



REIGNIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Tena Koutou Katoa

Greetings everyone

Thank you all for a very busy and productive term. We have achieved a huge amount in just 11 weeks. The students have made a great start to this year of learning and have earned a restful and recharging holiday. This term has involved many Special Character events and lots of sport. This week is Holy Week, a very important time in the Church year. We will follow the passion of Jesus through to his crucifixion and resurrection. Congratulations to Sophie Gouder who received the sacrament of Baptism on Sunday 13th April. I would like to personally thank the teachers and staff for their hard work and commitment. It has been a happy, successful term. As you know, I will be on sabbatical next term so will leave you in the very capable hands of our two Deputy Principals. Sheryl Riceman will be released from her class to attend to the day to day administration tasks, and will be available to parents if needed. I wish you all a very happy Easter and a restful holiday, and I will look forward to seeing you all again early in Term 3 when I return. God bless you all.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Thursday 17th	Stations of the Cross 2pm at St Mary's Church All students will be attending and we extend a warm invitation to family and friends who would like to join us
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UPCOMING EVENTS

6 th May	Kelly Sports for Year 0-4
9 th May	Wacky Hair Walkathon

UNIFORM FOR TERM 2

From the beginning of Term 2 until Queen's Birthday will be a transition for school uniform. During this time, children can wear either their winter or summer uniform, or a mix of both. We still expect that all aspects of uniform worn are to be within the school policy. If students do not yet have black winter lace up shoes we will expect them to be wearing their sandals, not sneakers etc. After Queen's Birthday or by Week 5 children should be in winter uniform.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to the following 34 children who made their First Reconciliation on Sunday.

Marcus Allan	Ethan Boyd	Ella Brassington
Harry Campbell	Georgie Chapman	Abigail Gardiner
Adam Gregory	Sophie Gouder	Charlotte Halpin
Vincent Jones	Emelie Kane	Sam Macintosh
Genevieve Massey	Helena Mills	Natasha Moore-Smith
John O'Connor	Kate O'Connor	Hugo Philp
Liam Quinney	Ella Saunders	Max Signal
Lexie Sugden	Carter Frame-Tavita	Harry Unwin
Jack Walling	Sasha Ward	Emilie White
Isabella Briggs	Theo Roberts	Tre Jeffares
Hannah Rich	Hugo Minor	Conrad Awatere-Madden
Heath Awatere-Madden		

ANZAC DAY

I have had very few offers to participate next Friday. I will need to know if you are coming so I can order poppies. Please let us know if you are intending to take part in the parade this year and attend the service as a school representative. Could all children attending come in full summer uniform.

NAPIER CIVIC FIELDS OF REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Monday the 14th April Mr Jenyns and our school leaders participated in the Napier Civic Field of Remembrance Day. Despite the wet weather they represented Reignier School with pride and due respect at this special occasion and we thank them for this.

Ma te Atua koutou e tiaki

God bless you all.

Julia Johnson

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS...

ALTAR SERVERS

Sunday 20th April 5pm Mass:

Noel Castelino, Zachary Picone

GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS...

ALTAR SERVERS

We require altar servers for Holy Thursday Mass at 7.30pm, Good Friday at 3pm and Sunday 9am. These are special masses in which it a lovely opportunity to be a part of. Please contact Terry Manning or see Maree Paterson at school if you can help.

BANKING

If children still wish to bring in school banking this week you are welcome to, it will be processed on Thursday instead of Friday.

LANDSCAPING

If there is anyone out there who has access to top soil and/or landscaping supplies please ring the school office 844 2144 or Lara Hollier on 844 4910.

MORNING TEA—SAVE THE DATE

On Friday 16 May (Week 2, Term 2) from 11am we will be hosting a morning tea for all new families and any other families within the school to come and have morning tea with us. This is a good opportunity to meet other new and existing families in the school and ask any questions in a relaxed friendly environment. Please mark you calendars now and come along.

READING CINEMA REWARDS PROGRAM

Coming home this week with your child will be a Reading Cinema—School Reward Program Sheet. If you see a movie during the holidays please take a coupon with you.

