

Website address: www.reignier.school.nz **11 February 2013**

Week 2

Tena Koutou Katoa
Greetings everyone

It has been rewarding to see children happy and settled in classrooms so quickly. Thank you to you all who have begun the year on a positive note. Please remember you are welcome for prayers every morning. This is a great time to share reflection, quiet and contemplation with your child. This term we are doing something a little different in Prayer time on a Thursday morning. Read the explanation further down in the newsletter and come on Thursday for a new prayer experience. Because it is most successful when there are no distractions, we ask that everyone makes an extra special effort to be at school before the bell, so there are no interruptions.

We warmly welcomed to Reignier last week: Archer Ericksen (Room 1) and Laura Brassington (Room 1).

In the Year of Faith we are asked this week to pray for St Joseph's Parish and St Joseph's School Dannevirke.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday - Friday	Year 6 Optimist Yachting
Monday 11 th	Board and staff meeting with Catholic Review Team
Tuesday 12 th	Meet the Teachers evening and picnic on the grass
Tuesday 12 th	Year 6 camp sleepover
Wednesday 13 th	Ash Wednesday Liturgy 10.30am in St Mary's church

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 12 th February	Meet the teachers evening followed by a picnic
Tuesday 12 th February	Year 6 Camping sleepover on the field
Mon 11 th – Friday 15 th February	Year 6 Optimist Yachting
Tuesday 26 th February	First PTA meeting
Sunday 3rd March	Whole School Mass followed by school/Parish picnic
Tuesday 5 th March	Junior Swimming Activity
Tuesday 19 th March	St Joseph's Day Mass, Powhiri and tabloids
Tuesday 26 th March	Middle and Senior School Swimming Sports
Friday 29 th March to Tuesday 2nd April	Easter break
Wednesday 10 th April	Possible Teachers Only Day
Tuesday 16 th April	Shared Learning Evening
Friday 19 th April	End of Term One

MEET THE TEACHERS EVENING

This will happen this 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.

A BBQ will be available for all who get the urge to bring sausages and bread.

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

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

If you are unable to attend these meetings, we urge you to come in and touch base with your child's teacher at the first opportunity. They look forward to meeting you and making themselves known to you.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION SPECIAL CHARACTER REVIEW

As customary, as well as being reviewed for performance by the Ministry of Education through ERO, the Catholic Education Office in Palmerston North also review the Catholic Character and RE programmes in every school every 3 years. Our review will take place in week 6. Today we will meet with the review team who will run through a process of self review with us. We will be asking you to help us to look closely at the school's Special Character and RE programmes over the next few weeks, so we can set some future direction for the coming 3 years.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

We are sure there are many other successes to celebrate in terms of our school leavers, but these are ones that have come to our attention this week, so it's great to be able to share.

Congratulations to Michael Buckley who has been appointed Deputy Head Boy at NBHS.

Congratulations to Tex Taylor who was awarded the Principal's Award at Tamatea Intermediate last year and to all our past pupils who have made the accelerate classes and secured leadership roles at Intermediate and High School level.

If you have success stories from past pupils we are very interested in sharing them.

Ma te Atua koutou e tiaki

God bless you all.

Julia Johnson

ALTAR SERVERS

Sunday 17 February 9am Mass:

Alysia Homan, Anna Restieaux

Sunday 17 February 5pm Mass:

Isabel Gibson, Hamish Gibson, Zarlina Wyatt

ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. This is the time before Easter when we reflect on the Gospel and turn back to God. We will mark the beginning of Lent in a liturgy at St Mary's Church on Wednesday at 10.30am. There will be distribution of

CLASS AWARDS—CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE CHILDREN

Room 1	St Paul	Ethan Macintosh	For outstanding self control
Room 2	St Bernadette	Chelsea Goldfinch-Green	For showing respect
Room 3	St Mary McKillop	Troy Sayer	For being Room 3's star worker this week
Room 4	St Therese	Poutama Watson	For showing kindness and gentleness towards others
Room 5	St Gerard		NO ASSEMBLY LAST WEEK
Room 6	St Francis		NO ASSEMBLY LAST WEEK
Room 8	St Anne		NO ASSEMBLY LAST WEEK
Room 9	St Bridget	Hamish Baudinet	For making sensible choices in class
		Lilly Aston	For being a great help in class
Room 10	St John Bosco	Tom Hollier	For his enthusiastic and terrific contributions he makes
		Abby Humphreys	For her fantastic, respectful attitude in class
Room 11	St Dominic	Zarlia Wyatt	For making good choices in class and being a good role model
		Adam Winnie	For a great start to the year and being a good role model

the ashes for all the children at this liturgy. We encourage and welcome all families and friends to join us.

