



REIGNIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Issue #:
2/9
Date:
10 February 2015

Phone: (06) 844 2144

Fax: (06) 844 7263

Website: www.reignier.school.nz

Tena Koutou Katoa
Greetings everyone

We warmly welcome Haig Toy (Room 1) and his family to Reignier.
We also welcome in tomorrow Angus Fysh (Room 1).

THE WEEK AHEAD

Wednesday 11 th	Weetbix Tryathlon
----------------------------	-------------------

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

This term is a very short term, with lots to fit in. The term calendar is on the website for your referral, as is each week's newsletter. The website contains a lot of information about current activities, so make it a habit to keep checking it regularly.

Coming up this term for special mention are:

February	
Monday 16 th	Parent Information Evening
Wednesday 18 th	Ash Wednesday
Monday 23 rd —Friday 27 th	Year 6 Optimist Yachting
March	
Sunday 1 st	Whole School Mass followed by school/Parish Picnic
Thursday 19 th	St Joseph's Day Mass, Powhiri and Walkathon
Tuesday 24 th	Sharing of Learning Evening
April	
Thursday 2 nd	Holy Thursday and End of Term One

SCHOOL MASS AND PICNIC

We have our combined school and parish picnic on Sunday 1st March following the first Sunday school Mass. Mass will be at 9am in St Mary's Church, and is compulsory for all students. We ask that all the children come in correct school uniform and sit with their class groups at the front of the church. The school leaders will be presented with their badges and Father will bless the teachers and families. The picnic this year is out at the Eskdale Park which is a fantastic family venue. We encourage all our families to come along to this and join in the fun. There will be traditional games, lolly scrambles and sports for the children to participate in.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

On Monday 16th February, we invite all parents to an information evening in the hall. The evening will be split into two meetings. Piwakawaka Team (Junior school) teachers will speak and present from 5pm to 5.30pm, and the Kereru Team (Years 3-6) teachers will speak and present from 5.30–6pm. There will be an opportunity for parents to visit classrooms and introduce themselves to teachers individually during the time they are not presenting in the hall. Each team will introduce the teachers, discuss routines, expectations, announce events to look forward to, and answer any questions from parents.

BAPTISMAL PROGRAMME

With today's newsletter a letter has been sent out inviting parents to a meeting about the Baptismal programme we will be running through the school this year. If you did not receive a letter and you are considering Baptism for your child, please contact the school office.

PARENT HOMEWORK

Thanks to those parents who have written to their child's teacher this week. We still encourage you to do this if you have not done so already. The teachers are already commenting on how valuable this information has been.

INFORMATION FORMS

Thank you to those who have completed and returned the forms. We need you to fill this out every year so we know we have up to date records in case of an emergency. If you have not done so already, please complete the form and return it to school as soon as possible.

Thanks

WEETBIX TRYATHLON

Congratulations to all those children who have registered to do the Weetbix Try tomorrow. We wish you all the best, and hope you have a great time. The children having been training hard in the school grounds in the weekends and after school over the last couple of weeks, and are ready for action! Thanks to Emma Churchman and other parents who have organized the Reignier team and the practices. Good luck everyone.

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED

We have a new International family in the school who is looking for small rental accommodation – preferably furnished. If anyone knows of any small flats available, please contact the office. Unfurnished flats would be acceptable, and if this were the case we ask for loans of large furniture items and electrical goods to help furnish. Please contact the school office if you can help in any way.

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

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS...

ALTAR SERVERS

Sunday 15th February 9am Mass:

Noel Castelino, Zachary Picone

Sunday 15th February 5pm Mass:

Lucy Harvey, Lilly & Jack Graham

2015 FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

If your child is Year 4 or older and would like to make their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion please lookout for the flyer coming home this week.

GENERAL NEWS...

CHOIR

Choir starts Wednesday 18th February. Practices are Wednesday lunchtime at 1.00pm and Thursday morning before school at 8.30am in the hall.

