

Tena Koutou Katoa
Greetings everyone

A REMINDER ABOUT END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES

Wednesday 12th Dec- Parent Helpers morning tea
Thursday 13th / Friday 14th – Middle School Camp
Friday 14th – Seniors to Frimley pools
Monday 17th – End of Year Prize giving 6pm
Monday 17th – Reports out to parents
Wednesday 19th – Break up Mass 11 am
Wednesday 19th – School breaks up 12pm

In the Year of Faith we are asked this week to pray for Francis Douglas Memorial College New Plymouth

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday 4th – Choir to RSA 1.30pm
Wednesday 5th – Senior Speech competition 1.30pm
Thursday 6th – Choir/ Orchestra/ Recorder groups on tour
Thursday 6th – Year 6 Leavers Dinner
Friday 7th – Road Patrollers to Splash Planet

FAREWELL

It is with sadness that we farewell Laura Pearce who has tendered her resignation from the end of this year. Laura has decided not to return from maternity leave, to spend precious time at home with Oscar. We thank Laura for her 2 years of hard work and wish her all the very best in the future.

CLASSES FOR 2013

Due to a reduction in roll over time and a large Year 6 intake leaving, we have lost a substantial amount of staffing entitlement for 2013. This has put a lot of pressure on the school in terms of allocating teachers and classes for next year, and we were facing some very large classes. The BOT have always been very proactive in terms of keeping class sizes small, and have planned for next year by ensuring contingency money has been set aside should this situation arise. Because of this planning, we are able to begin the year with 10 classes operating. With Laura resigning, we now have 9 permanent teachers in the school and are currently going through the process of appointing a fixed term teacher as a Board funded teacher for 2013. Although we are unable to finalise teachers for classes until we have appointed we are able to share with you the structure for classes for 2013.

There will be: 2x Year 0/1 classes, 1x Year 1 class, 1x Year 2 class, 3x Year 3/4 classes and 3x Year 5/6 classes

Students will be assigned classes for 2013 and these will be written on their end of year reports.

DISCO

A big thank you to the PTA for two hugely successful discos. A special thank you to Ben Allan who compiled the music for the Senior disco and to Erin Smith and Pip Brooker for their DJ skills.

REPORTS

These will be distributed on Monday 17th December at the end of the day. These reports show an end of year summary of where your child is at in relation to the national standards, a summary of Inquiry, PE and the Arts and show next steps for learning. Over the last year we have trialed reporting to you on your child's mastery levels of learning. After consulting and moderating with other

schools, we have decided to return to reporting on their working level. It is less confusing for parents and is fairer on our students in terms of assessing against national standards. We apologise if this has caused confusion, but hey, trial and error is how we get things right in the end!

PARENT HELPERS MORNING TEA

On Wednesday 12th December at 10.15 the staff would like to thank and recognise all parents and friends of the school who have helped out in any way throughout the year. We know that many people give their time, energy and support to the school in lots of different ways and we would like to have the opportunity to acknowledge this personally. Please come along to this morning tea if you are able and enjoy morning tea with us. Please return the slip at the bottom of the newsletter if you are attending for catering purposes.

TERM ACCOUNTS

Term 4 accounts have been sent out. Please try to get these settled before the end of term, so you start next year with a clean slate. We especially ask all families leaving the school to settle their accounts this term. It helps to balance the budget and tidy up things financially for the auditors in February. Thanks.

POOL

Keys are available to access the pool over the summer. The cost remains at \$50, with \$10 being refunded once the key has been returned. Please remember that there is a responsibility which goes with this privilege. If you are using the pool, please make sure everyone associated with your pool key hire treats it with respect. Last year we had gate hinges broken by children swinging on the gate and other damage done. We are very lucky to still have a pool in operation. Please help us protect it. It would help also to report any misuse or damage you notice during the holidays so we can deal with it promptly. Please be our eyes and ears. Have a great summer!

PARISH NEWS

Christmas Concert with **Fr Chris Skinner** 2pm Thursday 13 December in the Church. Entrance - donation towards the youth of our parish.

Sacred Heart Prizegiving and Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 6th December. Prize giving begins at 11am. Mass begins at 7.30pm

St John's Academic Prizegiving is on Tuesday 4th December at 7pm.

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY: We need someone to deliver in Parkland's area (18). If you can help please ring Colleen 844 8797 or Sylvia 844 8795

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

ALTAR SERVERS

Sunday 9th December 9am Mass:

Lachlan Gouder, Madeleine Parker, Millie O'Leary

Sunday 9th December 5pm Mass:

Johanna Minehan, Logan Hutchinson, Gemma Eagles

INTERMEDIATE VISITS

This Tuesday morning, all Year 6 students who are attending Taradale Intermediate in 2013 will be walking there for an orientation visit accompanied by Mr Crawford.

They will be back by lunchtime.

