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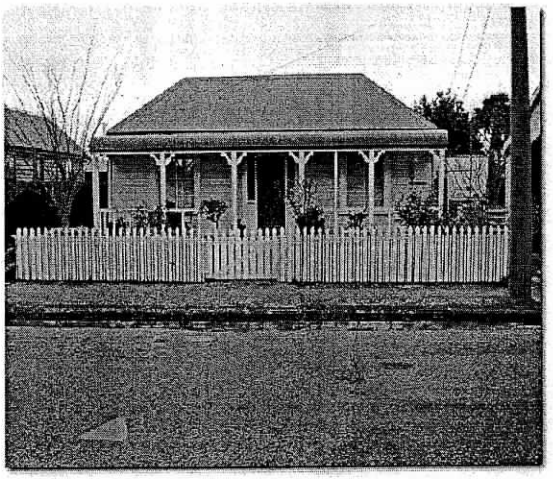
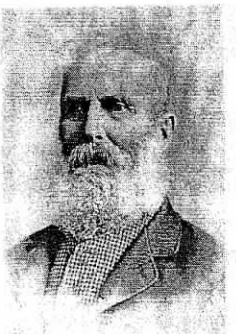


10 Hanmer Street
Englefield Cottage

Susan Kerridge (Searle)
1832 - 1919



George Wilburt Kerridge
1826 - 1907

Further to the story of the Dudley families of Richmond, featured as a serial in our April/May/June newsletters. When the two Dudley families came to New Zealand they brought with them their farm animals and their staff, among them Susan Searle, a nursemaid/governess to the children. Susan was nineteen at the time, both her parents were dead and she came from the same area of Devon, Sidmouth. We do not know how she met George Kerridge or when he came to New Zealand but they married in St Michael's Church on 2 September 1855. George was a gardener/labourer and it can be assumed he was on the staff of William Guise Brittan at Englefield. Susan and George set up house at 10 Hanmer Street. They spent most of their lives in this house, where they brought up eight children: Belinda b. 1856, John b. 1858, Arthur Joseph b.1859, Francis George b.1860, Frederick Thomas b.1862, Edith Emily b.1865, Margaret Ellen b.1868 and Edwin Henry b.1872. Arthur was baptised at St Paul's Papanui, and the others at Holy Trinity, Avonside. Belinda died aged seventeen and Margaret at eleven months and they are buried together at Holy Trinity.

John, Francis and Frederick all found work at Akaroa, John as general carrier and agent for the NZ Express Co., and George (F.G.) and Frederick as carriers. They all married local girls. John and Alice Georgina Dessarthe had two children, a son who died just before his seventh birthday and a daughter who married into the Lange family of Marshland, but had no children. Francis and Mary Ann Agnes O'Reilly had seven children, and the house they built at 43 Rue Lavaud is listed with the Historic Places Trust. Later the family moved to the Wairarapa, where their descendants still live, and took up farming. Frederick married Ellen Maude Bell, and they had two sons. Later they moved back to Christchurch where he worked for Booth McDonald. Edwin worked as a hairdresser in Feilding, he married Ellen O'Donell from Hokitika, they had three sons and two daughters. Arthur also worked with horses, becoming a coach driver on the Arthur's Pass run. He married Jane Grace Brooks and had nine children, including a son killed in the First World War.

The only surviving daughter, Edith Emily, married Ernest Jones at Avonside. When her father George Kerridge died in 1907, she persuaded her mother Susan Kerridge to live with her and together they ran the general store on the corner of Woodham Road and Patten Street. Susan eventually retired to the Jubilee Home in Woolston where she died in 1919 and was buried with George in Linwood Cemetery.

The descendants of Susan and George Kerridge have become prominent in the film industry, harness racing, entertainment, motor racing, hospital management and on the sporting field. Five have received Queen's Honours Awards. From this one couple has grown a great tree.

Julie Hocken, Great Grand-daughter of Susan and George Kerridge.

