



# REIGNIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**Tena Koutou Katoa Greetings everyone**

We warmly welcome Lance Hunt (Room 1), Emma Holm (Room 11) and Isabelle Holm (Room 8) to Reignier.

Although it was a short week last week, it was a busy one. The Year 5 students performed fabulously at the Kapahaka Festival and we were very proud of them. Many people commented on not only how polished their performance was, but how energetic and joyful they all were as they were performing. A winning formula! Congratulations to you all and a big thanks to Mrs Smith, Ms Davis and to Leo Watson for their hard work and expertise.

This week the children from Years 3 to Year 6 will be sitting PAT tests each morning. Please help us by having children here on time in the morning so they are relaxed and ready for the day when the bell rings at 8.55am.

## AT A GLANCE—WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?

Monday—Friday	PAT Testing
Tuesday 28th	PTA Meeting at 7pm in the staffroom. All welcome
Friday 31st	All Saints Day Liturgy 12.30pm at St Mary's church

## ALL SAINTS DAY LITURGY

This year All Saints Day falls on a Saturday, and although it is no longer considered a Holy Day of Obligation we are still encouraged to attend Mass. The school will therefore be celebrating a Liturgy at 12.30 on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> at St Mary's church. We invite and encourage all parents, grandparents and friends to join us.

## GALA

We now only have 2 weeks until the gala. The gala committee and the PTA are working tirelessly to make things come together, but we still need your help. We really need whatever you can contribute. **Currently for the donations asked, we still DESPERATELY NEED frozen chickens, items for mystery envelope and bottle, lucky dip and grocery items.** We also need lots more to sell in terms of clothing, toys, linen, crockery, general white elephant and furniture. Talk to your neighbours and relatives about the stuff they have in their garages and storage cupboards. If people need things picked up, we can organize that. Just an address and a phone number dropped into the office will sort it.

## UNIFORM

All children should now be in summer uniform. Please name all items of clothing, especially sandals which are often impossible to recognize particularly with our junior students. Twink or nail polish on the inside of shoes can help with identification. It is as frustrating for teachers as it is for parents when clothing goes missing or gets mixed up. Let's try and make it easier for everyone. Hats will also be a compulsory uniform item from now on. Please ensure your child has theirs at school.

## HANGI

The hangi on Thursday was a fantastic success. It was expertly organized and put down by members of our Whanau group.

There was a lot of learning involved for not only the year 5 and 6 students, but the whole school who managed to be present for the laying of the food. A few of our senior students did some teaching and the Year 5 students performed their items from the Festival. The students prayed over the food in Maori before eating and then everyone shared perfectly cooked chicken, mutton, potatoes, kumara, pumpkin and cabbage – not to mention the delicious stuffing. The weather was spectacular and the whole experience was highly memorable. A big thanks to St Joseph's Maori Girls College for the use of their stones, baskets etc. and a huge thanks to Mike and Andrea Kaio, Anna Campbell, Maggie Smith, Duane Coffin and Patrick Jones for their work both leading up to and on the day.

## BAPTISM

Next year we will be offering a Baptismal programme run through the school, during school time (possibly lunchtimes, or just before/after school). We are aware that there are a number of families who have not managed to get their children baptized for a number of reasons, and we want to make it easier on families for this to happen. There may also be other families who have not really considered this as an option for their children or themselves, but may be interested. Please consider this over the holidays and we will be calling for expressions of interest early next year. If you have any questions, please feel free to come and have a conversation about it.

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER	
Thursday 6th	Mathletics Competition
Saturday 8th	Gala Day
Friday 14th	School Athletics Day
Thursday 27th	Interschool Athletics
DECEMBER	
Tuesday 2nd	Year 5/6 Speech Finals
Thursday 5th/6th	Years 3/4 Sleepover
Tuesday 9th	Choir Performing at the RSA
Thursday 11th	Leavers Dinner
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Final Prizegiving 6pm
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Final Mass 11am and last day of school

Ma te Atua koutou e tiaki

God bless you all

Julia Johnson

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

### ALTAR SERVERS

**Sunday 2nd November 9am Mass:**

Lucy Harvey, Lilly Graham, Jack Graham

## Sunday 2nd November 5pm Mass:

Isaac Pilcher, Georgie Chapman

## GENERAL NEWS...

### GALA

We still require helpers for most stalls. If you can help, even if it is only for a short time on the day please come in and let the office know or email [admin@reignier.school.nz](mailto:admin@reignier.school.nz) or phone Maggie Smith on 027 494 9401.

### 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 5:**

**When you help your children, do not lead them through work step by step, as this takes away important learning opportunities for them.**

We often help children by doing the hard part of a problem, such as working out what the problem is asking, and then get children to do something easier, such as a calculation.

#### **Consider this scenario:**

##### **Book question:**

Carlos started with 12 sweets, he gave some to Janice, then he had 8 sweets, how many did he give to Janice?

**Child:** I don't know how to do this.

**Parent:** Well, Carlos started with 12 and now he has 8 so what is 12 take away 8?

**Child:** 4

**Parent:** That's right! In this scenario the child may feel good but the parent has done the hardest part of the problem, which is making sense of the situation. It would be more helpful to ask your child to draw the problem out, including, if they wish, pictures of Carlos and Janice and the sweets, or restate the problem in their own words. Try not to lower the cognitive demand of a problem when helping or do the thinking for your child.

**Jo Boaler**

### KAPAHAKA—YEAR 5 CHILDREN

Tena koutou! Congratulations to all the Year 5 children who performed in the Taradale Kapahaka Festival last week. Your performances were excellent. Thank you to Leo Watson for accompanying the children on the guitar. Children, please return your **washed** costume in a **named** plastic bag to Mrs Smith by Friday this week. Kia ora!

