

Reignier comes second in the Spooner shield!

On Thursday our Year 5 and 6 students competed in the annual Taradale Winter sports tournament for the Spooner Shield with fantastic success. We managed to come second to Greenmeadows, losing by only 2 points with major placings in all the different codes. The rugby team were placed first equal with Porritt and brought home the rugby trophy. The netball teams combined were second and runners up for the Hazel Gillies Shield. Our hockey team were placed second losing only one game to Arthur Miller, and the boys soccer team were placed second and were runners up for the L.E. Nicholson Trophy. In the history of the tournament Reignier has only won the Spooner Shield once, in 1994. This would have to be the best result we have achieved since then. Congratulations to all those who competed. We are very proud of the way you played and the sportsman like behaviour you displayed throughout every game. Thank you to all the coaches and supporters. Bring on 2012!

The Week Ahead

Monday 5th – Yr 6 walk to Taradale Intermediate for Choir festival practice

Monday 5th – Middle Team camp meeting at 5pm

Thursday 8th – Yr 6 students visit St Patrick's for the morning

Friday 9th – Middle and Senior Team Inquiry celebration – Technology challenge

Friday 9th – Mufti day – Donations for the Christchurch earthquake appeal through Caritas

Friday 9th – NZ Vs Tonga Beginning of the Rugby World Cup

Whole School Mass

Thank you to all families who attended Mass on Sunday. Once again we received very positive comments from parishioners about the singing, participation, presentation of the students. We even got comments on how clean the children's shoes were! Thank you to all those who read, spoke and sang. A special thank you to Mrs Cawston and Mrs Mellon for leading the liturgy, and to those parents who helped with morning tea.

ICT and E-Learning

Don't forget to check out the school website regularly, especially if your child has an e-portfolio up and running. Most students in the senior or middle school will have one. If you don't know what one is, please ask your child to show you theirs. The e-portfolio is an opportunity for the children to post blogs and examples of what they are learning so they can share current learning with you. If your child is working on theirs at home, please try to help us monitor the content. It is a school based tool about their learning, and isn't for social purposes. It should create discussion between you and your child about their progress at school. Have a go at commenting on their blogs and portfolios. It is always very encouraging for them to get some feedback.

Parent E-Learning Opportunity

Miss Hewett our ICT lead teacher is offering an opportunity to parents who wish to become more involved in the ICT aspect of their children's learning. A series of workshops will be on offer according to response and feedback from you. The first workshop will be on using powerpoint, which is a tool many of our children use to present information and aspects of their Inquiry. Crystal will teach how to use powerpoint as a tool, and give some smart tips for extending the use of it if you already know the basics. Very non-threatening and lots of fun. Please click on the link in the menu bar of the school website's home page and put your name in the google document provided. If you are quite confident about using powerpoint, click on the link anyway and give some feedback on the types of workshops you would find valuable to help your child's learning through ICT. You will need to have signed up by the end of this week.

Rugby World Cup Mufti Day—Gold Coin Donation

On Friday 9th September we will be holding a mufti day for Caritas. Donations will go especially to the people of Christchurch who still desperately need our support. Because it coincides with the beginning of the Rugby World Cup, we are asking the children to dress in

one of their favourite country's team colours, or traditional costume from any country of choice. Go the All Blacks!

Netball Skirts

Now the netball season is completely finished, please could we have all netball skirts returned to the front office as soon as possible.

School Photos

These have been booked for Thursday 15th September. Rooms 6 and 7 will have their photos taken on 21st as they will be out of the school on the 15th.

Gala Contributions

The Gala committee are working hard once again to produce a spectacular gala. Please look for ways in which you can support them. This is our biggest fundraiser for the school each year and relies on every parent doing their bit to make it work. Check what each weekly item is requested and leave it in the trolley by the bike shed, clean out cupboards and drawers and bring in unwanted clothes and toys, and fill in the helpers form and return it to school. The more people we have supporting the cause, the bigger success the gala will be. WE NEED YOU!