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

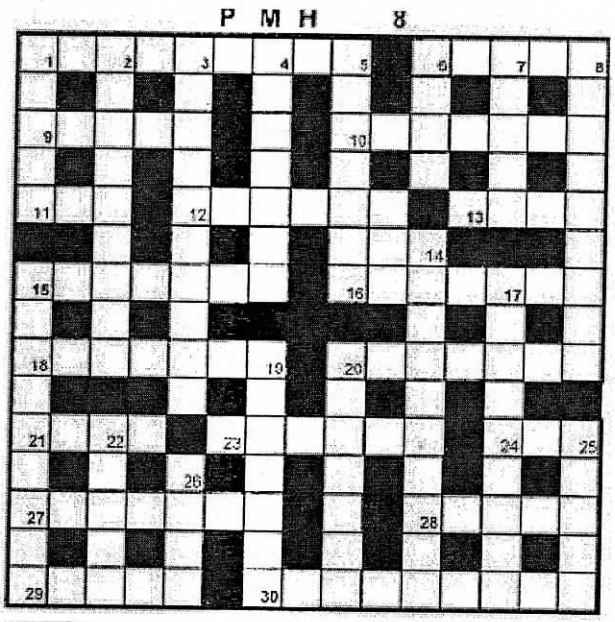
Crossword Clues

ACROSS

1. Dwarfs' friend (4,5)
6. Bridge of ...in Venice (5)
9. Coloured flower part (5)
10. 4 stringed guitar (7)
11. Muhammad ... (3)
12. Kilts or minis (5)
13. Welsh emblem (4)
14. Soviet spaceman Yuri..(7)
16. Virgin creator Sir ...(7)
18. Myanmar language (7)
20. Cricket bowling style (7)
21. The Salvation.....(4)
23. Lou Costello's mate (6)
24. Sound booster (3)
27. Frog with gills & tail (7)
28. Religious offshoots (5)
29. War of the ..... (5)
30. Academic half-year (9)

DOWN

1. Old colour photo tone (5)
2. Canoe stabiliser (9)
3. N.Y. stock exch base (4,6)
4. Language of Dante (7)
5. Earth's centre line (7)
6. Spiritual music style (4)
7. A gaggle of ..... (5)
8. Arab ruler's realm (9)
14. Galileo, Einstein or Darwin (10)
15. Brit.Med naval base (9)
17. Dangerous snow (9)
19. Badges & symbols (7)
20. American Marsupial (7)
22. King with gold touch (5)
25. Money of Mexico (4)
26. Former Supremes' singer Diana ..... (4)



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What's on in September

Avebury House, situated at 9 Eveleyn Couzins Ave. Richmond, is a community-run, low cost facility which has rooms available for hire. Situated in the midst of Avebury Park, the house, which has been refurbished, has run several open days and social events. In addition to the amenities for hire, the following classes and activities are available:

Gentle Exercise Class - Mondays 1- 2pm
(Wear comfortable clothing). Cost $3.00. 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
Held on 2nd Wednesday of each month. No cost.
Next meeting Wednesday 10th September 4 - 5pm.
The History Group meets to share resources and research on items of Richmond's heritage. The Richmond Room, a resource room with displays, magazines and items of interest has been set up at Avebury. These resources are available to the public at no charge.

Embroidery Group - Mondays 1 - 4pm.
Beginners to advanced. Tuition available from a patient, experienced tutor.
Please ring Allison on 388-9377 for more information.

Shirley Brownie group
Meets at 6pm every Tuesday at Avebury House, excluding school holidays. Contact Sue on 352-5551 for details.

Music & Movement for Babies and Pre-schoolers
This popular group meets on Fridays 11am - 12 noon, excluding school holidays. Cost $3 first child, $1.50 for each subsequent child. For enrolment/enquiries ring Ursula on 332-0633 or just come along.

Flax Weaving Courses with Ali Brown
Sept 20th, 10am - 4pm.
Ph Ali Brown 326-7834 for registrations.

Hugs All Round Quilt Project
Wednesdays 1 - 4pm, enquiries to 381-6615.

Tai Chi Class – Especially adapted for older adults
Fridays: Advanced 12.15 – 1.15pm. Beginners 1.15 –2.15 (Note new class) Cost $3.00.
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For further information about facilities and classes etc. please contact: Lesley McMillan, Community Development Worker: Ph 381-6615.

Giving Certainty to Families

The shape and size of our families differ. The make-up of my family today, a husband and two 'mostly' grown-up sons, may be very different from yours, or it may be similar. Whichever it is, one thing is common. Most Kiwis value the health, happiness, and well-being of their families above anything else.

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Lack of money can make things a lot harder for all of us and our families. And we know that right now many Kiwi families are feeling real financial pressure. Worrying about how to pay for petrol, a hefty electricity bill, or a sudden unexpected loss of income aren't experiences to be wished upon anyone. They can put significant strain on the strongest relationships or the best parents.

