

Richmond Community News

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Te Rito o te Harakeke

We hope you have all had a well-earned rest and have enjoyed the pleasures of all tamariki. We would like to thank all parents - caregivers who stood for our Board of Trustees.

Congratulations and welcome to our new Board who will be starting very shortly in their new role.

Tui Amohanga

Andrew Hayward

Mike Savage

Lorriane Wiersma-Grant

Emily Adcock

Last term was a very exciting and busy term for our school. We had visitors from various schools to build relationships and open new doors for all tamariki.

Our school wide trip to Halswell Pool was such a fun day that I hope we get to do it again real soon.

ANNIE BOWDEN (PRINCIPAL)

The senior school had a sleepover during the term to get to know each other to build a relationship with our teachers. They are real cool. Our end of term disco was also cool with everyone joining in and having a wonderful time but I didn't win the fantastic Easter raffle that Friends and Family ran as a fundraiser.

Kids up the Road is a puppet show and is a program that teaches all of us about children with disabilities. Awesome show and very inspiring. Year 6 Cycle Safety Program teaches us to ride our bikes safely on the busy roads of Christchurch. Avonside Girls High School held a program that ran for

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several weeks and helped all the senior classes with Physical Education. We played all sorts of games in small groups. This term the year 5&6 children are going to Living Springs for camp we are staying there for 4 days and 3 nights.

ARTIKA LATA

Just some of the activities held during Term 1 2004



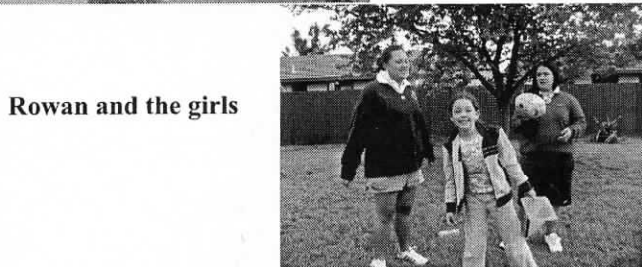
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Artika &
Kararaina



Boys!



Rowan and the girls



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Whats on at Avebury in May

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

Recently refurbished by the Christchurch City Council, the house, which has been open for 18 months, has run several open days and social events, in particular Heretage 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 afterwards.

Richmond History Group

Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. No cost. Next meeting 12th May 4 - 5 pm. 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.

