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**Week 8/9**

**Tena Koutou Katoa Greetings everyone**

This week we wish all the best to our Interschool Cross country team competing at Park Island tomorrow morning, and our Year 6 students who are performing tomorrow and Wednesday in the Taradale Choir festival.

In this Year of Faith we pray for St Patrick's community and St Patrick's School Kaponga.

### **THE WEEK AHEAD**

All Week	Safe Walking for Junior School
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 to Choir Festival
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Interschool Cross Country
Thursday 19th	New Parent Morning Tea—11am Junior Endurance Challenge—11.45am
Thursday 19th & Friday 20th	Middle Team Camp—Overnight at Aquarium
Friday 20th	Seniors—Otatara Pa Walk

### **ABSENCES**

If you have a child absent from school for any reason, and are leaving a message on the answerphone or with staff, please could you ensure you have given a reason for the absence e.g. sickness, funeral, ballet exam so we can accurately record it on our student management system as per the requirement of the Ministry. This would make life a lot simpler for our office staff. Thank you.

### **EMERGENCY PROCEDURES**

Earthquake and lockdown procedures were practiced last week. We are gradually refining these procedures so that in case of an actual event we can be as prepared as we need to be.

### **CONNECTORS MEETING**

Next Wednesday evening 25<sup>th</sup> September at 5.30pm I will be holding another connectors meeting in the staffroom. The focus of this meeting is to get some feedback from parents who have been in the school for some time, or have students in the senior school. We want to know what we do well, and what you think we need to get better at. This is an honest, open forum where we can get some feedback before you move out of the school community. We welcome your attendance.

### **LET'S COOK WITH PARMCO**

As part of the Senior Challenge all of our senior students are involved in the Parmco cooking challenge. The children are given a weekly recipe and have to cook it for their family. Photos are then posted on the school website as well as the Parmco website where they are eligible for prizes. We need all families to go on line and vote for Reignier Catholic School to give us a better chance at winning the prizes. To vote go online at [www.letscookwithparmco.co.nz/](http://www.letscookwithparmco.co.nz/)

Simply click the 'vote' button and vote for Reignier – it's one vote per person. And remember, your support could help us win one of the fantastic prizes up for grabs from Parmco, Breville and NZ Healthy Food Guide. To be in to win we need to get as many votes as we can, so please tell your friends, family and local community to get voting. Also this year, everyone who votes goes into a draw to win a special family prize: five nights at the five-star Fiji Beach Resort & Spa, managed by Hilton for two adults and two children.

### **DIGI AWARDS**

As we did last year, all students in the school have entered the Digi Awards competition in some form or another. The finalists for Reignier have been selected and these will go to the cluster finals for judging this week. Finalists in the various categories will be announced and invitations to the finalists will be sent out to families before the holidays. The Digi Awards will take place in the Municipal Theatre in week two of term 4. The categories are – Photography, Graphic Design and Animation. Our finalists will be announced next week.

### **ICT SURVEY**

The board are currently reviewing the ICT strategic plan and are interested in our parents views on what is important for learning, what devices are appropriate for use and whether the school community believes that Bring Your Own Device is a future direction we could or should be taking. The link is on the website. You can also go directly to the survey monkey address <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5SWT7ZX>. Please take a little time to help us gather some information from you.

Ma te Atua koutou e tiaki

God bless you all.

Julia Johnson

### **ALTAR SERVERS**

**Sunday 22nd September 9am Mass:**

Anna Restieaux, Lucy Harvey, Lilly Graham

**Sunday 22nd September 5pm Mass:**

Anneliese van Florenstein, Madeleine Parker, Lucy Smith

### **GALA COUNTDOWN –**

#### **This week it's a LUCKY DIP PRIZE!**

We ask all families to donate a small **new** item appropriate for our **lucky dip**. Ideas include; hair ties, clips, stationery, matchbox cars, small toys etc.

Next week...Mystery Envelope. We welcome any new item that can be used as a prize. Examples are: books, household things, new linen, gardening items like gloves, non-perishable food – you bring it – someone may win it.

Please remember items do not need to be expensive - just new. Many unbranded products are less than \$2 and looking through the cupboards often also locates suitable things!

Second-hand gala goods (no TV's though) can be bought in anytime and placed under the PTA notice board by the hall.

**DONATION**—Just a reminder that if you are not wishing to bring in a weekly item for gala, please bring your donation into the office.

Thank you all for your donations.

### **GALA SWEETSTALL**

Calling all new Fudge and Coconut Ice makers! If you want a job for the gala contact Donna Briggs on 021 0264 2401. Also any donations of lollies will be greatly appreciated.

