

Tena Koutou Katoa Greetings everyone

We warmly welcome Jessica Churchman (Room 1) and her family to Reignier.

We hope everyone had a lovely long weekend and managed to get some quality family time.

In the Year of Faith we are asked this week to pray for Cullinane College in Whanganui.

GALA! GALA! GALA!

Yes it is finally gala week and everyone is busy attending to last minute details. At this stage we have a fine weather forecast. Let's hope the wind stays away as well. Please, please, please find a way of helping or supporting, and we will see you all on Saturday.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday 23rd—The Minstrel—School wide

Tuesday 23rd—PTA Meeting—7pm in Staffroom followed by Gala Meeting at 7.30pm—all helpers welcome

Thursday 25th – Leavers Dinner meeting 3.15 pm in staffroom

Friday 26th – Year 6 Boys to St John's College for science visit

Saturday 27th – School Gala 11am

Sunday 28th – Pou blessing Tareha Park 1pm

CULTURAL HERITAGE TRAIL

The ceremony to unveil, bless and hand over guardianship of the Pou at Tareha Park (Carters Arms at the end of Guppy Rd) takes place at 1pm on Sunday. We understand that with the Gala on Saturday it is a lot to ask to commit to a school function on Sunday as well. However it would be really good to have a good representation. We need to show some school presence and to sing a waiata which the whole school has been practicing. If your child is able to come and join us for an hour from 1pm in school uniform it would be very much appreciated. At the bottom of the newsletter is a form to fill in and send back if you are able to commit. We would appreciate notice by Thursday at the latest.

ASSEMBLIES There will be NO Assemblies this week.

ALL SAINTS DAY MASS

Next Thursday 1st November is All Saints Day. We will be celebrating this special day by attending Mass at 9.15 at St Mary's church. We invite all friends and family to come and share Mass and Eucharist with us.

HEALTH AND PE STATEMENT

We are obliged to consult with our families and community on our Health and PE statement every second year. We have put this document on the website under Policies. Please look at it and offer any feedback via email if you consider it necessary.

SCIENCE SESSIONS

Our Inquiry this term is Scientific Discovery. In line with this, the BOT have committed to extending science knowledge, skills and experiences in science throughout the school. Mrs Kinsey will be joining our staff each Friday for the next 8 weeks to take science lessons with all classes. As well as this, teachers will be providing lots of scientific exploration through our Inquiry process. Join in the fun and think about ways in which you can get your children learning about science at home. Household items can provide neat

learning experiences in a range of scientific platforms. Let's get our budding scientists buzzing!

TESTING

This is a very important term for teachers to gather final data so they can make informed judgements about where your children sit they can make informed judgements about where your children sit in relation to National Standards and how much progress they have made. Please consider this before taking your children out of school for any reason. Teachers only have a short window of opportunity for testing. Senior and Middle school will be repeating PATs and STAR tests so they can have comparison data from the beginning of the year.

UNIFORMS

As normal at this time of the year, the weather fluctuates before it settles into a warmer pattern. The children are able to wear a mixture of summer and winter items of uniform until 26th October. This gives everyone a fortnight to get full summer uniform organised. From Monday 29th all students will be expected to be in summer uniform. This will include compulsory sunhats.

NEW PATH

There is now a new duty roster so the back gate is monitored after school by a teacher. It was great to see so many families using it last week.

Ma te Atua koe e tiaki

God bless you all.

Julia Johnson

ALTAR SERVERS

Sunday 28th October 9am Mass:

Alysia Homan, Anna Restieaux

Sunday 28th October 5pm Mass:

Isabel Gibson, Hamish Gibson, Zarlia Wyatt

CALENDAR ART

Calendar Art forms and money due in this **Friday 26th October**. Please hand money to your child's teacher.

GALA COUNTDOWN –

With 4 days until Gala we still need...

Boxes of chocolate, lucky dip prizes and bottles (wine, soft drink). If you haven't brought in your items for the countdown (or dropped in your donation), it is not too late to do so. Our Gala is only successful with the support of our school community and all proceeds go directly back to our children with improvements around the school, camps, feast days etc so please get behind and get involved in this special day for our school.

Fill a Trolley **starts today** and all children are asked to bring an item to fill our trolley so it can be raffled on gala day.

GALA PASSPORTS

Gala passports will be on sale for only \$5! This gives the children a great chance to pre-purchase rides and activities for the day. These are always popular and last year we sold out so get in quick. They will be available at the gates before and after school from today!

MORE HELPERS NEEDED FOR GALA!!!

We have the following gaps with gala helpers. We are about 14 people short so if you can spare some time on gala day, please let Dominic Creswell, Karrie Stephens or the office know asap.

BBQ/Hot Chip Servers – 3 helpers needed

White Elephant – 1 helper needed

CLASS AWARDS—CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE CHILDREN

Room 1	St Veronica
Room 2	St Angela
Room 3	St Thomas More
Room 4	St Therese
Room 5	St Gerard
Room 6	St Francis
Room 7	St Patrick
Room 8	St Anne
Room 9	St Bridget
Room 10	St John Bosco
Room 11	St Dominic

NO ASSEMBLY—LABOUR WEEKEND
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- Mystery Envelope – 1 helper needed**
- Books – 2 helpers needed**
- Supervising Face Painting & Nails – 2 helpers**
- Bouncy Castles – 2 helpers needed bouncy castles**
- Bungy – 2 helpers needed**
- Crockery Smash – 1 helper needed**

IT'S OUR ANNUAL GALA CAKE BAKE-OFF!!!

