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Week 9/9

**Tena Koutou Katoa
Greetings everyone**

What a fantastic week we had last week! Our cross country team ended up with a podium finish of third place out of all the schools in the Napier district. Once again Reignier punches well above its weight for the size of the school when competing against much bigger schools. Congratulations to all for a wonderful effort, and especially to Mitchell Snell for winning the Year 6 boy's race, Charlotte Lancaster for winning the Year 5 girl's race, Madelin Herbert for coming third in the Year 3 / 4 girl's race, the boy's year 6 team for coming second and the boys year 5 team for coming third. The Junior Endurance Race was a great spectacle, and a very big deal for our little runners. They were all pretty nervous beforehand, so congratulations to all our juniors for giving it a go. Thanks to all their supporters and cheer teams!

The Middle school had a wonderful overnight stay at the aquarium on Thursday and a great day of beach and rocky shore activities on Friday. Everyone arrived back at school exhausted but very happy. A big thanks to all those parents who sacrificed a night's sleep or a day's work, or both to help out. Now you have done it once, no doubt you will all be chomping at the bit to do it again!

The Year 6 students made us very proud with their performances at the Taradale Choir Festival on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Our soloists sang beautifully and our dancers were amazing. It was really pleasing to see such a desire for performing with excellence from all our students. A big thanks to Crystal Hewett for preparing them so thoroughly and Mrs Mellon for her help.

The senior school look like everyone is on track for camp. They skipped up the hills around Otatara Pa on Friday and were back at school in time to do some last minute school work. We are all looking forward to the challenges of Waikaremoana in November. Dedicating some time during the holidays for some long walks or tramps would be very beneficial for building fitness levels if families have some time.

In this Year of Faith we pray for Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Opunake, St Martin's Pungarehu and St Joseph's School Opunake.

THE WEEK AHEAD

All Week	Safe Walking for Junior School
Monday 23 rd	Music Expo at St Mary's church 1.30pm
Tuesday 24 th	Junior School Parents Social Get Together Palm City Motel 7pm
Wednesday 25 th	Music Expo at St Mary's church 1.30pm (Please note change of day)
Wednesday 25 th	Connectors Meeting at 5.30pm

CONNECTORS MEETING

Don't forget this Wednesday evening 25th 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

We can see that people have already been on to the website and voted for us. Thanks for your support so far! Keep voting! If you haven't yet, to vote go online at www.letscookwithparmco.co.nz/ Congratulations to Zachary Picone and Jonty Unwin who have already won prizes.

DIGI AWARDS

We have a number of students who have qualified as finalists for the Digi Awards. Congratulations to them all. They will receive special invitations to attend the awards ceremony at the Hastings Opera House (I got that wrong last week, sorry!) on the 17th October where they will be acknowledged and the winners announced. This has been generously sponsored by a number of companies, so there is quite substantial prize money for the top three places in each category. If your child receives an invitation, we encourage you to attend.

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. Thank you to those who have already responded. However, we would love feedback from as many families as possible so we can plan as the community sees fit.

The activities over the last weeks have left a really good feel throughout the school and it's great to end the term on such a positive note. A big thank you to all the staff – teachers, support staff, James, Denise and George who have continued to work tirelessly for the good of the school. We thank all parents for your hard work and constant support and look forward to next term. Don't hesitate in becoming involved in the gala. It is such a strong school community event and you will be rewarded for your efforts with fun, laughter, friendship and a warm fuzzy feeling that you are helping your school. **We need everybody's help to make it a successful event once again.**

Have a wonderful restful break. To those families travelling, stay safe. Enjoy your holidays.

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

GALA COUNTDOWN – This week it's MYSTERY ENVELOPE!

We welcome any new item that can be used as a prize for **mystery envelope**. 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!

Week 1 (After Holidays)...Frozen Chicken – We need chickens, chickens and more chickens...