The school earns free movie vouchers from this program

CLASS AWARDS—CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE CHILDREN

Room 5	St Gerard	Molly Cardwell-Dray	For always showing enthusiasm in all areas of learning
		Tre Jeffares	For always showing perseverance when completing tasks
Room 6	St Francis	Emilie White	For great writing
		Amberley Chang	For always putting 100% effort into all her work
Room 9	St Bridget	James Ericksen	For the wonderful effort he is putting into his Maths
		Paige Sayer	For the fantastic work she is doing in Maths
Room 10	St John Bosco	Lucy Harvey	For showing excellent thinking and persistence on challenging tasks in Maths
		Maia Cochrane	For her excellent attitude and effort towards all learning
Room 11	St Dominic	Kelly Minehan	For being a fantastic Catholic role model showing Reignier virtues
		Catriona Williamson	For extra effort in Maths and during class discussions

are then used as prizes in our token draws at the end of each term.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Today was the last day for ordering—NO further orders will be accepted.

WACKY HAIR WALKATHON

Please keep getting sponsors for the Walkathon over the holidays. If you have misplaced your form please see Mrs Gouder in the office before the holidays. Forms are due back Week 1, Term 2. Walkathon is now Friday 9th May.

THIS WEEK'S SPORTING NEWS...

BASKETBALL *Results from last week:*

Year 3/4

Reignier Heat lost to Porritt Wasps 13–22.

POD's – the whole team

Well done to Reignier Heat for coming second in the competition – a great effort.

Reignier Hawks lost to Tamatea 10–36.

POD's - the whole team

Reignier Thunder beat Clive 23–6.

POD's – the whole team

Reignier Lakers beat AMS Green 20–8.

POD's – the whole team

Congratulations to the Reignier Lakers for winning the final...an outstanding effort.

Year 5/6

Reignier Saints vs Tamata Pistons - game cancelled due to power cut

Reignier Spurs vs Porritt Lightening - game cancelled due to power cut

Reignier Hornets lost to Tamatea Rebels 15–34.

POD's Lucy Harvey and Caitlin Wilson

Another huge thanks must go to all of the parents who have helped coach and manage a team this term. Your time, encouragement and support has been hugely appreciated – Thanks!

BASKETBALL HOLIDAY CAMP

The next Basketball Hawkes Bay Holiday camp will be held 28 April – 2 May. Monday to Thursday will be at PGA with Friday at Centennial Event Centre. The coaching staff will include players from the new season IMS Hawks team. Half day camp for 5-7 year olds and full days for 8 and over.

Go to www.basketballhawkesbay.co.nz for more information and registration forms. OSCAR subsidies available for qualifying families.

MAGPIES HOLIDAY PROGRAM

HB Rugby will be running the Magpies Holiday Programme again in the upcoming holidays. The dates are set for the 2nd week from Monday 28th April – Friday 2nd May. The programme is developed to cater from kids aged 7-12 years old and they are split over different days, cost is \$40 dollars per person per day. This is a great way for the kids to up skill in rugby. The coaches for the program are current and upcoming magpies players. For more information you can follow the link below.

<http://www.sportsground.co.nz/hbru/79204/1>

NETBALL

As Julia is on Sabbatical next term I will be overseeing our school netball. Coaches and teams will be confirmed this week. Thank you Rachael Quinney.

SWIMMING SPORTS

Our apologies for the mistake made in last week's newsletter for the 9 year old girls freestyle final...please see the correct placings below.

9 year old girls – Freestyle length Final

1st – Madelin Herbert

2nd – Imogen Lovell

3rd – Amelia Otto

SOME WRITING FROM ROOM 8...