National understands the importance of financial certainty in keeping families strong. We know that in tough economic times, like the ones Kiwis are currently facing, a responsible government, a compassionate government, should do its part to provide that certainty. That's why we've recently announced that an incoming National Government would make no changes to the Working for Families tax credit system. National wants to offer certainty to Kiwi families about the future of Working for Families.

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We know it's hard out there for families with kids. These are families with parents working long hours, trying to get by on an only 'making ends meet' wage in the absence of tax cuts under this Labour Government. We don't want to make life more difficult for them. National remains absolutely committed to an ongoing programme of personal tax cuts, and we will announce details of this package before the election. Our tax cut programme will build on the Working for Families policy and will offer additional support for hard working Kiwis.

National is interested in what works. We acknowledge Working for Families payments are now an important part of the income of many families. Though we continue to hold some concerns about the system, offering families financial certainty is much more important in these tough economic times.

Nicky Wagner National MP

Delta Community Support Trust

Explore!

Do you want to 'explore' your world? Discover new places? Have new experiences? Discover more about yourself and make new friends? Delta Community Support Trust would like to invite you to join us once a week for 10 weeks to broaden your life experiences through fun filled mystery adventures!

To find out more phone Tony on 389-0212.
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- Health checks.

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Coffee, tea and food

Please note: For the next 12 weeks while our Healthy Living course is on, our cafe will be open on Wednesdays only.

Foodbank

For those living in the local area. Open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10am - 2pm

Delta Inn

Come and enjoy an excellent cooked meal in a friendly atmosphere. Fridays 11am - 1pm (meal seated at midday) $3 donation.

The *Richmond Rambler*

Way back in 1976 The Richmond Club was approached by a Christchurch publishing firm to present a monthly magazine containing newsworthy material which would be of interest to its members.

A meeting was convened by the Chairman of Entertainment, Cyril Flattery, who asked the sporting sections of the club to submit any news that would be of interest on a regular basis. By including advertising from the various businesses in and around Richmond, the *Richmond Rambler* was born, with the first issue being published in September 1976. Three photos taken from the London Street angle of the Richmond Club were an appropriate way to kick start the magazine. Reports from the President Morel Hart, Secretary-Manager Bill Cadigan, Chairman of Entertainment Cyril Flattery and the many sections filled the first issue, complemented by numerous photographs and in some cases, humorous captions.

The magazine continued throughout 1976 and into 1977 and beyond (no exact records were kept), but, regrettably, the publisher later ceased its involvement and the *Richmond Rambler* was no longer. There was a big void of a newsworthy magazine within the club until late 1990, when the *Richmond Rambler* was re-born. Murray Davis, Chairman of Entertainment at the time, obtained the services of Ross Smith who was appointed Editor. He went away with enthusiasm, setting up meetings with the various sections and clicking away merrily with his camera. He touted for advertisers both from among club members and from local shops and businesses. At times there were more photos than reports but members were happy with the results. The magazine continued until in 1997 we lost the services of Ross as he departed from the club; needless to say the *Richmond Rambler* came to another halt and has halted ever since. Perhaps the old adage 'third time lucky' may take effect at some stage and the magazine may come alive again.

Avebury House has copies of the first two issues on display in their History Room and the Richmond Club library has others, but with some issues missing. It would be a tremendous asset to both parties to compile a complete set of *Richmond Rambler* issues as there is so much history to read, along with memories of so many personalities, some who have passed on, others who are still part of Richmond. If any reader has copies they would be prepared to part with, then please drop them into Avebury House or the Richmond Club. We would be grateful.