Parish News

AN INVITATION TO NON-PRACTICING CATHOLICS

Drifted away from the Church? Haven't been to Mass for years? Feel you'd like to come back? Join us for informal sessions for non-practicing Catholics. We'd like to know your feelings and address your questions at a series of six Wednesday evenings beginning at 7.30pm on Wednesday 19th October in St Mary's Parish Centre. If you have any questions about the Catholics Returning Home, please contact the Parish Office.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: The next Baptism Preparation course will be held on Tuesday 13 September. There will also be a course on 15 November 7pm – 8.30pm. Please indicate your intention to attend one of these courses by notifying the Parish Office phone 844 2224.

Ma te Atua koe e tiaki—God bless you all.

Julia Johnson

YEAR 6 TO ST PATRICK'S

This Thursday 8th September, all Year 6 students will be going on their annual visit to our fellow Catholic school St Patrick's. The students will be hosted for the morning and shown what is on offer at St Pats. They will also be provided with lunch. St Pats will send a bus to pick up all the children at 9am and return them to school at lunchtime. The students will be accompanied by senior team teachers.

BASKETBALL

There wasn't any basketball last Thursday and there isn't any basketball this Thursday because PGA is being used for another event. Basketball starts again on **15th September**.

The draw for the season is now available on www.basketballhawkesbay.co.nz or find the link on the school website.

TACKLE RUGBY

There wasn't any rugby last Wednesday.

The draw for this Wednesday is;

Reignier A v Onekawa A at Reignier.

Reignier B v Te Awa at Te Awa. The boys need to make their own way there straight after school. If any students will have difficulty getting there, they need to see Mr Crawford before Wednesday.

Training for the A team will be Tuesday lunchtime. Training for the B team will be Wednesday at lunchtime.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

The annual school Interhouse Cross Country is coming up next Friday 16th September at Anderson Park.

All students in the Middle and Senior school will be walking down to Anderson Park for the afternoon to run in their year level races. The first race will be the Year 3 and 4 Girls starting at approximately 1.40pm. The last race will be the Year 6 Boys.

CLASS AWARDS—CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE CHILDREN

Room 1	St Veronica	Manasa Young	for great reading this week
		Emma Harvey	for being very helpful
Room 1a	St Peter	Lily Doolan	for fantastic reading
		Tre' Jeffares	for wonderful maths work
Room 2	St Angela	Anna Mildon	for enthusiasm and perseverance in art
		Vincent Jones	for enthusiasm and perseverance in art
Room 3	St Thomas More	Isabella Briggs, Sean } Sullivan, Holly Williams }	for magical work in maths
Room 4	St Therese	Dylan Homan	for enthusiastic and helpful attitude
		Baylie Young	for super reading
Room 5	St Gerard	Fergus Cardwell-Dray	for excellent work in poetry
		Skylar Kim	for a great effort in her poetry
Room 6	St Francis	Paige Dominikovich	for working well with others & being a role model
		Aidan Kirby-Vaughan	for his initiative when solving problems
Room 7	St Patrick	Anna Restieaux	for her thoughtful questioning in guided reading
		Noah Sloan	for his comprehensive chapter summary
Room 8	St Anne	Blake Knox	for fantastic offerings to class inquiry
		Fred Devereux	for creative & thoughtful contributions to class discussions
Room 9	St Bridget	Sophie Lancaster	for the fantastic effort with her reading
		Chloe Dagg	for the fantastic effort with her reading
Room 10	St John Bosco	Matthew Kau	for the great work he has been doing during literacy
		Ben Gardiner	for consistently setting the standard for behaviour in Room 10
Room 11	St Dominic	Riley Greaney	for his perseverance in calendar art this week
		Aimee Wilson	for her outstanding attitude & effort



All those competing will need to have running shoes, shorts and a t-shirt in their House colour to run in.

We welcome any family members who are able to support the competitors at Anderson Park.

