

Richmond Community News

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Te Rito o te Harakeke

Kia Ora koutou,

Well the school year has begun and it is a very exciting place to be. We have all our staff back from their study leave and we have employed a new staff member, Lisa Potaka. All staff are employed as permanent staff - no changes, no relievers. The children have settled back into school life with ease and it has been a quiet and focused learning time for all. The staff had a teacher only week with a focus on "us as learners". We learnt how to weave and we each made a beautiful sculpture out of Oamaru stone. We then reflected on what it means to be a learner and how scary it is to take a risk and try new things. We have a lot of new and exciting plans and opportunities for both our children and our community. The tenders have been called to start our new Information, technology centre where our current library is. Our Architect has designed a multi-cultural and innovative environment. We also have called tenders for our new driveway. We have completed the new ramps around the school and a new bathroom area with wheelchair access. In terms of classroom programmes, we are offering some new and exciting classes and opportunities.

Leadership course opportunities for Year 6 children (who travel Nationally). Recorder classes, Extension classes to develop thinking skills, Extension Te Reo classes, Adult learning Te Reo classes Tuesday 1.30 - 3.30 (all welcome), An opportunity for one child to go to Disneyland (this is the fifth year running!), Senior school camp, Oral language programmes - junior school, Reading Recovery classes,

Literacy support classes, ESOL specialist language classes, Sensory motor and daily fitness classes for every junior child utilising our new equipment, Specialist physical education sporting programmes with Avonside Girls High, "Choices programme" every Friday, including golf, cooking, weaving, drama etc. Weekly hui. We have had 30 new enrolments this term, which has exceeded last year's enrolments at this time, so that is a positive start to our year as well. Our next school open day is March 9th at 9.30 onwards, so please feel free to come and join us.

Annie Bowden

Do You Remember?

Canoeing on the Avon

In 1943 there was a poliomyelitis epidemic. Children under 14 were stopped from congregating, so schools, theatres, church and other children's activities were banned. This was to be my first year at high school but we missed the first six weeks, (a fact we were not allowed to forget right through to our School Certificate Exams at the end of the Fifth Form). I seem to remember having work to do at home but particularly with children just starting Latin, French, Science etc., there was a limit to what we could do. At this time I lived in Avonside Drive near the east end of Morris St. and I had been given a canoe which would take two people. A boy two doors away, my friend's brother had a single canoe and the three of us spent a lot of time on the Avon. We would travel in either direction, even taking snacks with us. Dudley Creek was a great attraction particularly as I had an aunt living near what is now Marian College. We would travel up the creek, visit her orchard, have a game of tennis, probably some tidbits and canoe home. This is one Summer holiday I will never forget, even to the coming home smell of river weed after an unscheduled dip.

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Avebury in March

Avebury House, situated at 9 Eveleyn Couzins Ave, in the midst of Avebury Park, is a community run, low cost facility which has rooms available for hire.

Recently refurbished by the Christchurch City Council, the house, which has been open for 15 months, has run several open days and social events, in particular Heritage week and a community concert.

In addition to the amenities for hire, the following classes and activities are available:

Gentle Exercise Class – Mondays 1 – 2pm

(wear comfortable clothing) Cost \$2.50

This Sit and Be Fit class is a fun and healthy way to retain mobility, independence and meet new people. Designed especially for those with limited mobility, older adults and those with health or weight problems. Enjoy these simple and gentle classes at your pace, and enjoy a cup of tea with us afterward.

Richmond History Group

Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. No cost.

Next meeting 10 March and 14th April 4 – 5pm.

The History Group meets to share resources and research items of Richmond's heritage. The Richmond Room, a resource room with displays, magazines and items of interest is in the process of being set up at Avebury.

These resources will be available to the public at no charge.

Embroidery Group

Thursdays 10am – 12noon

Beginners to Advanced. Tuition available from a patient, experienced tutor.

Please ring Allison on 388-9377 for more information.

Rhythm and Rhyme – Pre School Music Group

Fridays 9.30 am

See article on page 4 for further details.

