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Tena Koutou Katoa

Greetings everyone

On Sunday we celebrated the beginning of Advent. This is the time when we prepare for the birth of Christ. The month of December can often be a crazy time so we sometimes need to distance ourselves from our daily activities to reflect on how the birth of Christ has changed our lives. Spending a little time each evening (maybe using the Advent calendar as a visual focus) with your children can be helpful.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday 2 nd	Yr 5/6 Speech finals
Thursday 4 th /5 th	Years 3 and 4 sleepover
Friday 5 th	Choir singing at The Christmas Shoppe 5.30pm

CLASS STRUCTURE FOR 2015

Already, due to numbers for next year, we have had a small change in the structure proposed in last week's newsletter. Instead of having a straight Year 1 class and a straight year 2 class taken by Mrs Cawston, we will be combining those 2 classes and having 2 parallel Year 1/2 classes. There are a number of positives for this. Firstly, if we get more Year 2 students in, then we can accommodate them more easily. Secondly, the Year 2 cohort will not end up all together again for consecutive years, and thirdly it fits in perfectly with the junior school philosophy of modern learning environment teaching.

So in the junior school, we will have 2 parallel year 0/1 classes, and 2 parallel Year 1/2 classes. The Year ones in the Yr1/2 classes will be the current year 0 students.

INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS

Congratulations to the team who competed last week at the Interschool Athletics competition. Our students did an incredible job showing grit and determination to be placed 2nd overall behind Arthur Miller School. A number of our students received top 10 placings. We applaud their achievements. Names and placings are acknowledged elsewhere in the newsletter. Thanks to all the parents who transported, supervised, cheered and applauded.

PARENT HELPERS MORNING TEA

On Tuesday 9th December at 10.45am the staff would like to thank and recognise all parents and friends of the school who have helped out in any way throughout the year. We know that many people give their time, energy and support to the school in lots of different ways and we would like to have the opportunity to acknowledge this personally. Please come along to this morning tea if you are able and enjoy morning tea with us. Please return the slip at the bottom of the newsletter if you are attending for catering purposes.

THANK YOU

You may have noticed the new school flag flying at the Athletics day. A big thanks to the Ericksen family for donating this to the school. It's great to have a flag to take to sporting events as a point of reference for families and students. I am sure it will be well used.



YEAR 3/4 CAMP

The Year 3 and 4 classes embark on an EOTC adventure this week, with an overnight stay at school included. We hope they have a marvelous couple of days. Thanks to all those parents who have offered to help.

MATHS PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Thanks to all those who gave us some feedback regarding the Bangers and Maths night and the change in practice noticed. We appreciate your input. If there are any other comments they will be received gladly.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Madelin Herbert who made her First Holy Communion at St Thomas More last Sunday.

BEGINNING OF 2015

School will resume for 2015 on Monday 2nd February. The school office will be open during the last week of January in the mornings if there is anything that people need. Teachers Only Day will be on Friday 30th January.

CHRISTMAS IN TARADALE

Each team has contributed a beautifully decorated Christmas Tree to the Retail Association of Taradale. These can be viewed in United Travel and the Hairdressing Shop in White Street.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

December	
Tuesday 9 th	Choir performing at the RSA Parent Helpers Thank You morning Tea
Thursday 11 th	Leavers Dinner
Monday 15 th	Final Prizegiving 6pm
Thursday 18 th	Final Mass 11 am School finishes at 12pm

Ma te Atua koutou e tiaki

God bless you all

Julia Johnson

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS...

