

Website address: www.reignier.school.nz **3 September 2012**

Tena Koutou Katoa Greetings everyone

We hope all our Fathers had a lovely day yesterday. It was certainly a good day for outdoor fun!

Thanks to all those families who attended Mass. We appreciate that it is sometimes difficult to fit everything in, but our Catholic Character is the most important aspect of our school culture and attending Mass allows us to celebrate that. Without it we would be like any of the other schools in the district.

Don't forget to support the Gala with your donations and offers of help. Every year we strive to match or beat our previous year's total profit. Let's make this year's the best one ever!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Wednesday 5th—Middle and Senior School Cross Country

Friday 7th—Postponement date for Cross Country

SPOONER SHIELD

Congratulations to those who competed in our annual Taradale Winter Sports tournament on Friday at Bledisloe. Our teams had a fabulous day and we were placed in the top three across all codes – which is a first for us, and we were the only team on the day to achieve this.

3rd = Rugby, 3rd in Hockey, 3rd in Netball, 1st in Boys Soccer and 1st in Girls Soccer.

We were placed 3rd overall – 1 point behind Taradale Primary and 5 points behind Porritt who took the shield. The soccer teams were our stars. Both boys and girls had great days, so we managed to come home with some silver to display!

Thanks to all our supporters who came along and cheered, and to coaches and teachers for their hard work.

ATTENDANCE

As you are all aware, we now enter our attendance data into an electronic register on our student management system. The Ministry of Education can access data from our system and will be conducting roll audits periodically. We are currently going through the process of updating the school policy on absenteeism and lateness so it fits with ministry guidelines and it is important that we use correct coding when entering data so that we and the Ministry can track patterns of attendance correctly. We think therefore it may be timely to remind parents of your responsibilities around this policy.

Please continue to contact the school before 9am if your child is sick. You are all very good at that, and it helps keep our children safe. If your child is late without a reason, they will be marked so in the register. If you have a doctor's or dentist's appointment then let the classroom teacher or the office know. If you are taking a child out of school for a reason other than sickness, such as going away for the weekend and leaving early, or a week's holiday in Taupo your child will be marked as away with an explained but unjustified reason. For absence from school to be justified, you must submit a written explanation to the Principal. This may be in the case of an overseas trip to see family etc. In this case a note to the classroom teacher stating that they will be away is not sufficient. There is justification for absenteeism for special circumstances such as bereavement in the family, representation in sports at regional or national level, or family circumstances. We will however need to be aware of these circumstances to code the absence correctly.

We understand that sometimes with some work commitments it is difficult to take time for holidays during the school holiday period. However, these guidelines are put in place to protect all our

children's right to achieve at the best of their ability. The Board are still working through these guidelines in order to cement a fair but reasonable policy that is workable yet protects the children's learning. If you have any questions or comments, please come and ask. We love discussion and dialogue!

JUNIOR ENDURANCE RUN

This has been scheduled for 12pm on Friday 14th September on the big field. All parents and supporters are welcome.

NEW PARENT MORNING TEA

We invite any new parents and all our not so new ones to an informal morning tea at 11.15 on Friday 14th before the Junior Endurance Run. This is a great way to meet other new families, ask any questions and meet and greet some staff. Please come along to the staffroom for a cuppa. Bring a friend, grandparent or partner if you're shy!

SCHOOL PHOTOS

The date set for our school photos is Tuesday 11th September with a postponement date on Wednesday 12th in case of bad weather. Please check in bags for the envelopes which need to be returned with the money by Monday 10th. Children will need to be in winter uniform. Please check that shoes, hair ties etc. are correct according to the school policy. Rossi Gannon Photography will be taking the photos this year.

DISCO

There was a disco scheduled for this Friday in the PTA calendar early in the year. The PTA have decided to postpone this event until term 4. Sorry for the confusion, if there was any.

CONGRATULATIONS

To the Sacred Heart College top netball team for taking out the Hawke's Bay Collegiate grade competition. Fantastic effort girls!

Ma te Atua koe e tiaki

God bless you all.

Julia Johnson

ALTAR SERVERS

Sunday 9 September 9am Mass:

Georgia Lawson, Ella Lawson, Hannah Lawson

Sunday 9 September 5pm Mass:

Anneliese Van Florenstein, Zachary Picone, Tegan Marlow

GALA COUNTDOWN –

This week it's MYSTERY ENVELOPE!

We welcome any new item that can be used as a prize for **mystery envelope**. Examples are: books, household things, new linen, gardening items like gloves, non-perishable food – you bring it – someone may win it.

Please remember Items do not need to be expensive - just new. Many unbranded products are less than \$2 and looking through the cupboards often also locates suitable things!

Next week...Frozen Chicken – We need chickens, chickens and more chickens...

DONATION—Just a reminder that if you are not wishing to bring in a weekly item for gala, please bring your donation into the office.

