

Tena Koutou Katoa
Greetings everyone

Welcome back everybody after a wonderful summer. Talking to parents over the last week, it seems that because of the weather we all feel like we have had a true holiday. It promises to be another busy year. We begin with a Catholic Character review in week 6 of term one, so the first part of the term will be self reviewing our RE programme and special character practices. We will be consulting with families and getting your opinions and suggestions for future improvement. We also will be visited by the Education Review Office team later in the year in our regular 3 year cycle of review. The first week promises to be a reasonably quiet one, with teachers establishing routines and classroom programmes. It was good to see all the children arriving this morning with big smiles, well prepared and positive about their day to come.

We warmly welcome the following children and their families to Reignier: Room 1: Makayla Jones, Poppy Walling, Sophia Unwin, Violet Unwin, Ethan Macintosh, Alex Gregory, Hunter Carew, Wylliam Overend, Layton Hill, Gavin Mear, Emma Rich, Brian Sadakorn, Amaia Watson (Room 5) and Poutama Watson (Room 2) from Paekakariki Primary, Maggie Cooper (Room 4) from St Peter's in Hamilton, and Mikhail Sheikh (Room 6) from Arthur Miller.

In the Year of Faith we are asked this week to pray for St John's College Hastings.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Wednesday 6th—Waitangi Day—PUBLIC HOLIDAY—NO SCHOOL

DATES TO WATCH OUT FOR

The term calendar is on the website for your referral, as is each week's newsletter. The website contains a lot of information about current activities, so make it a habit to keep checking it regularly.

Coming up this term for special mention are:

Tuesday 12th February—Meet the teachers evening followed by a picnic

Tuesday 12th February—Year 6 Camping sleepover on the field

Wednesday 13th February—10.30am Ash Wednesday Liturgy

Mon 11th February— Friday 15th February – Year 6 Optimist Yachting

Tuesday 26th February—First PTA meeting

Sunday 3rd March—Whole School Mass followed by school/Parish picnic

Tuesday 5th March—Junior Swimming Activity

Tuesday 19th March—St Joseph's Day Mass, Powhiri and tabloids

Friday 29th March to Tuesday 2nd April— Easter break

Wednesday 10th April—Possible Teachers Only Day

Tuesday 16th April—Shared Learning Evening

Friday 19th April—End of Term One

MEET THE TEACHERS EVENING

This will happen on Tuesday 12th February and will run along similar lines as previous years. Each team's teachers will meet with parents for half an hour to run through the routines and answer any questions. We have also decided to follow this with a picnic tea on the field. The Year 6 students will be camping overnight and will have set up tents, so we thought it would be a good opportunity for all families to join together, meet other parents in the same class

and team, and introduce new families. We would love everyone to come. The idea would be that after you have finished with your team meetings, you wander down the field, set up a blanket and your picnic, and enjoy the company of others.

The Meet the Teacher meetings will begin at 5pm and will be over by 6.30.

Note the change of order

5pm Senior Team meeting in Room 10

5.30pm Junior Team meeting in Room 2

6pm Middle Team meeting in Room 8

UNIFORM

All the children look lovely and smart in their school uniform to start off the term. Later this year we are due for a uniform review, and we will be consulting with parents on the current policy. However, in the meantime, there is an expectation that all children will be dressed in the correct uniform according to the school policy. In particular check that your daughters hair ties, scrunchies and hair bands fit the school requirements. We have a parent who is happy to make hair apparel out of old school uniforms, so if you are interested in this, please contact the office. Please keep the boys hair tidy, out of eyes, and off collars, and roman sandals are still the required brand unless you have a medical reason for something different. Lets all start the way we mean to go on.

HEAD LICE

Maybe it's the warm weather, but we already have the heads up that they are around and fighting back, so please check hair regularly and treat aggressively when needed.

PTA MEETING

The first PTA meeting has now been scheduled for Tuesday 26th February at 7pm in the staffroom. Welcome back to all those dedicated parents who worked so tirelessly in the past for the school, and we welcome any new parents onto the PTA who would like to help out in some way.

ROUTINES

Just a reminder for all about gate routines. Children must enter and leave the grounds in uniform, including school shoes or sandals, unless they are heading straight to a sport after school. Please use the marked path when using the Guppy Road entrance. Avoid walking with children through the teachers carpark. It is very dangerous. Please be considerate when parking in Moeller Street. Carparks are marked. Don't park in or across gateways or on the curved parts of the curbing at the entrance to the street. We receive many complaints from neighbours who can't access their properties at drop off and pick up times. Remember it's important for our whole school community to be seen in a good light out there in the wider district. Please don't forget our lovely new path down to the back gate which opens onto Chester St. There is a teacher on duty and it is a nice quiet street to meet your children. Consider using this entrance rather than the Moeller Street one.

POOL USE OVER SUMMER

Thank you for the way the pool was used and respected over the summer. We have had very few reported incidents throughout the break and we are sure it is because so many of you were around, using the pool and watching what was happening. We are so lucky to have this facility still available, as many schools don't, and we hope that you continue to enjoy it throughout

February. The pool cover has been reinstalled, so please look after it and replace it after you have used the pool.

