

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.

To date we have the following :

- Room 1 - Face Painting
- Room 2 - Coin Toss
- Room 4 - Crockery smash
- Room 5 - Plant Stall
- Room 6 - Sandpit Dig & Christmas Baubles
- Room 7 - Lollipop making
- Room 8 - Christmas Cake Raffle, American Hot dogs & sausage sizzle
- Room 9 - Butter Chicken
- Room 10 - Tombola, Preserves, Kids sewing project
- Room 11 - Hamburgers & Christmas Baking
- Room 12 - Raffles, Lolly & Toy Jars, Hairbraiding & Mohawks

There is a list in the foyer of the school office if you would like to add to it. **Come on Room 3 parents – we still haven't got any activities organised by you yet!**

Any queries please phone Deb MacCauley on 412 2912.

SCHOOL LUNCHES



Don't forget that we have Hell's Pizza lunches every Wednesday. Children will receive order forms for these every Monday – orders need to be back to school by 8:30am on Tuesdays. These are collated by our nutrition committee then collected by Hells Pizza staff round 9:30am so please understand that we cannot take late orders.

Subway & Sushi lunches are provided on alternate Fridays (Sushi this week) Order envelopes are sent home with your child on Tuesdays and must be back at school by 8:30am Thursday morning....again no late orders will be accepted.

COMMUNITY NEWS

RIVERHEAD HALL DANCE

Feel like a boogie? Come to the riverhead Hall Dance on the 7th November from 7:30 pm till midnight. BYO drinks, glasses & nibbles. Tickets just \$5 to cover the DJ costs. Phone Alice on 4129700 or 021702220 for tickets or more information.

PIANO TUNER

For a Piano tuner, technician, sales, appraisals, valuations and reconditioning phone David Curtis on 0272064343, Office 6279859, AH 4129411 or email davefl@extra.co.nz



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.

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RIVERHEAD SCHOOL Newsletter



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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our Principal, Kris Hughes on the birth of her daughter, Billie, on Friday 30th October. Billie weighed 7lb 13oz and is a real little sweetie.

A WOLF AT THE DOOR

Our juniors are all working hard rehearsing for the show "A Wolf at the Door" and we're sure you will enjoy watching it tremendously. School productions are a great way for children to learn lots of skills; we have children designing their own costumes, making posters, memorising lines & songs, etc. and most importantly developing in confidence in front of large audiences and their peers. These are all important areas of the NZ curriculum covering visual arts, music, dance and drama. The children are still concentrating on their "normal" learning in the earlier part of the day so please be aware that reading, writing & maths are all being taught as per usual.

Tickets are now on sale at the school office for:

Tuesday 17th November - Junior School Operetta Matinee

Wednesday 18th November- Junior School Operetta Evening show

Cost of tickets for the Matinee are \$7 for adults (children under 5 free as long as they are sitting on your knee, unless there is a spare seat available)

Cost of tickets for the Evening show are \$10 for adults & \$5 for children aged 5-14 years (under 5 years free but please have them sitting on your knee)

Ticket sales are limited and unfortunately we cannot take orders unless accompanied by payment. Don't forget we have T-Radar making a special guest appearance at the evening performance.



SCHOOL PICNIC



The year is rapidly winding to an end with our Annual School Picnic only weeks away on Friday 11th December. The picnic will be held at the school and is a full day event with tabloid sports in the morning, water activities, ASB Bouncy Castle, ice blocks, sausage sizzle & of course a picnic lunch which we would love to see lots of parents attend. It is a great way for the kids to end off the school year and promises to be lots of fun....mark it in your diary now.

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

TERM 4

- Friday 6th November - Jump Rope for Heart
- Thursday 12th November - Multi Cultural Festival at the Corban Centre
- Friday 13th November - School Class & Individual Photos & Rewards Day
- Monday 16th November - Junior School Operetta dress rehearsal
- Tuesday 17th 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 for Jump Rope for Heart
Friday 20 th November @ 7:00pm	-	Trivia Night
Thursday 26 th November	-	Junior Athletics (morning only, at school) Please note change of date
Thursday 3 rd December	-	Waiwera School Traffic Team trip
Friday 4 th December	-	Christmas Carnival
Friday 11 th December	-	School Picnic
Monday 14 th December	-	Annual School Prize giving
Tuesday 15 th December	-	End of Term 4

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

If your child uses our After School Care facility please be aware that they do need a sunhat and sunscreen. After School Care has the use of the school swimming pool during the hours of 2:30 and 3:30pm each week day – if your child is going swimming they must have sunblock on – no sunblock = no swimming.

