

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

## ***Virtue of the Month—Perseverance***

In this Year of Faith we pray this week for St Mary's Parish and St Mary's School Whanganui

### **THIS WEEK'S EVENTS**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> – ERO Visit

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> – Rooms 9 and 10 Faraday Centre visit

### **ERO REVIEW TEAM**

We welcome into the school today the Education Review Office Team from Whanganui and Wellington. John Collinson and Ann Somerville will be in the school until Thursday looking at how we give effect to our school's curriculum and how well our students are achieving. We look forward to the opportunity to show them all our successes and welcome their input into how we can become better at providing a top class education for our children.

### **TEACHER SECONDMENT**

It is our pleasure to congratulate Sheryl Riceman who has been offered a wonderful opportunity to take next term on secondment to Otago University to work as a teacher assessor for the National Monitoring Study of Student Achievement.

Every year a study is undertaken in randomly selected schools across New Zealand to investigate Student Achievement at Years 4 and 8. To do this study they need excellent classroom practitioners to work with children, collect the data and report back to the University. This year the curriculum areas in focus are Mathematics, Health and PE.

It is a privilege for the school to have a teacher accepted for this facilitation, and we will reap many benefits from Sheryl when she returns with significant professional development in assessment practices and curriculum. Only 6 teachers in the Central North Island have been chosen.

We will however have to sacrifice a great classroom teacher for the 9 weeks of Term 3. Fortunately we will have Mrs Smith continuing to teach in Room 8 one day a week, and welcome Mrs Trish Gouder who has agreed to stand in for Sheryl as the classroom teacher for Term 3.

### **NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE**

Our leaders participated in a fantastic leadership conference last week along with 1400 other students from the central North Island. The theme of the conference was Super Heroes – How to be Leaders. The students have returned to school inspired and motivated to succeed in their personal endeavours, be it in the classroom, on the sports field or at home. Be your best, be your own person, be a good friend, challenge yourself were the key messages they have picked up from the various speakers. Our students can readily identify with the core values of leadership as supported by the Halogen Foundation, namely People, Integrity, Responsibility and Generosity. We were very proud of the way they utilized the opportunity to learn, and have already come back to school offering their skills to teach and mentor others. Congratulations Leaders!

### **FAMILY MASS—23 JUNE—9AM**

We are having a family Mass at St Mary's 9am 23rd June. Come

along and celebrate with us. As the children will be involved, there will be no separate children's liturgy. If you would like to help with readings or prayers, please contact Keryn or Brendan Powell on Ph: 844 2344. Kids, bring your grownups!

### **UNIFORM**

It is great to see all our students in their full winter uniform. Everyone looks very smart. We continue to have problems with the dreaded head lice, so keep checking hair regularly. Let's keep hair short, or well tied up and hopefully we can minimize the opportunities for continued infestation.

### **HALL**

You all should have received the information about the hall requiring strengthening. It is great to know that the Ministry and CSBL are being proactive in getting things up to the new standard as quickly as possible. We look forward now to the further review where we will get some information about what is actually required and can begin some definite action.

### **FIBRE ROLL OUT**

Thank you for putting up with the holes and mess around the school. I am sure it will all be worth it in the end.

Ma te Atua koutou e tiaki

God bless you all.

Julia Johnson

### **ALTAR SERVERS**

**Sunday 23rd June 9am Mass:**

Alysia Homan, Abby Zyskowski, Tegan Marlow

**Sunday 23rd June 5pm Mass:**

Isabel Gibson, Hamish Gibson, Talia White-Shaw

### **GALA PRODUCE**

Calling all you "Green Fingers". The Gala committee are looking for people to grow vegetables for the produce stall for the Annual Gala to be held on 2nd November. We will supply you with the seeds. Please contact the office.

### **ICAS EXAMS**

**for Year 5/6 students who have entered;**

- Spelling Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June
- Writing Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June

The dates above are the correct dates for sitting the exams and may differ from the ones in the initial letter. This is because Mr Crawford is only able to supervise and run exams on Thursdays and the initial dates came straight from the ICAS organisers.

### **KAPAHAKA**

Every Tuesday morning in the hall at 8.30am. All ages welcome.

### **MATARIKI MEETING**

There will be a quick follow up Matariki meeting on Wednesday 19th June at 8.45am in the staffroom. All welcome.

### **PTA MEETING**

Reminder—PTA meeting next Tuesday 25th June 7pm in the Staffroom. Any new members are most welcome.

### **SENIOR TEAM CAMP**

Last week a note went home asking for an indication from parents who would like to accompany students on the Year 5 or Year 6 camp to Kaitawa in Term 4.

