

**Tena Koutou Katoa
Greetings everyone**

Well once again we farewell another school year. It certainly has been a busy one. I would like to thank the children for the wonderful year they have had. They have worked hard and accomplished so much. I especially wish our Year 6 students all the very best for next year and the future, and acknowledge those families who are now moving on. Please know you will always be welcome as part of the Reignier School community.

I would like to congratulate the finalists who participated in the Speech competition last week. As already indicated, the winner will be announced and presented at the prizegiving this evening, but I would like to acknowledge those who made it to the finals. Well done to you all on magnificent speeches and quality of presentation. The finalists were:

Ben Gardiner, Isaac Powell, Kaitlin Cotter, Sarah Winnie, Zarah Otto, Megan Kerr, Anneliese van Florenstein, Abby Humphreys, Georgia Lawson, Jack Ericksen, Mihnea Vlad, Corbyn Damon-Prowse, Adam Winnie, Ben Allan, Logan Hutchinson

In the Year of Faith we are asked this week to pray for those who work in Hospital Chaplaincy.

We also pray for the families and community of Sandy Hook school in Newtown, Conneticut, who lost loved ones this weekend.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 17th – End of Year Prize giving 6pm at St Mary’s Church

Monday 17th – Reports out to parents

Wednesday 19th – Break up Mass 11 am at St Mary’s

Wednesday 19th – School breaks up 12pm from the church

FINAL PRIZE GIVING

Our final prize giving for the year begins at 6pm tonight in the church. Please have the children there by 5.40. 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.

FINAL MASS

Our final Mass for the year will begin at 11am in the Church on Wednesday. Children will have their bags and belongings at Mass and will be dismissed from the church after Mass is over. We welcome and encourage you all to join us at this celebration to farewell our leavers and share Eucharist.

ST PATRICK’S PRINCIPAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Every year 2 of our students who are going on to St Patrick’s are awarded scholarships.

We would like to congratulate Isaac Powell and Chloe Dagg who are this year’s recipients. We wish them all the best for their time at St Patrick’s.

NEXT YEAR’S DATES

School will begin on Monday 4th February at 8.55 am. The office will be open from Monday 28th from 9 am until 12am. Teachers Only Day is on Friday 1st February.

Easter weekend begins with Good Friday on 29th March. School resumes on Wednesday 3rd April. Term One finishes on Friday 19th April. Term 2 begins on 6th May.

CATHOLIC CHARACTER REVIEW

The Catholic Education Office will be conducting a Catholic Character review early in Term One. We will be sending out consultation documents on our RE programme and Catholic character before the review.

PARISH NEWS

2nd Rite of Reconciliation is available at Sacred Heart Church on Wednesday 19th at 7pm.

Christmas 9am Mass: Thank you to those who have offered to help in the nativity narrative. We will be having a short practice Sunday 23rd, (hopefully) 1.30pm at St Mary’s. Please phone Keryn or Brendan 844 2344 during the week and we will confirm the time. Please encourage children coming to mass to dress up as angels or shepherds for “walk on” roles. The more the merrier!

POOL USE OVER SUMMER

Please be our eyes and ears if you are using the pool over the summer. George Coldicutt will be in every day to clean and maintain it. If you notice any issues contact him or leave him a note.

Ma te Atua koutou e tiaki
God bless you all.

On behalf of the staff I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a safe and relaxing holiday.

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 23rd December 9am Mass:

Alysia Homan, Anna Restieaux

Sunday 23rd December 5pm Mass:

Isabel Gibson, Hamish Gibson, Zarlina Wyatt

CHRISTMAS SHOP

19 Ngarimu Cres (off Church Road), Taradale, Napier Ph: 8445463
Open Thursday–Sunday, 10am–3pm

Groups welcome. Unique handcrafted Christmas items including fairies, stockings, santas, snowmen, table runners, gingerbread, wreaths etc.

Credit card facility available.

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, Ernest 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.

GIRLS SUMMER/WINTER UNIFORM FOR SALE

Winter shirts—size 6, 8, 10, 12

Tunics—Summer/Winter—size 6, 8, 10, 12

Sweatshirts and PE Gear

\$5 per item. Phone Emma 8452575

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 DUE TO SCHOOL ACTIVITIES/CAMPS
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LEMONS

I am after lemons. If you have a tree and you are happy to give some away, please phone Leanne on 8442026. It is greatly appreciated.

REIGNIER SCHOOL SPORTS JACKET

We are missing a size 10 sports jacket. It is number 5. Could you please check and return to the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

SENIOR TEAM ASSEMBLY

The final Senior team assembly for the year will be Tuesday at 2.40pm to present term awards, Challenge certificates and Speech final certificates.

SENIOR TEAM FEAST DAY

Last Friday the Year 5/6 students had their combined feast day celebration at Frimley Pools in Hastings. All students, parents and teachers had a terrific day.

We would like to thank the PTA for their financial support of this event and the parents and family members who came to support the teachers during the day.

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. You can also purchase online through our school website. More info to come before end of term.

TERM ACCOUNTS

Please ensure you have cleared your accounts before the year's end. There are still outstanding debts that need to be paid. There are also some camp fees which have not yet been paid. Please settle these accounts at the school office asap. Thank you.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop has closed for the year.

WANTED TO BUY

A cot or port-a-cot. Please see Maree Paterson or phone 8447960. Thank you.

YEAR 3 and 4 CAMP

Thank you to all the parents who supported the Year 3 and 4 camp last Thursday and Friday. Thank you for, the safe transport around the Hawkes Bay, supervision of activities, preparation of food, care of all students, helping with the tents and stepping up to do whatever was needed at any given time. We really appreciate your support and know the students gained much from this experience.

A special thank you to James Williams for his leadership and creation of "Tent City". The work he did went above and beyond the call of duty and without his support this experience would

have been very different. Thank you James.
 Have a well earned summer break.
 God Bless you and your families
 Sheryl, Raelene, Mel and Gary

THIS WEEK'S SPORTING NEWS ...

TERM 4 CRICKET

The Reignier Aces and Reignier Knights had their final cricket match of the year on Friday after school. It was a fun 20 over match with mixed teams and a great way to farewell the Year 6 players moving on to intermediate.

Thank you to Nick Gouder and Paul Aston for giving up their time to coach the Knights this year. Your time and commitment to the team were greatly appreciated.

TEEBALL

Teeball for the year concluded on Saturday. Thank you Linda Parker, James Macintosh and Debra Gibson for managing the teams this Term. Your support has been gratefully appreciated. Teeball will restart again in Term 1 2013.

Psalm

Lord help me.
 When I feel
 Sad
 Stick with me
 Hold my hand
 Be with
 Me everyday please.

Lilly Aston, Room 8, Year 4



Psalm

Please help
 Me
 O Lord
 Are you really there for
 Me?
 Hold my
 Arm
 So I know you
 Are there
 For me.
 O Lord
 Help me.
 Amen

Hannah Cotter, Room 8, Year 4



Psalm

Dear Lord
 I bow down
 To you in times
 Of crisis
 Please be there
 For me
 Hold me in
 Your Arms
 I ask for your
 Guidance and help
 In times of sadness.

Liam Halpin, Room 8, Year 4