



REIGNIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Tena Koutou Katoa
Greetings everyone

AT A GLANCE—WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?

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| 22 nd — 26 th | Senior Camp—Years 5 & 6 |
| 26 th | End of Term 3 |

Another term down and one to go. We wish all the Year 5 and 6 students a wonderful week on camp in Wellington and pray that they stay safe. Thank you for all your support and hard work this term. It has certainly gone quickly. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Come back refreshed and rested ready for a busy term 4.

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

Congratulations to all the Piwakawaka runners who participated in the endurance run last week. You were fantastic! A big thanks to the supporters who came along and cheered. A special thank you to the PTA for the yummy sausages that followed. It was just what we needed.

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.

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

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS...

ALTAR SERVERS

Sunday 28th September 9am Mass:

Lucy Harvey, Jack Graham, Lilly Graham

Sunday 28th September 5pm Mass:

Isaac Pilcher, Georgie Chapman, Kelly Minehan

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...

BOOK TAPING

Does anyone have an hour or two to spare in the afternoons and would like to help do some book taping in the library?

If so, please see Maree Paterson in the library. Thank you.

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.

Idea number 2: Never share stories of math failure or even dislike. Research has shown that as soon as parents say to their children: "I wasn't good at maths at school," their children's achievement went down. Even if you have to put on your best acting skills, always seem happy – even thrilled when you see maths! When my children get home, I eagerly ask them if they have any math homework and if they do I say, "Hooray, can I do it with you?" This sometimes requires some acting on my part. Like many parents, I often dread maths homework – it can be very stressful for children to be faced with pages of questions at the end of a long day. But whatever the maths homework looks like, be excited about it. Don't worry if you cannot do your children's homework. Ask them to explain it to you. This can be one of the most encouraging experiences a parent can give their children. I often tell my own children that I don't know how to do the work they are doing, even if I do, as when they are explaining it to me, they are learning it at a much deeper level. It makes them very happy! **Jo Boaler**

KAPAHAKA

There will be NO Kapahaka this Friday as most of the children who come along are on camp.

PMP THANK YOU

A big thank you to all the parents who have helped with PMP this term. We couldn't have done it without you.

Many thanks from the Piwakawaka Team.

CLASS AWARDS—CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE CHILDREN

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| Room 1 | St Paul | | NO ASSEMBLY DUE TO ENDURANCE RUN |
| Room 2 | St Angela | | NO ASSEMBLY DUE TO ENDURANCE RUN |
| Room 3 | St Mary McKillop | | NO ASSEMBLY DUE TO ENDURANCE RUN |
| Room 4 | St Therese | | NO ASSEMBLY DUE TO ENDURANCE RUN |
| Room 8 | St Anne | | NO ASSEMBLY DUE TO ENDURANCE RUN |
| Room 5 | St Gerard | Hannah Rich | For showing excellent work habits |
| | | Sophia Wilton | For excellent Maths thinking |
| Room 6 | St Francis | Max Signal | For being a great mentor buddy in Maths |
| | | Amberley Chang | For excellent writing—using descriptive language |
| Room 9 | St Bridget | Madelin Herbert | For outstanding effort and performance at the Cross Country |
| | | Logan MacIsaac | For being a fantastic role model in class |
| Room 10 | St John Bosco | Sean Sullivan | For making great progress in his learning due to his hard work & positive attitude |
| | | Dylan Jonson | For making appropriate choices and speaking with gentleness |
| Room 11 | St Dominic | Hannah Cotter | For outstanding effort and performance at the Cross Country |
| | | Lilly Aston | For starting to take more learning risks |

PIWAKAWAKA ENDURANCE CHALLENGE THANK YOU

Thank you to everybody who helped during the Endurance Run. Thank you to the PTA chefs for cooking the delicious sausages. Thank you to the families, teachers and children for cheering us on. Thank you to Ms Brooker, Mrs Coffin and Mrs Mellon for making the signs and setting up the course. Thank you to the tally markers for counting our laps. We had a fantastic day. From the Teachers and children from Year 0-2.



TEAM KERERU ASSEMBLY

There will be **NO** Team Kereru assembly this week due to our Year 5/6 children being on camp.

TEAM PIWAKAWAKA ASSEMBLY—EARLIER TIME!!!

This Friday the 26th September. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PIWAKAWAKA ASSEMBLY WILL START AT 11.45AM INSTEAD OF MIDDAY.**

THIS WEEK'S SPORTING NEWS...

BASKETBALL

Results from last week:

Year 3/4:

Division 1:

Reignier **Heat** beat GMS Suns 30-22. (3rd Overall)

POD—Jordan Dominikovich

Division 2:

Reignier **Hawks** beat Puketapu Mavericks 44-4. (3rd Overall)

POD's—Hannah Rich and Adam Gregory

Reignier **Thunder** lost to Taradale Wizards 22-23.

POD's—The Whole Team

Division 3:

Reignier **Lakers** lost to Taradale Nuggets 16-20.

POD's—The Whole Team

Year 5/6:

Division 2:

Reignier **Saints** beat Taradale Warriors 36-26. (3rd Overall)

POD's—Sehun Kim

Once again, 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.

