

**Tena Koutou Katoa
Greetings everyone.**

Believe it or not, we are already nearly half way through the term. Teachers in the middle and senior teams are commencing PAT and STAR testing this week, and this will continue into next week. It would be a great help if children are here in plenty of time to start the day and their tests in a calm, unhurried frame of mind.

Despite the weather, wasn't Rod great!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 27th – Stu Duvall Storyteller and Writer visiting

Tuesday 28th – PTA meeting 7pm in staffroom-All Welcome

SAD NEWS

It is with sadness that we accept the resignation of Carol Merrick who has worked in the school office for many years. Carol has given wonderful service to the school, but has decided to retire. She will be sorely missed. However, I know there will be exciting new opportunities ahead for her and wish her all the very best for whatever future ventures and adventures she may encounter.

PTA AGM

Thank you to all those who attended the PTA AGM on Tuesday evening. We farewelled Amy Walewski as Chairperson, Kathryn Winnie as Secretary and Bruce Allan as Treasurer. We would like to thank them all for their hard work in those roles over the years. We welcome on board Karrie Stephens as Chairperson, Karyn Gouder as Secretary and Victoria Walling as Treasurer. We also welcome back Kate Kerr as Vice Chairperson.

Our monthly meeting will be held this Tuesday at 7 pm in the staffroom.

TEACHERS ONLY DAY—MONDAY 2ND APRIL

One of our main targets for raising student achievement this year is in writing. An opportunity has just presented itself for all our teachers to attend a seminar day being run by Gail Loane, an expert in her field of delivering outstanding writing programmes, and author of the book 'I've Got Something To Say'. Therefore we have decided to have teachers only day on Monday 2nd April. This is the last Monday of Term One. School will be closed all day so all the teachers can attend the course. Please note it on your calendar.

PASTORAL CARE

Our pastoral care team continue to do an amazing job behind the scenes supporting our families in times of need. If you would be happy to help in any form, supporting with meals, babysitting, etc. please contact Joanna Sloan on 845 2261

ROAD PATROL

Once again we are struggling to find parents who are willing to help supervise Road Patrol. A very big thank you to the few who already have volunteered. Please if you are able to give some time one morning or afternoon a week, it would be very gratefully received. Please contact Mrs Gibson or the school office.

PARISH NEWS

Official Message from the Apostolic Nuncio (the Pope's Ambassador to NZ)

I have the honour to inform you that, yesterday 22nd February 2012, the Holy Father accepted the resignation of Bishop Peter J Cullinane from the Diocese of Palmerston North. He is succeeded by Coadjutor Bishop Charles Drennan.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop Charles D. Balvo

KEEPING IN TOUCH Once Lent starts, our KEEPING IN TOUCH team will be visiting in the Taradale, Greenmeadows and Greenmeadows East areas of the Parish.

**Ma te Atua koe e tiaki
God bless you all.
Julia Johnson**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This term we are teaching from the Jesus Strand which leads well into Easter. Below is the focus for each class with references to the Family/Whanau book in brackets.

Rooms 1 and 2: Jesus –My Friend (page. 17)

Rooms 3 and 4: Jesus Showed His Love in Different Ways (page. 20)

Rooms 6, 7, 8: Jesus Gives Himself in the Eucharist (page. 23)

Rooms 5, 9, 10, 11: The fullness of God's Revelation (page. 32)

Why We Do Things We Do

Why do we make the sign of the cross?

Do you rush through the sign of the cross as if swatting a fly? Don't! This gesture contains powerful symbolism connected with the Trinity and your baptism. Indeed it can be viewed as a prayer in itself. You are identifying yourself with generations of Christians, for the common usage of the familiar formula- In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen-can be traced back to the second century.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

An invitation is extended to students Year 4 and above wishing to make these sacraments. Please complete the registration slip at the bottom of this newsletter and return to the Parish Office.

YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 PRODUCTION—Dates for your diary:

Dress rehearsal: Monday 18th June 6-9pm

Performances: Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th June.

Children need to be there by 6pm.