For further information about the facilities or classes at Avebury please

Contact: Lesley McMillan

Community Development Worker

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crossword

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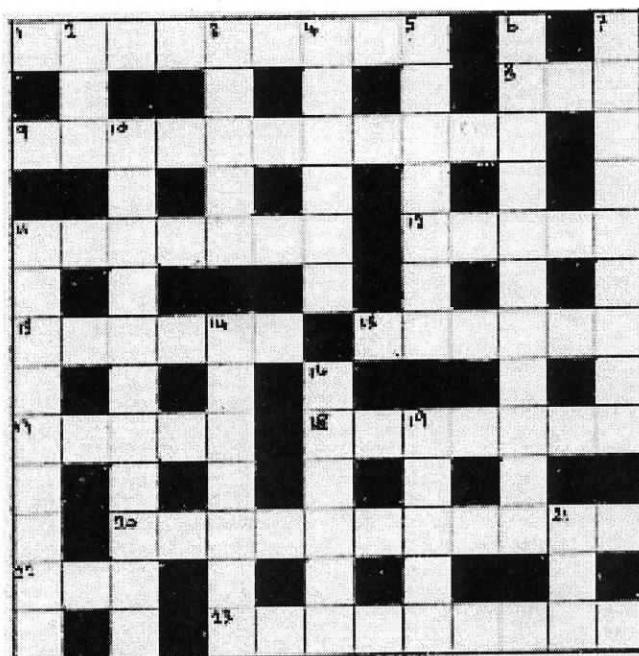
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9. Observance
11. Raised aloft (7)
12. Country (5)
13. Vegetable (6)
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17. Giraffe-like mammal (5)
18. Yearly grant (7)
20. Done on purpose (11)
22. America (3)
23. Yield (9)

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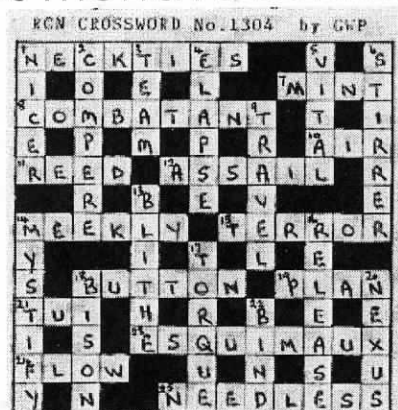
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2. Encourage (3)
3. Jewish teacher (5)
4. Tidy (6)
5. Quack medicines (7)
6. Blessing (11)
7. Having an instructional influence (9)
10. Adherent of freedom of will (11)
11. Conference (9)
14. Narcotics
16. Collect (7)
19. Artless (5)
21. Unreturnable serve (3)

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last month's solution



The solution to this month's crossword will appear in next month's newsletter

SUN NING TAKEAWAYS

273 Stanmore Road Telephone 389-3113

CHINESE MEALS ~ FISH & CHIPS
HAMBURGERS

HOURS

Tues - Wed: 11.30 am - 2pm/4.30pm - 8.30pm

Thurs - Sat: 11.30am - 2pm/4.30pm - 10pm

Sun: 4.30pm - 8.30pm Mon Closed

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Christchurch City Council April School Holiday Programme

A great selection of fun activities and outings are planned for 5 - 10 year olds at Bromley Community Centre or Linwood Primary School these April school holidays.

Bromley Boredom Busters and Linwood Movers run every day, 9am - 3pm for 2 weeks, 13 - 16 April & 19 - 23 April.

For the older kids, 11 - 14 years, there is an exciting lineup of adventure and creative activities. Linwood Youth Adventures operate in the first week from the Linwood Union Church and the Phillipstown Youth Adventures operate every day in the second week from Phillipstown Community Centre.

Telephone Bookings open on Wednesday 17 March.

Holiday programme brochures with all the details will be available from 8 March at your school office, the Linwood Library or Linwood Service Centre.

Costs \$10 a day or \$5 a day with a community services card. Some families may be eligible for financial assistance from WINZ.

For more information contact Community Recreation Advisor, Diana Saxton on 941-6628 or the Council on 941-8383

50 WAYS TO MEET YOUR NEIGHBOUR

The people down the street have been there for a while. You've seen their kids go by and when you've waved they've turned round and smiled, but when you've tried to meet, you seem to miss them by a mile.

There must be 50 ways to meet your neighbour

Although our ages differ more than several years
There must be something that we have in common,
Something that we share, when ya know their dog's first name, you'll find it harder to be scared

There must be 50 ways to meet your neighbour

Being a neighbour takes more than a week or two
To do it properly takes all 52

We'll give you two weeks off, cos that's the kinda thing we do

So that leaves 50 weeks to be a neighbour

So if you have a way to make your neighbourhood
The kinda place that's fun to live in,

Friendly, safe and good,

Just tell us about the thing you plan to do

Cos we've got 50 ways to help you do it

Yes we've got 50 ways to help you do it.

