

RIVERHEAD SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

Since last year's Christmas Carnival was such a resounding success, we thought we'd do it again! On Friday 4th December from 5:30pm to 8:00(ish) - A relaxed fun family event for our School Community that our kids can enjoy and be involved in.

Each classroom will organise and run a stall (or as many stalls as it wants) involving parents & children from that class. So put on your 'thinking caps' and talk to your children and other parents from your child's class to come up with some ideas. Some things that worked well last year were – sausage sizzle, hair braiding & Mohawks, cookie decorating, face painting, crockery smash, hot food & sandpit dig. There was also homemade baking, jams and jellies, coin toss, make your own Christmas decorations – it was an awesome night!

Next week there will be a list in the school office if you would like to put your name forward to run a particular stall (we may have to limit some if we have similar stalls).

Any queries please phone Deb MacCauley on 412 2912.

GUITAR TUTOR

Over the past few years we have been enjoying the services of the Music Education Centre, most particularly from our Guitar Tutor, Wade Sharp. We thought some people may like to know something about this musician. Wade is gigging fortnightly in Milford with duet 'Bench warmers' and also with quartet 'In Session' down on the Viaduct on Sundays at the Imperial Bar. Wade has performed with many top NZ jazz musicians including Rodger Fox, Geoff Culverwell and Kevin Clarke and as featuring guitarist on top NZ Jazz album of the year award "Live at the Sand bar".

Wade is also currently in the NZ Open mixed touch team and player / coach of the Auckland Open mixed touch team.

STARDOME OBSERVATORY VISIT

As part of our Inquiry Learning focus the whole school will be visiting the Auckland Stardome Observatory in Week 2, Term 4. The visits will be over 3 days as follows:

Monday 19th October Rooms 6, 7, 8 & 12

Tuesday 20th October Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5

Wednesday 21st October Rooms 9, 10 & 11

There are still a handful of students who are still yet to pay for this. It is really important that children do attend as follow up work will be done in the classroom relating to the children's findings on their trip.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Glass Off Cuts

We have an abundant supply of glass off cuts which we would like to sell – All money will be donated to Riverhead School. We can cut to any size. If you are interested please call 4127841 or call in and see us at North Auckland Caravans – 267 Riverhead Road. Please be aware they are off cuts so sizes are limited.



Ron Irwin is a resident of Riverhead and works out of the Harcourts Kumeu office. He is actively involved in supporting the community and is well qualified to assist anyone requiring the services of a local Real Estate consultant.

For professional and dependable advice call:



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RIVERHEAD SCHOOL Newsletter



**T-Radar – Welcome to
Riverhead School**

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Phone 412 9105**

www.riverhead.school.nz

WELCOME

A very warm welcome to **Liana, James, Destiny** & their families who have joined our school community. Our roll now stands at 276.

This term sees a slight "shuffle" round of our staff as we welcome to the helm Mrs Dianne Cook to the role of Acting Principal in the absence of Mrs Hughes. Mrs Cook will take up this role for the remainder of the year whilst Mrs Hughes is on maternity leave. Mrs Andrea Frame has been employed as a part time teacher to take up some of the classroom time previously taken by Mrs Cook. Mrs Frame is well known to the students as a regular relieving teacher at Riverhead School. Our Room 12 class teacher, Mrs Sue Shields will take up Mrs Cook's previous role of Junior Syndicate leader. We are sure that you will all welcome the staff to their new roles.

CONCERNS OR COMPLAINTS

Just a reminder about the process for "complaints" or "concerns" - The first port of call is your child's teacher followed by Syndicate leader (Junior Syndicate, Mrs Sue Shields in Room 12 and Senior Syndicate Mrs Philippa Randell in Room 3), Deputy Principal, also Mrs Randell, and lastly, if you feel that the problem has still not been dealt with, Acting Principal Mrs Dianne Cook. We do recommend this sequence as the most beneficial to resolving a concern. In all instances it is best to make an appointment at a time suitable to both parties.

JUNIOR OPERETTA

The Junior syndicate will be putting on their operetta this term. It is based on the story "Wolf at the Door" and some of the songs and the script have been written by our own wonderfully talented music specialist teacher, Miss Joelle Brown. Each of the junior classes has a part and **every** child will have their time on the stage. We do have some lead roles and after auditions the parts are as follows:

Charlotte Simpson & Joseph Wilson – Narrators, **Mackenzie Wilburn** – Little Bear, **James McNeil** – Wolfie, **Lucas MacCauley** – voice of Wolf.

We are also really fortunate to have **T-Radar** playing a "cameo role" at our evening performance which I'm sure will be lots of fun.

The dates for the shows are: Monday 16th November – Dress Rehearsal, Tuesday 17th November at 1:00pm – Matinee and Wednesday 18th November – Evening performance at 6:30 pm. We hope you will all come along and support our juniors. Keep an eye out in coming newsletters for when tickets go on sale.

FILMING WITH T-RADAR

This coming Monday T-Radar will be at the school filming for his upcoming "Off the Radar" show. He will be working with a group of students making vegetable gardens for the classrooms. You should have received a letter home yesterday relating to this filming and if you have any objections to your child being filmed at any time during T-Radar's visits, you will need to fill in the form at the bottom of the letter and send it back to school before Monday 20th October.

T-Radar will also be playing a "cameo role" in the evening performance of our upcoming Junior operetta "Wolf at the Door".

We are all really excited about having T-Radar here and to showing off our lovely school to the rest of New Zealand.

OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS – CLOSING TOMORROW

The close off for 'Out of Zone' Enrolments is tomorrow, Friday 16th October. If you live outside the zoned area for your child to attend Riverhead School you will need to call into the school to pick up a special enrolment form. If your child has a sibling already attending our school, this does still apply to you. The ballot will be held on 23rd October and all people concerned will be notified of the outcome.

KEY DATES *Please make sure you check the key dates regularly in case of changes & additions*

TERM 4

Monday 19 th October	-	Stardome Observatory visit Rooms 6, 7, 8 & 12
Tuesday 20 th October	-	Stardome Observatory visit Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5
Wednesday 21 st October	-	Stardome Observatory visit Rooms 9, 10 & 11
Monday 26 th October	-	Labour Day Public Holiday
Friday 6 th November	-	Jump Rope for Heart
Thursday 12 th November	-	Junior Athletics (morning only, at school)
Friday 13 th November	-	School Class & Individual Photos & Rewards Day
Monday 16 th November	-	Junior School Operetta dress rehearsal
Tuesday 17 th November	-	Junior School Operetta Matinee
Wednesday 18 th November	-	Junior School Operetta Evening show
Thursday 19 th November	-	Senior School Athletics – Riverhead Domain (all day)
Friday 20 th November	-	Mufti Day & Rain Savaday – Jump Rope for Heart
Friday 20 th November @ 7:00pm	-	Trivia Night
Friday 4 th December	-	Christmas Carnival
Tuesday 15 th December	-	End of Term 4

YEAR 8 WELLINGTON TRIP

From all reports our Year 8's had a fabulous time in Wellington – a full report will be in next week's newsletter when they have come back to earth 😊

HATS



In line with our School's Sun Safety Policy all children are required to wear their uniform school hats when playing outside in Term 1 and Term 4. If your child has misplaced or outgrown their hat over winter an order form may be picked up at the office if you need to order a school hat. (Perhaps talk to some other parents and get an order together to save yourselves on the postage costs) Year 7 & 8 students may also wish to purchase a uniform cap; these are available at the school office for \$12 each. **Please note: the caps are only for Year 7 & 8 students.**

UNIFORMS

A number of children are wearing incorrect clothing as part of their uniform. We have particularly noticed shoes with "decorations" and incorrect pants / shorts are starting to creep in. the Uniform Policy of the Riverhead School Board of Trustees states "Shoes / sandals must be black. Boots, jandals and high heel shoes are not permitted. Girls need to wear black tights or plain black or white socks when wearing shoes. Boys must wear black socks when wearing shoes. The School uniform will be worn in its entirety." We appreciate your co-operation in ensuring your child is correctly attired. If you do require any new uniform items, an order form may be picked up at the office where they may also try samples on for sizes. The school office also has a small supply of second hand uniforms available for purchase. If you do wish to sell uniforms your child has outgrown, then please write up a list of items, prices and a contact phone number and hand it into the office. This will then be placed on the school notice board.



ASSEMBLY TIME CHANGE



Now that the weather is starting to warm up, our full school assemblies have now reverted back to the 8:30 am time slot. Parents, grandparents and family are more than welcome to join us at our assemblies - a time where we celebrate the successes of our students.

SCHOOL DONATIONS

Just a reminder that school donations can still be paid at anytime throughout the year. Whilst these are a given by parents on a voluntary basis, school's rely heavily on these donations to provide our children with the equipment needed to educate them to the standard required in the 21st century.

Our donations are set by the Board of Trustees and are as follows:

\$110	-	One Child
\$150	-	Two Children
\$190	-	Three or more Children





GERMAN LESSONS

We are most fortunate to have secured the services of Mr Jorg Herring as a German language tutor, commencing in Term 4. Mr Herring was previously the Language tutor at Northcross Intermediate and will be offering classes for both beginners, advanced and individual lessons. If you would like your child to take advantage of this opportunity, an enrolment form may be collected from the school office. The lessons will commence tomorrow.

OUR AWESOME KIDS

Congratulations to the following students who have excelled at their chosen activity this week.

Renee Paterson	-	9 th Grade 3 Kings United Soccer – 3 rd in National	
Renee Paterson	-	Waitakere Swimming – Level 3 – 1 st & 2 nd	
Charlotte Folan	-	Swimming – Dolphin class certificate	
Angeline van Zuilen	-	Swimming – 200m stroke certificate	

SCHOOL LUNCHES

After our very successful "Hells Pizza" lunch day, it has now been organised by our Nutrition committee that these will take place every Wednesday, commencing Wednesday 21st October. Children will receive order forms each Monday and payment needs to be back at school by Tuesday morning at the latest.



We will also continue to hold our Sushi and Subway lunches every alternate Friday, commencing with Sushi on Friday 23rd October.

Our thanks to our Nutrition committee for their continued support in organising these lunches (and saving parents the hassle of making lunches occasionally. 😊)

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Positive Negatives - Thank you to all who supported this event. We raised \$310.00 and also won a free 8 x 12 framed print. We will be using this later in the year as one of our Christmas raffle prizes.

Trivia Night – We will be having a Trivia Night on Friday 20th November 7.00pm till 11.00pm. So come on get your teams together – Lots of fun including silent auctions and heaps of prizes on the night including prizes for the best themed table. BYO nibbles and drinks. Tickets will be \$15.00 per person with a limit of 8 – 10 per table. Tickets will go on sale soon, so come on get those teams together.

Remember all money raised by the Fundraising Committee is going towards the upgrade of the Riverhead School courts - we are nearly half way with just over \$6,000.00 raised towards the \$14,000.00 that is needed. Thank you to all who support our fundraising events.