## CLASS AWARDS—CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE CHILDREN

Room 1	St Paul	Max Fysh	For making a great start to school	<b>Virtue Medals this week for Perseverance</b> <b>Junior:</b> Alex Gregory <b>Middle:</b> Jordan Dominikovich <b>Senior:</b> Paige Dominikovich/ Zarla Wyatt
Room 2	St Bernadette	Laura Brassington	For writing wonderful stories	
Room 3	St Mary McKillop	Gavin Mear	For wonderful reading and writing progress	
Room 4	St Therese	Jessica Churchman	For fantastic progress in reading	
		Lola Jones	For super progress in writing	
		Maggie Cooper	For great perseverance in Discovery Learning	
Room 5	St Gerard	Laura Powell	For being an excellent prayer leader	
		Dylan Homan	For being a kind and caring class	
Room 6	St Francis	Harry Unwin	For settling quickly and quietly to work	
		Mark Zyskowski	For being helpful and showing pleasing manners at all times	
Room 8	St Anne	Marcus Allan	For outstanding writing of a snake and lizard book	
		Harry Campbell	For outstanding progress and results in Maths	
Room 9	St Bridget	Aidan Minehan	For showing great perseverance with his writing	
		Liam Halpin	For the great enthusiasm he shows towards writing	
Room 10	St John Bosco	Louis Baudinet	For the terrific effort and ideas he is putting into his writing	
		Sam Williams-Smith	For his enthusiasm and terrific ideas he contributes during all learning	
Room 11	St Dominic	Fergus Cardwell Dray	For the fantastic language and ideas in his letter writing	
		Olympia Signal	For the fantastic language and ideas in her letter writing	

We have had a number of offers from parents and would like any other notes to please be returned by the end of this week so we can let people know if they will be needed.

### SENIOR TEAM TRIP

The classes in the Senior team are going to visit the Faraday Centre in Napier this term to explore an exhibition of communication tools of the 1940s. This visit supports our Communication Inquiry as well as our WWII Literacy learning and should be a great resource. A note will be going home today with all the necessary details. Rooms 9 and 10 are going this Friday and Room 11 will be going next Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June. We will need the support of 5 parents or caregivers to ensure each trip can go ahead. If you are able to assist us, please fill in the appropriate part of the notice.

### THANK YOU

Thank you for supplying the junior school with your “junk” for the discovery programme. We currently have enough resources.

## 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 and the teams are on the school website.

**Reignier Rockets** lost 20-40 to Swish Kids.

Player of the Day was Darcy Brown.

**Reignier Saints** won 43 - 36 against Henry Hill.

Player of the Day was Oscar Mason.

**Reignier Celtics** beat Napier Central.

Player of the Day was Mitchell Snell.

### NETBALL

**Reignier Knights** won 3-0 against Puketapu 2.

Player of the Day was Isabella Devereux.

**Reignier Defenders** drew 2-2.

Player of the Day was Amaia Watson.

**Reignier 2** won 6-4 against Puketapu Purple.

Player of the Day was Caitlin Wilson.

**Reignier Stars** won 16-12 against Taradale.

Player of the Day was Sarah Winnie.

### HOCKEY

**Reignier Magic** lost 4-1.

Player of the Day was Lily Giddens.

**Reignier Pulse** lost to Nelson Park.

Player of the Day was Aidan Minehan.

### RIPPA RUGBY

The game last week was cancelled because of bad weather.

This Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June the team play St Patricks at St Pats at 3.30pm. Students need to make their own way there as soon as possible after school. If any students need a ride, they should see Mr Crawford. Training is Monday lunchtime.

### LETTER WRITING ...

*(From a perspective of a child evacuated from London in WWII)*

63 Coast Road  
Brighton

15 September 1939

Dear Mummy,

*Thank you for the letter I received this morning. I hope this letter is very comforting to you.. I am well, I hope you are too. Thank you for the soft, fluffy, blue doll with the gorgeous pink frock. I named her Emmy. Auntie Emmy and I are making frocks for her.*

*Auntie Emmy is a good cook! We had lovely carrots for dinner. Oh did I say that the carrots came from the ground? Auntie Emmy makes the most mouth watering apple pies and carrot cakes. Uncle Joe works on the farm all day, from dawn to evening.*

*For my elevenenses I had a fresh glass of milk that Uncle Joe and I milked this morning. There's a little calf called Poppy. She runs around a lot. I look after her. I help out Uncle Joe on the farm when he needs some help milking.*

*Lisa, who was in my class in the city, is in my class in the country! She came to the farm. We rode Jamie the horse. Lisa fell off and she wasn't too keen to get back on. She was tired it was time for a nap.*

*Have you heard from Daddy? Could you please send me a picture of him in his British uniform with his medals? I hope I hear from you soon. I am going to write to Grandma and Grandad now. Stay safe. Cheerio.*

Lots of Love  
Tayla

**Tayla Gregory, Year 5, Room 11**

## COMMUNITY NOTICES ...

**THE NAPIER FRIVOLITY MINSTRELS PRESENT “THE JUNGLE BOOK”**. Thurs-Sat 18-20 July—7.30pm. Matinees: Sat 20th and Sun 21st July-2pm. The Little Theatre, 76 McGrath Street, Napier. \$15 for GrownUps, \$10 for Kids, Bookings at the Municipal Theatre.

**ST JOHNS COLLEGE—QUIZ NIGHT—FRIDAY 5TH JULY**. Doors Open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. \$50 per table of 6 or \$10 per person payable at the door. Bar open. BYO Nibbles and Supper provided. Be in early and register your team to Mandy at [pedersen.bus@xnet.co.nz](mailto:pedersen.bus@xnet.co.nz) or St John's College office ph 878 6853.