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, From the Gala Committee

CLASS AWARDS—CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE CHILDREN

Room 1	St Paul	Miya Welby-Pluke Kate Harvey	For learning her sight words! For a great effort in the Endurance run
Room 2	St Bernadette	Poppy Walling	For crossing the road safely
Room 3	St Mary McKillop	Ava Koenigsberger Adalyn Homan	For determination in endurance challenge training For excellent thinking in science
Room 4	St Therese	Ben Graney Jacob Cotter	For working hard to learn his Basic Facts For working hard to learn his Basic Facts

ALTAR SERVERS

Sunday 29th September 9am Mass:

Rhuaridh Williamson, Jonty Unwin, Gemma Eagles

Sunday 29th September 5pm Mass:

Johanna Minehan, Kelly Minehan, Aidan Minehan

FAMILY MASS

Come along and celebrate the end of term 3 at our family mass on this Sunday 29th September at 9am at St Mary's. There will be no separate children's liturgy. If you would like to be involved please phone Keryn or Brendan 844 2344.

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.

KAPAHAKA

School kapahaka has finished for the year. Well done to all the children who came along every Tuesday morning during Terms 2 and 3. Thank you to Phillippa Watson for helping with the group.

MIDDLE TEAM THANKS YOU

Thank you to everyone who supported our Middle Team Camp last week. We had a lovely time and the children had an exciting and memorable experience. Many thanks to all who stayed overnight and to those who provided transport and support the following day. We certainly couldn't do it without you! The teachers would also like to thank the children for their excellent behaviour.

MUSIC EXPO

Due to a funeral, the second afternoon of entertainment will now take place on **Wednesday 25th September, 1.30pm at St Mary's Church**. The Interhouse singing competition will be part of this afternoon. The programme is available to view on the school website. Everyone welcome. The children would love your support.

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.

SENIOR TEAM

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

- Thank you to all those parents who accompanied the teachers and students on our pre camp walk to Otatara Pa last Friday. The students did extremely well and we are very grateful for the parental support. We couldn't have done the trip without it.
- On Thursday 17th October we plan on doing a day tramp to Tongoio Falls and White Pine bush. A permission letter with further information will be going home this week.

This week students will receive a camp newsletter, a permission form and a list of gear needed for camp. The students were given an idea on Friday of the clothing they will need for camp. We ask families to use the next two weeks to source waterproof raincoats, sturdy footwear and polyprops.

If any families have extra sets of these items and they would be willing to lend them to other students let your child's teacher know.

- Senior team final Challenge of the year is due this Friday 27th September.
- All students in the Senior Team will be taking part in a one day People Savers course run by the Red Cross this week. Room 10 Wednesday, Room 9 Thursday, Room 11 Friday.

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 under the heading **Sports 2013**.

BASKETBALL *Results from last week;*

Reignier Rockets lost to Tamatea 21-22.

Players of the day were Sehun Kim and Jack Graney.

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 competition was held last Tuesday at Park Island. Reignier had a fantastic day finishing 3rd overall.

TARADALE SOFTBALL CLUB

The Taradale softball club are willing to put together an Under 10/11 year old softball team in the junior competition at Tareha Reserve for students interested. If you are in Year 5 or 6 and would like to play softball this summer, go along to the Taradale softball club at Tareha Park on October 10th at 4.30pm.

TACKLE RUGBY

Last game of the season is Wednesday against Greenmeadows at GMS. Players need to be there asap after school.

TERM 4 CRICKET

Cricket for Year 3 and 4 students is available next term on Friday afternoons from 3.30pm – 5pm at Nelson Park in Napier and on Saturday mornings for Year 5 and 6 at other schools. The Year 5/6 competition is now Intercity so some games may be in Hastings. Further details regarding this will be passed on when they become available. Year 3/4 students play with a Kiwi Cricket ball and don't need protective equipment. Year 5/6 students play with a cricket ball and play full cricket rules. Mr Crawford will be taking names before the end of term of students who want to play.

WELLINGTON PHOENIX V NEWCASTLE JETS

On Sunday 27th October the Wellington Phoenix will play their first game in Napier at McLean Park at 5pm. Tickets are available from Ticket Direct and Tumu ITM, children are only \$5.