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Week 5

Tena Koutou Katoa
Greetings everyone

Message from your Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees warmly welcomes staff, students and families to 2013! A special welcome to all our new students and families.

At our first meeting of 2013 the Board agreed that we should look to provide more regular information to our community about what the Board does and what it is focusing on. As well as this we continue to discuss ways of ensuring that everyone has opportunities and channels to offer feedback. This allows us all to acknowledge successes and identify areas where developing and implementing strategies will further enhance our school's Special Character and achievement.

As well as having ERO visit us later this year, we are also about to have the Catholic Education Office conduct its three yearly review of our Special Character and we look forward to welcoming their review team on March 11th. In preparation for their visit the Board is completing a survey about our role in maintaining and enhancing the school's Special Character. Last week you will have received a similar survey seeking your feedback on our Special Character if you have given the school your email address. We encourage you to please take the time to complete this as it is your chance to tell the Catholic Education Office review team what Reignier's Special Character means to you, how you see it in every-day school life, the areas of real strength, and any areas that you think the school should develop further.

We look forward to the review, the opportunity to celebrate our school's successes and to discuss and learn about ways to further enhance our Special Character.

We pray God blesses you all with a safe and successful 2013.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees

Patrick Jones (Chairperson)

A big thank you to all those who attended the School Mass and picnic yesterday, especially those who contributed to the Mass and liturgy. Congratulations to our new leaders who were announced yesterday.

Devoy House	Jack Ericksen and Emily-Jean Schmidt-Grant
Hadlee House	Fred Devereux and Natalya Roberts
Hillary House	Adam Winnie and Emma Smith
Te Kanawa House	Chris Cacho-Bevin and Anneliese Van Florenstein

May God bless them in their roles and give them guidance for the year ahead.

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

All Week	PAT testing for Middle and Senior School
Tuesday 5th March	Junior Swimming Activity—PM
Friday 8th March	Mufti Day for CARITAS

SPECIAL CHARACTER SURVEY

All families who entered an email address onto their information form will have received an email with the Special Character survey attached on Friday. This may have been a little confusing as it was

addressed to JJohnson and parents may have thought it was sent mistakenly. It was intended for you all. Please open it and fill in the survey. It will only take a small amount of your time, and your ideas and feedback is really important to us. We apologise for the confusion. We are trialling emails as a way of connecting with parents. Hopefully we will get better at it as we use it more. The email address to return the survey is parents@reignier.school.nz You may print it and return it to the office in hard copy if you wish.

PAT TESTING

This week the students from Yr 3—Yr 6 will be sitting PAT and STAR tests. The results of these tests contribute to the Overall teacher judgment made by teachers when considering where students are at in relation to national standards. It is helpful if children attend all week and are on time and prepared, as these tests are often taken at the beginning of the day.

PTA MEETING

Thank you to all those who attended the first PTA meeting last week. We had a fantastic turnout and look forward to ticking off some meaty projects during the year.

A big thank you to Karrie Stephens who has worked incredibly hard for the PTA as Chairperson last year and is now stepping down from the role. Also a big thank you to Rhondda Poon who is stepping down as secretary after a year of very efficient minute taking. Both these positions are vacant and awaiting good keen people to take them on. If you are willing to get involved or know someone who would be great in the roles, we are calling for nominations before the PTA AGM in March. Please note that Dads are very welcome on our PTA and would be exceptional in these roles.

The PTA AGM is scheduled for Monday 18th March at 7pm in the staffroom followed by a normal PTA meeting. We encourage all parents to attend.

SACRED SPACE

One of the projects on the PTA list for this year is the creation of a Sacred Space behind the new library. The chocolate fundraising money will go towards developing this, and buying a new computer for our library. The Sacred Space will be a garden designed so children can use it in quiet contemplation. It is a lovely sunny spot and it will lend itself very well to a reflective prayerful area. We want the students to have an input into its design, but if there are any parents out there with a flair for garden design and would like to help, we would be especially grateful.

TEACHERS ONLY DAY

At the beginning of the year we sent information to parents about dates to remember for the term. Included in this information was the possibility of a Teachers Only Day on Wednesday 10th April. We have decided that this is not tenable, so there will be **no** teachers only day on this date, and children and staff will attend school as usual.