ALTAR SERVERS

Sunday 7th December 9am Mass:

Harry Unwin, Jonty Unwin, Thomas Jones

Sunday 7th December 5pm Mass:

Ella Lawson, Hannah Lawson



CLASS AWARDS—CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE CHILDREN

Room 1	St Paul	Benjamin Sadakorn Claudia Jones Lily Fannin	For an improved attitude to learning For wonderful focus in writing For great thinking in Maths
Room 2	St Angela	Savannah Rio da Silva Ethan Macintosh	For practising patience and taking turns For patiently waiting for his turn
Room 3	St Mary McKillop	Noah Onuma Max Fysh	For using interesting words in your writing For getting on with your work quickly and quietly
Room 4	St Therese	Gavin Mear Jessica Churchman	For his enthusiastic attitude For her patience and gentleness towards others
Room 8	St Anne	Pearl Drummond Olivia Molloy	For fantastic focus in story writing For always singing beautifully in prayers
Room 5	St Gerard	Adam Gregory Kate O'Connor	For excellent progress in Maths Knowledge For being an excellent team member
Room 6	St Francis	Max Signal Jack Walling	For showing excellent Maths thinking For showing growth in Maths, Reading and Writing
Room 9	St Bridget	Charlize Yee Jae-Won Park	For starting to take more learning risks For sharing a little about Korea with us
Room 10	St John Bosco	Dylan Jonson Matthew Quinney	For amazing thinking on your volume/area rich task in Maths For your excellent results in Reading
Room 11	St Dominic	Aidan Kirby-Vaughan Tony Mildon Matthew Viljoen	For consistent helpfulness and a lovely smiling face For determination and application in the classroom For being helpful and keeping the classroom tidy



Napier Parish Youth Ministry Coordinator

The Catholic Parish of Napier/ Te Hahi Katorika ki Ahuriri seeks applicants with energy, motivation, good communication skills and a passion for our faith to fill this key leadership position in a new parish structure.

Applicants will be committed to living their faith in a vibrant way and will be responsible for coordinating and encouraging the growth of young people's faith and participation in the life and mission of the Church.

This position will be 20 hours per week.

There is the possibility of combining with the Sacred Heart Youth Chaplain's position for an extra 15 hours per week.

For an application/information pack contact Kathleen Field:
021 509 436; 06 350 3824; kfield@pndiocese.org.nz

GENERAL NEWS...

CHOIR

Twenty five of our choir children will represent Reignier singing at the Christmas Shoppe at the Taradale Town Hall this Friday at 5.30pm. Entry is by gold coin donation. Everyone is very welcome to come along and support our children.

END OF YEAR PRIZEGIVING

This year's Nativity pageant will be focussed around the different nationalities/cultures we have within the school. If your child represents a nationality and you have some form of traditional dress that you would be happy for them to use at the end of year prizegiving, could you please make it known to your child's class teacher.

FINAL MASS—THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER AT 11AM

In recent years you have generously donated a 'special non perishable treat' for Christmas dinner for a needy family. They have formed part of the offertory procession at our final Mass. Items could be Brandy Snap Cases, Christmas Mince Pies, Éclair Cases, Earnest Adam Slice, Chocolates, Christmas Pudding, Fancy Biscuits—or anything else you would like to eat at Christmas. Please give the item to your child's class teacher. Your generosity is always appreciated.

PHOTOS FOR LEAVERS DINNER

If you have any photos of this year's leavers (these can go back as far as when they started school) can you please drop them into the office or to Mrs Gibson in Room 9 on a memory stick. Thank you.

TEAM KERERU ASSEMBLY

There is **NO** Team Kereru Assembly this week.

TEAM PIWAKAWAKA ASSEMBLY

This Friday 5th December at 12.30pm. Room 2 children will be leading this.

YEAR 5/6 FEAST DAY

On Monday 8th December the Year 5/6 children are having their Feast day at the Frimley Pools in Hastings. We will be travelling by bus (leaving at 9am and returning before 3pm).

The children will need to bring: Togs and towel, Sunhat and sunscreen (school will supply sunscreen too), Rash top (if your child has one), Warm clothes, in case it turns cold, Packed lunch and drink bottle.

THIS WEEK'S SPORTING NEWS...

BASKETBALL

Results from last week

Year 3/4

Reignier **Lakers** beat Clive Purple by default.

POD—Tom Halpin

Reignier **Hawks** beat Porritt Scorpions 24-8.

POD—Adam Gregory

Reignier **Thunder** lost to Tamatea Spurs 22-33.

