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**Week 2**

**Tena Koutou Katoa                      Greetings everyone**

We warmly welcome the Takahashi family from Japan to Reignier. Sara is in Room 4 and Gaku is in Room 6.

What a great start to the year. Children seem very happy to be back and classrooms are buzzing with exciting activities. The Year 6 students are looking forward to Optimist Yachting and have already demonstrated their leadership potential by volunteering for the number of jobs that need doing around the school.

The weather has turned nasty this week, but we ask that children still bring their togs in case things improve. As you saw last week we have been offered the chance to take part in a subsidized swim programme for 2 weeks. Hopefully this will not be hampered by bad weather.

Teachers have hit the ground running and have already provided a number of extracurricular opportunities for children to have wider experiences and keep active. Look out for notices in bags and on the website.

Karyn is trialing sending out the newsletter by email to cut costs and provide a more effective link to parents. This will start in a couple of weeks once the bulk of email addresses are in to the office. Please help by providing a well used email address. The newsletter will still be available on the website and in hard copy if you are unable to access it digitally. The newsletter will now go out on a **Tuesday** instead of Monday.

### **THE WEEK AHEAD**

Thursday 13th February	Maths professional development day for teachers. Relievers will be in the school
Monday 17th February	Optimist yachting begins for Year 6

### **TEAM NAMES – PIWAKAWAKA AND KERERU**

After much consultation and deliberation we have finally come up with names for our two new teams. They are being named after native birds that we feel fit the characteristics of each team. The Year 0-3 team will be called **Piwakawaka** which is the Maori name for Fantail. The bird was chosen because it is little, full of energy, is very curious and of course cute! The Year 4-6 team has been named **Kereru**, the Maori name for the NZ Pigeon. It is a large bird and is known for its resourcefulness, strength and beauty. The children have already identified with these names, so I am sure they will be assimilated quickly into our Reignier language and culture.

I mention again our combined school and parish picnic on 2<sup>nd</sup> March following the first compulsory Sunday school Mass. The picnic this year is out at the Eskdale Park which is a fantastic family venue. We encourage all our families to come along to this and join in the fun. There will be traditional games, lolly scrambles and sports for the children to participate in.

Mass at 9am is compulsory. We will be asking all children to come in full summer uniform and sit at the front of the church in their classes. We encourage all whanau to attend as well. Our school leaders for the year will be announced at the end of Mass.

### **MEET THE TEACHERS**

The beginning of year Meet the Teachers meetings will be taking place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February. There will be only 2 meetings this year as there are only two teams. We are still keen to have a

picnic on the field following the meetings so be prepared to bring a blanket and a picnic tea. More information about the parent evening will be out to parents later in the week.

### **PTA MEETING**

The next PTA meeting is to be held on **Tuesday 25th February** at 7pm in the staffroom.

### **GUITAR LESSONS**

Ross Turner, a local guitar tutor has offered to provide guitar lessons to Reignier students. Ross has achieved Trinity Grade 8 Guitar and Grade 6 singing, and has passed Grade 6 Theory at the Royal School of Music. If you are interested in your child learning guitar at school, please contact the school office by next Tuesday. Guitar lessons available for 2014 catering for students of all levels. Your child will go through a structured programme covering all styles of music. Music theory is incorporated with hands on playing. Lessons are \$78 per term and are half an hour once a week. You can contact Ross directly if you wish to have your child learn out of school time, or if there are enough students interested, we could make an arrangement for Ross to provide lessons at school. Ross can be contacted on 0212440559, or let the school office know.

### **TERM ONE NETBALL FOR YEARS ONE AND TWO AFTERSCHOOL**

Hawkes Bay Netball have organized a league for Years One and Two this term. It begins on Thursday 6th March and runs over 9 weeks with a break in weeks 5 and 6. It will finish on 16<sup>th</sup> April. Cost per child is \$10. We will also require parents to help run the teams. Coaches are required to attend a 1½ hour coaching seminar which is free. If you are interested in your child participating in this, please let the school office or Mrs Johnson know.

Ma te Atua koutou e tiaki  
Julia Johnson

God bless you all.

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

#### **POLICY FOR THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

For the 3 Napier parishes, the parents of a child for baptism are to obtain an application form from one of the parish secretaries. A copy is available via email or can be picked up from the Parish offices. Once the application form has been completed and returned, a baptism date, time and celebrant will be confirmed. The policy for the 3 parishes is that **BAPTISMS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON A SUNDAY** either during Mass or at an arranged time after the Mass. If there are several families who choose the same Sunday the baptisms will be celebrated together. Fr Peter Head sm (Parish Priest)

#### **ALTAR SERVERS**

**Sunday 16th February 9am Mass:**

Abbie Zyskowski, Talia White-Shaw, Ben Sloan

**Sunday 16h February 5pm Mass:**

Anneliese van Florenstein, Madeleine Parker, Lucy Smith

#### **TO THE REIGNIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY**

*Thank you all so much for the generous gifts you gave me for my retirement. It was unexpected and very humbling. The Willow nativity set was much admired over the Christmas period.*

*Thanks also for all the cards and kind words which were much appreciated. I will miss the daily interaction with families, and especially*

your children. Thank you for entrusting me with their care.  
The support and friendship I have received from the parent body over my 25 years at Reignier have been valued and I have left with very fond memories.