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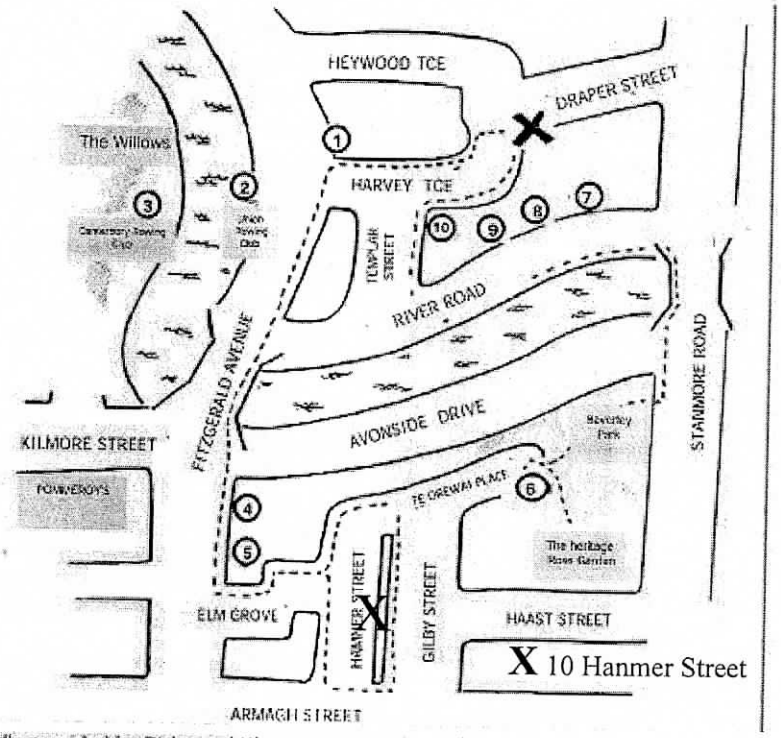
Historic Richmond Daisy Fields & Rowing Club Walk approx. 45 min - 1 hour

Takes in 10 Hanmer Street, from which the front page story evolved.



Kindly provided by Richmond History Group which meets at Avebury House on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. For further information phone 381-6615

1. Start at junction of Harvey Tce/ Hayward Tce and Draper Street (10 min walk from Richmond Working Men's Club). Walk west along Harvey Tce to junction with Fitzgerald Ave. *Note Daisy Fields History Notice*

2. Stop by the Buckingham to view across the road to "The Willows" site of the opening of the boating seasons in the 1860s. The Canterbury Rowing Club was on the west bank and the Union Rowling Club on the east. *(History Notice erected across the Avenue.)*

3. Cross the bridge taking note of old brick buildings on opposite corner; est. 1867 Pommeroy's is worth a visit to view old photos and memorabilia on the walls...

4. Pause at the Britan Reserve to read plaque about this area and then view the Brittan historic home "Englefield" at 230 Fitzgerald Avenue.

5. Continue on to turn left into Elm Grove and view the delightful old cottages in Hamner and Gilby Streets, all part of the same estate.-

6. Pass through brick pillars into Te Orewai Place which was established as a gateway for these homes when their original vehicle entrances in Avonside Drive were lost. Detour to the right to Heritage Rose Garden to read plaque dedicated to the early settlers and then continue on through Beverley Park to exit onto Stanmore Road. Turn left to cross the bridge. Built 1861 and demolished soon after by a paddle steamer and rebuilt and redesigned many times since. Turn left again into River Road. This area was once known as "Ellengowen" a 100 acre property owned by C.E.Fooks.

7. Proceed to 73 River Road (Fooks historic home circa 1860) and the hub of the social scene in the boating season.

8. Next door the diminished Avonside Tennis Club est. 1900, the best in the land in its heyday.

9. Further along are the sites of the Avon Rowing Club, the Christ College Boat Sheds plus the Y.M.C.A and the Trades, without premises. On Regatta days and at the opening of the season it was not uncommon for 3000 people to attend.

10. Turn right into Templar Street to No. 20 to read plaque on the gate and complete walk back at Harvey Terrace.

New Zealand Historic Places Trust
Maori Heritage Team
Tira Pouhere Taonga

Puritia nga taonga tuku iho o nga matua tupuna hei tiki huia mo nga uri whakatipu o Aotearoa.

Keep the treasures handed down by the ancestors as an adornment for the descendants yet to be born in New Zealand.

