

Tena Koutou Katoa
Greetings everyone.

The first term has raced away and we are now about to begin holidays. The staff and BOT wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and a holy Easter. Don't forget the Easter ceremonies. They are certainly rituals that remain in children's memories forever. Thank you to all families for your hard work and support over the term. The greatest road to increased achievement is if we're all working together to support and help our kids.

It is a very sad day for us tomorrow as we farewell Carol Merrick from our school office. Carol has worked in the school for nearly 35 years, and is now seeing second generation pupils through the gates. She has worked with many staff, families and principals over the years and has always been a supportive, dependable member of staff. On behalf of the school community we wish her all the very best for her retirement. We will miss her dreadfully although we know she will continue to be a part of our school community as a grandparent. Best wishes, Carol. Don't be a stranger!

The Week Ahead

Thursday 5th – Stations Of The Cross at 2pm St Mary's Church
Thursday 5th – Break up for Term 1 at 3pm

New Appointment

Congratulations to Karyn Gouder who has secured the position of secretary at school. Karyn has many talents and I know will be a great asset to the school in her new role.

Andrea Dawson will be taking over Karyn's role as Teacher Aide. Andrea is a qualified teacher aide with many years of experience in teaching students with special needs and English as A Second Language. We welcome Andrea back to our staff.

Stations Of The Cross

On Thursday afternoon at 2pm the school will gather at the church to reflect on the Stations Of The Cross together. Members of the Senior School under Miss Brooker's guidance have prepared this for us. We welcome all friends and relatives to join us for this little ceremony. After this we will return to school and children will be released from school for the holidays at 3pm.

Share The Learning Evening

Thank you to all those who came along last week to support your child in their learning journeys. We have had some very positive feedback about how useful it was, how it generated further questions for discussion, and how it empowered our children to take ownership of what they are doing at school. That is certainly cause for celebration!

Notebooks please

Thank you for accommodating us on Monday and keeping your children at home. Gail Loane is very hard to get hold of, so we were very privileged to spend the day with her reflecting on our writing programme and teaching strategies. Already we have identified some strategies which we can use to increase achievement. We would like over the holidays for every child to look for a personalised notebook. It doesn't have to be big or expensive, but it could be one they select from a bookshop that they will treasure. Early next term we will send a letter of explanation out as to how they will be used. Please ask the children to keep them new until then.

Assemblies

There will be no Junior or Middle Assemblies this week. Senior school will have an awards assembly at 1.30 pm on Thursday prior to attending the Stations of The Cross.

PTA Fundraiser

A big thanks to the PTA for their fundraising efforts this term. The disco was an outstanding success and the Chocolate promotion raised a huge amount of money. Thank you

Reconciliation

We congratulate all those children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Sunday. It was an especially moving ceremony. A big thank you to Mrs Riceman and Mrs Quinney who have prepared the parents and children for this sacrament over many weeks and organised the ceremony on Sunday. Adam Winnie, Sarah Winnie, Aidan Minehan, Kelly Minehan, Ben Sloan, Bradley Campbell, Charlotte Lancaster, Caitlin Wilson, Daniel Hurley, Finn Exeter, Hamish Gibson, Hannah Cotter, Hannah Lawson, Isaac Pilcher, Jack Graham, Jacob Wardley, Jonty Unwin, Joshua Goddard, Laura Powell, Lilly Aston, Lucy Harvey, Madeleine Parker, Matthew Quinney, Oliver Gardiner, Olympia Signal, Phoebe Shea, Ryan Gouder, Sehun Kim, Sam Williams-Smith, Talia White-Shaw, YeLim Cha, Tom Hollier, Amanda Merry-les, Summer Wilson, Joshua Quinn, Amelia Swann, Luke Swann, Milly O'Leary, Peata Kaio

Swimming Sports

These were once again a great success. Thank you to all those children who participated. We know that it can be a rather nerve-racking experience for some, and we saw and would like to acknowledge some very brave performances. It can be rather overwhelming in such a hot, noisy atmosphere. Thank you to the parents who helped with timing and for the supporters who cheered the competitors. A big thank you to Mr Crawford and the staff for the organisation and smooth running of the events.

