



REIGNIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Greetings everyone

AT A GLANCE—WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?

Wednesday 17th	School Photos—Catch Up Morning
Friday 19th	Junior Endurance Run Sausage Sizzle
Monday 22nd	Senior Camp—Years 5 & 6

UPCOMING EVENTS

22 nd — 26 th	Senior Camp
26 th	End of Term

BOT MEETING

Our monthly Board meeting will be held tomorrow Wednesday 17th September, but will be held at 12.30pm in Room 7. We have decided to have it at this time so parents can have the opportunity to attend, see what happens in a Board meeting and catch up with some of the topical discussions around student achievement and strategic direction. We invite any parents interested to attend.

BANGERS AND MATHS

Thank you to all families who attended our Bangers and Maths evening last week. It was fantastic to see so many parents and children taking part. Dinah Harvey was blown away by the enthusiasm and interest displayed, and it is the mark of success when there is that much interest shown in the children's learning. We hope you all managed to take something away from the evening that will help you to help your children. A big thanks to our teachers, especially Mr J and Mrs Riceman for organizing the evening and to Mr Riceman who came along to cook the sausages. We also thank Dinah Harvey for giving up her evening to share her wonderful knowledge and expertise.

GALA

The countdown is on! Our gala is scheduled for Saturday the 8th November. Please start bringing in 'stuff' for selling and keep an eye on the newsletter each week for the weekly donations. We really need you all to get behind it to make it a success. This is our major fundraiser for the year, and will only be successful if everyone pitches in. If you are unsure of how to help, please come to the office and we will point you in the right direction. Each year bonds are formed and new friendships made through the gala. It's a great way to meet other parents and become more involved in the school community.

ENDURANCE RUN

Come along and cheer on our Years 0-2 students as they challenge themselves to an endurance run on Friday at 11.45. Stop for lunch afterwards with your children and other parents.

TERM ACCOUNTS

We would gratefully accept payments of these accounts before the end of term. Thank you.

UNIFORM TRANSITION

From the beginning of next term until Labour weekend we will have a uniform transition period, so students can wear either winter or summer uniform, depending on the weather. You may like to use the holidays to pull out the summer uniform items, check sizing and wear and purchase any new items, especially sandals. From Labour weekend until the end of the year, students will be in full summer uniform.

CAMP

On Monday the seniors will be leaving for camp from the Guppy Rd staff car park. We encourage all other families to use either the Moeller St gate or Chester St for dropping off children on Monday morning. The buses will be here at about 8.30 am.

Ma te Atua koutou e tiaki

God bless you all.

Julia Johnson

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS...

ALTAR SERVERS

Sunday 21st September 9am Mass:

Noel Castellino, Zachary Picone

Sunday 21st September 5pm Mass:

Ben Sloan, John O'Connor, Kate O'Connor

BAPTISM PREPARATION MINISTRY

The Parish is asking for volunteers to help with this important ministry. Ideally suited to couples who practice their faith together, but open to individuals as well, we help prepare families for Baptism of their first child. After training, which would involve attendance at both the October and November sessions, ministers would be asked to lead the bi-monthly session to introduce families to the spirituality and the practicalities of the Baptism ceremony. Full support and training available from the Priests of the Parish. Please leave your name with your Parish Secretary or contact Fr Mike.

GENERAL NEWS...

HELPING WITH MATHS AT HOME

Over the next series of school newsletters we will include some ideas that you can do to support your child's maths learning at home. These ideas have come from Jo Boaler, a professor of mathematics education at Stanford University. She believes that one of the most important contributions you can make is to dispel the idea that only some children can be successful in maths, or that maths is some sort of gift that some children have and some do not. This idea is a damaging myth that is harmful to children's mathematical development. Everyone can achieve at the highest levels of Maths at school, if given the right opportunities and support.