Jesus was walking to Jerusalem. Jesus got tired of walking so he asked his disciples to find a donkey. They walked down to the town and walked to a place where there was a donkey. They got a donkey that hadn't been ridden before. A person asked, "why are you taking the donkey?" "The master needs it." "Ok." They took the donkey and Jesus rode the donkey into Jerusalem. A humongous crowd came. They were yelling "hosanna, hosanna. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the King!" The leaders got angry seeing the big crowd! When Jesus saw the people were selling stuff in the temple he got really angry and he smashed everything. He yelled "This is a house of prayer. You have turned it into a den of thieves!"

By Poutama Watson, Year 3

Jesus and his disciples were going to Jerusalem. Jesus said "I am not going to walk anymore." He asked his disciples "please go and get me a donkey." Jesus rode the small and helpless donkey into Jerusalem. Crowds of people came to see Jesus. They waved palms and shouted as loud as they could hosanna, hosanna. Blessed is the King. The leaders of the temple became angry and jealous of Jesus. Jesus went to the temple to pray. When he got there he saw people trading things for money. He bellowed "This is a house of prayer. You have turned it into a den of thieves. Now get Out."

By Keisha Massey, Year 3

Reignier Catholic School Board of Trustees Update – Term One 2014

Hi everyone,

As always term one has been very busy for the board and below is an update on some of the key things we've been focusing on and the highlights of the year so far. The key things that the board has worked on this term are;

1. A strategic planning session ensuring our strategic direction is still relevant, exciting and fresh (see below).
2. Submitting the School Charter to the Ministry (including the goals for 2014 and reporting on 2013 results against 2013 targets).
3. Undertaking Julia's 2013 Performance Appraisal and setting her 2014 Performance Goals.
4. Preparing the 2013 Annual Report for the auditors.
5. Continuing the cyclical self-review of all our school policies (so far this year we have done Uniform, Catholic Character and Curriculum).

Of course there are many other matters that the board will have also addressed or discussed during the term so if there is ever anything in particular you want to know about or discuss just let us know.

Highlights of the term – Hall Update

As we updated at the end of last year Catholic Schools Board Ltd (CSBL) were very keen to ensure their work to replace our old hall could align with the school's original vision for a new hall and ongoing fundraising efforts towards that. Along with the PTA we are delighted that this project has now been approved to proceed to the design stage and CSBL will project manage it for us.

At a high level, the new hall will sit on the site of classroom 12 at the front of the school. The old hall will be demolished once the new hall is completed leaving us with a "clean" space. The total value of the new hall will be just over \$500K, of which the PTA will be contributing \$110K (plus an additional approx. \$10K for the demolition of the classrooms). CSBLs contribution is based on the cost to bring the existing hall up to current building standard (approx. \$300K) plus an additional \$100K to recognize the input from our PTA.

As a board representing our school community (past, present and future) we are incredibly grateful to CSBL for the approach. We are also incredibly grateful to our PTA who over many years have fundraised to get us to this point. The board is not able to use the government funding we received to operate and maintain the school on building projects such as this so quite simply, without the fundraising efforts of our PTA, and the generosity of our community this project would not be at the stage it is.

The next few months will see CSBL move through the requirements and design stages with us and then the consent and tendering stages. It is likely that the demolition of the classrooms and build start will be around October, with a completed hall opened and operating in term two 2015.

We look forward to updating you on this project throughout the rest of the year. If you ever have any questions please contact myself, Julia or our PTA Chairperson Kim Vercoe.

Strategic Plan

The board and senior staff reviewed our strategic plan at the beginning of the year and have set five high level goals. Over the next three years the following are our identified priorities that will form the basis of our strategic planning and the focus for school development:

1. Excellent achievement in Literacy and Numeracy
2. Outstanding Staff
3. Strong, visible Catholic Faith
4. Efficient, effective and responsible E-learners
5. An optimum roll

We look forward to sharing the strategic plan with you next term. As always we will be interested to receive your feedback and will keep you informed about progress against these goals.

We wish you and all the children and staff a relaxed, happy and holy Easter break. We look forward to seeing everyone back and refreshed in term two and wish Julia all the very best for her sabbatical!

God bless

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Jones', written in a cursive style.

Patrick Jones
Chairperson

SNAPSHOTS OF THE WEEK...