Crossword CLUES

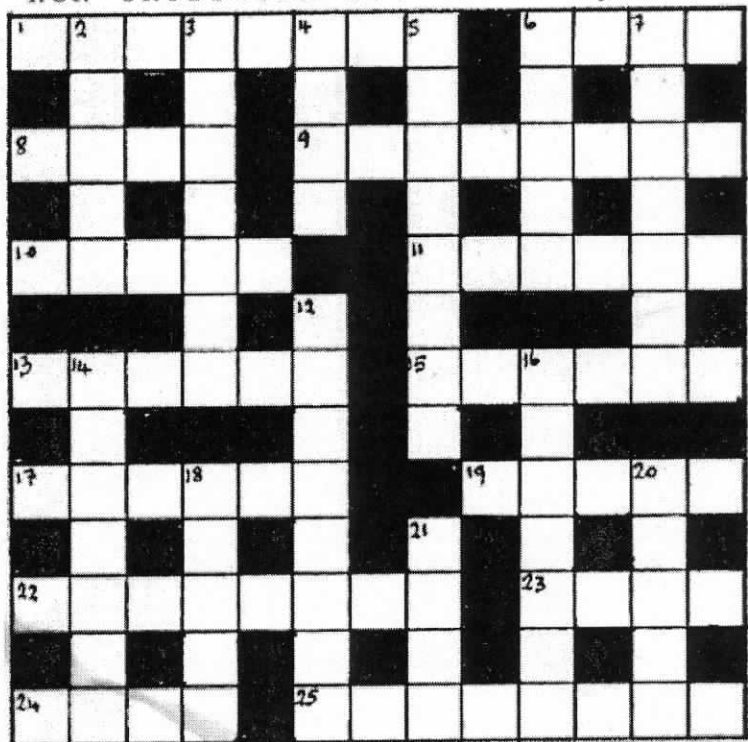
ACROSS

1. Begin (8)
6. Instrument (4)
8. Astound (4)
9. Ostentation (8)
10. Oneness (5)
11. Ditch (6)
13. Deprive of food (6)
15. First of a series (6)
17. Withhold labour (6)
19. Of the sun (5)
22. Mention indirectly (8)
23. Monster (4)
24. Tail (4)

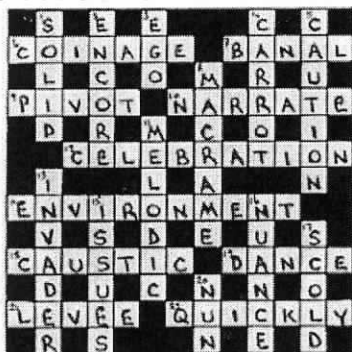
DOWN

2. Frequently (5)
3. Overseer (7)
4. Back of the neck (4)
5. Choosing by vote (8)
6. In attendance (5)
7. Velocipede (7)
12. Revere (8)
14. Colossal (7)
16. Thrift (7)
18. Blockhead (5)
20. Protective covering (5)
21. Low sandhill (4)

RCN CROSSWORD No. 1307 by GWP



last month's solution



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

SUN NING TAKEAWAYS

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HOURS

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Heritage Awards

It is that time again! The Hagley-Ferrymead Community Board Heritage Awards are in their 7th successful year. And last year, Avebury House were the winners in the Education and Awareness section of the Awards for their incredible work in encouraging and promoting not only the history and heritage of Avebury House itself, but also the surrounding community.

The Heritage Awards evolved from an idea I had to recognise the efforts people were making to promote the retention and restoration of heritage and character buildings in the Hagley-Ferrymead wards. In 1996, to further this idea, the Board conducted a survey of residents and community groups as to their views on the establishment of Heritage Awards. There was overwhelming support for the concept.

It was important to me that we targeted not only the owners of big impressive mansions, but also realise the importance of the modest workers cottage as well as villas, commercial, retail and cultural buildings and objects. Heritage Education and Awareness was a big ticket item on my wish list and the five categories span all aspects of heritage in accessible ways.

It is timely to remind ourselves that our built

Do you remember what it was like to live in the days of the depression, and remember what it was like just to earn a small amount!

A very special lady just died recently who told me her story about her life in the depression. We are lucky today to have known special people like this, as tomorrow they may be gone, and their history with them. Jan

environment is special - it anchors us in time. A city with no visible evidence of a past is a city without a future and a city without a soul - transient with no particular place in time except for the present. We can be proud, as a board, to have launched these awards every year since 1998. They celebrate initiatives aimed at preserving our architectural heritage in the Hagley-Ferrymead area.

The success of these awards over the last 6 years has been enormous. They are one of the most successful cross community initiatives of the board and involve hundreds of people. I encourage your participation. Please contact me: Anna Crighton, 366 2557 or e-mail me at

anna.crighton@ccc.govt.nz



DELTA COMMUNITY HOUSE invites you all to the opening of our coffee bar on Wednesday 5th May from 10:30AM.

With entertainment from the Richmond School Kapa Haka group and the Friendship Group choir to name a few!

Please feel free to come along for coffee, nibbles, fun and laughter. We'd be delighted to hear about your ideas of what you'd like to see happen in your Community House.

DELTA HOUSE, 105 NORTH AVON ROAD, RICHMOND, CHRISTCHURCH.