The top 6 finishers in each race will go on to represent Reignier at the Taradale and Districts Interscholar Cross Country on 28th September at Park Island.

INDOOR CRICKET THIS TERM

All uniforms, equipment and umpires are provided.

Last Friday at Action Indoor Sports the Year 5/6 team played Taradale and had a narrow loss 65 runs to 80

This Friday, 9th September, the Year 5/6 team play Nelson Park at 5pm.

Thanks to Kaye Plummer for managing the team.

INNOVATION INQUIRY CELEBRATION

The Middle and Senior classes will be holding their **innovation Inquiry celebration on Friday 9th September starting at 1pm.**

The students will be doing two BP Challenge activities in their House groups in classrooms with the best inventions going through to the final in the hall at 2.30pm. All points go towards the Inter-house Shield. We do need a lot of newspaper for the challenges, so could students please bring in newspaper from home.

MIDDLE TEAM THANKS

Middle Team parents please note that the generous PTA subsidy of our upcoming Aquarium Camp has kept the fees well reduced to a reasonable \$40 per child. We are very appreciative of the generosity of the PTA. Thank you.

Middle Team Teachers

TARADALE SCHOOLS MUSIC FESTIVAL—YEAR 6

The Year 6 children will be walking to Taradale Intermediate School for rehearsals today and the next two Mondays. Tickets on sale at the office—\$3 per person.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

A big thank you to all those who supported the Scholastic Book Fair. The Library benefited with \$540 of new books. Grateful thanks to Tina Sullivan, Maree Paterson & Jo Coffin for before/after school sales. Prize draw winners: Junior—Max Signal, Middle—Anna Restieaux, Senior—Zoey Harris.

Raelene Cronin

FUNDRAISING CALENDARS, CARDS & DIARIES

Over the last few weeks the children have been working on artwork which is now available to be viewed in your child's classroom. You may choose to use your child's artwork or a photo from home on a calendar, pack of cards or the fabulous new diaries which will definitely be available this year. These make wonderful Christmas gifts for friends and family. Forms will be sent home next week with details on how to order and submit photos.

GALA 2011

This week is: **FROZEN CHICKENS!** We ask families to please donate a **frozen chicken** to be used as prizes for the wheel.

Next week will be: Grocery Item and Sweet Stall – One grocery item and a bag of soft lollies.

Please remember items don't need to be expensive – just new. Many unbranded products are less than \$2 and looking through the cupboards often also locates suitable things. A shopping trolley is located under the PTA notice board by the school hall for you to drop off your item. Second-hand gala goods can be bought in anytime and placed under the PTA noticeboard also. Thank you all for your donations!

God Bless

Amy Walewski – Gala Co-ordinator

Dom Cresswell – contact for helpers – Phone: 844 2132



GALA HELPER REMINDER!

Last week children were sent home with a "Gala Helper" form. Please don't forget to fill it in and return it either to your teacher or the office. Any help you can offer either before gala or on gala day is most appreciated.

SWEET MAKERS NEEDED – GALA

Volunteers are needed to make fudge/coconut ice for the school gala. Most ingredients are supplied. If you can help please contact Mary-Claire 8452562.

MIDDLE TEAM THANKS YOU

Thank you to everyone who supported our sausage sizzle on Friday 2nd September. We had a lovely big group of helpers including new and experienced hands. Many thanks to all who ate, cooked and prepared sausages. The money raised helped with the cost of the Middle Team Camp. Thank you.

MEETING FOR MIDDLE TEAM CAMP PARENTS

in Room 8 today—Monday 5th September at 5 pm.

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP will be open tomorrow (Tuesday) from 8.30—8.55 am. **NOT** Wednesday—this week only.

PTA MEETING Tuesday 6th September – 7pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

Kid's Friendly Care at St Columba's Church on Gloucester Street offer Morning Care 7.30—8.30 am, Afternoon Care 3—5.30 pm and Holiday Programmes throughout the year. If you are interested please call Peter 022 643 1691 or 8437770.