



# REIGNIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Tena Koutou Katoa Greetings everyone

This week we warmly welcome Stephanie Powell (Room 1) and Micah Arnold (Room 1) and their families to our school community.

**“Well the show, Quest on the Blue Planet, is showing as of tonight, at the Napier Municipal Theatre.”**

**Please come along and support the students and adults who have worked so hard to put this wonderful show together.**

Thank you for supporting the recent parent interviews and taking the opportunity to learn more about your child’s learning pathway. The two evenings were a successful way of keeping you informed about your child’s progress and we enjoyed the opportunity to share with you all in this way.

Term accounts went home last Friday, if you did not receive one you have a nil balance.

Next term the Year 5 and 6 students have a camp to Wellington scheduled. With rising costs and details yet to be finalised it is important to remember that you can set up payment installments through the office should this be a preferred option. Please don’t hesitate to see Karyn or Blair regarding this.

Congratulations to our student gymnasts who represented us with flair, flexibility and pride last week at the Junior and Senior Gym competitions. Thank you to the staff who supported the students in this venture, Raelene Cronin, Pip Brooker and Catherine Cawston.

Thank you Blair Jenyns for supporting the students in the Technology Challenge last Wednesday night and at the Rippa Rugby Tournament last Friday.

It is wonderful for the students to have access to these varied educational activities outside the classroom and staff so willing to give extra to make these events available.

Huge thanks must also go to Erin Smith and her team of helpers who have worked tirelessly alongside the Year 5 and 6 students and staff to make this production a reality. There are many people who have contributed and for this we are truly grateful.

## THE WEEK AHEAD AND THE COMING WEEKS

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Production performance 7pm at Municipal Theatre
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Production performance 7pm at Municipal Theatre
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day of Term 2

### Term 3 , Week 1

23 <sup>rd</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Piwakawaka Team visiting the HB Museum and Art Gallery to participate in the Art in Action programme. A note with details to follow.
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Matariki celebration in the evening

## SAVE THE DATE

**Matariki Celebration on Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> July.**

Our Matariki Celebration will closely follow the format of last year. Please put this date in your calendar now as the celebration is planned for the third day back next term.

The celebration will be held at **Tareha Park** beginning in the **Taradale Rugby** clubrooms at **5pm**.

You will need to bring:

- A plate of dinner/finger food ready to share, heated and sliced if need be, on a well named plate
- A cup for milo
- Lantern or torch (instructions below if making one of these lanterns is a holiday project.)

### Lantern Making

- To do this you clean out an old tin can (baked bean and spaghetti cans are perfect).
- Freeze some water in them. This makes it easier to get a nail or screwdriver or any other ‘sharpish’ instrument and poke holes and patterns in the outside.
- Don’t forget to poke two holes up the top to thread a non-melting handle through and then find a stick or a ‘holder’ to carry it with or put an old fork or similar object straight in to the can to hold it with.
- Place a tea light down the bottom and we are all ready to go!
- This is a great family activity and a fantastic way to get your child/ren thinking and working together. We can’t wait to see all the lanterns that you create!
- Torches are more than welcome too, for when the tea lights give up!



## ROUTINES AND REMINDERS

The focus virtue for the month of July is **Compassion**. Let us take the time to find compassion especially for those who have less than us and struggle with access to basic provision of good food, clean water, warmth, shelter and love.

Term 2 has been busy and full of great learning. I wish you all a restful and relaxing holiday break enjoying the company of family and friends.

Ma te Atua koutou e tiaki

God bless you all.

Sheryl Riceman

## THIS WEEK’S PARISH NEWS...

### ALTAR SERVERS

**Sunday 6th July 9am Mass:**

Ollie Gardiner, Jack Graney

**Sunday 6th July 5pm Mass:**

Isaac Pilcher, Minehan Family

## GENERAL NEWS...

### SCHOOL PRODUCTION TICKET INFORMATION

The Reignier Catholic School Year 5 & 6 children present ‘**Quest on the Blue Planet**’. Tuesday 1 July and Thursday 3 July at 7pm. Napier Municipal Theatre. Tickets on sale through Ticketek. \$10 each plus a booking fee. Online or at the Municipal Theatre. 0800 842 538 <http://premier.ticketek.co.nz/> Lots of fun for all ages!