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

ALTAR SERVERS

Sunday 10th February 9am Mass:

Chloe Dagg, Jack Graney, Talia White-Shaw

Sunday 10th February 5pm Mass:

Sophie Broome, Abby Zyskowski

CAN YOU HELP???

We need some kind person to overlock six gold altar cloths for class altars. If you have an overlocker and can help please see Mrs Cawston, Room 4. Thank you.

MUSIC—ENROLMENTS INVITED FOR 2013 KEYBOARD YEAR

Beginner keyboard lessons are offered at Reignier Catholic School on Thursdays for students in **Year 4** or older. Half hour lessons take place during the school day, children are in small groups. Further information and enrolment forms are available from the school office. Enquiries: Theresa Bevin Ph: 844 1020. Please enrol early so that a timetable can be organised. First lesson Thursday 14 February. **Cost \$78 per school term.** A limited number of keyboards are available for hire.

YEAR 6 OVERNIGHT CAMP

As part of the Year 6 Optimist yachting week, the students are going to have an overnight camp in the school grounds, in tents on Tuesday 12th February. This is also the night of the Parent information evening and family picnic tea.

We will need the support of 7 parents to stay overnight with the students and teachers. If you are able to help us, please fill out the slip on the bottom of the information notice that will be coming home today. A gear list and medical/consent form that needs to be returned to school by Thursday 7th February will accompany the information notice.

All other details should be on the notices. If parents have any questions, they should contact one of the teachers in the Senior team.

YEAR 6 OPTIMIST YACHTING

We are fortunate to be able to offer our Year 6 students the opportunity to participate in Optimist Yachting at Pandora next week from Monday 11th to Friday 15th February.

An information and permission letter will go home this week with all the necessary details and a request for parent support with transport and supervision. We require 9 parents to help with transport each day to get the students to and from Pandora pond. If you are able to assist, please fill in the slip and send it back to school by **Thursday**.

During Optimist week, lunch will be at 11.40pm for Year 6 so we can **depart school at 12.00pm**. The yachting will start at 12.30pm and we intend to leave Pandora at 2.45pm to get students back to school by the end of the school day, but may be a bit late. The cost of the course is covered by the school. Students should wear their Optimist clothing to school for the week, **not their uniform**.

THIS WEEK'S SPORTING NEWS...

BASKETBALL

Basketball is available this term for all Year 3 – 6 students on **Thursdays** after school at **Pettigrew Green Arena** in a new Taradale zone competition starting on 21st February. Students who are interested should get a permission letter from Mr Crawford and return it by Friday so we can register teams. The cost for the term will depend on the numbers in each team and the amount will be charged to term accounts.

We will need one parent to manage each team at the games. If you are able to do this please indicate on the permission slip.

Basketball in **Term 2 will be on Wednesdays** after school at **Centennial Hall** and will move back to **PGA on Thursdays in Terms 3 and 4**.

There is a FREE coaching clinic for players, parents and coaches on Monday 11th February at Centennial Hall from 3.30pm – 5pm.

KELLY SPORTS

Kelly Sports is again offering its multisport programme on Thursdays after school this term at Reignier School. **SUMMER SPORTS EXTRAVANGANZA** is designed specifically for year 1 to 4 children so they can experience a range of sports. The coaches this term will be Hugh and Dan. A player of the day award and voucher from Hog's Breath Café Napier will be awarded each session. To enrol please fill in the registration form or for further info contact Alex Jones at hb@kellysports.co.nz or phone 843 4219.

MILO CRICKET

The Milo 'Have A Go' Cricket Program is about to begin at Taradale Park on Monday nights for Year 3/4 boys and girls who want to have lots of fun while learning the basics of cricket.

It will run for 6 weeks in Term 1 and a further 6 weeks in Term 4 at the end of the year (12 sessions in total).

The first session is Monday 4th February from 5pm to 6.15pm.

Children who attended last year are welcome to re-attend. The cost is \$55 for the program. This includes hats, bats, balls and other giveaways. Please contact Baden Wilton on 0224223360 or badenwilton@gmail.com or feel free to turn up on Monday 4th Feb at 5pm

TARADALE GYMNASTIC CLUB

Pre school, Competitive, Recreation—Classes for Girls and Boys.

Enrolment day Saturday 9th Feb—10am-12noon at Taradale Intermediate School Hall, Murphy Road. Enquiries: 844 2335

TEEBALL

Teeball starts this Saturday 9th February at Tareha Park. We will be reorganising teams this week and will let students know the teams they are in when this is done.

If parents who assisted with managing teams in 2012 are available to help again this year, or any other parents keen to help, please let Mr Crawford know at school asap.

TERM 1 CRICKET

Cricket restarts again on Friday 15th February at 3.30pm for Year 3/4 students and Saturday mornings for Year 5/6 students. Mr Crawford will be calling a meeting soon for all students interested in playing to put their name down and get a permission notice.

WEETBIX TRYATHLON 2013

Registrations for this event are Wednesday 13th February at Frimley Park, Hastings are now being taken online at www.weetbix.co.nz