Blue Light City to Surf Challenge

By Stef Harris

Community Constable

LINWOOD

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These days if people remember Blue Light at all it's for the Blue Light Disco's of the 1970's. Blue Light Ventures has over recent years been re-launched with a new attitude but still the same aims:

1. To encourage good relations between youth, the police and community.
2. Prevent anti-social behaviour by exposing youth to positive opportunities.
3. To raise self-esteem of youth.

Although we still run Dance Parties, these days we're pushing the healthy lifestyle message with outdoor adventure activities including ski trips, kayaking, adventure camps, bush trekking and all sorts of sports activities.

This year I am once again training a group of youth aged 11-13 years to participate in the Blue Light City to Surf Challenge. I am expecting to have a team of 20 young people who will complete the 12.5 km run in just over an hour.

Our team, an even mix of boys and girls has already started training and we meet every Thursday at 3.30pm at Our Youth Our Community, a youth group provided by the Linwood Baptist Church.

The children last year experienced an overwhelming rush of achievement when they crossed the finish line wearing their Blue Light T shirts. After starting out barely able to trot from one lamp-post to the next they trained for eight weeks working steadily toward an accomplishment that will be with them for a very long time. They also received a certificate of achievement signed by the District Commander, Superintendent Sandra Manderson.

If you know anyone in the Linwood area aged 11-13 who might enjoy participating please do bring them along with their running shoes to Linwood Baptist Church, Cnr Worcester St and Linwood Ave at 3.30pm on Thursday.

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How well do you know your Ch Ch suburbs ?

1. Boggy ground.
2. Making more weight.
3. Kind of stocking.
4. Happy place.
5. Kind of timber.
6. Girl's name.
7. Who should do the deed.
8. What would make a stew.
9. Mechanical train.
10. Smouldering hose.
11. How car paint is applied.
12. A boy's name.
13. Where children love to play.
14. River's edge.
15. To attract taxis....do this.

The answers are down below....but don't cheat!!!

Rhythm and Rhyme

Music and movement activities give young children the opportunity to develop language, social skills, pre-reading, pre-maths and motor skills. Through singing, moving and playing instruments, children develop an increasing repertoire of songs and their vocabulary grows. Listening skills develop and children will learn how to keep a beat in time to the music. This is important for reading and maths to develop. Social skills and co-operation increase as children learn and work with other adults and peers in a fun and friendly environment with exciting and bright resources. Adults stay with their children and are encouraged to participate in the programme, so come along and experience some vibrant and exciting music and games with Rhythm and Rhyme music group 9.30am

Contact Michelle 352-9634 or 021 1750 980
Or Keryn 980-2573 to book your space.

Answers
1. Marshlands
2. Addington
3. Cashmere
4. Merivale
5. Redwood
6. Shirley
7. Linwood
8. Harewood
9. Hornby
10. Sockburn
11. Spreydon
12. Murray Aynsley
13. Parklands
14. Avonside
15. Beckenham
How did you do??



Public Information Meeting for L.Y.F.E.

A great opportunity to come and get involved in this popular festival run by youth for youth, now into its 7th year.

Young people and adults – all welcome. If you haven't experienced L.Y.F.E. come down and find out what makes L.Y.F.E. so different from other festivals. L.Y.F.E. also provides an opportunity for community organizations to share information and knowledge that supports youth development in Linwood.

Linwood Service Centre Board Room
Smith Street, Linwood
Thursday 25 March 6.30 – 8pm.

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What does a "work-life balance" mean to Richmond?

The phrase "work-life balance" is really a new way of describing "quality of life". Many people believe that the chance to balance a mix of a satisfying job with plenty of time for family, friends, community and leisure is what makes New Zealand such a great place to live and work in. A new project being managed by the Department of Labour is consulting on and looking at what stops everyone achieving a work-life balance. The aim is to encourage organisations and individuals to take stock, identify what the issues are, what solutions currently work well and what more can be done in the future regarding a work-life balance.