## CLASS AWARDS—CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE CHILDREN

Room 1	St Paul	Sam White	For being a responsible boy in Room 1
		Hannah Boyd	For excellent progress in Maths
Room 3	St Mary McKillop	Lachlan Ward	For great story writing
		Francesca Pilcher	For great reading
Room 4	St Therese	James O'Carroll	For his great problem solving in Maths
		Gavin Mear	For participating with enthusiasm
Room 8	St Anne	Olivia Molloy	For her beautiful artwork and presentation in her books
		Callia Murfin	For ensuring her work is of a high quality by using her best handwriting and spelling words carefully
		Pippa Giddens	For fantastic progress in reading
Room 5	St Gerard		NO ASSEMBLY LAST WEEK
Room 6	St Francis		NO ASSEMBLY LAST WEEK
Room 9	St Bridget		NO ASSEMBLY LAST WEEK
Room 10	St John Bosco		NO ASSEMBLY LAST WEEK
Room 11	St Dominic		NO ASSEMBLY LAST WEEK

### SCHOOL PRODUCTION RAFFLE

Books of five tickets have been sent home. Please return the sold book and money to the office now! Thank you.

### SCHOOL PRODUCTION WARDROBE

Many thanks to the people that lent us items for the school production. We would appreciate it if you could call into Room 12 on Friday and collect your clothes.

### TEAM KERERU ASSEMBLY

This Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July. Room 10 children will be leading this.

### TEAM PIWAKAWAKA ASSEMBLY

This Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July. Room 2 children will be leading this.

### TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE 2014

Well done to Jonty Unwin, Bradley Campbell, Sam Williams-Smith, Liam Halpin, Jack Wilton, Isaac Pilcher, Micah Jardine, Logan MacIsaac, Talia White Shaw, Ben Sloan, Charlotte Lancaster and Amaia Watson who represented Reignier Catholic School at the Technology Challenge last Wednesday. It was a challenging task to build the tallest possible free-standing tower that had the ability to raise a flag. Even though none of our teams won a placing, they had had a great time and worked as a team – well done!

### **PTA NEWS...**

### TRIVIA NIGHT

Mark your calendars NOW...**Friday 8th August!** To be held at St Mary's Parish Centre. 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. \$10 per person or \$60 per table of 6. CASH BAR ONLY! BYO Nibbles. Bring gold coins for games throughout the evening. Limited tickets. Tickets on sale from Monday 21st July.

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

#### BASKETBALL Year 3/4 Basketball results from last week;

##### *Division 1:*

Reignier **Saints** lost to Henry Hill Thunder 24–60.

POD—Ben Graney

##### *Division 2:*

Reignier **Heat** lost to Henry Hill Warriors 21–23.

POD's—The whole team

Reignier **Hawks** lost to Taradale Nuggets 10–19.

POD—Marisa Harada

**All games to be played at Centennial Hall**

**Draw for this Wednesday 2nd July:**

##### *Division 1:*

Reignier **Saints** vs Central Hawks at 5pm – Court 1

##### *Division 2:*

Reignier **Heat** vs Eskdale Ravens at 4pm – Court 4

Reignier **Hawks** vs Taradale Nuggets at 4pm – Court 3

**A huge thanks for any parents who have helped with the Basketball teams this term. We wouldn't be able to have the amount of teams we do without such support. Thank you so much!!!**

#### HOCKEY Results from last week;

Reignier **Pulse** won 2-0.

POD—Josh Goddard

Reignier **Mystics** lost.

POD—Brooke Lee

Reignier **Magic** won.

POD—Charli Pink

There is NO hockey practise this week.

#### NETBALL

##### *Results from last week;*

Reignier **Ferns** played St Pats.

POD—Sasha Ward

Reignier **Magic** lost.

POD—Pippa Giddens

Reignier **Stars** lost to Taradale.

POD—Lilly Aston

Reignier **Raiders** beat St Pats 10-0.

POD's—Amaia Watson and Lucy Smith

#### RIPPA RUGBY

##### *Results from last week;*

Reignier Hurricanes/Magpies beat Richmond School 26 – 24.

POD's—Ryan Gouder and Sehun Kim

##### **Draw for this Wednesday 2nd July:**

Reignier Hurricanes vs Reignier Magpies at Reignier School.

**Could the Reignier Magpies please wear a white or black t-shirt for this game.**

**A huge thanks for any parents who have helped with the Rippa Rugby teams this term. Your assistance and support it always hugely appreciated. Thanks so much!!!**

#### RIPPA RUGBY TOURNAMENT

Well done to Jonty Unwin, Bradley Campbell, Matthew Quinney, Ollie Gardiner, Sam Williams-Smith, Dylan Homan, Sam Lack, Lily Giddens, Abbie Gardiner and Hannah Cotter who represented Reignier Catholic School at the Napier Rippa Rugby Tournament last Friday. They all played so well as a team, winning 4 out of their 5 pool games. The team finished 4<sup>th</sup> overall (out of 16 teams) and they can be very proud of themselves. Well done!