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Apply to join the "Live to the Max" Course in May by phoning Ciara on 389 0219

Why party politics in local government can be useful – Richmond style

Over the past five months I have attended three meetings involving residents of Alexandra Street. They started when there were a series of break-ins during the daytime. Local people wanted to make sure that they were doing all they could to prevent this happening to them, and that the Police and Council were aware of their worries. Community Board member Yani Johanson also attended the first meeting and reported that the Council were planning an improvement of the street. The second meeting looked at plans for the improvement, and the third meeting heard about how neighbourhood support groups could, combined with the improved street, help to make things better long-term.

Hopefully the outcome of all this is the establishment of two or three neighbourhood support groups for Alexandra Street, and a new street design which will in some senses resemble the improvements done to Hayward Terrace. And, I hope, a stronger community.

What has this got to do with party politics? Two reasons. Yani, Councillor Anna Crighton (who also attended one of the meetings) and myself are all in the Labour Party. That means we see a lot of each other and can work comfortably together. Of course, I do that from time to time with people from other parties – but being in the same party and sharing the same values makes it that much easier. It also makes it simpler for people working at different levels of government to work together – otherwise the chances are that they will rarely meet together. The second reason is that Council officers who were in

charge of consulting on the plans for revamping Alexandra Street had decided just to wait for responses to their written consultation. By inviting people to meetings, more and more detailed comments were received, and people could hear reactions from others to their comments. That is a process that politicians enjoy – and some officers can be nervous of. I believe in the principle of meetings of local people being held when there are significant plans to change their neighbourhood is a good one – and that it takes the power of an organized political grouping to ensure that happens as a matter of course.

Hopefully, out of all this, people in Alexandra Street will enjoy a better environment. Maybe this is a model for other parts of the Richmond neighbourhood?

FULL MOON Meditation

June 3rd

Thursday 7pm

Avebury House, gold coin donation

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Meditation at Avebury House

At 7.30 pm on Wednesday evenings the Tibetan Buddhist group, Kama Thigsum Choeling (KTC), hosts a Chenrezig meditation practice in the Cora Wilding Room. The purpose of Chenrezig meditation is to develop love and compassion for all beings. The practice involves chanting, visualisation and silent meditation. Chenrezig is the Buddha of compassion, and is known by the mantra "om mani padme hum".

Everyone is welcome to attend the meditation or join us for a cup of tea at 8.30 pm following the meditation. This is a good time to come and meet members of the group, ask questions and get to know more about KTC and the Chenrezig practice.

Established in Christchurch five years ago, KTC follows the Tibetan Kagyu lineage of Buddhism. It is under the direction of resident teacher, Venerable Lama Assi. Venerable Lama Assi is a highly regarded meditation master and teacher who has been teaching Buddhist philosophy and practice for over thirty years.

The purpose of Buddhism is to enable us to lead a happy and meaningful life. The teachings and techniques of Buddhism have been handed down from teacher to student, since the time of Shakyamuni Buddha, the historical Buddha of our time, who lived over 2500 years ago.

If you wish to receive more information about Karma Thigsum Choeling and its activities, please phone 03 384 4626.

Trees

Every answer is the name of a tree
Answers below (And don't cheat)

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|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. A Church official | 8. Two of a kind |
| 2. To waste away | 9. Seen in a fire |
| 3. An adhesive | 10. To relieve colds |
| 4. The shore of the sea | 11. Adam ate it |
| 5. Worn by women | 12. Used to make wood smooth |
| 6. The remains of anything burnt | 13. Used as a punishment |
| 7. Part of the hand | 14. Perpendicular |

ANSWERS

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| 14. Plum | 7. Palm |
| 13. Birch | 6. Ash |
| 12. Plane | 5. Fir |
| 11. Apple | 4. Beech |
| 10. Eucalyptus | 3. Gum |
| 9. Redwood | 2. Pine |
| 8. Pear | 1. Elder |

