

**Tena Koutou Katoa**  
**Greetings everyone**

Less than 2 weeks of school left! Last Thursday the Leavers Dinner was a highlight for all those who attended. Our year 6 students dressed in their finest, seemed so grown up and ready to move on. The guest speakers, Andrew Horrell and Anna Pierard spoke eloquently and sincerely about setting goals, giving it your best and staying motivated. The meal was fabulous and the RSA looked great. We would like to thank the team of parents who organised the event in order for our leavers to have a memorable, special evening.

Last Sunday a team of year 5 and 6 students competed in the Top Schools competition at Raureka School in Hastings. They had an amazing day and finished a very credible 11<sup>th</sup>. A big thanks to those who participated and to those parents who helped to organise and support the team.

On Tuesday and Thursday our choir, orchestra and recorder groups went out into the community and played for a variety of audiences. They were spectacular and very well received. A big thanks to Mrs Mellon and Mrs Briggs for their hard work throughout the year preparing students for performance, and to Mrs Riceman for her support of the choir this year.

The senior school held their speech competition last week. The standard of speeches and delivery was fantastic. The winner will be presented with the Oral Communication cup at final prize giving and will present their speech. We would like to thank Amanda Jackson from Marewa School who adjudicated again this year. She always does a wonderful job, sharing her expertise and giving positive feedback to the students.

**A REMINDER ABOUT END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – End of Year Prize giving 6pm at St Mary's Church

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Reports out to parents

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> – Break up Mass 11 am at St Mary's

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> – School breaks up 12pm from the church

In the Year of Faith we are asked this week to pray for St Peter Chanel Parish and St Mary's School Hastings.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> – Puketapu School band visiting

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> – Parent helpers morning tea

Thurs/Fri 13/14<sup>th</sup> – Middle School camp

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> – Senior team to Frimley pools

**STAFFING FOR 2013**

As mentioned in last week's newsletter the BOT have committed to partially fund a fixed term teacher for 2013. We have been through an appointment process over the last couple of weeks and it with pleasure that we announce the position has been won by Crystal Hewett. Crystal will teach Year 5 and 6 in room 11 for 2013 and will continue to lead our ICT programme for the year.

As well as Laura leaving, we farewell Mel Davis and Trish Gouder who worked in Room 7 while Laura took maternity leave, and Jo Coffin and Donna Briggs who released our SENCO throughout the year. We thank them for their wonderful contribution to the school in 2012 and know that they will still be a regular part of our relief staffing in the future. We also thank Angela Leitch for stepping in to work in Room 11 for the last couple of the weeks of the year while Crystal takes leave.

**CLASSES FOR 2013**

Now that we have our full allocation of staffing for 2013 we can announce teachers and classes for next year.

NE Room 1 – Mrs Mellon	Yr 0/1 Room 2 – Mrs Kidd
Yr 1 Room 3 – Ms Brooker	Yr 2 Room 4 – Mrs Cawston
Yr 3/4 Room 5 – Mr Nairn	Yr 3/4 Room 6 – Mrs Cronin
Yr 3/4 Room 8 – Mrs Riceman	Yr 5/6 Room 9 – Mrs Gibson
Yr 5/6 Room 10 – Mr Crawford	Yr 5/6 Room 11 – Miss Hewett

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

**PASTORAL CARE**

There is a group of very generous parents who provide meals, baking and other kinds of support to families in our school community with a need. Because of their help, our families are able to deal with the extra hardships that life throws at them without going it alone. There have been a number of families who have expressed gratitude for the meals and support they have received recently through the pastoral care team. We would like to thank Joanna Sloan, Sandra Unwin and all those parents who provide what is needed at the right time on behalf of all those families you have helped. If anyone is interested in contributing to pastoral care, or knows of someone who may need our support, please contact Joanna or myself. It is very non intrusive and confidential.

**PARENT HELPERS MORNING TEA**

This Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**FINAL PRIZE GIVING**

Our final prize giving for the year begins at 6pm on Monday in the church. Please have the children there by 5.40pm. The children need to be in summer uniform with a piece of tinsel around their heads. We welcome all family and friends to this occasion to celebrate our achievements and reflect on the Christmas story.

**PARISH NEWS**

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

**Christmas 9am Mass:** This will be a family-friendly mass with our annual tradition, (the (mostly narrated) nativity play. We are looking for children who would like to be involved. There will also be an open invitation for children to dress up as angels and shepherds and join in on the day. If you would like to take part in

