

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

## ***Virtue of the Month—Acting with Kindness***

Congratulations to all those children who took part in the swimming sports on Friday. It can be a little overwhelming for first timers with all the noise and bustle. Two of the skills we want to build in our students are independence and resilience. The swimming sports is a great event for students to practice their skills of listening, watching, adapting to what's happening around them, making sure they ask when they are not sure. It can be stressful for some, but we want to be able to teach our children how to help themselves and cope in stressful situations. This is a part of life. The children showed a great aptitude for doing this on Friday, especially our young ones who hadn't previously taken part. Well done to all. Some great swimming skills were shown. Congratulations to our winners. A big thank you to all the teachers and parents who helped to make the sports a success.

### **CONGRATULATIONS ZACHARY PICONE**

Zachary has been placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in New Zealand for his age group for World Science Day. Zachary participated in the World Education Games online. This is a fantastic achievement. We are all very proud of him.

In this Year Of Faith we pray for St Joseph's Parish New Plymouth, St Patrick's Okato and St Joseph's School New Plymouth.

### **SIGNIFICANT DATES FOR TERM 2**

(These will also be on the calendar on the website)

Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Catholic Schools Day
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Connectors Meeting 2pm
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Kiwisport field day Yr 5/6
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> June-	Queen's Birthday
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> June	National Young Leaders Conference in Palmerston North
17 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> /19 <sup>th</sup> June	ERO visit
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Novice Gym Festival for Juniors
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Novice Gym Festival for Seniors
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Soccer Field Day for Yr 5/6
Wed and Thurs 10/11 <sup>th</sup>	School Music Expo

Mid year reports will be distributed on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July. Parent interviews will be held on the last Monday and Tuesday of term – 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> July from 2.20 until 6pm each day. We will continue to use the booking system online as we have done previously. We will notify you closer to the time when this is open for booking. As in previous years if you are not able to access interviews online, you may either book through your classroom teacher or through the office. We encourage you to bring your child to the interview so they can be a part of the conversation about their own learning.

### **JUNIOR SCHOOL INITIATIVES**

This term we have started two initiatives to help with transition into school. The first is our Little Learners club which takes place on a Thursday afternoon. This involves all the pupils who are enrolled this year but have not yet turned 5. They attend the session with parents and learn about where things are in the school and what learning might look like once they turn five. They are actually taster

sessions. These are taken by Mrs Mellon so the children get to know their first teacher as well. It also gives the parents a chance to meet others, ask questions, iron out any concerns and learn about the school as well.

The second initiative started this term in the Junior School is Discovery Learning. This is a researched based programme which promotes thinking, skills, decision making, creativity and reflection through child centred activities. The children choose from activities available and come together for a reflection time and discussion at the end. The programme is process based rather than product based, which means that it's about the doing, not about the final product. Many sessions will not see something completed by the end. Our teachers have been researching this programme and visiting other schools. They are starting it this week on Friday afternoons.

### **THE WEEK AHEAD**

Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Nominations for BOT elections close
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Choir singing at the HB Sports Awards

### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS DAY**

Next week on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May we celebrate Catholic Schools Day across New Zealand. We begin with Mass at 9.15 am in the church at St Mary's. We welcome all parents, caregivers, grandparents and friends to join us.

### **BOT NOMINATIONS**

A reminder that the nominations for BOT elections close on Thursday at 12.00pm. If you are considering standing for the BOT please have your forms to the office by then. Governance is an especially important aspect of a successful school. Please consider putting yourself forward for this role if you have an interest in this area.

### **UNIFORM CHANGE**

From now until Queen's Birthday will be a transition time for school uniform. During this time, children can wear either their winter or summer uniform, or a mix of both. We still expect that all aspects of uniform worn are to be within the school policy. If students do not yet have black winter lace up shoes we will expect them to be wearing their sandals, not sneakers, etc. After Queen's Birthday or by Week 5 all children should be in full winter uniform.

### **PTA CHAIRPERSON**

Our PTA has always been strongly supported by our parents and is continuing to be so this year. We have filled most exec positions but are still looking for a chairperson. Because we have such a strong committee this job is certainly not onerous. It just requires someone to coordinate and run the meetings. The PTA body is very good at sharing responsibility of tasks, and the Gala committee are well organised and self contained. Please consider taking on this role. We definitely need a coordinator to keep things well organised and communication effective as it always has been in the past. Thanks to Lara Hollier who has stepped into the secretary's position.

### **CONNECTORS SESSIONS**

A reminder that the first of our meetings will be on 23<sup>rd</sup> May Thursday afternoon at 2pm. As previously mentioned, we are keen to hear your views and ideas on a range of issues around school and your child's learning. One of the focuses in the first meeting will be on transition into school. You have all had either

## CLASS AWARDS—CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE CHILDREN

Room 1	St Paul	Ethan MacIntosh	For being a great role model
Room 2	St Bernadette	Orla Gleeson	For great effort in writing
Room 3	St Mary McKillop	Ruby Robinson	For making great progress in spelling words
		Ashley Narayan	For always showing kindness to others
Room 4	St Therese	Claudia Crichton	For persevering to complete tasks
		Pippa Giddens	For working hard in her writing
Room 5	St Gerard	Tré Jeffares	For fantastic letter writing
		Sasha Ward	For always being a diligent worker
Room 6	St Francis	Catriona Williamson	For giant strides in writing and reading
		Amelia Otto	For great writing and for showing an enthusiasm for learning
Room 8	St Anne	Jack Walling	For a fabulous focussed start to Term 2
		Lily Giddens	For outstanding computer support to others
Room 9	St Bridget		NO ASSEMBLY DUE TO SWIMMING SPORTS
Room 10	St John Bosco		NO ASSEMBLY DUE TO SWIMMING SPORTS
Room 11	St Dominic		NO ASSEMBLY DUE TO SWIMMING SPORTS

a great or not so great experience with this so whether you are new to the school or just about to move on, your input and opinions on this are vital. We are also doing a review on the spelling programme and would like your views on this. Spelling is an area of homework which affects you all considerably as parents, so we would like to get your ideas on what works, what we could do better, what is sustainable for parents. The meeting will be for an hour and will be in the staffroom. We would love to see as many parents there as possible.