POD's—The whole team

Reignier **Heat** beat Porritt Hornets 44-27.

POD's—The whole team

Year 5/6

Reignier **Saints** beat Taradale Pistons 51-27.

POD—Jonty Unwin and Lucy Harvey

Reignier **Rockets** beat Puketapu Lads 58-21.

POD—Liam Halpin

Draw for Thursday 4th December—Last game for the season Year 3/4

Reignier Lakers vs Porritt Buzzy Bees at 3.30pm – Court 1c – **Grand Final**

Reignier Hawks vs Taradale Wizards at 4pm – Court 1b

Reignier Thunder vs Clive Orange at 3.30pm – Court 1b

Reignier Heat vs Taradale Nets at 3.30pm – Court 1 – **Grand Final**

Year 5/6

Reignier Saints vs Reignier Rockets at 4pm – Court 2 – **Grand final**

A huge thank you needs to go out to all of the parent helpers who have assisted/coached/managed a basketball team this term. Your support is always hugely appreciated and we wouldn't be able to put out as many teams as we do if it wasn't for you – so thanks so much!

INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Congratulations to the children who competed in the Inter-School Athletics last week. You were all fantastic at representing our school and we are all very proud of you coming **2ND OVERALL** – what a great result.

A special congratulations to the following children who placed in the top 10 for their age group: **Jacob Cotter 1st**, **Jack Halpin 4th**, **Ryan Tantrum 8th**, **Jonty Unwin 5th**, **Sam Lack 9th**, **Dylan Jonson 2nd**, **Amelia Otto 7th**, **Abbie Gardiner 9th**, **Chloe Narayan 2nd**, **Madelin Herbert 4th**, **Lucy Smith 7th**, **Sophie Gilberston 7th**, **Hannah Cotter 1st**, **Charlotte Lancaster 2nd**, **Mille O'Leary 3rd**.

A big thanks to all of the parents who helped on the day...your support was awesome!!!

TERM 4 CRICKET

Results from last week;

Year 3/4

Reignier **Stags** lost to Port Ahuriri 38-64.

POD's—Abbie Gardiner and Jack Walling

Year 5/6

2nd 11 lost to Bledisloe 42-72.

1st 11 lost to Arthur Miller 1st 11 114-149.

POD'S—Jonty Unwin (batting), Harry Campbell (bowling), Charlotte Lancaster and Ollie Gardiner (fielding)

Draw for this Friday & 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.

EXTRA GAME OF CRICKET FOR OUR YEAR 3/4 TEAM AND 2ND 11 TEAM:

Due to having to stand down kids each week, Mr J is going to run 2 games (against ourselves) so the children get a bit more cricket this season.

The games are as follows:

Year 3/4 Stags – catch-up game – Wednesday 10th December at 3.10pm at school.

Year 5/6 2nd 11 – catch-up game – Friday 12th December at 3.10 at school.

Year 5/6 1st 11 – Wednesday 10th December at 3.20pm at St Patricks school. **This game IS STILL TO BE CONFIRMED** and Mr J will send a note home this week.

If your child already has other commitments on these nights, please get them to let Mr J know (if too many children can't make it then it won't go ahead).

PTA NEWS ...

FINAL PTA MEETING FOR 2014

The last PTA meeting for 2014 is scheduled for Tuesday 9th December. An email will be sent re time and venue.

YUMMY STICKERS

Please continue to collect the yummy stickers and bag labels over the holidays. A collation form for the stickers is attached to the end of the newsletter for you to download and place your stickers on. Collecting these stickers helps the school earn sports gear.

COMMUNITY NOTICES...

SCHOOL HOLIDAY 3 DAY BIKE CAMP— 21st - 23rd January 2015, HB Regional Sports Park, 8-12 year olds, \$80 per person for 3 days, 9am-3pm each day. For more information please contact Lyndal Johansson at Sport Hawke's Bay. Ph: 845 9339 Ext 719 or lyndalj@sporthb.net.nz To register go to www.sportspark.co.nz—click on events.