Kathryn Kidd

### **DISCOVERY LEARNING IN PIWAKAWAKA TEAM**

Discovery learning is scheduled to start in the Piwakawaka Team on Thursday the 20th February from 9.30-10.30am. This will continue on most Thursday mornings. If students have a particular project in mind they may like to bring equipment from home for these sessions on Thursday mornings e.g. large boxes. We are wondering if anybody has small plastic swimming pools or baby baths we could use for water discovery. If so, please let your child's teacher know.

Discovery donations of the following items would also be appreciated. Fabric trim, Lace, Ribbon, Buttons, Bric a Brac, Sequins, Corrugated Cardboard, Magnets

Many fabulous activities we have researched for our Discovery Programme involve using food. We are mindful of the appropriateness of this and ask that you let us know if you have an objection to this.

Thank you for your support for our Discovery learning programme.  
*Piwakawaka Team Teachers*

### **KERERU TEAM ASSEMBLY (YEAR 4-6)**

The Kereru team assemblies will be held on Friday's at 9.10-9.40am this year. Please note there will be NO assembly during Week 3.

### **MUSIC—ENROLMENTS INVITED FOR 2014 KEYBOARD YEAR**

Beginner keyboard lessons are offered at Reignier Catholic School on Thursdays for students in **Year 4** or older. Half hour lessons take place during the school day, children are in small groups. Further information and enrolment forms are available from the school office. Enquiries: Theresa Bevin Ph: 844 1020 or 027 472 9957. Please enrol early so that a timetable can be organised. First lesson is **Thursday 13 February. Cost \$78 per school term.** A limited number of keyboards are available for hire. Please enquire.

### **PIWAKAWAKA TEAM ASSEMBLY (YEAR 0-3)**

The first assembly for Piwakawaka will be this Friday 14th February at 12.00noon in the hall.

### **TEAM KERERU**

The Year 6 children will be busy with Optimist Yachting during Week 3 which will run every day from 12pm. The Year 5 children will be staying back at school with Mrs Davis in Room 11. Thanks to the parents who have offered to assist during the week, your help is always much appreciated. A separate note will come home with your child this week indicating which days you'll be required for. **We are 1 – 2 parents short on Tuesday and Thursday, please see Mr Jenyns if you're able to help out.** Here is a list of clothing etc that the Year 6 children will need next week:

**A full water bottle, a wetsuit if possible or polyprop top,**

**togs and rash vest, shorts – no jeans, track pants to wear after they have left the water if they wish, a jumper or polar fleece and rain jacket, hat and sunscreen, old sneakers or appropriate sandals towel, aqua shoes (optional).**

Students should wear their Optimist clothing to school for the week, **not their uniform.**

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

### **BASKETBALL**

We have four Year 3/4 teams and three Year 5/6 teams for this term. Games will be commencing next Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February at the Pettigrew Green Arena. The draw will be in next week's newsletter as it becomes available. An huge thanks to all the parents who have offered to manage their child's team, it is very much appreciated!

### **CRICKET**

Cricket for our **Year 3/4** team starts this Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 3.30pm at Nelson Park in Napier. Could the team please meet Mr Jenyns by the pavilion by 3.20pm. They should wear their P.E uniform and running shoes.

Cricket for our **Year 5/6** teams start this Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February. Games start at 9am and the children need to be at the ground at 8.30am. Our 1<sup>st</sup> 11 will be playing in the hardball grade and our 'B' team will be playing in a 'softball' grade. Mr Jenyns will let the teams know where they are playing when the draw comes through from the HB Cricket association. A big thank you to the parents who have offered to help out with their child's team this term.

**There will be a practise T20 game against St Pats for our 1<sup>st</sup> 11 team this Wednesday starting at 3.15ish at school.** This will provide an opportunity for the children to have a warm-up before Saturday's game. Mr Jenyns will have a practise with the 'B' team during Thursday lunchtime. From Week 3, both the 1<sup>st</sup> 11 and 'B' team will be having a practise at school from 3.15 – 4.30pm.

### **WEETBIX TRYATHLON 2014**

This is taking place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February. Good luck to any students who have entered this event. Please let your child's teacher know they are participating.

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

### **Term 1—Arts Focus is Dance**

### **CHOIR**

Choir will begin for 2014 in week 3 for children in Years 4-6. If your child is interested in joining the choir please have them see Mrs Mellon in Room 1.

### **ORCHESTRA**

If your child plays a musical instrument and would be interested in joining the school orchestra, please have them see Mrs Mellon in Room 1.

### **SCHOOL NEWSLETTER (Please return to the School Office by Friday 14 February)**

Parents Names: \_\_\_\_\_ wish to receive my school newsletter at the following email address \_\_\_\_\_.

Parents Names: \_\_\_\_\_ do not have access to email and still require a hard copy sent home.

Childs Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room No: \_\_\_\_\_