Please check your child's bag today for their cake plate and tin of condensed milk (one can per family). We ask you to bring the plate back with a cake, slice, biscuits etc on it **this FRIDAY 26th October** to the school hall for us to sell the following day at the GALA. Please make sure your cake or item baked is **wrapped in glad wrap** (several times if necessary) and **clearly labelled** with what type of cake/slice/biscuit it is.

One of New Zealand's favourite pantry items has reached an incredible milestone. HIGHLANDER Sweetened Condensed Milk is celebrating its 120th anniversary on Kiwi shelves this year! As part of our School Gala we are delighted to be able to run our cake and sweet stall supported by Nestlé the makers of HIGHLANDER. Nestlé with HIGHLANDER will be providing us with a baking kit for each baker – a free sample of HIGHLANDER Sweetened Condensed Milk and a recipe flyer for baking inspiration. In addition, the school will receive from Nestlé a baking hamper for raffling, a cookbook to give away for the most cakes brought in by one family and lots of posters and signs to let everyone know all about it.

Remember the classroom with the MOST cakes will be rewarded with a Mufti Day!

NAIL POLISH

If anyone has any spare nail polish (any colours and does not have to be new), can you please give to Karrie or bring to the office? We need it for our nail painting stall at gala. THANK YOU!!!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our last strand for the year is "The Communion of Saints" Strand. This coincides with the beginning of "The Year of Faith" in our church. The date has been chosen as it is fifty years since the 2nd Vatican Council, one of the great events in the 2000 years of the Church's history. In the Acts of the Apostles 14:27 we read "They (the Apostles) called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith." It is hoped this is what the Year of Faith will do now. Pope Benedict in a letter calls all of us to reopen the door of faith and to learn, love and live our faith more deeply. The Saints are our faith models.

The focus for each class is: (references to the Family/Whanau Book in brackets)

Rooms 1 and 2: Mary (p. 19); Rooms 3 and 4: Saints and Inspiring People (p22); Rooms 6,7,8: Life, Death and Christian Hope (p25); Rooms 5,9,10,11: Mary (p34)

YEAR 6 LEAVERS DINNER

We will be holding a meeting **Thursday 25th October at 3.15pm** in the staffroom for parents of Year 6 students who would like to be involved in organising this years Leavers dinner. We look forward to seeing you there.

THIS WEEK'S SPORTING NEWS ...

BASKETBALL

Results from Week 1;

Thunder lost 10-40. Player of the day—Oscar Mason

Hawks won 22-16. Player of the day—James Ericksen

Saints lost to Clive. Player of the day—Ollie Gardiner

Lakers beat Maraenui 42–6. Player of the day—Bradley Campbell

Heat won 39-32. Player of the day—the whole team

Celtics beat Onekawa 24–3. Player of the day—Yu Qing Jiang

Rockets lost 40 – 49. Player of the day—Samantha Hannam

Basketball draw for **Monday 29th October** at Centennial Hall is;

- Year 3/4 Reignier Thunder v Swish Kids at 4 pm
- Year 3/4 Reignier Hawks v Eskdale Ravens at 4.30pm
- Year 3/4 Reignier Saints v Porritt Hotshots at 4pm
- Year 3/4 Reignier Lakers v Clive 7 at 4.30pm
- Year 5/6 Reignier Heat v Te Ara Hou at 6.30pm
- Year 5/6 Reignier Celtics v Porritt Heat at 6pm
- Year 5/6 Reignier Rockets v Onekawa Blue at 6pm
- Year 5/6 Reignier Hornets v Westshore at 6pm

All students should have received a draw for the first few weeks. The season draw is also available on the school website and www.basketballhawkesbay.co.nz

TEEBALL

A teeball notice will be going home this week for all those Year 1 – 4 students who are interested in playing teeball at Tareha Park (Carters Arms) on Saturday mornings this term. It starts next Saturday 3rd November. We do need at least one parent to manage each team we enter.

TERM 4 CRICKET

We have entered two cricket teams, the Firebirds and Volts for the Friday afternoon competition at Nelson Park this term and two teams in the Saturday morning hardball competition. We still need a parent to manage the Firebirds team on Friday afternoons next term. If you are able to do this please contact Mr Crawford.

The **Firebirds and Volts** have training this **Thursday lunchtime** with Baden from the Taradale Cricket Club.

On Friday all players should meet Mr Crawford by the pavilion at Nelson Park in Napier as soon as possible after school in their PE uniform and running shoes for their first game.

The Reignier **Knights and Aces** Cricket teams have training from 5pm - 6.15pm on **Wednesday** at the nets with Mr Gouder and Mr Aston. Those who can't make that training should have their gear for training at lunchtime on Thursday with Mr Crawford. The Aces and Knights first game will be on **Saturday 3rd November** because of the school Gala.

CULTURAL HERITAGE TRAIL-SUNDAY 28TH OCTOBER *Please return to the School Office*

My child _____ wishes to participate in the Pou at Tareha Park at 1pm this Sunday. My child will be in full summer uniform.