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This week we are beginning the Church Strand-our final strand for the year. We will be exploring many concepts, including;

- *Church* is a community of disciples (followers) called together by the Holy Spirit. We often think of 'church' as a *building*, whereas in its truest sense it is *people* coming together to continue the mission of Jesus. As a Catholic School, we too are church.
- Eucharist (communion) is our main form of worship.
- '*Catholic*' means universal. The Catholic Church is for all people, and is committed to working for the unity of all Christians.
- Understanding the organisation and structure of the NZ Catholic Church; eg dioceses, parishes
- As members of the Church, we are called to carry out its mission of service

The focus for each class is: (with reference to the family/whanau book on brackets)

Rooms 1 and 3: Belonging (p. 18), Rooms 2 and 4: Gathering, Celebrating, Living God's presence (p. 21), Rooms 5, 6 and 8: Called to be like Jesus (p. 24), Rooms 9, 10 and 11: The Church as a Pilgrim People (p. 33)

### ROAD PATROL

**Attention: ALL parents/grandparents of Reignier Catholic School, the Year 5's need your help.** It is that time of the year again when we have Mr Marshall in to train our Year 5 Road Patrollers which also means we are in need of new parents to replace our wonderful parents who have volunteered their time over the last year. Helping out with road patrol requires 30-45 minutes of your time either before school or after (even if you can only help every second week we can work it out), training will be given. Please consider this wonderful job seriously as we truly value any little bit of time you can donate. Leave your name and contact details with Karyn in the office or see Debra in Room 9.

### TEAM KERERU ASSEMBLY

There will be **NO** Team Kereru assembly this week due to our School Liturgy at 12.30pm.

### TEAM PIWAKAWAKA ASSEMBLY

There will be **NO** Team Piwakawaka assembly this week due to our School Liturgy at 12.30pm.

## THIS WEEK'S SPORTING NEWS...

### BASKETBALL

**Draw for Thursday 30th October—All games are played at the PGA Year 3/4**

Reignier Lakers vs Clive Purple at 5pm – Court 1c

Reignier Hawks vs Porritt Hornets at 4pm – Court 1b

Reignier Heat vs Porritt Wasps at 5pm – Court 1

Reignier Thunder vs Tamatea Spurs at 3.30pm – Court 1b

**Year 5/6**

Reignier Saints vs Puketapu girls at 3.30pm – Court 2

Reignier Rockets vs Porritt Rockers at 5.30pm – Court 2

### BASKETBALL TRAINING FOR REIGNIER THUNDER

Training for Reignier Thunder will be held every Wednesday morning at 8.30am starting tomorrow. Please meet on the Basketball court.

### TERM 4 CRICKET

All teams have now been sorted for Term 4 cricket. Many thanks to the parents who have offered to help take a team, this is much appreciated. HB cricket normally complete the draw on a Wednesday or Thursday, so your child will bring home a note home on one of these days indicating where they are playing and which children are standing down.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES...

### TROUBLE IN PANTOLAND TICKET SALES

Tickets will be sold at rehearsals from now until Wednesday 5th November. They will also be available from Onekawa Books and Gifts, Maadi Road, Onekawa from Monday 21st October. Tickets are \$17 per Adult and \$10 per Child. Show dates/times: Thurs 6 Nov –7pm, Fri 7 Nov –7pm, Sat 8 Nov –2pm, Sat 8 Nov –7pm, & Sun 10 Nov –2pm.

**TO RENT**—3 Bedrooms, sep garage & fully fenced section. Close to Reignier School, Church & shops. No smokers/dogs. \$340 p/w. Phone: 027 703 0905 or 844 6259.



# IT'S GALA TIME!



## Reignier Catholic School Gala Saturday 8th November at 11am

Reignier's annual school gala is a little under 2 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 GROCERY ITEM & BAG OF SOFT LOLLIES!

We ask families to donate a Grocery Item **and** a bag of Soft Lollies (for our lolly kebabs) or an ingredient we can use for sweet making!

**Next Week...Raffle Wheel Prizes.** Anything suitable for the wheel (box of chocolates, bottles of wine etc).

Thank you for all your donations so far! We do still need items for Mystery Bottle, Mystery Envelope and Lucky Dip. Please continue to bring in Frozen Chickens. We really appreciate your support and generosity!

Thank you and God Bless, The Gala Committee

Date:	Items Required:
15 <sup>th</sup> September Week 1	<b>MYSTERY BOTTLE</b> Wine, soft drink, shampoo, chocolate sauce etc.
22 <sup>nd</sup> September Week 2	<b>LUCKY DIP ITEM</b> Hair Clips, stickers, stationery, toy cars or any other small, new item.
13 <sup>th</sup> October Week 3	<b>MYSTERY ENVELOPE</b> A new item suitable for a prize.
20 <sup>th</sup> October Week 4	<b>FROZEN CHICKEN</b> Chickens, chickens and more chickens!!!
27 <sup>th</sup> October Week 5	<b>GROCERY ITEM AND SWEET STALL</b> Grocery item and a bag of soft lollies or an ingredient for sweet making (cocoa, sugar etc).
3 <sup>rd</sup> November Week 6	<b>RAFFLE WHEEL PRIZES</b> 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](mailto:admin@reignier.school.nz)



**CAN YOU HELP ON  
GALA DAY???**  
If so, please let the school  
office know!



### 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





# SNAPSHOTS OF THE WEEK...

