

KUMEU CHRISTMAS PARADE

This year Riverhead School will be entering a float in the Kumeu Christmas parade on Friday 11th December. We would appreciate offers of help from 'artistic' people to help dress the float both before & on the day. A notice with more information is attached. Our thanks to the Harkin Family for the use of their truck.



MUFTI DAY

Thanks to all the students who supported our Mufti Day. Our fundraising committee raised a total of \$308 which will go towards the upgrade of our swimming pool.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CHRISTMAS TREES

You Pick, We Chop. Bring the kids along and choose from a variety of trees starting from just \$20. Cash only. Large trees and stands available. Open 7 days from the 1st December. 69 Puke Road, Kumeu. Phone Murray on 027 3484006 or 412 8828.

KUMEU ARTS CARNIVAL

The Kumeu Arts Carnival is back – a lively, fun, interactive, all ages event featuring live music & performing artists, stilt walker, fire throwers and amazing roving acts working through the crowd. After the Kumeu Christmas Parade, December 11th at the Kumeu Arts Centre, behind the Kumeu Library. All ages welcome, family friendly fun, koha entry, food & drinks available.

BARNARDOS WAITAKERE - PARENTING COURSES

Venue: Barnardos office - 13 Edsel Street, Henderson (opposite Westfield car park)

For more information please contact Therese or Elizabeth on 838 0419

RIVERHEAD TENNIS CLUB

Are you keen to play tennis? Or maybe you're keen to learn. The Riverhead Tennis Club invites you to come along and join us for a game of tennis in a social & friendly environment. All levels catered for. Club times Tuesdays 6pm – 8:30pm and Saturdays 10am – 1pm (Kids 10-11am & adults 11am-1pm) First night is Tuesday 1st December so dust off your tennis racquet and come along with your family. You are welcome to bring your chilly bin & refreshments or a picnic dinner. A BBQ will be available for use. Gold coin donation welcome.

RIVERHEAD CHRISTMAS CEILIDHA (gaelic for 'dance')

Saturday 19th December 7:30 – Midnight in the Riverhead Hall. \$30 double, \$20 single. Phone Jude on 4127893 or Heather on 4126413. Men – bring a plate for shared supper. Women bring a bottle or 2 & drinking vessels. A night of Celtic Dance & Christmas Cheer. Live Celtic Band. Persons under 18 years will not be permitted to consume alcohol at this event.



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:

Ron Irwin

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RIVERHEAD SCHOOL Newsletter



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WELCOME

This week we give a warm Riverhead School welcome to **Ethan** & his family who have joined our school community. The roll now stands at 279.

SCHOOL GALA

Don't forget to attend the meeting to resurrect our famous gala. The meeting will be held on **Monday 30th November at 6:30 pm** in the staffroom - we hope to see lots of parents there with their enthusiasm and ideas.

NATIONAL JANDAL DAY – FRIDAY 4th DECEMBER

Riverhead School is supporting National Jandal Day. All children who wear their jandals to school on Friday 4th December must bring a gold coin. All money raised goes to supporting Surf Life Saving.

HOMESTAYS WANTED

In February next year we will be hosting 21 Korean students for 3 weeks. At this stage we don't have much information, ie ages of the children, dates etc. but will inform parents as it comes to hand. If you are interested in becoming a home stay family then please either leave your name at the office or see Philippa Randell in Room 3. It is a great way for both adults and children to learn about another culture and often life-long friendships are formed.



JUNIOR OPERETTA PHOTOS

We have been fortunate to have the photographic skills of one of our parents, Alice van der Hilst. Alice has taken a huge amount of photos of the Junior Operetta and has placed them on her "Facebook" page. If you wish to view them then go to the Facebook page of 'Alice van der Hilst'. If you wish to have copies then you will need to contact Alice via Facebook.

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

On Monday 30th November at 9:30 am we will be having a "special" assembly. The assembly is a surprise assembly to celebrate the successes of a few of our students. We hope that lots of you are able to attend.

WANTED – OLD CROCKERY



Room 4 are after your old chipped and cracked crockery for their 'crockery' smash at the Christmas Carnival. If you are able to help with this then please drop them off to Room 4 or call Heather on 4126413.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

In March 2010 New Zealand Schools will hold their 3 yearly Board of Trustees elections. Early next year we will be calling for nominations so perhaps now is a good time to give some thought to perhaps standing for the Board. Being a member of a school board is a great way of becoming more involved with your child's education. You don't need to have a degree or be a rocket scientist - you just need to have a good dose of common sense, the ability to work in a team and the desire to contribute to the success of Riverhead School as a whole. Attending Board of Trustees meetings is a good way to see how they are run and what is expected of board members – you are always welcome to attend.



JUNIOR ATHLETICS

Results will be published with next week's newsletter.

SENIOR ATHLETICS

Well done to all our seniors on their achievements at our Athletics Day last Thursday. See results attached.

The following students represented Riverhead School at the Inter zone Athletics at the Trust Stadium today. We will have results of this next week.