Thank you all for your donations, From the Gala Committee

CLASS AWARDS—CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE CHILDREN

Room 1	St Veronica	Kayline Thomson Tara Labat	For trying hard in writing For a great attitude to learning
Room 2	St Angela	Manasa Young Erin Yamada	For very imaginative story writing For super reading progress
Room 3	St Thomas More	Helena Keeney-Mills Adam Gregory	For great listening and participation For an awesome attitude to learning
Room 4	St Therese	Hannah Rich Anna Mildon	For friendliness in the playground For being able to do her handwriting quickly and accurately
Room 5	St Gerard		No Assembly Last Week No Assembly Last Week
Room 6	St Francis	Brooke Lee James Ericksen	For carefully made finely drawn pictures For well crafted stories and great use of language
Room 7	St Patrick	Fred Sugden Hamish Gibson	For his cheerful attitude to school For his helpfulness
Room 8	St Anne	Jemma Rumble Aidan Minehan	For sharing great thinking in class discussions For making extra effort with his writing
Room 9	St Bridget		No Assembly Last Week No Assembly Last Week
Room 10	St John Bosco		No Assembly Last Week No Assembly Last Week
Room 11	St Dominic		No Assembly Last Week



FAMILY MASS

Come and join us 9am this Sunday for our family Mass. There will be no separate children's liturgy as the children will be helping lead our mass.

FUNDRAISING CALENDARS, CARDS & DIARIES

Throughout the school the children have created art which can be used on 2013 calendars and diaries or on packs of cards. These make wonderful Christmas gifts for family and friends. Alternatively you may wish to use a family photo. Full details are on the order form which has been sent home today with each child. Artwork will be available for viewing in the classrooms.

**Orders & Payment: to your child's teacher by
Friday 21 September**

**Please complete an order form IN FULL for each child
Cheques to Reignier School**

If you are ordering for more than one child and wish to write just one cheque, please submit separate order forms to each child's teacher and include the cheque for the total amount with the oldest student's order.

Senior students please note that the closing date is just before you leave for camp so it is important to have your orders in on time.

Any queries please call Lee Patrice 845 3853

PARISH WALK

Rooms 3 and 4 will be visiting the parish tomorrow as part of their Religious Education Church Strand.

PHOTOGRAPHY FUNDRAISER

A reminder to get your forms completed and back to the office. Photographs will be taken on 15 September at school, starting at 9am. Time slots still available.

PULSE OLYMPICS

St. Mary's Junior Youth Group is having an Olympic morning! 10.30-12 noon 16th September for games and challenges! Please bring some morning tea to share, and some clothes to be active in. We meet in the Parish Centre, and our Youth Group is aimed at 8-12 year olds, but all welcome.

SCHOOL KAPAHAKA GROUP—Tuesday in the hall at 8.30am.

YEAR 5/6 CAMP

Could all permission notices please be returned to class teachers as soon as possible. Could all fees please be paid to the school office by the week before the students go to camp. If any families

feel they may have difficulty paying the fees they should contact the office to discuss payment options. A camp itinerary will be going home this week. A meeting for all parents accompanying the students and teachers on camp in Wellington will be held in the staffroom on **Monday 17th September** at 5.30pm.

THIS WEEK'S SPORTING NEWS ...

BASKETBALL

The finals draw for this Wednesday is;

- Reignier Thunder v Henry Hill Heat at 4pm
- Reignier Hawks v Taradale Breakers at 4.30pm
- Reignier Saints v Te Ara Hou at 3.30pm
- Reignier Lakers v Taradale Heat at 3.30pm
- Reignier Celtics v Tamatea Lakers at 6pm
- Reignier Rockets v Westshore Sharks at 5pm
- Reignier Heat v Central Stingers at 5pm

Thank you to Mike Lynch, Joanna Sloan, Corey Stephens, Andrea Dehar, John Lovell, Mel Davis and Sheree Lack for managing the teams this term. Basketball Hawkes Bay have invoiced the school for this terms fees. These will be added to families term accounts.

IRONKIDS DUATHLON SERIES

The annual Hawkes Bay duathlon series for children 8 to 13 years old is taking place on the 5th August, 9th September and 30 September at Ocean Spa in Napier. Online entries and information can be found a www.hbmsc.co.nz

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

The annual school Interhouse Cross Country is this **Wednesday 5th September** for all Year 3 – 6 students with the postponement day Friday 7th September. All students in the Middle and Senior school will be walking down to Anderson Park just after 1pm for the afternoon to run in their year level races. The first race will be the Year 3 and 4 Girls starting at approximately 1.30pm. The last race will be the Year 6 Boys. 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 Napier and Districts Interschool Cross Country on 18th September at Park Island.

TACKLE RUGBY

The Reignier Year 5/6 rugby team play Greenmeadows 2 at Reignier after school this Wednesday. All boys must have a mouth guard, the school will provide the rugby jerseys.