CLASS AWARDS—CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE CHILDREN

Room 1	St Veronica	Chelsea Goldfinch-Green	For bravery and a great attitude
Room 2	St Angela	Jessica Churchman	For excellent listening
Room 3	St Thomas More	Erin Yamada Connell Corkery	For amazing maths For always having a cheerful attitude
Room 4	St Therese	Kate O'Connor Isabella Briggs	For being a kind helper For Super Maths progress
Room 5	St Gerard	Sasha Ward Bryn Nichol	For some great writing this term For thoughtful contributions during writing sessions
Room 6	St Francis	Dylan Jonson Thomas Cacho-Bevin	For great efforts in class this week For well crafted writing
Room 7	St Patrick	Brooke Lee Fred Sugden	For her great memoir about Burger and her fishing book For his demonstration of patience inside the classroom
Room 8	St Anne	Lucy Harvey Hamish Gibson	For her consistent effort in the classroom For asking interesting questions during scientific discovery
Room 9	St Bridget	Sophie Gilbertson Paige Sayer	For persistence and courage when using the computer For focus on Maths
Room 10	St John Bosco	Hannah Cotter Ben Gardiner	For creativity and care with Planet Art For completing Basic Facts Ladder
Room 11	St Dominic	Molly Jeffery Bradley Goldfinch	For finishing Reignier Spelling Lists For excellent Science Work
		Caleb Skeet	For excellent Science Work
		Tetsuya Yamada	For the great effort that went into preparing his speech
		Tasha Henry	For the great progress she has made with the understanding of what she reads
		Jacob Everitt	For excellent science work this week
		Poppy Sinclair-Grant	For excellent science work this week

On Thursday 13th December, Tamatea Intermediate will pick up those Year 6 students attending their school in 2013 for their orientation visit.

SENIOR TEAM SPEECH COMPETITION

All students in the Senior team should be ready to present their speech to their class this Monday and Tuesday. The best three or four Year 5/6 students from each class will be selected to go forward to the finals being held at 1.30pm on Wednesday 5th December in the school hall. All family members of those in the finals are welcome to come and support.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will close next Monday 10th December for the year. We thank you all for your continued support and we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
God Bless, Sheree Lack & Karyn Gouder

YEAR 3 AND 4 CAMP

A camp parent meeting is scheduled for Monday 10th December at 5pm in Room 8. This is for all overnight supervisors, transporters and tent pitchers. Those who have previously offered to help should have received a note informing them of this meeting.
All children should also have returned their permission slip and payment by now and should also have a gear list to guide their preparation. Thank you Camp Teachers.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS DINNER

This Thursday 6th December the annual Year 6 Leavers dinner is being held at the Taradale RSA. Students and their parents should be there by 6pm for drinks and nibbles followed by the presentation of leaver's certificates and medallions. The students meal will follow this. Further details accompanied the invitation. Students are reminded the dress code is smart-casual.
A big thank you to Karyn Gouder and the other parents for organising this event.

THIS WEEK'S SPORTING NEWS ...

BASKETBALL

Results for the finals for Term 4

- Year 5/6 Celtics lost 27 – 29 to finish 4th overall. P.O.D. were Daniel Lynch and Ben Allan.
- Year 5/6 Hornets finished 2nd overall.

- Year 3/4 Thunder lost 24-26.
- Year 3/4 Hawks lost 27-12 to finish 4th overall. P.O.D. The Whole Team.
- Year 3/4 Saints lost 32-34 to finish 6th overall.
- Year 3/4 Lakers won 26-19 to finish 5th overall.
- Year 5/6 Heat finished 4th overall.
- Year 5/6 Rockets won to finish 3rd overall.

Thank you to Mike Lynch, Corey Stephens, Andrea Dehar, Margo Harvey, Dhana Coon, Brendan Lancaster, Erin Smith and Andrea Halpin for managing the teams this term. Your support was gratefully appreciated.

CRICKET

Results from last week;

The Reignier Aces lost to Arthur Miller in a very close game on Saturday. Jack Graney and Andrew Oliver were batting players of the day. Chris Cacho-Bevin and Jack Ericksen were bowling players of the day.

The Reignier Knights lost to Hereworth. Player of the Day was Daniel Lynch.

On Friday the Firebirds and Volts players should meet their managers by the pavilion at Nelson Park as soon as possible after school. Thanks to Kerry O'Leary, Scott Kimble and Rachael Quinney for managing these teams.

The Reignier **Knights and Aces** Cricket teams have training from 5pm-6.15pm on **Wednesday**. Those who can't make that training should have their gear for training at lunchtime on Thursday with Mr Crawford.

We will let the Aces and Knights players know where they are playing after the draw comes through later in the week.

TEEBALL

The Teeball draw for this Saturday 8th December is as follows;

- Reignier Yankees have a bye
- Reignier Dodgers have a bye
- Reignier Angels play AMS Cougars on Tareha 10 at 10.15am

The last games of tee ball for the term will be next Saturday 15th December.

Thank you to Linda Parker, James Macintosh and Debra Gibson for managing the teams this term.

PARENT HELPERS MORNING TEA *Please return to the School Office*

I _____ wish to attend the Parent Helpers Morning Tea on Wednesday 12 December at 10.15am.