

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

We welcome the Catholic Character review team from Palmerston North to the school today. Lorraine Gordon, Rosalie Connors and Wendie Hildred will be helping us celebrate the great things we are doing in the school in terms of our Catholic character and identifying areas for development so we can grow and move forward. The team will work alongside the Board and staff to develop a new strategic plan for the next 3 years, and will be visiting classrooms to observe our RE programme and prayer sessions. As a consequence of this, prayer times in some classes may be changed this week. Your classroom teacher will advise you if there is no prayer session first thing in the morning.

We warmly welcome Nanoka Fukuda from Japan who is visiting with us for the next two weeks.

We also congratulate Zac Taylor who is Head Boy at Tamatea Intermediate. Well done Zac.

### **THE WEEK AHEAD**

Monday—Wednesday	Special Character Review
Thursday 14th	Catherine Gibbs visiting from Caritas to speak to the children
Friday 15th	Junior School visiting the rocky shore

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

### **SPECIAL CHARACTER SURVEY**

Thank you to all families who returned the Catholic Character survey last week. The feedback we got is very useful and will help us form a plan for improving and developing our Catholic Character in the future.

### **ST JOSEPH'S DAY**

Next week Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> we celebrate St Joseph's Day. St Joseph is still our patron saint even though our school name was changed. As a school we use this day to reflect on and learn a little of our Charism – our connections with the Mission Sisters, the Marist priests, and about St Joseph himself. We begin the day with Mass at 9.15 at St Mary's. We hope you can all join us for this special celebration. Following on from Mass, we process back to school for a welcoming powhiri on the junior field. We ask that all our new families walk around to the Moeller St gates as you will be welcomed in through the gates by our school community. Please don't be concerned or nervous about this, as there will be experts there to take the lead and guide you in. A morning tea celebration will be held in the staffroom, completing the powhiri. The children will then be treated to an early lunch by the PTA and tabloid sports will take up the afternoon. Children will be asked to wear house colours for this event. They will need to bring something suitable for sports in their house colour to change into at lunch time. If your child is new to the school they will be told which house group they are in before next Tuesday. All other students will be in the same house they were in last year.

### **JUNIOR SWIMMING ACTIVITY**

This was once again a successful afternoon with the Juniors showing off their water skills. Thanks to all parents who came along to support and cheer! Aren't we lucky to have such a great pool facility. Many school communities around New Zealand are not so lucky.

### **PTA MEETING**

If you are willing to get involved or know someone who would be great in the roles of chairperson or secretary, 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 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in the staffroom followed by a normal PTA meeting. We encourage all parents to attend. The PTA is a great avenue for meeting new friends and an excellent way of giving something to the school. Please consider being a part of it.

### **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 10<sup>th</sup> 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**

In discussion with the BOT and staff, it has been decided that the school will not be open for instruction on the afternoon of 20<sup>th</sup> March. School will run until 1pm and we ask you please to pick up your children soon after that. Provision will be made for any students that can't be catered for elsewhere. However there will not be an educational programme running, as all teachers will be at the meeting. Teacher aides can be available on sight if necessary to provide supervision until 3pm. In order to plan for this, please indicate on the slip below if your child needs to be supervised for the afternoon. It is important to fill in the slip as we need to cover adult: student ratios. If we get no slips back, there will be no supervision available.

Ma te Atua koutou e tiaki

God bless you all.

Julia Johnson

### **ALTAR SERVERS**

**Sunday 17 March 9am Mass:**

Johanna Minehan, Gemma Eagles

**Sunday 17 March 5pm Mass:**

Sophie Broome, Madeline Parker, Jack Graney

### **CARITAS**

Thank you for your generosity on our mufti day on Friday. We raised \$309. We always appreciate your support. This money is being given to Caritas, a Catholic agency which works for social justice.

This Thursday, Catherine Gibbs from Caritas is coming to speak to each team about their work in some of the world's poorest countries.

It would be a good idea to ask your children about what they have learnt on Thursday night.

### **PTA CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER**

A reminder that all money is due this Friday 15th March. At this late stage of the fundraiser the PTA would appreciate the full \$60 returned and not part boxes of chocolates. There have been some wonderful families who have really put in an amazing effort by selling over and above 5 boxes of chocolates! Thank you everyone for your effort and support in helping our library get a new computer and the school a Sacred Space. Many thanks, from the PTA Helpers.