The reason for doing such thinking is not just casual interest. There are two reasons why the issue is important. First, New Zealand needs to attract people with a wide range of skills. Other countries are chasing the same people. New Zealand's quality of life is a point of difference that can attract specialised international talent to work here and encourage our expatriates to return home after their O.E.

Second, the evidence seems to show what to most people is common sense - case studies show that the benefits of work-life balance are improved recruitment and retention rates, reduced absenteeism, less use of sick leave and improved productivity.

So what does this mean to Richmond? Many people in your community work long hours (indeed, New Zealanders generally do) - that makes it very difficult indeed to also be able to regularly relax and forget about work. The Household Labour Force Survey shows that one in ten employees works more than 60 hours per week. In that situation, family life, relationships and involvement as a volunteer all suffer. That last point is having an

impact on Richmond. Many organisations such as schools, churches, leisure and sport groups fail to achieve all that they can because they cannot recruit volunteers. Not only the community loses out. People's lives are enriched by involvement in the community, as those at Avebury House can attest to. Other problems include lack of childcare, the mismatch between school holidays, school hours and working hours. These are all problems which solutions can be designed for.

Many companies and businesses are embracing work-life balance practices. Take a local example. Richmond School principal Annie Bowden has restructured her life following a mid-life crisis when stress forced her to take stock. She has begun to exercise and eat healthily because of her low physical activity work lifestyle. She has a partner; they both work full time and have a dependant child to care for. Annie also attends university to complete her Master of Education. Her solution has been to recruit the precious support of her whanau/family. Her parents have her daughter for dinner once a week to allow Annie to attend University and do her study. This one gesture reduces travel time, guilt and meal preparation time but allows her daughter quality time with her grandparents. It is a win/win situation all round. Annie is determined to maintain a balanced work-life.

Information packs on the Work-Life balance project are available through the Citizens Advice Bureaux and the project website is available on www.worklife.govt.nz I would love Richmond residents to respond to this project with their suggestions.

I would have to confess to certainly not having my life in balance. I am working with my partner on this issue and we now diary one weekend off in six to try and spend quality time together.

Tim

INNER-CITY MULTI-CULTURAL FESTIVAL

The Linwood Community Arts Centre will be hosting the annual Inner City East Multi-Cultural Festival on the 13th March 2004 from 11am until 3pm. If it is wet we will hold it on 20th March. This event highlights the diverse culture of our local community and encourages cultural understanding. We are looking for Art Exhibitors, Cultural Stallholders, Performers and Event Volunteers. Interested? If you would like to get involved, please attend! Contact Hoterene or Shelly at the L.C.A.C. on 981-2881 for more details.

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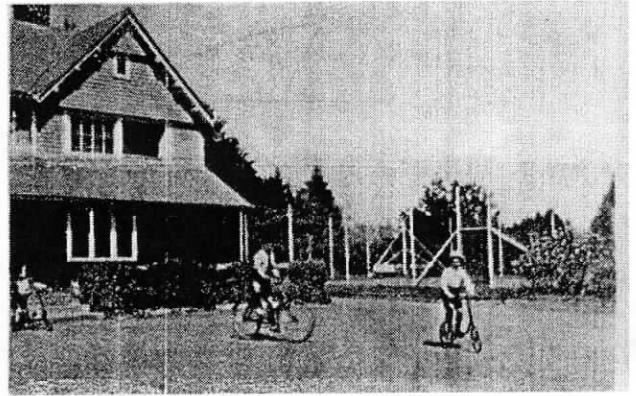
History of 126 North Parade Richmond



The Beginnings

The Marian College administration building was originally built as the home of the Christchurch land agent Mr Alfred Ernest Craddock in 1914. Mr Craddock named his house, Little Bourne, meaning Little Stream, after the Dudley Creek that runs along the front of the property. Five years later Mr Craddock was declared bankrupt and had to sell the property to cover outstanding debts.

The house and 1.5 acre property was bought by surgeon Doctor Maurice George Louisson for £1,700. He took up residence in 1919 with his wife and three sons. A fourth son was born later.



The House

In an interview with the 2000 Year 12 History class, the Louisson's still surviving son, George, explained the layout of the rooms.

Downstairs housed the kitchen, servery, dining room, sitting room and main entrance hall. Upstairs was the master bedroom, the four boys' bedrooms, the housemaid's bedroom and the bathroom. Mr George Louisson said that only one of the original walls had been altered by the sisters, in the current front office to create the small entrance area and a large office.

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