Performance: 7pm

These are all at the HB Opera House.

There will be meeting for all parents who would like to be involved later this term. Date to be confirmed.

BASIC GUITAR TUITION Studio: 16 Burns Rd. Napier Hill

Children from 8 years to adult. Enrolments: Maurice Ebbs 8355491.

Semi professional musician for 40 years.

FOR SALE—Girls Summer Uniform x2, sweatshirt x1, winter shirts x5 size 8. Phone Emma 8452575

ENROLMENT MARIST FOOTBALL (Soccer) Registration dates for current and new players is Sat February 25th and Sun March 4th 10am-12am at the Marist clubrooms, Park Island. Players can also register on line at www.marist.co.nz.

REIGNIER SPORTING NEWS AND COMMUNITY SPORTING EVENTS...

BASKETBALL

Results from last Monday were;

Reignier Lakers lost to Henry Hill 12 – 14

Reignier Saints drew with Clive 16 – 16

Reignier Celtics beat Port 22 - 12



There is NO BASKETBALL this Monday and next Monday

5th March due to Centennial Hall being used for another

event. Basketball will restart on Monday 12th March.

Weekly and season draws can be found at;

<http://www.basketballhawkesbay.co.nz/>

Thank you to Mike Lynch, Nic Baudinet, Corey Stephens, Jay Campbell and Brendan Lancaster who are managing teams.

Basketball in Terms 2 and 3 will be on Wednesdays after school and will switch back to Mondays in Term 4.

BASKETBALL CLINIC

All students in Reignier basketball teams this term have been invited to attend a free basketball clinic run by the Hawks coaches and featuring Tall Black players.

The clinic is being held at Pettigrew Arena this Tuesday 28th February from 12.45pm until 3pm. Students wishing to attend this coaching session should have returned their permission slip already.

Thank you to all parents who have offered to help transport students to and from the arena and help with supervise. Could you please be at school by 12.15pm so students can leave by 12.30pm. If you have indicated you wish to pick your child up again from PGA, you can do so at 2.45pm. Please ensure you see Anna Campbell, our parent coordinator

CLASS AWARDS—CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE CHILDREN

Room 1	St Veronica	Tom Halpin	for taking time to complete his work carefully
Room 2	St Angela	Logan Haayema	for great number work
Room 3	St Thomas More	Manasa Young	for fantastic reading progress
		Jordan Dominikovich	for dynamite job in practising your swimming skills
		Livi Gully	for an awesome attitude to learning
Room 4	St Therese	Harry Campbell	for a great attitude
		Cailin Marlow	for lovely reading
Room 5	St Gerard	Zarlia Wyatt	for always trying her hardest
		Micah Jardine	for always settling down to work quickly
Room 6	St Francis	Jake Stephens	for great attitude to and progress in Spelling
		James Erickson	for great attitude to and progress in Spelling
Room 7	St Patrick	John O'Connor	for designing a fabulous car
		Laura Powell	for her great reading-keep it up
Room 8	St Anne	Ben Sloan	for showing great thinking and problem solving skills
		Paige Dominikovich	for showing a caring and respectful attitude towards others
Room 9	St Bridget	Louise Sullivan	for her awesome manners in class and excellent attitude towards work
		Fred Devereux	for great focus and settling quickly to work
Room 10	St John Bosco	Ben Rybinski	for his outstanding leadership and great respect shown towards others
		Emma Wynne	for being very polite, respectful and a great helper
Room 11	St Dominic	Clara Hard	for fantastic improvement in her dolphin dives
		Sam Kluts	for being a fantastic helper when starting Super Clubs Plus



BASKETBALL CLINIC CONT'D

before you do so she can check your child off.
Students taking part will need to wear their school PE uniform and sports shoes and should take a water bottle.

CRICKET

Cricket results from last Friday afternoon for Year 3/4 students at Nelson Park;

The Volts played Taradale and had a win. Players of the day were; Ollie Gardiner and Sam Williams-Smith

The Firebirds played NCS and won 59 runs to 50.