CLASS AWARDS—CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE CHILDREN

Room 1	St Paul	Xavier Labat	For excellent focus in Maths
Room 2	St Angela	Minudi Wickramarathna	For speaking with gentleness
Room 3	St Mary McKillop	Charlie Allan	For speaking with gentleness
Room 4	St Therese	George Briggs	For speaking with gentleness
Room 8	St Anne	Rose Jones	For wonderful art
Room 5	St Gerard	Jyde Low	For great handwriting
Room 6	St Francis	Adalyn Homan	For super reading comprehension
Room 9	St Bridget	Ruby Robinson	For great focus at jump jam
Room 10	St John Bosco	Kate Young	For excellent thinking and valuable contributions to discussion
Room 11	St Dominic	Finn Devereux	For fantastic problem solving in multiplication
		Molly Campbell	For your expressive and fluent reading
		Lily Doolan	For excellent progress in Maths knowledge
		Helena Mills	For showing perseverance when completing tasks
		Lexie Sugden	For growing confidence in Maths understanding and strategy
		Theo Roberts	For excellent Maths thinking
		Baylie Young	For fantastic improvement in Maths knowledge and strategy
		Jemma Rumble	For fantastic perseverance with her Maths thinking
		Isaac Pilcher	For making huge progress in Maths
		Peata Kaio	For always showing personal excellence
		Fred Sugden	For speaking with gentleness and correctly solving Maths word problems
		Natasha Moore-Smith	For a much improved cross country effort

Idea number 1: Never praise children by telling them they are smart...This may seem encouraging but it is a fixed ability message that can be damaging. When children are told they are 'smart', they often feel good, but later when they fail in some situation, as everyone does, they think "Hmm, I am not so smart". Always praise what children have done, instead of the person e.g. "It is wonderful that you have learned how to add numbers", not "Wow, you can add numbers, you are so smart". Praise hard work, persistence, making errors and effort.

KAPAHAKA—REMINDER

All Year 5 children will be performing in the Kapahaka festival at Taradale Intermediate in the second week of term 4 (21 & 22 Oct at 7pm). A notice regarding this will be sent home this week.

PIWAKAWAKA ENDURANCE CHALLENGE YEAR 0-2

Friday 19th September at 11.45am on the Reignier School Field. Children are to wear their House Colour (shorts, t-shirts) and sneakers. Come and cheer your child on!!!

TEAM KERERU ASSEMBLY

This Friday 18th September – Room 5 will be leading this. There will be **NO** Team Kereru assembly in Week 10 due to our Year 5 / 6 children being on camp.

TEAM PIWAKAWAKA ASSEMBLY

This Friday 18th September – Room 8 will be leading this.

YEAR 5/6 CAMP WELLINGTON: 22ND – 26TH SEPTEMBER

This week the Year 5/6 will be spending a lot of time doing activities in preparation for camp. We know this is going to be an excellent week for all of the children and they are getting really excited. Please see your child's teacher if you need another gear list. Like other camps, we would appreciate every family donating some baking for the week and this can be dropped off Monday morning – thanks for your support with this. We will meet in the front car park on the Monday morning at 8.30am (this is when we will check children's medication). If you have further questions, please not hesitate to ask your child's teacher.

THIS WEEK'S SPORTING NEWS...

BASKETBALL

Results from last week:

Year 3/4:

Division 1:

Reignier **Heat** beat Porritt Wasps 35-21.

POD—Cailin Marlow

Division 2:

Reignier **Hawks** lost to GMS Breakers 26-28.

POD—Pippa Giddens and Tré Jeffares

Reignier **Thunder** lost to Porritt Hornets 22-42.

POD—The Whole Team

Division 3:

Reignier **Lakers** lost to Tamatea Heat 22-36.

POD—Sasha Ward

Year 5/6:

Division 2:

Reignier **Saints** lost to Porritt Titans 38-46.