Did You Know

History of "Churchill Courts" 73 Stapletons Rd
1888 Church property trustees leased a four acre block, mostly sandhills, at Richmond with right of purchase at £60 per acre.
1897 Opened and occupied as St Mary's Rescue Home, Sister Rose appointed Matron.
1899 Maternity Home for single mothers.
1910 Orphanage opened called St Saviours.
1916 School opened with 62 children.
1918 Outbreak influenza and diphtheria (70) girls.
1923 New addition used as hospital.
1924 £3800 raised for babies home at 24 Nayland St, Sumner, house built on Guild land.
1929 £4214 raised at Xmas market.
1935 £1488 raised at Jubilee market.
1946 New wing to replace wooden building.
1949 Boys and girls amalgamated.
1950 Family cottages at 27 Holly Road.
1952 £43,960 raised for care of aged.
1956 Opening ceremony.
1958 £91,160 raised for geriatric hospital.

Taken from "A Century of Good Works"
by G. M. Morgan

Do You Remember

1d. confectionery lines? Sante Bars, dark chocolate or milk chocolate; toffee bars; licorice straps; licorice pipes; snowballs (same as today) chocolate fish and cinnamon bars to name but a few. Also Wrigleys chewing gum, 1d per pack for plain, spearmint and juicyfruit. Each pack contained 4 pieces.

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Richmond students lead the way to Wellington

Joanna Davis spoke with primary teacher Janet Ackerley about Richmond School's programme to promote leadership among senior students.

Children at Richmond School have started fundraising to pack a group of final year students off to Wellington at the end of the year.

About 15 year six students chosen for leadership qualities need to raise \$9000 to fund the week-long school trip in a programme which teacher Janet Ackerley says is both an educational experience and a way of saying thank you to the school's oldest students.

Janet says even the plane trip is a great experience for many of the children who have never flown before. "The week is about so many experiences they wouldn't normally get." The itinerary will include a visit to Te Papa, a train trip to a sister school and a tour of the Beehive.

In past years a highlight has been a recording session at children's media studio, Capital E, where the children produce and present a news show.

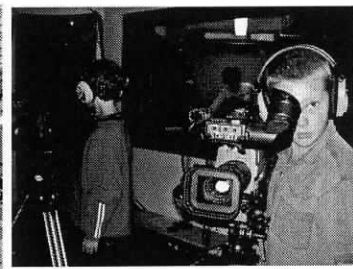
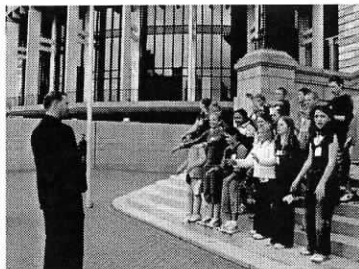
The ten and eleven-year-old students come up with criteria themselves to choose the leadership group. They usually pick qualities such as trustworthiness, honesty, initiative and reliability. Janet says she takes the opportunity to make a leadership culture for all the students in the class. "I'm using these words all the time with them."

Apart from honing their leadership skills, the children learn by researching, planning and budgeting for the trip. "They get skills for the future. Even just the experience of phoning and emailing to make bookings: they're really excited about the whole process."

To raise money, the children will wash cars, sell chocolate, run discos and hold a stall at the school's car-boot sale. Janet is always looking for ideas and help. "Fundraising is one of the biggest

barriers. We'll get there. We've never run at a loss, but it's a struggle."

The school will apply for Community Trust funding to make up any shortfall. Although Janet has to put in many extra hours helping to fundraise after school and on weekends, she doesn't resent the time. "I've got that same goal as the children. I want to get there."



Mid Winter Celebration Tour for Older People

We invite you to mark this event in your diary

Tuesday 29 June 2004 10am - 3 pm

Take part in a mid winter celebration tour and enjoy **FREE** food, friendship, entertainment health and welfare information at a variety of venues near you:

Avebury House

Holy Trinity Avonside Church

Delta Trust

Linwood Community Arts Centre

Richmond Methodist Church

Richmond Club

Free transport will be provided between venues. Ample parking at Richmond Club

A fully detailed programme and map will be available closer to the date.

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