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Tena Koutou Katoa

Greetings everyone

Today we have lots to celebrate. Success and achievement at Reignier is high!

Congratulations to Ben Sloan

We would like to congratulate Ben today on winning the Year 7 Academic Scholarship to Lindisfarne for 2015. Ben has worked hard this year and received the top marks in the entrance exams. We are very proud of him. You may be aware that Noah, Ben's brother received the same scholarship last year. We believe that in the history of the College this has never happened before that brothers have won back to back scholarships. We would like to congratulate the whole Sloan family and wish them all the best for the year ahead.

ICAS RESULTS

Every year, students in Year 5 and 6 are invited to sit the ICAS exams. These are International tests for Primary and Intermediate students with a competition element. Our students compete against students from New Zealand, Australia and the Pacific region. Over one million student entries are accepted from over 6,300 schools in Australia and New Zealand annually. In addition, students from over 20 countries including Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, Singapore, South Africa and the USA participate in ICAS each year.

Certificates are awarded based on the results of each test.

High Distinction: top 1% of students in each year level in each region (NZ, Australia and the Pacific)

Distinction: the next 10% of students in each year level in each region

Credit: the next 25% of students in each year level in each region

Our children have done incredibly well and we would like to congratulate all those who participated.

We especially congratulate those who were placed in the top 35% of students across the Pacific region

Maths

Distinction (top 10%) Bradley Campbell, Ollie Gardiner, Liam Halpin, Ben Sloan, Jonty Unwin, Talia White Shaw, Sam Williams-Smith, Jack Wilton

Credit (top 35%) Charlotte Lancaster, Logan MacIsaac, Matthew Quinney, Thomas Jones

English

High Distinction (top 1%) Robbie Poon

Distinction (top 10%) Thomas Jones, Ben Sloan

Credit (top 35%) Laura Powell, Bradley Campbell, Ollie Gardiner, Liam Halpin, Talia White Shaw, Sam Williams-Smith

Spelling

Distinction (top 10%) Robbie Poon, Ben Sloan

Credit (top 35%) Jonty Unwin, Sam Williams-Smith

Writing

Distinction (top 10%) Ben Sloan

Credit (top 35%) Talia White Shaw

Science

Distinction (top 10%) Ollie Gardiner, Matthew Quinney, Ben Sloan

Credit (top 35%) Liam Halpin, Talia White Shaw, Sam Williams-Smith, Thomas Jones

AT A GLANCE—WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?

Thursday 6th	Mathletics
Saturday 8th	GALA Day

LITTLE LEARNERS GROUP

Little Learners will be operational on the following Thursdays this term from 2-3pm: Thursday 27th & Thursday 4th December. This is for children starting school at the beginning of 2015. Please let the office know if you wish your child to attend.

DIGI AWARDS

We would like to congratulate our place getters in the digi Awards. This competition is fantastic because it celebrates creativity and success right throughout the school. It's great to recognize the talent and thinking all through the year groups.

Congratulations to: Sam Lack—2nd Photography, Bronnie King—2nd Animation, Marisa Harada—3rd Photography, Harry Unwin—3rd Graphic Design, Ollie Gardiner—3rd Photography

We also had 3 ex-pupils nominated for the Westpac Secondary Schools Sportsperson of the Year in various categories – Nick Broome for Soccer, James Oliver for Athletics and Midge Forshaw for Basketball. We love to hear about our ex pupils achieving successes.

Congratulations to Nick Broome also for winning a Golden Jubilee Scholarship to Waikato University worth \$40,000 and the Price Waterhouse Scholarship worth \$10,000, and yesterday he received the Hastings Heretaunga Young Achievers Award – for cultural, academic and sporting excellence.

GALA

We now have less than a week 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 do not yet have nearly enough frozen chickens, items for mystery envelope and bottle, grocery items and chocolates.

INFINITY GRANT

A huge thank you to the Infinity Foundation for the \$4000 grant we received for our senior school camp. It made it possible to keep the cost to a manageable amount for families. The Wellington camp is a magnificent experience, and one we want all our senior students to be able to afford. We would also like to thank an anonymous sponsor for their support in making camp possible for our families as well.

Ma te Atua koutou e tiaki
Julia Johnson

God bless you all

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS...

ALTAR SERVERS

Sunday 9th November 9am Mass:

Catriona Williamson, Rhuaridh Williamson, Ella Brassington

Sunday 9th November 5pm Mass:

Minehan Family

GENERAL NEWS...

