

## TEACHER AIDE WANTED

We are in need of a relief Teacher Aide for Term 1 2010. If you think this might be suitable for you then please call the school on 412 9105 or see Dianne Cook.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### FRENCH LANGUAGE & COOKING HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

French immersion language and cooking programme in the school holidays. 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. Kids cook a **3 course meal** every day & only need to bring morning tea. The French Cooking Holiday programme is from Tuesday the **19<sup>th</sup> of January till Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January from 9 am till 3pm** at Taupaki School. For Information and enrolments please call Patsy, "ABC Language Tuition" on 4118980 or Email us: [info@abclanguage.co.nz](mailto:info@abclanguage.co.nz) or visit [www.abclanguage.co.nz](http://www.abclanguage.co.nz)

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> December. 69 Puke Road, Kumeu. Phone Murray on 027 3484006 or 412 8828.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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**

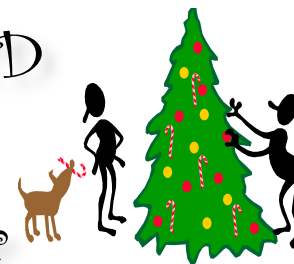
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# RIVERHEAD SCHOOL Newsletter



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Newsletter no 38  
3<sup>rd</sup> December 2009  
Phone 412 9105  
[www.riverhead.school.nz](http://www.riverhead.school.nz)

## WELCOME

This week we give a warm Riverhead School welcome to **Riley & his family** who have joined our school community. The roll now stands at 280.

## NATIONAL JANDAL DAY - TOMORROW – FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

Riverhead School is supporting National Jandal Day. All children who wear their jandals to school on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December must bring a gold coin. If you want you may decorate your jandals - there are 2 GIANT blow up jandals per class to giveaway to the best designs. All money raised goes to supporting Surf Life Saving.



## RIVERHEAD SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER – rain or shine ☺

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| 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.

We hope to see heaps of our families joining us to make this evening a success. The evening will commence around 5:30pm and continue till about 8:00pm. The carnival will carry on regardless of the weather but will be held in the hall with BBQ's etc on the decks. We are suggesting that if you have a gazebo then it might be a good idea to bring it along. See you there!

## FUNDRAISING

Fundraising is an extremely important part of our school community and without our little 'core' group – **Kim van Zuilen, Gaye Sanderson, Jo Nordmeyer, Rachel Parkinson, Wendy A'Bear** and their helpers it wouldn't happen. So thank you ladies...we think you are wonderful!

2010 promises to be another busy year and we hope everyone gets behind and supports the work of this hardworking group of people.

## 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.



## BRONZE AWARD ACHIEVEMENTS

On Monday we were very proud to award the following 10 Students with their Bronze Award badges - **Jordan Grant, Dylan Grant, Karly Knight, Angus Ross, Jared Dixon, Awatea Marshall, Madison Thornton, Hannah LeMasurier, Kaitlyn Henry & Devon Weston**

To qualify for this award the students each achieved 2 classroom certificates, 2 representation certificates, a responsibility certificate, a citizenship certificate and a councillor award for initiative. The students were all presented with their Bronze Award badges by T Radar at our special assembly on Monday. The students will also be having a 'surprise' outing in the next week.



## AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Could all parents & caregivers please pay any overdue After School Care accounts by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Our After School Care staff have an updated list if you would like to check how much is outstanding. We would like all accounts finalised for the year so we can start afresh in 2010 ☺ - thank you - Annette Browne ASC Supervisor

## JUNIOR ATHLETICS

Full Results attached

## NORTH WEST ZONE ATHLETICS DAY

Congratulations to the following students who participated so well last Thursday at the Trust Stadium.

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| <b>Rhody Smith</b>     | - | Junior Boys        | 1 <sup>st</sup> 400m                        |
| <b>Jaxon Norris</b>    | - | Junior Boys        | 1 <sup>st</sup> 800m                        |
| <b>Kenneth Louden</b>  | - | Intermediate Boys  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Discus                      |
| <b>Caley Porteous</b>  | - | Junior Girls       | 1 <sup>st</sup> 100m                        |
| <b>Kamryn Harrison</b> | - | Intermediate Girls | 2 <sup>nd</sup> 100m & 1 <sup>st</sup> 200m |



**Rhody, Kenneth, Jaxon, Caley & Kamryn** will now go onto the next stage of the competition, the Auckland Zone Championships on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at Mt Smart Stadium. The entire school will be behind them in spirit on the day. Results will be published next week.

Thanks to our Room 5 teacher, Mr Olohan for his great organising of the students for both the Zone Athletics Day and the Auckland Champs.

## LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES

Next weeks lunchtime activity is:

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:

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| 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

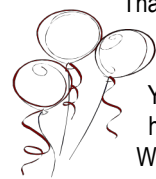
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| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December        | - | Surf Life Saving "Wear your Jandals" day |
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 5:30pm | - | Christmas Carnival                       |
| Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December     | - | Parent Helpers morning tea               |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December       | - | School Picnic                            |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December       | - | Kumeu Christmas Parade                   |
| Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December       | - | Annual School Prize giving               |
| Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December      | - | End of Term 4                            |

## TERM 1 2010

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| Tuesday 2 <sup>ND</sup> February | - | Term 1 begins at 8:25 am |
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## SCHOOL GALA

Thank you to all those parents & staff who turned up to support the resurrection of the school gala. We had a really great meeting – a very enthusiastic group with lots of ideas bandied about. At this stage the plan is to have a gala round February or March 2011. Yes, we know this is a way off but it was decided that it would be a better time of year to hold a gala and of course February/March 2010 is much too close to get it off the ground. We have groups of people who will each work on different areas of the gala, ie sponsorship, stalls, entertainment, rides etc. and hope that you will all offer your support one way or another when requests for help come along.



## OUR AWESOME KIDS

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

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| <b>Harriette Overend</b> | - | Coatesville Pony Club – Best Horse of the Year & 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & places               |
| <b>Casey Trott</b>       | - | Horsriding – 2 <sup>nd</sup> best competition, 3 <sup>rd</sup> best rider, 3 <sup>rd</sup> best presented |
| <b>Chloe Ross</b>        | - | Cheerleading – Most Spirited cheerleader  |
| <b>Dylan Grant</b>       | - | All Star Cheerleaders – Best Tumbler  |
| <b>Tom Manning</b>       | - | Waitakere Swimming – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Breaststroke, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Freestyle                              |
| <b>Isabella Gaston</b>   | - | Dance participation award   |

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> December with the completion of the auction at 7:30pm on the same night.



## SUNBLOCK SALES

If you have placed an order for Sunblock you may collect it from the school office from Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December. If you have not yet paid for your order then this will need to be done at the time of collection.



## SWIMMING POOL SAFETY

It has been noted on several occasions that some children are not being disciplined by their parents whilst in the school swimming pool complex. Please, if your children are running round the pool edge, bombing, pushing other children into the pool we do ask that you tell them to stop this dangerous behaviour. If you do not discipline your children at the swimming pool, then, for the safety of others, please don't be offended if someone else does.