The teams have now be sorted for Term 4 and a note should have come home last week indicating which team your child is in. We have four Year 3/4 teams and two Year 5/6 teams. Once again, I would like to extend a huge thanks to the parents who have offered to help manage a team. It is due to such support that we can put out so many teams. Thanks very much!

INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Congratulations to all of the children who represented Reignier Catholic School so well during last week's Inter-School Cross-Country. The attitude and effort from the children was outstanding.

A special congratulations to the following children who finished in the top 20 for their race:

Year 3/4

Ryan Tantrum – 1st place

Year 5

Madeline Herbert – 4th place

Sam Lack – 16th place

Year 6

Hannah Cotter – 5th place

Bradley Campbell – 10th place

YEAR 5/6 WEDNESDAY TACKLE RUGBY RESULT

Reignier lost to Bledisloe 7–11.

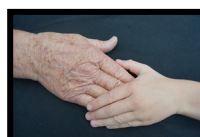
POD's—the whole team for an outstanding second half!

DIGI AWARDS...

Congratulations to all the students who had work submitted to the DIGI AWARDS.

An extra congratulations to: **Lola Jones, Marisa Harada, Dylan Jonson, Ollie Gardiner, Sam Lack, Rose Jones, Harry Unwin, Emma Harvey, Paige Dominikovich, Robbie Poon, Lucy Harvey, Bronnie King, and Isaac Pilcher** who were selected in the top 10 in their categories. These students will be bringing home their invitations to the awards ceremony this week.

Check the school website, Current Events, to view our entries and further details.



Reignier Catholic School Board of Trustees Update – Term Three 2014

Tēnā koutou

Hard to believe we are now three quarters of the way through another school year. Below is an update on some of the key things we've been focusing on this term.

Mid-Year Reviews

Term three board work usually revolves around reviewing the progress we have made so far during the year and this term was no different, we reviewed the school's financial performance against budget year to date as well as our school wide achievement results year to date.

On both fronts the board is confident that we are tracking to meet our end of year targets. We thank our dedicated leaders and staff who are charged with the responsibility of delivering on our student success targets and at the same time operating in a financial responsible way.

Hall Update

For reasons beyond our control the start date of the actual build project has been slightly delayed but the design and planning phase is gathering momentum. We are about three weeks away from seeing final designs after which consents will be lodged. The project is likely to go to tender in early 2015. We expect a project schedule shortly and will advise key dates as they come to hand. The project also includes ensuring the toilet block by the "old" hall site is tidied up and that the actual old hall site is left as a landscaped and useable space.

Policy Review

This term's policy review cycle saw us reviewing policies relating to personnel, appointments and health and safety. These reviews also aligned with recently released reports from the Ministry of Education and the Education Review Office related to student safety in schools. The board and management team work very hard ensuring that our policy framework and the procedures that sit under these policies are robust and do ensure student safety. If you ever want the board to consider anything related to student safety please let us know.

Trustee meetings

In September we held our board meeting during a school lunch time. One reason for this was to provide a meeting that might be more accessible and give people a chance to see what goes on at a meeting so it was great to see some teachers come along and partake. The meeting was a refreshing change for us as a board and whilst we are not committed to particular times, evening meetings do tend to be logistically easier. Please be aware however that unless otherwise stated, every board of trustees meeting is open to anyone to attend, and you would be more than welcome. If you wanted to attend any meeting just let us know.

We wish you and all the children and staff a relaxed term break; hopefully we'll all get a chance to enjoy some springtime weather! We look forward to seeing everyone back for the last term.

Mā te Atua e manaaki



Patrick Jones
Chairperson



IT'S GALA TIME!



Reignier Catholic School Gala Saturday 8th November at 11am

Reignier's annual school gala is only 7 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 has been sent home, 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 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.

Week 1 of Term 4...Mystery Envelope. We welcome any new item that can be used as a prize. Examples are: books, household things, new linen, gardening items like gloves, non-perishable food – you bring it – someone may win it.

Please remember items do not need to be expensive - just new. Many unbranded products are less than \$2 and looking through the cupboards often also locates suitable things!

Thank you and God Bless, The Gala Committee

| Date: | Items Required: |
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| 15 th September Week 1 | MYSTERY BOTTLE Wine, soft drink, shampoo, chocolate sauce etc. |
| 22 nd September Week 2 | LUCKY DIP ITEM Hair Clips, stickers, stationery, toy cars or any other small, new item. |
| 13 th October Week 3 | MYSTERY ENVELOPE A new item suitable for a prize. |
| 20 th October Week 4 | FROZEN CHICKEN Chickens, chickens and more chickens!!! |
| 27 th 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). |
| 3 rd 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



CAN YOU HELP WITH FUDGE AND/OR COCONUT ICE MAKING FOR GALA???

Sugar will be provided. For further information contact Donna Briggs on Ph: 021 0264 2401



YUMMY STICKERS

Please keep sending these in! They will be collated and sent off **this Thursday!**



SNAPSHOTS OF THE WEEK...