100m – Cole Huggins, Jordan Ashby, Michaela Thornton, Tom Manning, Grayson Gibbes, Jayden Bennett, Harley Knox, Jordan Grant, Madison Thornton

200m - Rhody Smith, Cole Huggins, Dana MacCauley, Tom Manning, Kamryn Harrison, Hannah Le Masurier, Harley Knox, Nathan Cook, Jordan Grant

400m – Rhody Smith, Ellie-May Thode, Grayson Gibbes, Hannah Le Masurier, Jayden Bennett, Jordan Grant

800m – Jarrod Dunn, Jaxon Norris, Temuera Kay, Awatea Marshall

1500m – John Tulloch, Reuben Hughes, Ellie-May Thode, Tom Manning, Grayson Gibbes

HIGH JUMP – Blake Watson, Reuben Hughes, Emma Lloyd, Michaela Thornton, Tom Manning

LONG JUMP – Rhody Smith, Jordan Ashby, Caley Porteous, Kenneth Loudon, Grayson Gibbes, Madeleine Brajkovich, Jayden Bennett, Harley Knox, Kamryn Harrison

SHOT PUT – Rhody Smith, Cole Huggins, Caley Porteous, Kenneth Loudon, Jared Dixon, Jayden Bennett, Nathan Cook, Awatea Marshall

DISCUS - Rhody Smith, Liam Casey, Caley Porteous, Kenneth Loudon, Hannah Le Masurier

GIRLS RELAY – Jordan Grant, Madison Thornton, Kamryn Harrison, Hannah LeMasurier

BOYS RELAY – Jayden Bennett, Temuera Kay, Jordan Ashby, Harley Knox

LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES

Over the next few weeks, starting from next week, the children will be able to bring the following to school to play with at lunchtime -

Week 8 – Little toys

Week 9 – Marbles, Cards & Little toys

The students also have the option to participate in any of the following activities until the end the term:

Mondays – Senior Soccer & Touch

Tuesdays – Choir

Thursdays – T Ball, Soccer & Senior Swim

Fridays – Junior Swim

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

TERM 4

Monday 30 th November 9:30 am	-	Special Assembly
Wednesday 2 nd December	-	Walking School Bus Waiwera Trip
Thursday 3 rd December	-	Waiwera School Traffic Team trip
Friday 4 th December	-	Surf Life Saving "Wear your Jandals" day
Friday 4 th December 5:30pm	-	Christmas Carnival
Wednesday 9 th December	-	Parent Helpers morning tea
Friday 11 th December	-	School Picnic
Friday 11 th December	-	Kumeu Christmas Parade
Monday 14 th December	-	Annual School Prize giving
Tuesday 15 th December	-	End of Term 4

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Tuesday 2 ND February	-	Term 1 begins at 8:25 am
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OUR AWESOME KIDS

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

Maddy Brajkovich - Kumeu District Junior Dressage Rider & Novice Rider of the Year 2008/09

Cody Blackburn - Kung Fu - Yellow Belt

Liam Casey - Waitemata Motorcycle 3rd Place Junior Iron man 2009 10 – 12 years

SILENT AUCTION OF BEAR PORTRAIT

On display in the school foyer at the moment is a lovely portrait of "The 3 Bears" which was painted by the local artist and mother of the school, Donna Massey. The painting is up for 'silent' auction if you would like to bid on it. The painting will also be on display at the Christmas Carnival on Friday 4th December with the completion of the auction at 7:30pm on the same night.



SUNBLOCK SALES



You should have received a notice home with your child regarding the purchase of Sunblock.

If you are interested in this then please send your order form back to school by November 27th. The form does say that this is just to indicate your interest but if you could please state on the form that it is a definite order and as such, write your name on the form. The Sunblock is great value for money and will also raise some extra funds for the school.

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 3	-	Christmas Raffle & Xmas Cookie decorating
Room 4	-	Crockery smash
Room 5	-	Plant Stall
Room 6	-	Sandpit Dig
Room 7	-	Lollipop making & Drinks
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, Hair braiding & Mohawks

Any queries please phone Deb MacCauley on 412 2912.

SCARLET FEVER

We now have a second child from the school confirmed as having Scarlet Fever. If your child presents with a combination of any of the following symptoms then please see your doctor immediately & inform the school.

A sore throat, fever, headache followed by a rash 1-2 days later

Rash often looks like a bad sunburn with tiny bumps that feel like sandpaper

Rash is itchy

Rash normally begins on face and neck and the child looks 'scarlet' with a clear unaffected area around mouth

Rash spreads to chest, back and rest of body. In body creases the rash forms red streaks

Strawberry tongue – tongue has thick white coating that peels after four or five days giving it a red 'strawberry' appearance

Tonsils and back of throat may have a white coating or be red, swollen and dotted with yellow specks of pus

Swollen neck glands

High temperature and chills

Headache

Nausea and vomiting, abdominal pain and loss of appetite