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

### ALTAR SERVERS

#### **Sunday 19th May 9am Mass:**

Zaria Wyatt, Millie O'Leary, Zachary Picone

#### **Sunday 19th May 5pm Mass:**

Noel Castelino, Ella Lawson, Hannah Lawson

### KAPAHAKA

Kapahaka this Tuesday at 8.30am in the hall. All ages welcome.

### NAPIER FOODBANK—'FEED THE BUS' CAMPAIGN

As a school we have been asked to support the main annual event for the Napier Foodbank to restock their shelves. We are asking every student to bring into school a non perishable food item and hand to their classroom teacher. On Tuesday 21st, the red double decker bus will come to school and all the food donated by our children will be loaded into the bus. *"The bus was chocka—bursting at the seams last year..."* Please support this worthy cause. Your generosity is appreciated.

## THIS WEEK'S SPORTING NEWS ...

For all Sporting 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

Basketball for Term 2 starts this Wednesday at Rodney Green Arena (Centennial Hall) in Napier. The draw is not through yet but will be posted on the school website when it is. The teams are also posted on the school website. Some students may have changed teams to ensure we have the right numbers in each. Any issues see Mr Crawford.

### GYMNASTICS

Year 4-6 Gym Novice Festival practice will be at 3.15pm—4.00pm on Mondays for 7 weeks.

### RIPPA RUGBY

The first game for the Rippa Rugby team is this Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May against Bledisloe at Bledisloe at 3.30pm. Parents need to organise transport for their child to and from the game. Training is Monday at lunchtime.

### SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS

The annual school Interhouse swimming sports for Years 3–6 students were held on Friday. It was a terrific competition with a great level of talent and determination on display. The winners of each event in the 7 and 8 year old races and placings for the 9 and 10 year olds were as follows;

7 and 8 Year Old Flutterboard Front Width			7 Year Old Flutterboard Back Width		
Girls	Catriona Williamson	Te Kanawa	Girls	Emilie Kane	Devoy
Boys	Ethan Boyd	Hadlee	Boys	Ethan Boyd	Hadlee
8 Year Old Flutterboard Back Width			7 Year Old Freestyle Width		
Girls	Gemma Rumble	Te Kanawa	Girls	Amélie van Florenstein	Te Kanawa
Boys	Noah Kaio	Devoy	Boys	Harry Campbell	Te Kanawa
8 Year Old Freestyle Width			7 Year Old Backstroke Width		
Girls	Imogen Lovell	Te Kanawa	Girls	Isabella Briggs	Hadlee
Boys	Liam Danielsen Jack Halpin	Hillary Te Kanawa	Boys	Ryan Tantrum	Devoy
8 Year Old Backstroke Width			Senior Flutterboard Front Width		
Girls	Imogen Lovell	Te Kanawa	Boys	Alex Fretchling	Hillary
Boys	Connor Kimble	Te Kanawa	Girls	Mika Ogihara	Te Kanawa
7 Year Old Freestyle Length			8 Year Old Freestyle Length		
Girls	Amélie van Florenstein	Te Kanawa	Girls	Madelin Herbert Imogen Lovell	Te Kanawa Te Kanawa
Boys	Max Signal	Hadlee	Boys	Connor Kimble Liam Danielsen Jack Halpin	Te Kanawa Hillary Te Kanawa
9 Year Old Freestyle Length			10 Year Old Freestyle Length		
Girls	1st—Hannah Cotter 2nd—Charlotte Lancaster 3rd—Sophie Gilbertson	Hillary Hadlee Hillary	Girls	1st—Natalya Roberts 2nd—Anneliese van Florenstein 3rd—Sarah Winnie	Hillary Te Kanawa Hillary
Boys	1st—Bradley Campbell 2nd—Matthew Quinney 3rd—Tom Hollier	Te Kanawa Te Kanawa Hillary	Boys	1st—Hamish Baudinet 2nd—Louis Baudinet 3rd—Lleyton O'Carroll	Devoy Devoy Hadlee
9 Year Old Backstroke Length			10 Year Old Backstroke Length		
Girls	1st—Hannah Cotter 2nd—Charlotte Lancaster 3rd—Madeleine Parker	Hillary Hadlee Devoy	Girls	1st—Natalya Roberts 2nd—Anneliese van Florenstein 3rd—Charlotte Turner	Hillary Te Kanawa Hillary
Boys	1st—Bradley Campbell 2nd—Ollie Gardiner 3rd—Jonty Unwin	Te Kanawa Hillary Te Kanawa	Boys	1st—Hamish Baudinet 2nd—Louis Baudinet 3rd—Noah Sloan	Devoy Devoy Devoy

The overall house results for the competition were;

1<sup>st</sup> = Te Kanawa, 2<sup>nd</sup> = Devoy, 3<sup>rd</sup> = Hadlee and 4<sup>th</sup> = Hillary.  
Congratulations Te Kanawa on being Reignier Swimming Champions for 2013.