KIDS HOCKEY CAMP—14-16 January 2015. Get ahead of the game for 2015 with our Kids Hockey Headstart Programme. To be held at the HB Regional Sports Park, 9am-4pm daily, Registration Fee \$290, 7-14 years, Head Coach: Todd Astill.

To register please go to www.sportspark.co.nz and click on events. For more information please contact Lyndal Johansson at Sport Hawke's Bay. Ph: 845 9336 Ext 719 or lyndalj@sporthb.net.nz

HAWKE'S BAY HOCKEY FANTASTICKS JANUARY HOCKEY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME The Summer Hockey Holiday programme will be run over three days (21st, 22nd and 23rd January 2015). Hockey fanTASTICKS is open to 7 to 16 year olds and is run 9.00am to 4.00pm each day at the Hawke's Bay Hockey Stadium, Park Island Napier. The programme structure includes: • Team Building sessions • Quiz • Hockey Skills coaching • Mini Games and Game Related Trainings • Tournament • Additional activities including a trip to Ocean Spa The price for this three day programme is \$250. Elite Regional Level Coaches and players will be delivering this program. Make sure you book a place on this programme by registering online now on the HB Hockey website: <https://eventdesq.imgstg.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=main&EventDesqID=9973&OrgID=13333>

KELLY SPORTS HOLIDAY PROGRAM—Kelly Sports will be running our Summer Holiday Programme in the school holidays from the 19th- 30th January 2015. Offering a great mixture of sporting and craft activities the programme offers something for everyone. Prices start from \$33 per day, with family discounts and full week specials available. The program is OSCAR accredited so WINZ subsidies are available. For more information please visit www.kellysports.co.nz or pick up a flier from the school reception. Alternatively please contact Alex HB@kellysports.co.nz or on 06 843 4219.

WEETBIX TRYATHLON 2015 Entry is open to anyone 7-15 years of age and you can either sign up as an individual or as a team of two with a friend. Register now at try.weetbix.co.nz or call 0800 WEETBIX. Hastings Tryathlon is 11th Feb. Discounts for Early Birds. Free Event Kit Delivery (conditions apply).

I would like to join the Parent/Grandparent/Friends of the School Helpers Morning Tea on Tuesday 9th December at 10.45am. Please RSVP by Monday 8th December.

Name: Number Attending:



SNAPSHOTS OF THE WEEK...





Sticker Collection Sheet



NEW WORLD

1 	2	3	4	5	6 You're on your way to some cool sports gear	7	8	9	10
11	12 Ask friends and family to help you collect stickers	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28 www.turnersandgrowers.co.nz for some great activities	29	30
31	32	33	34 www.yummyfruit.co.nz for loads of apple facts	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50 www.newworld.co.nz to find your nearest store
51 www.wynrs.co.nz check out NZ's coolest soccer player	52	53	54	55	56 www.yummyfruit.co.nz to print more Sticker Collection Sheets	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73 shop.directgroup.co.nz to view awesome DG Sport sports gear	74	75	76	77	78 Yummy apples can help you play more sport	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95 www.paknsave.co.nz to find your nearest store	96	97	98	99	100 Wow! What a great apple muncher



Cut-Out Label Collection Sheet



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Place your cut-out labels from Yummy apple bags on these panels. One cut-out label is worth 10 apple stickers.

An apple tree takes the energy from about fifty leaves to produce one apple.

3

Ask friends, family, relatives and neighbours to help with your campaign.

Most apples are still picked by hand!

4

Some apple trees are known to live for more than one hundred years.

5

Did you know that apples are members of the rose family?

6

Visit www.yummyfruit.co.nz to print more Cut-Out Collection Sheets.

One tree of harvested apples can fill twenty boxes.

7

Grafting and budding are the methods used to propagate apples.

8

Pomology is the science of apples.

9

Fresh apples float in water because 25% of their volume is air!

10

Ten cut-out labels from Yummy apple bags equals one hundred stickers...

School Name