

Tena Koutou Katoa
Greetings everyone

Our Catholic Character review was a positive experience for all. The team were thorough in their review, visiting classrooms, attending prayer sessions, and meeting with parents, students, staff and Board. The verbal report was very positive, with the team taking away some examples of best practice to share in other schools. The draft report will be issued in a couple of weeks. We still have some issues with compliance in terms of our preference roll though. If you were sent a notice and a preference form by Karyn last week and have not yet dealt with it, we urge you to make an appointment to see Father as soon as possible to rectify this. It would be good to have a compliance clearance by the time the final report came out.

One of the things to come from the survey and conversation with parents was that our school community were largely unaware of the way in which our pastoral care programme worked. We have a wonderful team of parents, who provide care and support for families who have a need. This is very active, and very discrete. They coordinate and organise meals, baking, visits, support from a large number of our school community. If you are happy to help by making a meal every now and then, or providing other types of support like child care, please let the office know and they will give your name and number to the pastoral care team. Similarly, if you have a need or know somebody who does, you can discretely share that with a classroom teacher or myself and that information will be passed on to the team.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 18th	7pm PTA AGM followed by PTA Meeting, in Staffroom
Tuesday 19th	St. Joseph's Day: Whole School Mass—9.15am Welcoming Powhiri (Following Mass) Tabloid Sports—1pm

In the Year of Faith we are asked this week to pray for Sacred Heart College Napier.

Please keep in your prayers Rachael Quinney who is now on the mend but still in Hastings hospital and Amanda Moore-Smith who is recovering from a heart operation in Wellington hospital.

HOLY WEEK

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. Mass always begins outside with the blessing of palms and a procession into the church re-enacting Jesus journey into Jerusalem. It is very interactive for children, one that builds lasting memories, so bring your children along to Mass to share the occasion and mark the beginning of Holy Week.

ST JOSEPH'S DAY

This week Tuesday 19th we celebrate St Joseph's Day. 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 followed by a sharing of kai in the staffroom. 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 Tuesday. All other students will be in the same house they were in last year.

NEW FAMILIES

We would like to issue a special invitation to all our new families to be officially welcomed into the school at our St Joseph's Day powhiri. This includes all families who have joined the school in the past year or who have not been previously welcomed in this manner. After Mass all new students and families will process around from the church to the Moeller St gates where they will be welcomed in. Please come and be part of this very special ceremony. Please don't be concerned or nervous about this, as there will be experts there to take the lead and guide you in. All who attend the powhiri are invited to morning tea in the staffroom afterwards. We also specially invite and encourage all our established families to support as Tangatawhenua along with the school children.

ST JOSEPH'S DAY LUNCH

The PTA are very generously supplying a sausage in bread, an apple and an ice block for lunch. You will need to send morning tea with your child and supplement their lunch if they are big eaters. If your child has special dietary requirements you will need to cater for them for lunch.

JUNIOR ROCKY SHORE FIELD TRIP

What a great afternoon. The children were buzzing after splashing about in the water, catching sea critters and examining them for weird and wonderful attributes. The bus trip was mega exciting and we managed to bring home the same number of children we left with! Whew! Thanks to the Junior team for organising the trip and a big thanks to the parents who came along to support our learning and count heads. Apparently even some parents learnt a thing or two!

FIRST RECONCILIATION

The first children's session was completed yesterday in the Parish centre and the second parent session is on Sunday 24th. Please remember that you have committed to this programme and it is very important that these sessions are attended. The sessions are scheduled before the 5pm Mass so that you can attend Mass as a family afterwards.

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Please note: The school breaks for Easter at 3pm on Holy Thursday 28th March and starts again on Wednesday 3rd April. All schools have Easter Tuesday 2nd April as a holiday.

PTA MEETING -TONIGHT

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 tonight 18th 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.

PAID UNION MEETING

Please remember to pick up your children from school at 1pm on Wednesday, as teachers will be attending a paid union meeting for the afternoon. For those who have returned slips, your children will be supervised until 3pm.

Ma te Atua koutou e tiaki
Julia Johnson

God bless you all.