FAMILY INFORMATION—RE ENROLMENT FORMS 2013

Thank you to all those families that have returned their family information—re enrolment form that was sent home last week on bright orange paper. If you haven't returned this form, could you please return to the office asap. One form per family.

HOUSE FOR RENT

3 Bedroom house in Pembroke St. Available late Feb. \$380p/wk.
Ph: Lara 844 4910

LEMONS

Thank you to everyone who gave me lemons last year, it was appreciated. If you have an abundance of lemons on your tree, and would be happy to give some away, please phone Leanne Eagles on 844 2026.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CATHOLIC CHARACTER

Meditation is a form of Christian prayer. St Paul wrote that "we do not know how to pray but the spirit prays within us" and the task of meditation is to bring the busyness of our life to stillness and silence. To help us come to stillness, we use a sacred word or mantra. Only then can we be aware of the spirit of Jesus deep within our heart. Last term the school staff experienced this form of prayer as part of our Friday Prayers and some classes used it in their class prayer. This term we are going to trial meditative prayer as a whole school for our morning prayer on a Thursday morning. As always you are welcome to join us.

Our beginning strand for RE is the Jesus Strand and the focus for each class is: (with references to the Family/Whanau Book in brackets)

Rooms 1,2 and 3: Jesus-My Friend (pg 17)

Room 4: Jesus Showed His Love in Different Ways (pg 20)

Rooms 5,6 and 8: Jesus Came to Show People How to Live and Lead Them to God. (pg 26)

Rooms 9,10 and 11: The Life of Jesus (pg 29)

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

All book orders for Issue 1, February 2013 to be in by **Friday 15th February**. Please put money and form in a sealed named envelope.

SENIOR TEAM ASSEMBLY

There is **NO** Senior team assembly this week because of Optimist Yachting.

UNIFORMS

The Uniform shop is once again open. The shop is operating from the school office. We ask that you get an order form, fill it in and attach money or cheque and hand into the office where the bulk of orders will be processed once a week and then be distributed to your child's class. If you are making an online payment, the goods will be held in the office until the payment has gone into the account. Urgent orders and new children to the school will be dealt with promptly. *Thank you Sheree & Karyn.*

THIS WEEK'S SPORTING NEWS ...

For Basketball, Cricket and Teeball Teams, Draws and General Sports Information please refer to the school website www.reignier.school.nz under the heading **Sports 2013**.

MARILYN SWAN—ACADEMY OF DANCE

Ballet, Jazz, Contemporary, Flamenco—Children from 4 years to Adults. Enquiries: Phone: 835 5491

NETBALL

All netballers aged 5 – 12 years are invited to attend a coaching session with the Haier **Pulse players** on Saturday 16th February at the Regional Sports Park, Percival Road, Hastings. It runs from 10.30am – 12.30pm and is FREE to attend. No need to register, just turn up in your sporty gear. There will be free giveaways, shooting competitions, fun games and photo opportunities with the players.

Go to www.hawkesbaynetball.co.nz for more details

TEEBALL—Results from last week;

Reignier Angels played very well, great enthusiasm.
Player of the Day was Maggie Cooper.

WEETBIX TRYATHLON

The 2013 Weetbix Triathlon is on this Wednesday 13th February at Frimley Park in Hastings. For further details go to www.weetbix.co.nz

If your child is Year 4 or older and would like to make their First Reconciliation/Holy Communion please fill out the form below and hand into the Parish Office.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNION

Please return to Parish Office

Child's Name Parent's Names

Address Phone

Place & Date of Baptism