CLASS & INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS

All students should have received their payment envelopes if they wish to purchase Class & individual photos. If you wish your children to have a photo together then ‘sibling’ envelopes may be collected at the school office. All school photos will be taken on Friday 13th November....please make sure your child is in their full uniform. Money & orders need to be back at school no later than Thursday 12th November. All children will have class photos taken (though you will not of course receive a copy unless payment & order has been received) and only children who have paid & placed orders for individual photos will have these taken.



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.**

OUR AWESOME KIDS

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

Connor Mormon, Lucy Curtis,	-	Recipients of ASB
Cody Blackburn, Nicola Dowie		for regular banking last term
Aiden van Zuilen	-	Go-Kan Ryu Karate - Student of the Week
Cody Waters	-	Roosters T-Ball - Player of the week



HELLS PIZZA COLOURING COMPETITION

Thanks to the fantastic colouring skills of **Hamish Armstrong** of Room 4 , all his class received free pizzas for lunch yesterday! Bet **Hamish** was popular with his classmates! Well done **Hamish**! Thank you to Hell’s Pizza for supporting our school.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Trivia Night – TICKET NOW ON SALE for our 2009 Trivia Night on Friday 20th November 7.00pm till 11.00pm. 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 are \$15.00 per person with a limit of 8 – 10 per table.

Remember all money raised by the Fundraising Committee is now going towards the resurfacing and painting of the School swimming pool.

SWIMMING POOL UPDATE



The Board of Trustees has made the decision to open the pool today Thursday 5th November.

Keys will be limited to 60 which will be available only to families of the school community at a cost of \$150 each with a \$20 refund when the key is returned at the end of the season.

This works out to little over \$1 per day to have a key and please bear in mind that the money raised by sales to the school community does not even begin to cover the costs of keeping the pool open during this time. Many schools now opt to shut their pools over the holiday period due to vandalism problems and the cost of maintaining the pool (chemicals and staff). Despite chronic vandalism problems a couple of years ago the Board of Trustees wish to keep this facility open, however there are strict rules and failure to adhere to these will result in loss of rights to hold a key. Please note the following important information:

- Keys will only be available to families with children who currently attend Riverhead School, staff members, and members of the Board.
- Numbers will be limited to 60 keys. The numbers are limited purely to ensure the filtration system can work effectively and the chemical levels remain relatively constant.
- Sorry the office is not able to create a ‘waiting list’, it will be first in first served once they go on sale.
- The pool will be closed for repairs and maintenance from round the 15th December until further notice (approximately 2 weeks)
- The pool will be open for use by public key holders during the following times only:

4.30pm to 8.00pm each school weekday (After School Care has the use of the pool from 2:30 – 3:30 and from 3:30 – 4:30 time is needed to ‘rest’ our inefficient filtration system 9.00am to 8.00 each weekend and school holidays)

Unfortunately we will need to close the pool for a couple of weeks to allow the contactors to resurface and repaint the pool. At this stage we envisage work commencing round the 15th December. The contactors have not been able to start the work any earlier as they require a run of fine weather – which we most definitely not had.

Please note: If you do still have a key tucked away in a drawer at home, please drop it into the school. Unreturned keys are reprogrammed to make them obsolete if they are not returned at the end of the season.

The good news is that once we have our new filtration system in place, hopefully next year, we will be able to open up the pool to more people in the community.

We will require key purchasers to form a cleaners roster, if you are interested in helping out in this capacity the duties are very light, and full information is available from the school office.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART



Our students are currently hard out practicing their skipping rope skills for our big “jump off” on Friday 6th November. Don’t forget to pop your name on their sponsor form. All money raised will go to the NZ Heart Foundation.

VALUES

This term our students are learning about “perseverance”. Under the ‘umbrella’ of *perseverance* the students will also be taught creativity ...the power of the imagination...a way to develop special talents.



It is seeing something in a new way, finding a different way to solve a problem. Creativity is using your imagination to bring something new into the world. This is being done to a great extent in the Junior school at the moment with their operetta.

“Without this playing with fantasy no creative work has ever yet come to birth. The debt we owe to the play of imagination is incalculable.” – Carl Gustav Jung