CLASS AWARDS—CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE CHILDREN

Room 1	St Paul	NO ASSEMBLY DUE TO ROCKY SHORE VISIT
Room 2	St Bernadette	NO ASSEMBLY DUE TO ROCKY SHORE VISIT
Room 3	St Mary McKillop	NO ASSEMBLY DUE TO ROCKY SHORE VISIT
Room 4	St Therese	NO ASSEMBLY DUE TO ROCKY SHORE VISIT
Room 5	St Gerard	Thomas Jones Amaia Watson For being a reliable and responsible 'Maths Mentor' For doing an excellent job at teaching Room 5 a Karakia
Room 6	St Francis	Hannah Rich For fluent, expressive reading Aidan Kirby-Vaughan For excellent Maths thinking
Room 8	St Anne	Harry Campbell For great focus and task completion this week Matthew Eagles For great focus and task completion this week
Room 9	St Bridget	Gemma Eagles For displaying great patience with class mates Bryn Nichol For great self control and always settling quickly to work
Room 10	St John Bosco	Kelly Minehan For an outstanding effort with all her class work Emma Smith For her enthusiastic attitude to learning and great contributions in class
Room 11	St Dominic	Paige Dominikovich For showing great perseverance in her maths and always participating enthusiastically in lessons Andrew Oliver For participating enthusiastically in RE lessons and contributing great ideas

ALTAR SERVERS

Sunday 24 March 9am Mass:

Zarlia Wyatt, Millie O'Leary, Zachary Picone

Sunday 24 March 5pm Mass:

Noel Castelino, Ella Lawson, Hannah Lawson

JUNIOR SCHOOL ROCKY SHORE OUTING

Thanks to all the parents who came out to help on Friday. It was a fun, successful afternoon.

LOST VELOUR TOWEL

Pink, Turquoise and White with love hearts. Belongs to Sophie Gilbertson, Room 9. If found, please return.

PTA CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

Well done to all those families who sold a box of chocolates for our school. The winners of the 3 ipod Touches were: Mitchell Snell, Madelin Herbert & Natasha Moore-Smith. These children all sold in excess of 9 boxes...WOW!!!

RIDE NEEDED ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS

For four weeks for Year 6 boy to Marewa shops after school. Please ph Jackie Carey on 844 8706 or 021 235 3103.

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 lost.
P.O.D.—Sarah Winnie
Reignier Saints won.
P.O.D.—Max Signal
Reignier Hawks lost.
P.O.D.—Tré Jeffares
Reignier Celtics won.
P.O.D.—Bryn Nichol

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 lost to Onekawa.
P.O.D. for Batting—Harry Unwin and Sam MacIntosh
P.O.D. for Bowling—Max Signal
Reignier Wizards beat Taradale 75 runs to 70.
P.O.D. for Batting—Sam Lack
P.O.D. for Bowling—Louis O'Leary
Reignier Aces had another narrow loss. Tech 95, Reignier 93.
P.O.D. for Batting—Bradley Campbell
P.O.D. for Bowling—Charlotte Lancaster
P.O.D. for Fielding—Mitchell Snell
Reignier Knights had another hard fought win.
P.O.D. for Batting—Sam Williams-Smith and Ryan Gouder
P.O.D. for Bowling—Oscar Mason, Jack Wilton and Jonty Unwin

HAWKES BAY PRIMARY SCHOOL DUATHLON

This will take place at Frimley Park on Friday 5th 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 11th May. All enquiries please contact Glenn Restieaux at: juniors@maristfc.co.nz or Sheree Lack on Ph: 8444 311

ST JOSEPHS DAY TABLOID SPORTS

The first of our school interhouse activities, the St Josephs Day Tabloid Sports is being held tomorrow **Tuesday 19th March** as part of our patron saints day. We require 15 parents to assist the teachers with running the activities. If you are able to assist us please meet Mr Crawford on the field by 1.20pm.

SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS

The annual school swimming sports will be held on **Tuesday 26th March** at the Onekawa Aquatic Centre from 11am until 2.30pm. All students in the Middle and Senior School (Years 3 – 6) will be competing in various events and will need their swimming gear, a towel, lunch and a drink for this day. Students do not have to wear their uniform to school for this day but should wear clothing that would be appropriate for swimming sports.

We will be transporting the students by bus to and from the pools but invite parents and family members to come and support our swimmers on the day.

We will need a few adults to assist us with timing the events on the day. If you are able to assist us please see Mr Crawford at the pools when you arrive.

TEEBALL—Results from last week;

Reignier Angels had a great game against St Pat's. Player of the day was Archer Ericksen for fantastic batting and running between bases.