

MATARIKI CELEBRATION

Our Kapahaka group have been learning about the Maori New Year, Matariki, which is celebrated round this time of the year. As a conclusion to this they will be holding a Matariki Celebration on Wednesday 1st July from 5:30 to 6:30pm. Our Kapahaka group will be performing for their parents then sharing a meal afterwards in the hall. All parents of our Kapahaka children should have received a notice about this on Tuesday.

DENTAL CLINIC HOLIDAY SERVICES

Auckland Regional Dental Services provide free dental care to all pre-school, primary and intermediate children. For details of the nearest School Dental Clinic open during the holiday period, please contact 0800 4 DENTAL or 0800 433 6825.

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 ACTIVITIES

FRENCH LANGUAGE & COOKING HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

French immersion language & cooking programme – Young growing gourmets will have the opportunity to learn French and have fun in the kitchen. They will be introduced to French vocabulary, tools and utensils, ingredients, basics of etiquette and they get to taste all the French specialities they have created. The programme will run from the 6th to 9th July from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. at Taupaki School. For further information and enrolments please call Patsy on 411 8980 or visit www.abclanguage.co.nz

Knitting is Back in Fashion Two x 2 hour sessions for ages 8 and up. Beginners pack \$65 including yarn, needles, instructions and a bag. Second week of July holidays, Wednesday and Thursday. For more information phone Lena at Gallery Q on 4117292. A \$20 non refundable deposit is required at the time of booking.

Beading Classes – July Holidays Wednesdays and Fridays for ages 8 years and up. 2 hours \$25, including materials. For more information phone Lena at Gallery Q on 4117292.

Animal Care Holiday Workshops – The JPK Animal Care Workshop is a unique experience for kids who love animals. Designed by a zoologist and taught by vet nurses, students learn practical animal care and handling skills at the Animal Learning centre in Herne Bay. Interact with a range of pets including lizards, chinchillas, frogs, rabbits, guinea pigs, birds, mice, rats, tropical fish, axologs, newts, turtles and more. Workshops for up to 7 years and 8 – 14 years. Phone Sally on 376 2024 or visit www.hippo.co.nz for more information.

School Holiday Soccer Coaching – for Midgets and Junior players at Norwest, Tapu Road, Huapai. More information, along with registration forms, can be downloaded from www.norwestsoccer.org.nz or phone Megan on 4117040 or 0211020132

Holiday Swimming classes – Indoor heated pool in Waimauku – crash courses for children 4 years and up – can also include adults of children attending – Maximum of 4 per class with tutor of 25 years experience. All enquires to 412 7964.

Don't miss the excitement of our July holiday activities - for children 5 to 14 years. Join in the fun: a Pirate day, a Funky Monkeys show, DJ, ceramic painting and so much more. Programmes are available 6 to 17 July. Please enrol now – some places still available.

Phone Parnell Trust 379 2095 x9724, email pfc@parnell.org.nz or visit www.parnell.org.nz

Bubbledome – Have you ever wondered how computer games and 3D movies like Shrek are made? Learn the latest in 3D Animation, games design, movie making, graphics design and architecture at a holiday workshop. And for the girls we also have photography, make-up artistry and a modelling course. Three handy locations throughout Auckland, Centre, North shore and East. Phone 6220670 or visit www.bubbledome.co.nz

Golf Holiday Programmes

School holiday coaching clinics for beginners aged 9 to 12 years at Huapai Golf Course. Thursday 9th & Thursday 16th July 10am – 12 noon. Cost \$25 per person (max 8 per clinic) Enquiries to Gary Parkinson on 4137087 or email gpro@xtra.co.nz to book



RIVERHEAD SCHOOL

Newsletter

Newsletter # 19 Week 9, Term 2, 2009

25th June 2009

Phone 412 9105 www.riverhead.school.nz

WELCOME back Cole and Harley who have rejoined our school community. Our school roll currently stands at 270.

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY!

On the first Tuesday in Term 3, we will have having a **VERY SPECIAL CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY** at 2:00 p.m. All Welcome.

TEACHER ONLY DAY....THIS MONDAY

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. All staff will be in attendance but please note that the school will be closed for instruction on this day.



OPEN DAY

We can't say thank you enough to our wonderful mums and dads who came along to the Open Day on Tuesday and we know that the children really enjoyed having you come along as well. We had a fantastic turn out and it was lovely for all our staff to have the opportunity to mix and mingle with you at morning tea.

We hope you enjoyed observing the classes going about their day to day lessons, including French lessons in our Senior and Middle school. We have had huge amounts of positive feedback and hope that you all came away with a better understanding of how our school operates and exactly what happens in the classrooms, and throughout the school on a daily basis.

NUMERACY EVENINGS

Do you find yourself all at odds and out of your depth when your child is doing their Maths homework? Next term we will be holding a series of 3 evenings for parents on Numeracy. You will receive ideas for helping children at home and a greater understanding of how we teach Numeracy. The dates are 12th and 26th

August and the 9th September.

PARENT FORUM

Attention all Parents...you are invited to attend a Parent Forum at the school on Thursday 6th August at 6:30 p.m. It will be a fun and informal evening to discuss issues, share ideas and receive tips on what it's like to be a parent in today's world. There will be tea, coffee and *chocolate brownies!* - But wait, there's more – there will also be giveaways *and* the opportunity for you to purchase a **fantastic** book called "Streetwise Parenting" at a



ridiculously cheap price. You will not want to miss this evening...it will be most informative. Please let the school office know, for catering purposes. if you plan to attend.

