



Term 4 Week 5
23 November 2011

This week the roll currently stands at 403.



Dear Parents and Caregivers

The Swimming programme is now in full swing, and classes are making good use of the pool. During the winter, the pool was painted and a new filtration system put in place. Mr Wood has retrained in pool management so we are all ready for a great summer.

As the weather warms up, and we near the end of the term, it is easy for pressures to mount and misunderstandings to follow. If you have a matter of concern, please do come and chat with your child's teacher to ensure you have a correct understanding of what is happening. A polite conversation should resolve 90% of all problems. If you then feel that the matter needs more attention, please make an appointment with someone in management, myself included, so that we can help. Thank you.

'Tis the season for cricket, and many of our classes have received some expert introductory coaching in the game, thanks to Ben Hyde of Northland Cricket. There is also an amazing junior softball programme (Rookie Ball) happening after school every Wednesday, which is attended by many Riverview students. These programmes are available to our children through the services of some wonderful people and we thank them.

A few special events are coming up:

- This Friday and next Monday will be the final sessions for Bible and I want to thank the volunteer teachers who have made a very positive contribution to our school.
- Next Monday our Year 6 students head off to Lake Manuwai for their annual "Sail Day," and we wish them a happy and safe experience.
- On Tuesday we will host the health professionals who will be carrying out the Meningococcal C immunisations.
- Next Wednesday Mrs Ayr and I will be attending a special Ministry of Education Symposium in Whangarei and Mrs Henderson will be caring for the school, ably assisted by all the staff.

Have a great week ahead. Don't forget to vote.

For the children

Ken McLeay
Principal

School Hats are available at the School Office for \$12.00. "No Hat" means the student must stay in the shaded areas. **Hats must be worn this term.** The school will charge \$12 to replace lost hats. The official school hat is compulsory next year – Term 1 – for everyone.



Unwanted Mobile Phones

Get your child to collect unwanted mobile phones from family, friends, the local community, or other contacts. Any make or model of phone is acceptable – as long as permission is sought from the phone's owner first. **Please bring them to the School Office.**



RIVERVIEW OSCAR HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES FOR THE SUMMER

We are still finalising a few details for the holidays before a programme and enrolment forms can be released; however, I know that people are making plans for leave etc. so I can confirm that RIVERVIEW OSCAR will be open with holiday programmes from 19 -23 December and back again on Monday 16 January until school returns. Prices and staff will be similar to October but, in recognition of your feedback, will be open from **8am** until 5.30pm.

Riverview School PTA Meeting
this Thursday 24 November
at 7pm in the staffroom
All welcome

Election Day Cake Stall

On Saturday 26 November Riverview School Hall will be a Polling Station for the General Election.

The PTA will be running a cake stall outside the hall from 10am in order to raise funds for resources to assist with the large increase in the number of junior classes at the school.

Can you help please by baking cakes, scones, biscuits, slices, muffins, or contributing homemade jams, pickles and/or preserves to sell? Please bring them to the office on Friday 25 November, or directly to the hall on Saturday morning. Also if you have any unused cake boxes left over from the Bazaar, please return them to school for us to use.

Please Help – Every Contribution Counts!

Thank you for supporting Riverview School PTA.



Meningococcal C Vaccination

Children at this school will be offered free immunisation to protect them from **meningococcal C disease**.

You may have already accessed your GP or a community clinic to have your child vaccinated prior to the scheduled school date.

If you have completed and returned a consent form requesting vaccination of your child and have already had your child vaccinated **please let us know urgently**.

We do not want children to receive more than one vaccination in the programme.

Telephone the 0800 Meningococcal information phone line - **0800 430 123** to speak with a Public Health Nurse who can ensure your child's consent form is withdrawn from the school-based programme.

2012 Term Dates

Term 1 - Wednesday 1 February to Thursday 5 April
 Term 2 - Monday 23 April to Friday 29 June
 Term 3 - Monday 16 July to Friday 28 September
 Term 4 - Monday 15 October to Tuesday 18 December

COLLECTING YOUR CHILD/REN EARLY

If, for some reason you need to collect your child prior to 2.55pm, please advise the school, and visit the Office to sign them out.

Community Notices

- ◆ **Mid North Mobile Ear Clinic** - Tuesday 6 December, outside the Plunket Rooms, Wendywood Lane, 9am - 2.30pm.
- ◆ **Marsden Bay Holiday Camp presents KidzCamp Summer 2012** 9-14 January. www.marsdenbay.com or info@marsdenbay.com for registration forms and more info - get in quick - spaces are limited!
- ◆ Summer holiday activities for all children with a love for nature - 1 day workshops (learning how to communicate in the language of the horse) ages 6 - 10 years \$40 per child. 2 day camps (building a natural relationship with horses) ages 11 - 17 \$130 per child. For enquiries and bookings phone Michelle Tappenden 09 4018899 or email michelle.naturalhealing@extra.co.nz
- ◆ Free Summer Holiday Surf Programme, at Sandy Bay, Tutukaka with Surfaris Surf School. Open to 11-17 year olds. Inquiries phone 094343843 www.surfaris.co.nz

Abacus Calendars

Thank you to everyone who purchased calendars, cards, or diaries.
If you have not received your order please contact the School Office 4077277 or email admin@riverview.school.nz

BICYCLES

For those children who choose to bike to school, they should be aged 9 or above (peripheral vision does not develop until this age); we encourage you to ride with your child/ren, wherever possible. Safety helmets must be worn. Biking is not allowed in school grounds. We have dedicated bike racks at the front of the school Office to store bikes.



How to get a job

1. Turn the computer on
2. Go on Trade Me
3. Type jobs
4. Buy the job
by Arama Lyall Year 2 Room 1

Important Dates

- ◆ **Friday 25 November**
V.I.P Morning Tea
- ◆ **Saturday 26 November**
PTA Cake Stall
- ◆ **Monday 28 November**
Year 6 Sail Day at Lake Manuwai (Postponement Day Thursday 1 December)
- ◆ **Tuesday 29 November**
Meningococcal C Vaccination at school
- ◆ **Thursday 1 December**
Room 8 and 9 trip to Opito Bay
- ◆ **Friday 2 December**
Junior Concert (Year 1 and 2) at **1.30pm**
Rooms 1,2,3,4,5,6,7, and 17 in the School Hall
- ◆ **Thursday 8 December**
Christmas Carols at Riverview School at **5.30pm**
- ◆ **Thursday 15 December**
Year 6 Celebration Assembly at **1.15pm** in the School Hall
- ◆ **Friday 16 December**
School finishes at 12 noon

This week's Junior Assembly (Year 1) will be the last for the year due to concerts and end of year practices.

Christmas Carols at Riverview School

The Riverview School Board of Trustees invites you and your family to join us for some Christmas Celebrations

Thursday 8 December at 5.30pm

More information to come.

Junior Concert

(Rooms 1 to 7 and 17)

Friday 2 December

1.30pm in the School Hall

Post-Bazaar Meeting Monday 28 November

9am in the staffroom

All welcome