The Firebirds and Volts need to wear their school PE uniform for games and sports shoes and meet at the cricket pavilion at Nelson Park as soon as possible after school on Friday. Games should be completed by 5pm.

Thanks to Rachael Quinney and Gary Bevin for managing the teams.

The Aces played Taradale on Saturday and had a loss. Taradale batted first and scored 202 for 4. Tom Hollier and George Sicklemore bowled well and Mitchell Snell was outstanding in the field. Reignier scored 86 for 9 in their 25 overs. Ben Rybinski carried his bat through the innings scoring 25 not out. Daniel Hurley also batted well.

The Knights played Napier Central and batted first making a solid 96 runs. Top scorers were Ben Allan 19 and Logan Hutchinson 10.

In reply, Reignier bowled and fielded really well, but Napier Central made the required runs with 2 overs to spare.

Pick of the bowlers were Ryan Gouder 2 wickets for 5 runs. with wickets also to Harry Lack, James Aston and Ben Gardiner and Ben Allan.

The Knights are being coached by Nick Gouder and Paul Aston. They are running training from 4.30 until 5.30pm on Thursday at school.

The Aces will have training at lunchtime on Thursday.

The Aces and Knights need to wear their school PE gear for games.

I will let the teams know where they are playing on Saturday after the draw comes through.

THE NATIONAL CRICKET CLUB (NCC) SUPER CHAMPS

NCC Super Camps give you the chance to get coaching tips from our NCC Ambassador Shane Bond and some of the BLACK CAPS. They will be in Napier TODAY at Nelson Park, Napier. The Super Skills sessions give primary aged children a chance to develop batting, bowling and fielding tips with some of New Zealand's top coaches. Drills and activities are developed with fun in mind to encourage our BLACK CAP stars of the future. Each session runs for an hour and numbers are limited to 100 per session.

BBQ with the BLACKCAPS

All NCC participants are invited to round off the day with a barbeque, which we'll be firing up from 5pm onwards. Participants will have the chance to swap tips with some of New Zealand's top players, grab some autographs and take home some great cricket giveaways. For more information and to register for the event visit www.nationalcricketclub.co.nz

'MILO' HAVE A GO CRICKET has started again at Taradale Park. This will run on Monday nights from 5pm until 6.15pm for 6 weeks in Term 1 and 6 weeks in Term 4. The cost is \$45 which gets students cricket gear and giveaways. This is for ages 5 to 9. Come along to learn some cricket skills and have a lot of fun. Meet by the Taradale Park tennis courts at 5pm for registrations. Feel free to come along at any stage and join up. For more information, contact Baden Wilton at badenwilton@gmail.com or on 0224223360. For the older cricketers U10s trainings are 3.05 until 5pm on Mondays and U11s trainings are at 3.05 until 5pm on Tuesdays.

TEEBALL

The draw for this Saturday 3rd March at Tareha Park (Taradale Rugby Club) is;

Reignier Yankees play Eskdale on Tareha 6 at 10.15am

Reignier Angels play GMS 3 on Tareha 9 at 9am

Reignier Dodgers play GMS 2 on Tareha 10 at 10.15am

Thank you to Roger Jones for managing the Angels, James MacIntosh for managing the Dodgers and Patrick Jones for managing the Year 3/4 Yankees.

JUNIOR TIGER

New to golf? Come along and give it a go! Everyone who attends on the day goes into the draw to win a trip for you and a family member to DISNEYLAND in the USA! SUNDAY MARCH 18TH 2012 MARAENUI GOLF CLUB & AWATOTO PUBLIC COURSE 200 Awatoto Road, Napier 9:00am Tee Off (For tournament entrants) 10:00am - 12pm Golf games and PGA Coaching.

FREE. A fun day out for all the family!

THE GREAT RUGBY ROAD TRIP-is coming to the Napier Sound Shell 1st March, 3.30pm-6.30pm.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNION

Please return to Parish Office

Child's Name _____ Parent's Names _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Place & Date of Baptism _____