

RICHMOND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Rua Tekau ma Tahī Hepetema



From the Tumuaki desk this week ...

TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI

Teacher Aide, Jo Westley visited many of the classrooms to share her knowledge of Te Reo Māori and the planets during Te Wiki o te Reo Māori. Here she is in full swing in Room One.



SHAKEDOWN HIP HOP CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Saturday 9th September a group of 13 senior students competed in the Shakedown Hip Hop Championships in Nelson. After 3 weeks of training in their lunch breaks, they placed third in their division. All students represented our school with pride, displaying AROHA values. We will look out for more opportunities for them to perform in the community throughout the rest of this year.

CULTURAL FESTIVAL PERFORMANCE

Last Thursday, kaiako Jaime Kingi took 40 of our senior kapa haka students to the Waimea Kāhui Ako cultural festival at Waimea College. They performed incredibly well, representing our school with pride.



TONGAN LANGUAGE WEEK

Two weeks ago was Tongan Language Week. A number of our students were fully involved in these celebrations throughout the week. It was delightful to see Lopini and Sia dressed in their cultural clothing, and they explained to their class mates about the week and about their culture in general. They then went on to perform at a cultural evening in Victory School hall that night. They explained who made their clothing and how they were made.



WHĀNAU HUI

Also last Thursday after school we held our termly hui for whānau members in our school library. We looked at all the happenings during te wiki o te reo Māori (Māori Language week), developments throughout the year and also considered aspects that could be included in our next long-term Strategic Plan. A very successful event with a large turnout. And for the akonga (students) there kai was a highlight!



ACCORD DAY IN TERM 4

Earlier in the year, the Ministry of Education made the decision that schools were to have four Accord Days (staff-only days) during 2023 and 2024. The first of these was held in Term 2 2023. The second one for 2023 is in Term 4. Then there will be two more in 2024.

The Accord Days are professional development days where staff will be at school. The days are about schools strengthening their schooling curriculum and assessment systems to support the 'NZ Curriculum Refresh'. The 'Curriculum Refresh' is the government's latest initiative to revamp the NZ curriculum. Teachers will be updated about the new initiative and then determining how to implement it.

Richmond School is doing the same as many of the local schools – our second one for 2023 will be held on Monday 20th November 2023 (Week 7, Term 4). Children do not attend school on this day.

I can appreciate that this is not ideal for parents juggling work and other family commitments but it is a decree from the Ministry of Education.

DAFFODIL DAY

Today we are celebrating Daffodil Day. It is wonderful to see all the children dressed up in yellow, green and/or orange in recognition of the day. Our Student Council members have been busy organizing the day and will continue to do so throughout the day - selling daffodils at the gate first thing in the morning, organizing the coin trail display and at playtime and lunchtime they will be providing free face painting and imitation tattoos for the children to wear. Many thanks to the Parent-Teacher Committee for assisting with the cupcake baking and sales and thank you to all those who have made cupcakes to sell. Also thanks to the Jones family for bringing their lambs in to share with the students (and teachers).



SAVE THE DATE
School Disco
Friday
10th November



2024 TERM DATES

- TERM 1 – Thursday 1st February – Friday 12th April
- TERM 2 – Monday 29th April – Friday 5th July
- TERM 3 – Monday 22nd July – Friday 27th September
- TERM 4 – Monday 14th October – Tuesday 17th December
- Tuesday 6th February - Waitangi Day
- Friday 29th March – Tuesday 2nd April – Easter Holiday
- Monday 3rd June – Kings Birthday holiday
- Friday 28th June – Matariki Holiday

Parents of Year 6 Students

The JR McKenzie Youth Education Fund has a proud tradition of supporting families in need of financial assistance, with the purchasing of a school uniform for the 2024 year. **The grant is for the basic school uniform and footwear only (excluding road shoes, runners, stationery, school bags, laptops).**

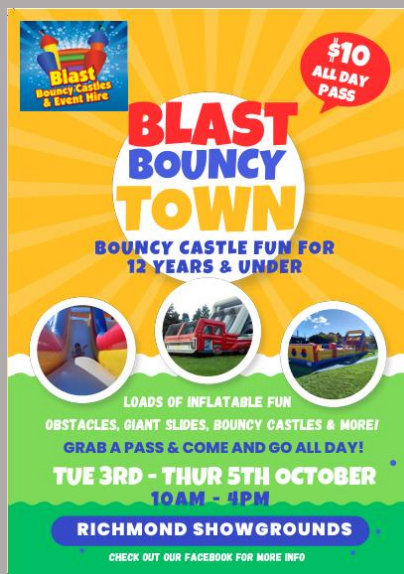
Application forms are available at our school office. Families complete the form and arrange a quote from the appropriate uniform shop. The school can sign as the sponsor.

Applications need to be back to our school office by **Wednesday 8th November**.

Applications will be treated with strict confidence and forwarded to the local Rotary Club who make all decisions on eligibility.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES



MAPUA BOAT ACLUB AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Entries are open now for the 2023 Mapua Boat Club Amateur Photographic competition which has three categories - Nature, Boats and People, with \$50 vouchers from major sponsors Copyart as first prize in each section.

There's a special section for children under 15 too and all categories have a generous prize pool of vouchers from Mapua businesses.

Entries close on Friday October 6 and photos will be displayed at the Mapua Maritime Museum from Monday October 9 until Monday October 23 (Labour Day) when the winners will be announced at 4pm that afternoon. A selection of the images will be used to produce a calendar sold as a fund raiser to support the Mapua Maritime Museum.

To enter pick up a form from Delicious Homewares at Mapua Wharf or email: mapuboaclubevents@gmail.com



BRICKS INCLUDED

SOCIAL SKILLS GROUPS

BRICKS INCLUDED USES EVIDENCE BASED LEGO THERAPY TO SUPPORT CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE TO DEVELOP CONFIDENCE IN MAKING MEANINGFUL FRIENDSHIPS. PARTICIPANTS ARE SUPPORTED IN COMMUNICATION, COLLABORATION & PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS.

THE PROGRAMME OFFERS PARTICIPANTS POSITIVE SOCIAL EXPERIENCES IN AN UNDERSTANDING & ACCEPTING ENVIRONMENT, THE SESSIONS & ENVIRONMENT ARE PREDICTABLE, THE PROCESS IS STRUCTURED AND FOLLOWS A ROUTINE.

LEGO IS DYNAMIC BUT PREDICTABLE, WHICH GIVES PARTICIPANTS WHO ARE NEURODIVERGENT AN EVEN PLAYING FIELD TO TAKE PART AND ACHIEVE GOALS. GROUP MEMBERS ARE MATCHED CAREFULLY TO MEET EVERYONE'S NEEDS.

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