POD's—Max Signal

Draw for this Thursday 18th September

Year 3/4:

Division 1:

Reignier **Heat** vs GMS Suns at 4.15pm — Court 1

Division 2:

Reignier **Hawks** vs Puketapu Mavericks at 4.15pm — Court 1b

Reignier **Thunder** vs Taradale Wizards at 4.45pm — Court 1b

Division 3:

Reignier **Lakers** vs Taradale Nuggets at 4.15pm — Court 1c

Year 5/6:

Division 2:

Reignier **Saints** vs Taradale Warriors at 4.45pm — Court 2

A huge thanks needs to go to all of the parents who have helped out with a team this term. Without such support we wouldn't be able to enter as many teams as we do. Thanks so much!

A notice for Term 4 Basketball should have come home with your child last week and these are **due back on Wednesday 17th September** as the teams need to be sorted before Mr J goes on Camp in Week 10. Once again, basketball is proving to be very popular with many notes already being returned. **As this stage, we are going to need more parent help so we can enter more teams and have smaller sized teams. Please see Mr J if you can assist with this but didn't indicate it on the note.** We really do appreciate any support you can give.

YEAR 5/6 WEDNESDAY TACKLE RUGBY

Draw for this Wednesday 17th September:

Reignier vs Bledisloe at Bledisloe School.

Please note that this will be the last game of the season due to Camp. Thanks to all the parents for your support on the side-line this term—much appreciated.



IT'S GALA TIME!



Reignier Catholic School Gala Saturday 8th November at 11am

Reignier's annual school gala is only 8 weeks away so please mark your calendars now. A gala committee has been working hard behind the scenes and now we need some help to provide prizes for stalls, raffles, lucky dips etc.

A flyer was sent home yesterday, asking families to donate **one** item each week for the next **six** weeks to help fill our prize quota for stalls. These donations are crucial to our success, so we ask you to read the flyer - keep it somewhere if you can and please add an item to your weekly shopping list.

We have the option this year for you to make a one off donation if that is easier for your family. If you do opt for this, please ignore the countdown notices in the upcoming newsletters.

Second hand goods you wish to donate such as books, magazines, toys, clothes, linen and Crafts, can be bought in anytime and left by the PTA notice board. Sorry but we cannot accept TV's so please don't bring these in.

The Gala Countdown Has Begun... This week's it's a MYSTERY BOTTLE

Please bring in your **bottle**...wine, soft drink, shampoo, chocolate sauce – anything that forms the shape of a bottle. This will be for the mystery bottle stall so you may just end up winning it back!

Next week...a lucky dip item. We ask families to donate a small **new** item appropriate for our lucky dip. Ideas include; hair ties, clips, stationery, matchbox Cars, small toys etc.

Thank you and God Bless, The Gala Committee

Date:	Items Required:
15th September Week 1	MYSTERY BOTTLE Wine, soft drink, shampoo, chocolate sauce etc.
22nd September Week 2	LUCKY DIP ITEM Hair Clips, stickers, stationery, toy cars or any other small, new item.
13th October Week 3	MYSTERY ENVELOPE A new item suitable for a prize.
20th October Week 4	FROZEN CHICKEN Chickens, chickens and more chickens!!!
27th October Week 5	GROCERY ITEM AND SWEET STALL Grocery item and a bag of soft lollies or an ingredient for sweet making (cocoa, sugar etc).
3rd November Week 6	RAFFLE WHEEL PRIZES Boxes of chocolates, wine and any goods that would create interest for a good prize.

GALA PRESERVES + PRODUCE

If you would be interested in growing vegetables or bottling fruit, making jams and/or pickles please can contact the school office on Ph: 844 2144 or email admin@reignier.school.nz



YUMMY STICKERS

Please keep sending these in! They will be collated and sent off at the end of term!



Reminder:

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE
AFTER JUNIOR
ENDURANCE RUN!**
This Friday 19th
September. \$1.50 per
sausage!



SNAPSHOTS OF THE WEEK...