Parish News

Easter Timetable

Holy Thursday – Passover Meal 5.45

Mass of the Last Supper 7.30 pm

Good Friday - Walk with the Cross 11am from All St's Church to St Mary's

3pm ceremony

Easter Vigil – Saturday 7.30 pm

Easter Sunday Mass – 9am (No 5pm Mass)

PASSOVER MEAL: Thursday 5th April 5.45pm in the Parish Centre. An ancient ritual meal based on the Old Testament readings prior to our Holy Thursday Mass at 7.30pm. Limit of 60 can attend. Cost \$10 per person. Don't miss out. Get your tickets from the Office.

Ma te Atua koe e tiaki

God bless you all.

Have a great holiday!!!!

Julia Johnson

PTA NEWS – CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER!

A BIG thank you to all the students and families who participated in our Cadbury chocolate fundraiser. We had such a great response and should all feel very proud of what we achieved. Final tallies are still to be done, but at this stage it looks like we have raised a decent amount to put towards the upgrade of the senior playground. Well done to each of you who took the time to sell. It was great to see such enthusiasm amongst the children.

Congratulations to the winners of the 3 Ipod touch's. For selling the most boxes of chocolates – Isabelle Gardiner-Cook and Byron Viljoen. The spot prize IPod touch draw was won by Gemma Eagles. If you do still have money to RETURN, please get this to the school office immediately. Again, thank you for all contributing to make our fundraiser such a success! EFFORT brings REWARD!

God Bless

Karrie Stephens

Chairperson

WANTED: Senior Production is after any fabric you have lying around at home. Bright, colourful, stripy, plain, spotty! Anything you have at home or can source for us to make costumes out of would be fantastic! Please take to office for Lara Hollier to collect. Many thanks Wardrobe Team.

CLASS AWARDS—CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE CHILDREN

Room 1	St Veronica	Tom Halpin	for being a great role model	
Room 2	St Angela	Logan Haayema	for fantastic reading progress	
Room 3	St Thomas More	Claudia Crichton	for beautiful work presentation	
		Ryan Tantrum	for excellent jumping skills in PE	
Room 4	St Therese	Helena Keeney-Mills	for showing kindness to others	
		Ethan Boyd	for working hard on his basic facts	
Room 5	St Gerard	Georgie Chapman	for being cheerful and enthusiastic	
		Sarah Winnie	for always settling to task quickly	
		Charlotte Lancaster	for a much improved work ethic	
Room 6	St Francis			
Room 7	St Patrick			
Room 8	St Anne			
Room 9	St Bridget	Andrew Oliver	for being a wonderful caring person to those around him	
		Joshua Lee	for the wonderful effort he is making with his writing	
Room 10	St John Boaco	Kieran Mooney	for his responsible attitude and great manners	
		Jack Ericksen	for the great contributions he is making during group reading	
Room 11	St Dominic	Sophie Broome	for being a good role model within the classroom community	
		Jack Graney	for being helpful and willing in Room 11's learning community	

Senior Team Challenge

Students in Rooms 5, 9, 10 and 11 are due to hand their first Challenge of the year in this Wednesday. Please make sure all the necessary aspects are completed or signed and handed in so we are able to print and handout certificates to students on Thursday.

Child Cancer Appeal

Thank you very much to all those families who kindly donated to my Child Cancer appeal. Because of your generosity \$550 was raised which surpassed all expectations and will go along way in supporting the charity.

The hair cutting as promised took place on Friday. Apologises to any parents who missed the event as we had to shift it to 2pm to coordinate with the hairdresser.

Sandy Crawford

Basketball

Results from last week were;

Reignier Celtics beat Westshore 27 - 7. Player of the day was Daniel Lynch.

Results from Monday;

Reignier Celtics lost to Port Ahuriri in their final 22 - 12. Player of the day was Adam Winnie. A great effort by the whole team to finish 2nd in a tough competition.

We have received the fees for this term from Basketball Hawkes Bay and they will be added to your child's term account.

Thank you to Mike Lynch, Nic Baudinet, Corey Stephens, Jay Campbell **and** Brendan Lancaster for managing teams this term. Without your support we wouldn't be able to offer basketball at school.