Maori heritage places are taonga tuku iho (treasures handed down) and are integral to Aotearoa/New Zealand's culture and identity. As a part of the New Zealand Historic Places Trust the Tira Pouhere Taonga/ Maori Heritage Team, focuses on the identification, protection and promotion of Maori Heritage and Maori Heritage Places. The Tira encompasses a wide range of skills and experience to aid and support iwi Maori in preserving and protecting Maori culture and heritage in Aotearoa. The work of the Tira includes:

- Advice and expertise on Maori built heritage and Marae conservation
- Guidance on the identification, protection and preservation of archaeological sites
- Registration of wahi tapu, wahi tapu areas, historic places and historic areas of Maori interest
- Advocacy in supporting Maori heritage
- Support for whanau/hapu/iwi to manage their own heritage resources

Tira members are based in NZHPT regional offices around the country. The Pouarahi (Maori Heritage Advisor) in the Christchurch office works on Maori heritage projects in the Canterbury/West Coast region including rock art projects and site identification projects. Recent projects include the wahi tapu registration of Tautahi Rua Koiwi, the burial place of Tautahi. Tautahi was the Ngai Tahu chief after whom Otautahi/Christchurch is named. Other Maori heritage registrations within Canterbury include Tautahi Pa and Puari Pa Urupa in central Christchurch, Te Pa o Turakautahi (Kaiapoi Pa) in North Canterbury and Tuhiraki (Mount Bossu) overlooking Akaroa Harbour. The Christchurch based Pouarahi works primarily on Maori heritage projects identified by Ngai Tahu Papatipu Runanga. Te Tira o Pouhere Taonga also advocates for the recognition and protection of Maori heritage places via local and central government processes.

For further information or advice on Maori heritage services please contact the Pouarahi at NZHPT's Christchurch office: InfoSouthern@historic.org.nz

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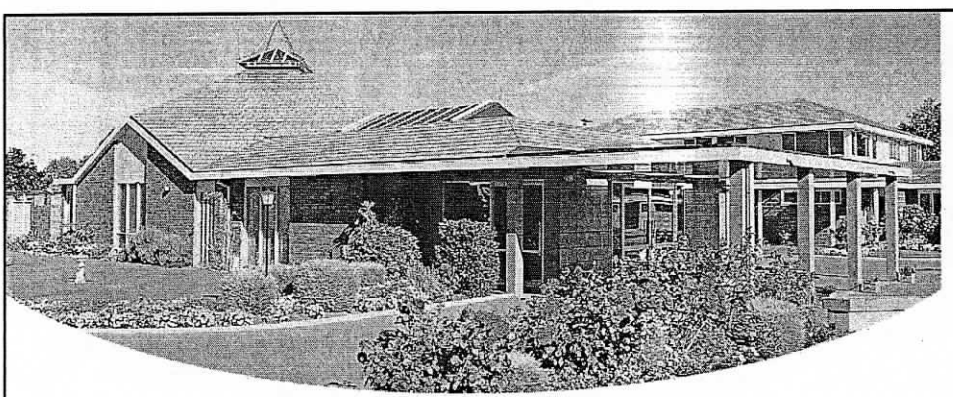

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I am hearing many voters say that National's now revealed wish to sell KiwiBank is causing them real concern.

While it now has a leader who promotes himself as being more moderate than his predecessor, the same National MPs who selected Mr Key were thumpingly keen to have Don Brash and his rabid right-wing agenda just two years ago.

These MPs believe the market can always do better than the state. They tend to conveniently forget that Air New Zealand went into virtual bankruptcy under private ownership. Since it was rescued by taxpayers it has gone from strength to strength. National's right wingers also want to cut spending to the bone. They've promised huge tax cuts every election since 1999, while Labour chose to invest in things like putting 6000 more teachers into schools above roll growth, increasing nurses pay, building new hospitals, putting more police on the beat. Now, as the economy softens, Labour is bringing in tax cuts from October but targeting them at low-to-moderate income earners.

National is suggesting it will borrow to fund its programme including tax cuts as well as cutting government spending and introducing welfare 'reforms.'

Somehow it is always ordinary New Zealanders who have to bear the brunt of right wing 'reforms.' I can still recall Jim Bolger saying in the 1990 election that he would remove the superannuation surtax 'no ifs, buts or maybes' only to have his right-wing colleagues insist on actually increasing the surtax. Later, under Jenny Shipley and a National front bench of MPs who are still mostly there, the pension was cut.

Jim Bolger has, of course, worked very successfully with Labour, being chairman of KiwiBank and New Zealand Post. He has also been recently appointed as chair of KiwiRail. Like KiwiBank, it makes sense to have our rail system in state ownership, balancing national objectives against commercial requirements. With fuel prices likely to remain high, a strong taxpayer-owned rail network to transport goods and passengers becomes a national priority. Like KiwiBank, we can only be sure of keeping it under New Zealand control under a Labour-led government.