### **ICAS EXAMS**

The Year 5/6 ICAS Writing results have arrived for those students who sat the exam. The following students received Credit for being in the top 20% for New Zealand and the Pacific region;

**Anneliese van Florenstein, Fred Devereux and Ollie Gardiner.**

Congratulations to the following students who received Distinction, which means they are in the top 10% for New Zealand and the Pacific region;

**Talia White Shaw, Zachary Picone and Sam Williams-Smith.**

## CLASS AWARDS—CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE CHILDREN

Room 1	St Paul	George Briggs Jyde Low	For progress in writing For a great start to school
Room 2	St Bernadette	Brian Sadakorn Makayla Jones	For super story writing! For quickly and quietly settling to work
Room 3	St Mary McKillop	Troy Sayer Molly Smith	For fabulous listening skills For her excellent work habits
Room 4	St Therese	Tom Halpin Logan Haayema	For a great effort to learn his basic facts For always cooperating well with others
Room 5	St Gerard	Tré Jeffares Amaia Watson	For great work in writing sessions For thoughtful and confident contributions to class discussions
Room 6	St Francis	Lucy Smith Mikhail Sheikh	For outstanding computer work; especially animations For excellent, progress in reading and writing
Room 8	St Anne	Louis O'Leary Jack Walling	For excellent work habits For working hard on his basic facts
Room 9	St Bridget	Jonty Unwin Lilly Aston	For great proofreading and poetry writing For the effort she is putting into her school work
Room 10	St John Bosco	Chris Cacho Bevin Zachary Picone	For his fantastic animation work For the great expertise he displayed creating and putting together his groups animation
Room 11	St Dominic	Adam Winnie Bradley Campbell	For showing great perseverance with their animation work For showing great perseverance with their animation work

### JUNIOR ENDURANCE CHALLENGE

Will take place on **THURSDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER at 11.45am**. Children are to wear house colours to school on this day and to wear trainers or running shoes. Parents are most welcome to come and support this event and then stay for lunch with your children. They have been training hard.

### MUSIC EXPO

To be held on the afternoons of **Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th September, 1.30pm at St Mary's Church**. The Kapahaka Group/Choir/Orchestra will be performing and the programme will include the Interhouse singing competition. This is a chance for individual children to showcase their talent. Everyone welcome. The children would love your support.

### NEW PARENT MORNING TEA

**Thursday 19th September, from 11am**. Please join us in the Staffroom before carrying on to enjoy watching the Junior Endurance Challenge. All most welcome.

### PTA

Are looking for helpers to waitress/wait at an event on **October 12**. We need 4 women and 4 men. It will be from 6pm. Please contact the office if you can help.

### SAFE WALKING

For the next two weeks Mr Marshall, our Transport Education Officer, will be covering the programme "Safe Walking" with our children. Please ask your child what they have been learning.

### ST PATRICKS—INTERMEDIATE ENROLMENTS FOR 2014

Please enrol your child by **13 November**. St Patrick's is offering **two \$100 Scholarships plus a \$320 Transport Scholarship (Bus)** to Year 6 pupils from Reignier School who will be attending St Patrick's. Recipients will be nominated by Reignier School. Contact the Principal, Mr Jurek Wypych for more information or an appointment on 843 9238.

### SENIOR TEAM

The Senior team have a busy end to the term with a number of events coming up.

- Senior team walk to Otatara Pa in preparation for Camp is this Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September. A notice went out last week regarding this. All offers of help have been accepted. Please meet at school by 10.45am.
- Year 6 Choir festival at TIS on the nights of 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> September.
- Senior team final Challenge of the year due Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

Students doing Option B can substitute ingredients or choose their own recipes to make the challenge easier.

### YEAR 5 KAPAHAKA

All Year 5 children will be performing in the Taradale Kapahaka festival on **Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd October** at Taradale Intermediate School at 7pm. A notice with more details will be sent home at the beginning of Term 4.

### **THIS WEEK'S SPORTING NEWS ...**

For Sports draws please refer to [www.reignier.school.nz](http://www.reignier.school.nz) under the heading **Sports 2013**.

### BASKETBALL *Results from last week;*

Reignier **Rockets** lost 15 – 31 to the Porritt All Stats. Player of the day was Blake Knox. The Rockets then played Taradale Breakers and won 23 – 10. Player of day was Isaac Pilcher.

Reignier **Celtics** beat Central Eagles.

Reignier **Thunders** beat the Reignier Lakers.

Reignier **Saints** lost to Tamatea 28 – 19.

Player of the day was Connor Kimble.

Reignier **Heat** won against Taradale Heat 14-8.

Players of the day were Sophie Gouder and Jack Halpin.

The draw for this Wednesday and Thursday will be posted on the school website under **Sports 2013**.

### NAPIER INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

The Napier and Districts Interschool Cross Country is on this Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at Park Island starting at 9.30 am. The top 6 runners in each age group are representing Reignier. Students going to interschools were given a notice last week with all the necessary details. The permission portion of this notice must be returned to Mr Crawford by Tuesday morning.

All students going and parents helping with transport must meet Mrs Johnson in the hall by 8.45am so cars can leave by 9am. The team will return to school around lunchtime.

A map of the course is posted on the school website under Sports 2013.

### NAPIER & DISTRICTS PRIMARY SCHOOLS INTER-SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Marewa School are organising a Year 5/6 softball competition on Wednesday afternoons, 3.30pm – 4.30pm at Reignier or another school commencing Term 4 Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October to Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December (8 weeks). Any students interested should see Mr Crawford to join.

### TACKLE RUGBY

**No game this Wednesday as we have a bye.**