



REIGNIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Tena Koutou Katoa Greetings everyone

On behalf of the Board of Trustees welcome back to Reignier for what promises to be another busy and vibrant year. A special welcome if you are new with us this year.

Already in 2014 the board has been busy. Before school started the board, along with management staff, met together to review and reflect on our strategic direction. This was an exciting and refreshing session and we are currently in the process of bringing together an updated strategic plan which sets the direction of the school for the coming years. We will get this out for comment as soon as possible and as always would encourage you to give us your feedback.

On the hall front, there is not much new news to share. Catholic Schools Board are planning to visit us in early March to begin the funding and design process for our new school hall, and we are very much looking forward this and will keep you updated.

As with 2013, the Board will look to update you each term with matters we have been concentrating on during the term and the highlights we have to share with you. If you ever have any questions of the board or issues you would like to discuss please let us know.

Patrick Jones
Chairperson
On behalf of the Reignier Catholic School Board of Trustees

This week we celebrate sport. Swimsafe NZ are in over the next two weeks teaching the students and the teachers. The pool is lovely and warm and we are anticipating a very successful coaching course for all our children.

Hockey HB are also in for a fortnight promoting hockey and coaching all our students, and Basketball coaches are visiting, working with classes from Years 3-6.

Our Year 6 students began their Optimist yachting experience yesterday and are set for an adventurous time on the water. We hope they have a great week!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 17th—Friday 20th February	Optimist yachting begins for Year 6. Students will be down at Pandora Pond for the afternoon sessions all week.
Tuesday 18th February	Meet the Teacher Evening at 5.15pm in the Hall.

Don't forget the School Parish Mass on Sunday the 2nd March followed by the school/parish picnic. Fun for all the family. Bring togs, hats, sunscreen and a picnic lunch.

MEET THE TEACHERS

The beginning of year Meet the Teachers meetings will be taking place tonight Tuesday 18th February. It will begin at 5.15pm in the

hall. We have changed the format rather dramatically this year, and we welcome feedback about it afterwards. It will be a combined meeting, beginning with a welcome and introduction from the Principal, after which someone from the PTA will speak briefly. This will be followed by an introduction of themselves by each teacher who will outline their responsibilities in the school and what their expectations are for the students. Once we have heard from teachers, there will be a period of time to visit classrooms, meet your child's teacher personally and ask any questions that are forefront in your minds. As long as the weather plays the game, the evening will culminate in a picnic on the big field. Bring a rug, something to eat and your families.

FACEBOOK PAGE

The school is trialing a Facebook page to spread our good news and celebrate our successes. It is labeled Reignier Catholic School. Like us on Facebook!

TEACHER ONLY DAY

A teachers' only day has been arranged for **Wednesday 26th February**. This day will focus on phonics and how it enhances reading and writing across all year levels. Please keep your children at home this day or arrange alternative care. We understand this can be inconvenient, and we apologise for this. However we need to work around a facilitator's schedule, and were unable to organize a more convenient day. We are sure that this new learning will be of great benefit to teachers, children and parents.

GUITAR LESSONS

Please let the office know by Friday if you are interested in guitar lessons as advertised in last week's newsletter.

TERM ONE NETBALL FOR YEARS ONE AND TWO

Teams for Yr 1 and 2 netball need to be registered next week. Please have your expression of interest into the office by this Friday 21st February. Games will comprise of a 20 minute skills session and a 20 minute game (2x 10 minute halves). All games are to be played at Onekawa Netball courts.

