJ Body, Jordan Ashby, Joshua MacCauley, Cole Huggins and Tyla Dobson-Whitehead.**



➤ YEAR 5 & 6 RIPPA RUGBY

Awesome results for our Rippa Rugby players, who under the coaching of Shawn Dyer. won 2 of their 3 games. The team consisted of **Jaxon Norris, Rhys Martin, Daniel Kiernan-James, Amy Gibbs, Reece Cook, Blake Watson, Michael Loudon, Tyran Wilkinson, Dana MacCauley, Charlotte Folan, Ellie-May Thode and Fairlane Welsh.**

➤ Year 3 & 4 RIPPA RUGBY

Great results too for our Year 3 & 4 students under coach Sue Shields - **Ashtyn Watson, Windsor Welsh, Kelly McKnight, Graysen Brown, Kyra McRae, Braedon Peraua, Samuel Ashby, Tate Huggins, Liam Body, Travis Harrod, Dominic Overend, Joseph Wilson and Jack Short** all played magnificently to win 3 of their 4 games.

All in all a tremendous result for all 3 teams – We may be a small school but we are certainly big on talent! Well done to you all.

A special thanks to Angela Laurie who very kindly provided lunch for all the adults What great community spirit! Thanks also to Craig Watson and Craig Brown for all their assistance and to all the parents who supported the school on the day....we couldn't have done it without you all.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Mr Osman (Liam & Kieran Casey's Grandad) who has very kindly offered to use his expertise to mend our jigsaw puzzles. You are fantastic! Thank you.

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 in the MPC and will start off with morning tea followed by their escorted tour through the classrooms at 10:45am. 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

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
Wednesday 24 th June	-	Board of Trustees Meeting
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



FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE (formerly PTA) UPDATE – from Kim van Zuilen

Thanks to all those who purchased **Entertainment books**, we raised a whopping \$936. If you would still like to purchase a book, please enquire at the school office.

The MPC was pumping with the sounds of Abba at our **80s Disco** on Friday night. The night was a great success and huge thanks must go to our awesome DJ, Morgan Lester and to parents Wendy A'Bear, Harriet Watson, Laura Remacha, Deb MacCauley and Jo Norris who helped on the night. The Fundraising Committee would also like to thank the Riverhead School staff who gave their time to support our children. We will have an update next week on how much was raised.

Our next fundraiser will be the kids disco on the 2nd July and Mufti Day on the 3rd July. Remember, all money currently being raised will go towards the resurfacing of the school courts.


OUR AWESOME KIDS!

Congratulations to the following students who have excelled at their chosen activity this week. Wow, we have had a very busy bunch of kids 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 Folan	-	Riverhead Netball – Most Improved Player on the day
Stella McInally	-	Riverhead Netball – Player of the Day
Zarlia Martin	-	Riverhead Netball – Player of the Day
Fairlane Welsh	-	Riverhead Netball – Player of the Day
Jamie Parkinson	-	Riverhead Netball – Player of the Day
Tyler Watson	-	NW Soccer – Player of the Day
Gian Krauer	-	NW Soccer – Player of the Day
Ashtyn Watson	-	NW Soccer – Player of the Day
Daniel Kiernan-James	-	NW Soccer – Player of the Day
Reece Cook	-	NW Soccer – Most Improved Player on the day
Cody Blackburn	-	NW Soccer – Great Soccer Skills
Isabel Folan	-	NW Soccer – Most Improved Player on the day
Tate Huggins	-	Te Atatu Roosters Rugby League – Tackler of the Day
Reece McCoomb	-	Go Kan Karate – Most Improved
Sam McConnell	-	Kumeu Rugby – Sportsman of the Day
Toby Dean	-	Kumeu Rugby – Player of the Day
JJ Body	-	Kumeu Rugby – Tackler of the Day
Tom Manning	-	Kumeu Rugby – Player of the Day
Lamont Palmer	-	Kumeu Rugby – Player of the Day
Lucy McConnell	-	Swimmer of the Month
Alana Joyce	-	Team placed 4 th in Nationals - All Stars Cheerleading
Chloe McKnight	-	Team placed 4 th in Nationals - All Stars Cheerleading
Dylan Grant	-	1 st All Star Cheerleading Tumble Champion 1 st All Star Cheerleading Senior Duo of the Year Open Level 5 – Bronze & Silver
		Dylan is also a member of the NZ Team & may possibly represent NZ in the next Olympic Games....Wow...that's awesome!
Tom Manning	-	Swimming – 3 rd 100 metre medley, 2 nd , 25 & 50 metre Butterfly, 2 nd 50 metre Freestyle,
Tom Manning	-	Woodhill Bike Jam



CAR PARK

 We do hate to moan but with the wetter weather upon us, more and more children are being dropped off at school and we have some parents consistently dropping children off in the school driveway, and even worse reversing out again. This is an extremely dangerous practice when there are so many children arriving/departing from school at the same time.

We also ask that you do not use the staff car park as a drop off point; the staff car park is currently not even big enough for all the staff cars and there is no room to turn around at the bottom. Once the building work commences the car park is going to be an even more dangerous place with trucks coming and going. The staff car park is only to be used by staff and children riding their bikes to school. They must walk their bike down the drive. Other than this, and for the safety of everyone concerned, it is out of bounds.

We have also had a nearby resident ask that you do not park on the yellow lines, especially on the corner of School Road and Gumdiggers Lane. The road is quite narrow and due to a car being illegally parked they were forced to drive on the wrong side of the road when turning into Gumdiggers Lane which almost caused them to collide with a car turning out of the road.

Thank you for your attention to these matters - mornings and afternoons present dangerous chaos outside the school gate and with 270 little people trying to get in and out of school it is vital that their safety is put first and that adults role model the correct behaviours.