**CLASS AWARDS—CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE CHILDREN**

Room 1	St Veronica	Savannah Rio da Silva	For extra effort in writing
Room 2	St Angela	Orla Glesson	For great progress this term
Room 3	St Thomas More	Kate Young Pippa Giddens	For a great attitude For kindness to others
Room 4	St Therese	Ryan Tantrum Marisa Harada	For excellent progress in Maths For super reading
Room 5	St Gerard	Amberley Chang Amelie van Florenstein	For fantastic work in writing For excellent work habits
Room 6	St Francis	Ethan Boyd Corbyn Damen-Prowse	For great progress in Reading For a polished and outstanding speech presentation
Room 7	St Patrick	Belle Chang Jack Halpin	For being a caring and kind class member For very good spelling growth this year
Room 8	St Anne	Ryan O'Carroll Isabella Devereux	For very good growth in Basic Fact knowledge this year For very good growth in Maths Knowledge this year
Room 9	St Bridget	Sehun Kim Laura Powell	For adding smiles and hard work to Room 7 For fabulous interest and great questions during science
Room 10	St John Bosco	Tayla Gregory Liam Halpin	For helpfulness and kindness to others For his creativity and design skills
Room 11	St Dominic	Lilly Aston Kelly Minehan	For consistently upholding the Reignier School Values For kindness and caring towards others
		Emma Smith Emma Tantrum	For her quiet consistent nature in class For always settling quickly and quietly to work
		Charlotte Turner Sophie Lancaster	For the enthusiastic, intelligent contributions she makes during discussions For the outstanding effort she put into preparing and presenting her speech
		Hannah Gully Skylar Kim	For her willingness to help others in class For always giving everything 100% effort

some of the other roles, or to read some prayers, please let us know. There would be a short run-through of the play Sunday 23rd—time to be confirmed. For information or to say yes, we're in please phone Keryn or Brendan 844 2344.

**Altar Servers for Christmas Day:** If you would like to Altar Serve on Christmas Day could you please contact Maree Paterson at school.

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

**ADVERTISING FOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

If you wish to advertise your business on the back of the school newsletter we have a couple of spaces available. Please see the office for information.

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Sunday 16th December 9am Mass:**

Chloe Dagg, Jack Graney, Talia White-Shaw

**Sunday 16th December 5pm Mass:**

Skylar Kim, Sophie Broome, Abby Zyskowski

**FINAL MASS—WEDNESDAY 19 DECEMBER AT 11AM**

In recent years you have generously donated a 'special non perishable treat' for Christmas dinner for a needy family. They have formed part of the offertory procession at our final Mass. Items could be Brandy Snap Cases, Christmas Mince Pies, Éclair Cases, Earnest Adam Slice, Chocolates, Christmas Pudding, Fancy Biscuits—or anything else you would like to eat at Christmas. Please give the item to the class teacher. Your generosity is always appreciated.

**JUNIOR ASSEMBLY**

There is **NO** Junior Assembly on Friday as the hall will be in use.

**INTERMEDIATE VISITS**

This Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December, Tamatea Intermediate will pick up those Year 6 students who will attend their school in 2013 for their orientation visit.

**SENIOR TEAM FEAST DAY**

This Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December the Year 5/6 students from Rooms 5, 9, 10 & 11 will be having a combined celebration for their class feast day. All the students and staff will be going by bus to Frimley Pools in Hastings for the day, leaving at 9am and returning at approximately 2.30pm. The day is partially subsidised by the PTA and the remaining \$7 needs to be paid to the school office or class teacher by Wednesday. We require the assistance of 6 parents to help supervise the group. If you are able to help us for

the day, please indicate on the permission slip which went home last week.

**STATIONERY**

Stationery for next year will again be available to purchase through Office Max from early January. You will need to tell them the name of the School and whether the student is in the Junior, Middle or Senior team.

**UNIFORM SHOP**— The Uniform Shop has closed for the year.

**YEAR 6 LEAVERS DINNER**

Last Thursday the annual Year 6 Leavers dinner was held at the Taradale RSA. It was a terrific evening and enjoyed by all those who attended. We would like to thank our guest speakers, Anna Pierard and Andrew Horrell for taking the time to come and give the students inspirational talks, it really capped off a super evening. A big thank you to Karyn Gouder, Tania Broome and the other parents for organising this terrific event.

**THIS WEEK'S SPORTING NEWS ...**

**CRICKET—Results**

The **Reignier Aces** had a great win on Saturday against Porritt to finish the cricket year on a high. Porritt batted first and scored 103 for 5 off their 25 overs. Charlotte Lancaster effected a great run out. Daniel Hurley took 1 for 6 off 3 overs and Sam Williams Smith 2 for 14. When the Aces batted they passed Porritts score with 5 wickets down in 23 overs. Chris Cacho-Bevin scored 17 runs and Fred Devereux was 19 not out.

The **Reignier Knights** played Nelson Park Primary. Nelson Park made 119 runs and Reignier scored an exciting 100! Great all round team performance. Player of the Day was Lachie Gouder who scored 32 not out.

The **Year 3/4 Firebirds and Volts** had their last game of the year on Friday. Thanks to Kerry O'Leary and Scott Kimble for taking the Firebirds and Rachael Quinney for taking the Volts this term.

The Reignier **Knights and Aces** Cricket teams are going to have a **fun cricket match straight after school this Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December** to finish the year off and to farewell the Year 6 players. We will have a barbeque afterwards for those players and their families who wish to stay. Further details will be out later in the week.

**TEEBALL**

Draw for this **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December**, last game for the term is;

- Reignier Yankees play Pumas 2 on Tareha 6 at 10.15am
- Reignier Dodgers play Eskdale 1 on Tareha 8 at 10.15am
- Reignier Angels play St Pats Jets on Tareha 10 at 10.15am

Teeball will restart in Term 1 2013. Thanks to Linda Parker, James Macintosh and Debra Gibson for managing the teams this Term.