## Reignier Catholic School Board of Trustees Update – Term Two 2014

Hi everyone,

Term Two has seemed rather short but nonetheless very busy for the board. Below is an update on some of the key things we've been focusing on this term.

### 2013 Annual Report

This was signed off by the auditors and submitted to the Ministry on time. The school finances and property continue to be managed responsibly and we are in a sound financial position. If you ever wanted to read the annual report and accounts, a copy is available in the office.

### Hall Update

At this stage the project is still running to plan. We have been presented with several draft plans and are getting close to seeing the final design which will go to tender.

### Strategic Plan Priorities

Following on from our strategic plan refresh at the beginning of the year, this term the board has explored more deeply three of our five strategic priorities, as outlined below;

#### Strong, visible Catholic Faith

In June, Bishop Charles ran a presentation for trustees and teachers on "*The Catholic Education of School-Age Children*". This is a document about our Catholic education system and has been prepared by the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference. In it the Bishops have set out their thoughts about the system, the principles which should underpin its operation, and their concerns and hopes for the young people who move through it.

The document is a very good read, at times both inspiring and challenging. It can be found here if you are interested <http://www.catholic.org.nz/news/fx-view-article.cfm?ctype=BSART&loadref=51&id=322>

As a board we will continue to reflect on the document and how what we do at Reignier delivers on its intentions and areas where we could be doing better.

#### Modern Learning Environments (MLEs) and Pedagogy

We have been undertaking some professional development to learn more about MLEs. Whilst physical MLEs in a school are important they (like IT equipment) are only enablers of a modern learning pedagogy. What we have been learning is both enlightening and exciting and much of what we do at Reignier might already be considered quite "modern" in terms of teaching pedagogy (for example the "share the learning" evenings). Nonetheless the need for boards to understand such matters and ensure that our physical and technological infrastructure is matched to the needs of our teaching approach and what our families expect is what will keep our school current and relevant to you and your children and our future families.

#### An optimum roll

Many families will remember back to 2007/2008 when the roll was hitting very high levels of approx. 290-300. Whilst rolls at that level bring their own pressures (space, class sizes etc.) high rolls also enable greater economies of scale in terms of delivering the very broad curriculum that Reignier does. Obviously over the following years as those very large year groups moved through and smaller groups of new entrants were enrolled the roll declined. The current roll of our school is approx. 204 children and is forecast to be about 210-215 by the end of the year.

In order to ensure that our future financial budgeting is prudent and sustainable we are currently working to understand what an "optimum" roll might be. An optimum roll is a roll that would generate a level of government funding that allows us to continue to deliver what we currently do and wouldn't require us to either use reserves or fundraise excessively to deliver what we do. Identifying an optimum number is largely a numbers based analysis but is an important background component of all our future planning. Alongside this we continue to develop and implement strategies to ensure we are the first choice of school for Catholic children in our community. For example, we have been working on an increased presence in local preschools to ensure families know who we are and we are very pleased with the enquiries and visits we are getting to school. We are always so happy when we hear potential families saying what great things they have heard about our school, we know everyone plays a role in that so we thank you all.

#### Trustee details

As always 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. We are working on making some board meetings each year more accessible (perhaps a day time meeting) to give people a chance to see what goes on at a meeting and also to provide a forum where we can present and explore what our strategic plan and priorities mean to you. We are also currently in the process of updating trustee details on the school website so that you can easily contact trustees or even just know who we are if you ever wanted to discuss anything.

We wish you and all the children and staff a relaxed break, we certainly hope everyone gets the chance to reenergise and refresh! We look forward to seeing everyone back in Term Three, particularly Julia who returns to school following her sabbatical in week two of Term Three. On that note, we would like to say a huge thank you to Sheryl Riceman for stepping up as Principal this term and leading us, we certainly were in very capable hands.

God bless



Patrick Jones  
Chairperson

# SNAPSHOTS OF THE WEEK...



**REIGNIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL PTA PRESENTS**

**TRIVIA NIGHT**

Date: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August  
Time: 7pm for a 7:30pm start

Venue: St Mary's Parish Centre  
Tickets: \$10 per ticket or \$60 for a table of 6  
Book through the School office from 21<sup>st</sup> July

**BYO NIBBLES, CASH BAR ONLY!**  
Be in Quick ..... Limited Tickets!

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