GALA

We still require helpers for Saturday. 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 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 6:

ENCOURAGE DRAWING WHENEVER YOU CAN.

The whole of mathematics could be taught visually, which would help millions of children, but few classrooms encourage drawing and some students believe it to be babyish. Yet mathematicians draw all of the time, they do this because sketching a problem helps them really see the important mathematical ideas. Drawing and restating problems both help children understand what questions are asking and how the mathematics fits within them.

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

This Friday 7th November. Room 9 children will be leading this. **This assembly will take place on the quad outside Rooms 9, 10 & 11.**

TEAM PIWAKAWAKA ASSEMBLY

This Friday 7th November. Room 4 children will be leading this. **This assembly will take place outside Room 2.**

THIS WEEK'S SPORTING NEWS...

BASKETBALL

Results from last week;

Year 3/4

Reignier Lakers beat Clive Purple 20-16.

POD's—The whole team

Reignier Hawks beat Porritt Hornets 29-9.

POD—Tre Jeffares

Reignier Heat beat Porritt Wasps 46-26.

POD—Carter Frame-Tavita

Reignier Thunder lost to Tamatea Spurs 27-39.

POD—Marisa Harada

Year 5/6

Reignier Saints beat Puketapu girls 36-31.

POD's—Ben Sloan and Harry Unwin

Reignier Rockets beat Porritt Rockers 50-30.

POD—Jae-Won Park

Basketball Draw for this Thursday 6 November

Year 3/4

Reignier Lakers vs AMS Hawks at 3.30pm – Court 1c

Reignier Hawks vs Taradale Wizards at 3.30pm – Court 1b

Reignier Thunder vs Taradale Nuggets at 4pm – Court 1b

Reignier Heat vs Tamatea Stars at 3.30pm – Court 1

Year 5/6

Reignier Saints - **NO game as Clive Gold have defaulted this week**

Reignier Rockets vs Taradale Pistons 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.

CRICKET

Results from last week;

Year 3/4

Reignier Stags lost to Napier Central 41-46.

POD's—Kate O'Connor and Jacob Cotter

Year 5/6

Reignier 2nd 11 beat Arthur Miller 69-57.

POD's—Harry Unwin and Hannah Cotter

Reignier 1st 11 beat Arthur Miller 166-52.

Bowler of the day —Harry Campbell

Batter of the day—James Ericksen

Draw for this Friday and Saturday;

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. **We have asked HB cricket for no games this weekend due to our Gala and we will confirm this once the draw has been completed.**

CRICKET—HAVE-A-GO

Cricket season is just underway and Have-A-Go cricket will be starting in November. This programme is ideal skill development for children aged 5-8 before they start playing hard ball cricket and it's lots of FUN. The centre runs for 6 weeks up until Christmas and 6 weeks from February through to March. Players receive a bat, ball and cap to keep as part of the programme which costs \$60. Taradale starts their centre on Monday 10th November at Taradale Park starting at 5pm. Players can register on the night. Sessions run for an hour.

INTER-HOUSE SCHOOL ATHLETICS (YEAR 3 – 6 CLASSES)

This is to take place on Friday 14th November starting at 9.20am (all day). Children are encouraged to wear their house colours for the day. All children will participate in sprints, middle distance run, high jump, long jump and throwing. There will also be relays at the end of the day. All parents and supporters welcome!



IT'S GALA TIME!



Reignier Catholic School Gala Saturday 8th November at 11am

Reignier's annual school gala is a little under 1 week away. 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 Raffle Wheel Prizes!

Last week of the countdown and we thank you for all the support. We can't do this without the help of our school community and we are grateful for all the donations.

We ask families to donate prizes for the Raffle Wheel. Anything that creates an interest for a prize is suitable. Some suggestions are: bottles of wine, boxes of chocolates etc.

If you have missed a week we will still gratefully take your contributions so please bring them along.

God Bless and we look forward to a fantastic gala! The Gala Committee.

Date:	Items Required:
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.

CAKES! CAKES! CAKES!

Yesterday your child would have bought home a plate for the cake stall. Please return your item to school on **Friday**
WRAPPED AND LABELLED!

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

GALA FLYER DROP...

This week your child will bring home a sheet of gala flyers, please cut these up and deliver to your neighbours and friends. Should you require more, please ask at the office!

SNAPSHOTS OF THE WEEK...