Basketball is open to all Year 3 - 6 students in Terms 2 and 3 at Centennial Hall on **Wednesdays after school** and will switch back to Mondays in Term 4. If your child wishes to continue playing next term make sure they see Mr Crawford this week. For all those students who would like to join next term, they must make sure they attend the meeting being held this week.

Term 1 Cricket

Cricket for the term concluded last week. Unfortunately Friday cricket was cancelled because of wet conditions.

Thanks to Rachael Quinney and Gary Bevin for managing the teams this term. Your support has been gratefully appreciated.

The Aces didn't play on Saturday because of the wet weather.

The Knights played Arthur Miller and had a very narrow loss.

Reignier batted first and scored 55 runs. James Aston scored 10 runs.

In reply, Arthur Miller passed the scored with 6 wickets down and only one over remaining. Luis Toomey took 3 wickets.

A big thank you to Nick Gouder and Paul Aston for the great work they have done with the Knights this term.

Rippa Rugby

Rippa Rugby for Year 5/6 students gets underway next term. It is a 10 a-side competition with rolling subs that lasts 40 minutes. There isn't any tackling or scrums and students will be playing against other school teams in Napier.

Games will be played either at Reignier or at the opposition school on Wednesdays at 3.30pm starting 9th May. Students need to wear their school PE uniform and will play in bare feet. A letter will go home with all the necessary details the first week of Term 2.

Kids Bike Jam

The world's only mountain bike series for kids aged 5 - 13 years is coming up on Sunday 27th May at Eskdale Forest. For full entry details go to www.kidsbikejams.co.nz

SWIMMING SPORTS RESULTS

7 yr old flutterboard front width

Girls: Charlize Yee, Te Kanawa, Boys: Dylan Homan, Hillary

8 yr old flutterboard front width

Girls: Paige Sayer, Hadlee, Boys: Billy Dagg, Te Kanawa

7 yr old flutterboard back width

Girls: Bella Devereux, Devoy, Boys: John O'Connor, Te Kanawa, Sean Sullivan, Hillary

8 yr old flutterboard back width

Girls: Paige Sayer, Hadlee, Boys: Aidan Minehan, Hadlee

7 yr old freestyle width

Girls: Madelin Herbert, Hadlee, Amelia Otto, Te Kanawa,

Boys: Liam Danielson, Hillary, Jack Halpin, Te Kanawa

8 yr old freestyle width

Girls: Hannah Cotter, Hillary, Charlotte Lancaster, Hadlee

Boys: Ollie Gardiner, Hillary, Bradley Campbell Te Kanawa

7 yr old backstroke width

Girls: Madelin Herbert, Hadlee, Imogen Lovell Te Kanawa

Boys: Ben Sloan, Devoy, Jack Halpin, Te Kanawa

8 yr old backstroke width

Girls: Hannah Cotter, Hillary, Charlotte Lancaster Hadlee

Boys: Jonty Unwin, Te Kanawa, Ryan Gouder Devoy

Senior Flutterboard front width

Boys: Bryn Nichol, Hadlee, Girls: Zarlina Wyatt, Hillary

7 & 8 yr old freestyle length

Girls: Hannah Cotter, Hillary, Boys: Bradley Campbell, Te Kanawa

9 yr old freestyle length

Girls: Natalya Roberts, Hillary, Boys: Hamish Baudinet, Devoy

10 yr old freestyle length

Girls: Kaitlin Cotter, Hillary, Boys: George Sicklemore, Devoy

9 yr old backstroke length, Girls: Natalya Roberts, Hillary

Boys: Hamish Baudinet, Devoy

10 yr old backstroke length

Girls: Kaitlin Cotter, Hillary, Boys, Matthew Gilbertson, Hillary

Relays: Girls: 1st Hillary, 2nd TeKanawa/Devoy, 4th Hadlee

Boys: 1st Devoy, 2nd TeKanawa, 3rd Hillary, 4th Hadlee

Final Results:

1st equal Te Kanawa & Hillary, 3rd Devoy, 4th Hadlee