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

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)*

CLASS AWARDS—CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE CHILDREN

Room 1	St Paul	Emily Vorster Rose Jones	For being a fantastic friend to everyone For being a great listener and thinker
Room 2	St Bernadette	Jake Coffin Ashley Narayan	For being a fabulous maths teacher For fabulous focus on reading and writing
Room 4	St Therese	Jai Muggleston Serah Fernando	For a great start to the year For showing good work habits
Room 5	St Gerard	Reese McKinley-Rhodes Harry Unwin	For being an excellent prayer leader For confidently sharing his thoughts during class discussions
Room 6	St Francis	Alisa Onuma Marcus Allan	For being an expert that teachers rely on and a kind and helpful pupil For a fantastic start to 2014 and being a great artist
Room 8	St Anne	Claudia Crichton Poutama Watson	For fantastic self-control For being a wonderful helper
Room 9	St Bridget	Tayla Gregory Mark Zyskowski	For the great effort she is making with her swimming For the great contributions he is making during class discussions
Room 10	St John Bosco	Ryan Gouder Talia White-Shaw	For always being organised and prepared for learning For taking great pride in all of your learning
Room 11	St Dominic	Tom Hollier Dylan Wijaya	For trying hard with a broken arm For making an excellent start to Room 11 and New Zealand

ALTAR SERVERS

Sunday 23rd February 9am Mass:

Jonty Unwin, Sehun Kim, Jack Graney

Sunday 23rd February 5pm Mass:

Rhuaridh Williamson, Ollie Gardiner, Gemma Eagles

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property will be out on display next Tuesday. Please take the time to have a look through and reclaim any lost items. Anything unclaimed will be donated to the clothing bin.

PTA MEETING

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - PRAYER

In class the children have been learning that Prayer is a time of building a strong relationship with God. That means there is a time for talking to God and also a time for listening to God. Sometimes we pray in the company of others but at other times we pray on our own. Jesus showed his disciples how to pray, and taught them the most universal Christian prayer "The Lord's Prayer". As Catholics, we firmly believe in the power of prayer. We know that God will respond to our prayers in God's own time and way; prayer is not a 'quick fix' exercise, it is our developing bond with our Father.

"Ask and you will be given, seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks the door will be opened" (Matthew 7:7-8)

TEAM KERERU

No Team Kereru assembly this week.

THIS WEEK'S SPORTING NEWS...

BASKETBALL

Games for this Thursday at Pettigrew Green Arena:

Year 3/4

Reignier Lakers vs GMS bulls at 4pm

Reignier Heat vs Clive 4 at 4pm

Reignier Hawks vs Clive 6 at 4.30pm

Reignier Thunder vs Tamatea Heat at 4.30pm

Year 5/6

Reignier Saints vs Porritt Lightening at 3.30pm

Reignier Spurs vs Swish White at 4pm

Reignier Hornets vs Porritt Hotshots at 5.30pm

CRICKET RESULTS

Year 3/4 Cricket

Reignier Stags vs Marewa. Reignier won 67 runs to 50 runs.

POD's - Harry Unwin and Liam Quinney

Year 5/6 Cricket

Reignier 'B' vs Arthur Miller. Reignier won 129 runs to 54 runs.

POD - Harry Campbell

Reignier 1st 11 vs Nelson Park. Nelson Park won 156-58.

Batting POD's – Ryan Gouder and Bradley Campbell

Bowling POD's – James Ericksen

INTERCITY JUNIOR RUGBY

Children who are interested in playing club rugby this year should have brought home a notice with club information and weigh-in information. If your child missed getting one of these notices, please ask them to come and see Mr Jenyns in Room 10.

NAPIER MARIST FOOTBALL CLUB

Junior Football Registrations for 2014 are available online now at www.maristfc.co.nz There will also be a registration evening on Monday 3rd March from 5.00-8.00pm at the club rooms. Any enquires please email juniors@maristfc.co.nz

SWIMMING COACHING

Just a reminder that all classes will be involved in swimming coaching for the next 2 weeks. Please ensure your child has their togs at school every day so they can get the most out of the coaching.

THIS WEEK'S CULTURAL NEWS...

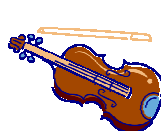
Term 1—Arts Focus is Dance

CHOIR

Choir will begin this week for children in Years 4-6. Choir practices will be held on Wednesdays at the beginning of lunch and Thursday mornings at 8.30am in the hall. If your child has not already done so and is still interested in joining the choir please have them see Mrs Mellon in Room 1 asap.

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.



SNAPSHOTS OF THE WEEK...