## CLASS AWARDS—CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE CHILDREN

Room 1	St Paul	Brian Sadakorn	For always doing his best
Room 2	St Bernadette	Wylliam Overend	For trying hard in writing
Room 3	St Mary McKillop	Hunter Carew	For a great attitude
Room 4	St Therese	Jake Coffin	For being a great listener
		Lola Jones	For super reading
Room 5	St Gerard	Charlotte Burn	For great listening
		Connor Kimble	For excellent work in 'Swim Safe' activities
Room 6	St Francis	Baylie Young	For always settling to tasks quietly
		Kate O'Connor	For working hard in all subjects
Room 8	St Anne	Jemma Rumble	For great Maths ideas and leadership
		Alex Graney	For a fabulous whanau story
Room 9	St Bridget	Noah Kaio	For awesome author voice in his writing
		Sophie Gilbertson	For being a great role model and a fantastic helper in class
Room 10	St John Bosco	Emma Wynne	For being a great role model and a fantastic helper in class
		Gareth Williams	For his terrific attitude and the great focus he is showing in class
Room 11	St Dominic	Darcy Brown	For his terrific enthusiasm and great contributions in class
		Ryan Gouder	For great work habits and a great start to the year
		Tayla Gregory	For great work habits and a great start to the year

### UNIFORM ONLINE PAYMENTS

Recently we have had several online payments for school uniforms go into the School account, which creates work moving money from one account to another.

When making an online payment for school uniforms could you please be aware that these payments go into the PTA account not the School account.

The PTA account number is **06-0701-0329925-00**, please use Surname as reference.

### 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](http://www.reignier.school.nz) under the heading **Sports 2013**.

#### BASKETBALL—Results from last week;

Reignier Rockets won.

P.O.D.—Lucy Harvey

Reignier Lakers lost.

P.O.D.—Sophie Burn

Reignier Hawks lost.

P.O.D—Carter Frame-Tavita

Reignier Celtics won.

P.O.D—Yu Qing Jiang

#### 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 13<sup>th</sup> March – 29<sup>th</sup> 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 Wizards lost.

P.O.D. for Batting—Connor Kimble

P.O.D. for Bowling—Jake Stephens

Reignier Aces

P.O.D. for Batting—Mitchell Snell

P.O.D. for Bowling—Jack Graney

Reignier Knight won.

P.O.D. for Batting—Ryan Gouder and Matthew Quinney

P.O.D. for Bowling—Sehun Kim

### HAWKES BAY PRIMARY SCHOOL DUATHLON

This will take place at Frimley Park on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2013 for all students Year 1 – 6 interested.

All details and entry forms can be found on the school website.

### MARIST FOOTBALL

Marist Junior Football Club is open to all players aged 5 and up.

All new families welcome. Junior Season kick off is Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May. All enquiries please contact Glenn Restieaux at:

[juniors@maristfc.co.nz](mailto:juniors@maristfc.co.nz) or Sheree Lack on Ph: 8444 311

#### My Cat

My cat is white.

My cat is black.

My cat is cute.

I love my cat.

My cat is lovely.

**By Savannah, Year 1, Room 2**



### Some Story Writing from the Middle School...

Today when I was walking to school I noticed a three year old cat. It's name was Blackee. It was so cute! It kept following us and it followed us across the road! It nearly got run over. I felt nervous. What if the cat got run over? But I was in luck it did not get run over. Phew!

**By Molly Cardwell-Dray, Year 3, Room 6**

I was getting ready to go to Nana's to pick up passion fruit. They were ginormous. I ate the biggest passion fruit.

**By Anna Mildon, Year 3, Room 8**

Reconciling and forgiving means to make a fresh start. It means to try again if you make a mistake.

**By Sophie Gouder, Year 3, Room 5**

I believe that Reconciling and forgiveness means saying I accept your apology.

**By Fred Sugden, Year 4, Room 5**

I require my child/children to be supervised at School the afternoon of Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March. (Please return this slip to the office)

Child's Name ..... Room .....