PAID UNION MEETING

As per the NZEI collective the teachers are entitled to attend 2 paid union meetings per year to discuss issues. This month a meeting has been set in Napier for Wednesday 20th March at 2pm. Amongst the discussions will be how the Govt and Ministry are addressing Novopay issues. We will be looking for ways in which to make this easier for parents, but it is vitally important that our teachers are a part of that discussion and that a strong message is given to the Govt that this affects us severely. We will

CLASS AWARDS—CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE CHILDREN

Room 1	St Paul	Archer Erickson	For a great attitude	Award for Completing Basic Facts: Chris Cacho-Bevin, Sam Williams-Smith
Room 2	St Bernadette	Alex Gregory	For good work in writing	
Room 3	St Mary McKillop	Jack Hunt	For good spelling	
		Ruby Robinson	For great story writing	
Room 4	St Therese	Adalyn Homan	For great listening and initiative	
		Holly Stevenson	For swimming progress	
		Hannah Comrie	For great independence	
Room 5	St Gerard	Madelin Herbert	For being a very helpful and caring class member	
		Albert Parker	For always settling quickly to work	
Room 6	St Francis	Brooke Lee	For her success learning words	
		Harry Unwin	For showing great thinking in Maths	
Room 8	St Anne	Theo Roberts	For participating in class activities with greater confidence	
		Amberley Chang	For completing class tasks with creativity and care	
Room 9	St Bridget	Natalya Roberts	For her fantastic attitude and role modelling in class	
		Daniel Hurley	For his wonderful help with the Juniors	
Room 10	St John Bosco	Paige Sayer	For her terrific, focussed attitude to learning	
		Sarah Winnie	For her enthusiastic attitude and great leadership in class	
Room 11	St Dominic	Ben Sloan	For the beautiful, thoughtful prayers they have written this week	
		Fred Devereux	For the beautiful, thoughtful prayers they have written this week	

advise next week whether or not the school will be closed for the afternoon, but in the meantime we want to make you aware of the meeting so you can prepare if we need to close.

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

ALTAR SERVERS

Sunday 10 March 9am Mass:

Anna Restieaux, Jack Graney

Sunday 3 March 5pm Mass:

Anneliese van Florenstein, Summer Wilson

HOUSE FOR RENT

3 Bedroom house in Pembroke St. \$380p/week. Ph Lara 844 4910

JUNIOR SWIMMING/SAFETY DEMONSTRATION

Timetable for Tuesday 5th March

1.30pm—Room 4, 1.55pm—Rooms 1 and 2, 2.25pm—Room 3

MUFTI DAY FOR CARITAS

CARITAS Aotearoa NZ is an agency of NZ's Catholic Bishops, charged with providing a Catholic response to poverty and global social concerns. We are having a mufti day **this Friday** with a gold coin donation going towards their work. Your generosity is always appreciated. Thank you.

PTA CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

Sales are going really well thank you! Please get your money in this week by Friday. Those still selling boxes you have until Friday 15th March to get ALL money owed returned. Don't forget... the more boxes you sell, the more chances your family have in winning prizes! Thanks for your support in this fantastic fundraiser.

TARADALE PIPPINS

Are taking new enrolments for girls aged between 5-7 years. We meet on Thursday afternoons from 4.30pm to 5.30pm. Please phone Janice on 844 8682.

UNIFORM ALTERATIONS

Alteration and mending service on school uniforms available for a \$10 donation to the school PTA. Please ensure that all garments are clean when you give them to me! Soiled uniforms will be politely returned for laundering before altering. Phone Rhondda 845 1500 or 027 294 8894.

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**.

BASKETBALL—Results from last week;

Reignier Rockets won.

P.O.D.—Zarlia Wyatt and Darcy Brown

Reignier Lakers won.

P.O.D.—Connor Kimble

Reignier Hawks lost.

P.O.D.—Harry Unwin and P.O.D. last week—Harry Campbell

Reignier Saints won.

Reignier Thunder lost.

P.O.D.—Aidan Kirby-Vaughan

Reignier Celtics won.

P.O.D.—Adam Winnie

CANOE POLO

Reignier School is offering a new sport that you may like to give a go. Any Year 6 students willing to be part of our schools Canoe Polo Team for 2013 needs to collect a notice from Mr Crawford, Room 10.

CENTRAL FOOTBALL SKILL CENTRE

Central Football are running a 10 week Skills Development programme aimed to develop and increase players understanding technically and tactically to give them the best possible opportunity to move into our Federation Talent Centres (Representative Football) in the future.

Venue: Park Island (Napier City Rovers training fields around by Hockey fields), **Time:** 4.20pm – 5.50pm, **Date:** Wednesday 13th March – 29th May, **Age:** 5 – 11 years

Cost: New Players \$140 (Includes skill centre shirt, shorts, socks) Existing Players \$80. See the school website for registration forms.

CRICKET—Results from last week;

Reignier Volts won.

P.O.D. Carter Frame-Tavita and Sam MacIntosh

Reignier Wizards lost.

P.O.D. for Batting—Thomas Jones

P.O.D. for Bowling—Jack Walling

Reignier Aces lost.

P.O.D. for Batting—Bradley Campbell and Tom Hollier

P.O.D. for Bowling—Jack Erickson

Reignier Knight lost.

P.O.D. for Bowling were Matthew Quinney and Ryan Gouder

P.O.D. for Batting—Jack Wilton and Oscar Mason

TEEBALL—Results from last week;

Reignier Angels played very well and have improved so much.