I do not make promises lightly but I can say that as your MP here in Christchurch Central and I will never, ever support the sale of KiwiBank. I'll wager that pledge will not be matched by the other major party – we now know they have our bank in their gun sights.

Brendon Burns
Labour candidate
Christchurch Central

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- Blue-grey Hooded Sweatshirt. Size M - Child's.
- Black & White Cap.

Enquiries Avebury House (381-6615)

Christchurch ***Star*** January 18th 1886

A church parade of the Richmond Rifles took place yesterday morning, when some twenty-five members of the company, under Captain Bowron, assembled on the East Belt, at the junction with Kilmore Street and marched to St John's Church, headed by the Garrison band, which mustered in strong force, under Bandmaster Dorn. The service at the church was conducted by the Rev. A. C. Wright, honorary Chaplain to the Corps, and after its conclusion the company and the band marched back to Richmond where they were dismissed.

Christchurch ***Star*** March 13th 1888

RICHMOND RIFLES:—

The members of the Richmond Rifles, who are encamped at New Brighton, have become so well pleased with their life under canvas, that they will continue it for another week, coming to town to their various avocations during the day and returning to their tents and military duties at night. On Sunday last, certain of the men were told off as cooks and prepared a capital dinner, which was partaken of by their comrades and visitors. Next Sunday the Company will attend Divine service at the Beach church and will be happy to entertain any volunteers or other friends who may visit them during the day.

The final instalment of **'Public Meeting at Bingsland'** will appear in the October issue of the Richmond Community News

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KIA ORA WHATAU

Well, what a wonderful exciting book launch we had on Friday. The whole day was an overwhelming success and many community members have phoned and emailed to thank us. The children had a great day.They had worked hard with their teachers to produce lovely plays and items linked to the five books being launched at the kura. Our heart-felt thanks Raina Fowlds and her whanau from Matakana Island who ensured we all had such a great day. Many thanks to our staff, whanau and caregivers for all of the effort and hard work that went into ensuring everything went smoothly. A special thanks to Lorraine Weirsma Grant, Ihaka Moke, Tracey Taia, Tui Amohanga, the Te Karu whanau and all of the extra jobs they took on to ensure a great time, as you can see from just some of the pictures taken during the day.

Last month we welcomed our lovely new Room 6 teacher, Mrs Paula Eason to our kura. Paula hails from Whanganui and has been teaching for twelve years. She is a talented and gifted musical performer and loves to share this knowledge. Paula is like a breath of fresh air, she is so excited and passionate about educating our tamariki and supporting their learning to ensure they can all reach their true potential.

We would like to thank KidsCan Charitable Trust for donating a beanie to each of our children. With the cold mornings that we are experiencing at the moment, these hand knitted hats are invaluable. The children look awesome and are kept warm at the same time.Well done to all who made this possible.

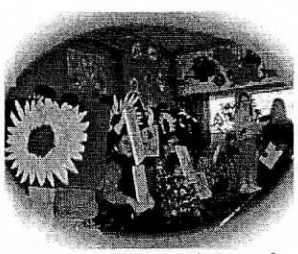
Donations are now being taken for our up and coming school fair planned for Saturday 1 November 2008. Stalls will be available at $15.00 per site. We plan to have many stalls including White Elephant, Books, Children's Bouncy Castle, Home Baking, Plants and Food. Please spread the word and help us raise money for our Senior Playground equipment. Please contact the school on (03) 389-7168 during school hours if you would like us to collect goods or to book a site .

TE MANA MAHI OSCAR PROGRAMME

Te Mana Mahi Oscar Programme is operating from Richmond School Hall. Our hours are 3:00pm - 5:30pm Monday - Friday. We offer care for children aged 5-13 years. We are CYFS approved and can offer WINZ subsidies to qualifying families (which can cover up to 90% of fees). Our fees are $10.00 per session with a one off additional payment of $10.00 per family for administration costs when you first enrol. We also run a school holiday programme in the first week of each term break. If you are interested or are in need of care for your child/ren for either of these programmes, please feel free to come and visit us in the school hall. Alternatively, you can pick up an information pack from the school office or ring Tui Amohanga, Senior Supervisor on 389-6610 or (027) 313-8241.

BOOK LAUNCH CELEBRATIONS

Brendon Burns & tamariki



Tamariki performing a play

Matakana whanau

Tama playing for visitors

Lunchtime with healthy eating

Annie Bowden
PRINCIPAL

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