SENIOR OPERETTA



Our first lot of auditions have begun for **Disney's "High School Musical"**. From all reports the casting directors have a very hard task ahead of them in making their selections, due to so much talent being on offer. It is awesome to see so many children 'giving it a go' and stepping outside of their comfort zone.

YEAR 5, 6, 7 & 8 TACKLE RUGBY RESULTS

It was a rough and tumble day for our boys on Tuesday at the Rugby Tournament. The boys all fought hard against very tough opposition. Well done boys; you may not have been winners on the field but you played with much spirit and gave it your all. The team consisted of: **Tom Manning, Rhody Smith, Nathan Cook, Grayson Gibbes, Anthony Joyce, Henry Dyer, Temuera Kay, Liam Casey, Jordan Ashby** - who scored the only try on the day, **JJ Body, Cole Huggins, Joshua MacCauley, James Dentice, Christopher Laurie and John Tulloch**.

Well done team – awesome effort. Thanks also to parents **Kaye Cook, Angela Laurie** and **Sharon Joyce** who all helped with transport, cheering on the sidelines and first aid to our bruised and battered boys.

OPEN DAY KEY DATES

Wednesday 24 th June	-	Board of Trustees Meeting - Postponed
Monday 29 th June	-	Teacher only Day
Tuesday 30 th June	-	School Banking Day
Tuesday 30 th June	-	North Harbour Rugby Module
Wednesday 1 st July	-	Matariki Celebration 5:30 – 6:30 pm
Thursday 2 nd July	-	Student Achievement Statement Reports sent home
Thursday 2 nd July	-	School Disco
Friday 3 rd July	-	Rewards & Mufti Day
Friday 3 rd July	-	Last day of Term 2
Monday 20 th July	-	First Day of Term 3
Tuesday 21 st July	-	Special Assembly 2:00p.m.
Thursday 30 th July	-	Parent Interviews
Thursday 6 th August	-	Parent Forum Evening
Wednesday 12 th August	-	First Numeracy Evening
Wednesday 26 th August	-	Second Numeracy Evening
Wednesday 9 th September	-	Third Numeracy Evening
Monday 21 st September	-	Senior Operetta dress rehearsal
Tuesday 22 nd September	-	Senior Operetta Matinee & evening performance
Wednesday 23 rd September	-	Senior Operetta Finale performance

REWARDS

On Friday the 3rd of July (the last day of Term 2) we will be holding our five weekly reward session for all those students who have made good choices both in the classroom and the playground. The children will be able to choose from Toys, Winter themed Art, Drawing, Netball, Junior Video, Board games & puzzles, Tackle Rugby, Hall Hockey,

Junior Music and Electronics

MUFTI DAY

We will be holding another Mufti Day on Friday 3rd July (the last day of Term 2). Your child may choose to wear their school uniform but if they do choose to wear Mufti they will need to bring along a \$2 coin for the privilege. If they do choose to wear Mufti and do not pay for the



privilege then they may be required to phone their parents. This is the Fundraising committee's final fundraiser for the term and all money raised will go towards the upgrade of our school courts.

NO LUNCH ORDERING (SUSHI) & FIRST WEEK OF TERM 3

Please note that there will be no Sushi orders next week, the last week of the term and no Subway orders on the first week of Term 3.

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)

Sarah Wenzlick	-	Riverhead Netball – Player of the Day
Fairlane Welsh	-	Riverhead Netball – Player of the Day
Grace MacDougall	-	Riverhead Netball – Player of the Day
Graysen Gibbes	-	Kumeu Rugby – Player of the Day
Kieren Casey	-	Kumeu Rugby – Player of the Day
Lincoln Henare	-	Kumeu Rugby – Player of the Day
Jared Ramsay	-	NW Soccer – Player of the Day
Zac Larkin	-	NW Soccer – Player of the Day - scored 3 goals
Renee Paterson	-	Soccer Tournament – scored the only goal of the tournament
Carlo Marinovich	-	NW Soccer – Most Improved Player
Kelly McKinight	-	NW Soccer – Player of the Day
Michael Louden	-	NW Soccer - Most Improved Player
Tyler Watson	-	NW Soccer – Player of the Day
Kenneth Louden	-	NW Soccer – Player of the Day
Joshua Sinclair	-	NW Soccer – Most Improved Player
Aiden van Zuilen	-	Go Kan Ryu Karate – Student of the Week
Sarah Paterson	-	Swimming - 2 nd 100m Freestyle team
Chloe Ross	-	Cheerleading 1 st Place 2009 Championships



STAFF CAR PARK



Two weeks ago in our newsletter we asked for parents **not** to use the staff car park and school driveway as a drop off / pick up point for their children. However, it would seem that some parents think this rule doesn't apply to them so we are going to repeat it again

"We 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 bicycles 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." AND YES, THIS DOES MEAN ALL PARENTS.

WALKING SCHOOL BUS DRIVER ---- FOUND

Thanks to Leigh Huggins who has stepped up to offer her services as a Walking School Bus driver on Tuesdays. Thanks Leigh...you will look very trendy in your lovely new fluoro vest ☺

WANTED: ROAD CROSSING PATROL

We need a parent helper for Road Patrols on a Monday after school next term. This is for the crossing by the Four Square Shop. . Please phone the school office on 412 9105 or let the office ladies know if you are able to assist with this. A big thank you to **Debbie Wenzlick** for her support and vigilance at the crossing. – **Philippa Randell – Organising Teacher**