DISCOVERY LEARNING IN THE PIWAKAWAKA TEAM

This year we are continuing our valuable Discovery Learning Programme most Thursday's from 11.30-1pm. This will start on Thursday 19th February. If anybody has off cuts of wood suitable for use these would be gratefully received. If you have an unused water tray we could make use of that would also be super.

Other donations of the following items would also be well used: fabric, nails, lace, buttons, ribbon, sequins etc

Some of our Discovery activities involve the use of food. We are mindful of the appropriateness of this and ask that you let us know if you have an objection to this.

Thank you for your support of our Discovery Learning Programme.
Piwakawaka Team Teachers

RECORDER GROUP

Recorder starts Tuesday 17th February at 1.00pm in Room 1. Please see Mrs Mellon if your child is interested in learning.

ROAD PATROL

Thank you to those parents who volunteer their time to helping out on road patrol. This is a very important job our children perform for the school and one they can't do without the help of parents. We are looking for a few more parents to help out on a Monday, Wednesday and Thursday morning. Please if you have 30 mins to spare in the morning before school we would love to have you help. This offer is open to all parents and grandparents of children at Reignier. If you feel this is you, training will be offered so please see Karyn in the office or Mrs Gibson in Room 9.

TEAM KERERU

The Year 6 children will be busy with Optimist Yachting during Week 4 which will run every day from 12pm. The Year 5 children will be staying back at school with a reliever. Thanks to the parents who have offered to assist during the week, your help is always much appreciated. A separate note will come home with your child this week indicating which days you'll be required for. Here is a list of clothing etc that the Year 6 children will need next week:

- A full water bottle
- A wetsuit if possible or polyprop top, togs and rash vest
- Shorts – no jeans
- Track pants to wear after they have left the water if they wish
- A jumper or polar fleece and rain jacket
- Hat and sunscreen
- Old sneakers or appropriate sandals
- Towel
- Aqua shoes (optional)

Students should wear their Optimist clothing to school for the week, **not their uniform**.

TEAM KERERU ASSEMBLIES

Please check the newsletter each week to see if there is a Team Kereru assembly on **(these are held on a Friday at 9am)**.

Every class will have the opportunity to present one assembly per term. On the weeks there is not a Team Kereru assembly, some classes will be attending church. **THERE IS NO TEAM KERERU ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK.**

THIS WEEK'S SPORTING NEWS...

BASKETBALL

We have three Year 3/4 teams and three Year 5/6 teams for this term. Games will be commencing this Thursday 12th February at the Pettigrew Green Arena. **A huge thanks to all the parents who have offered to manage their child's team, it is very much appreciated!**

Draw for this Thursday 12th February:

As we went to send this newsletter home we still hadn't been sent the draw. Your child will bring home a note tomorrow indicating what time they will be playing.

CRICKET

Cricket for our Year 3/4 team starts this Friday 13th February at 3.30pm at Nelson Park in Napier. Could the team please meet Mr Jenyns at park by 3.20pm. They should wear their P.E uniform and running shoes.

Cricket for our Year 5/6 teams start this Saturday 14th February. Games start at 9am and the children need to be at the ground at 8.40am. Our 1st 11 will be playing in the hardball grade and our 'B' team will be playing in a 'softball' grade. Mr Jenyns will let the teams know where they are playing when the draw comes through from the HB Cricket association.

A big thank you to the parents who have offered to help out with their child's team this term.

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 on one of these days indicating where they are playing and which children are standing down.

T-BALL

This starts on Saturday 14th February, however **the team has a bye this week**. A team list will be sent home this week.

WEETBIX 'TRYATHLON'

This is taking place on Wednesday 11th February. Good luck to any students who have entered this event. Check out the Reignier Facebook page for further information. **PLEASE LET YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER KNOW THEY ARE PARTICIPATING.**

PTA NEWS ...

PTA MEETING

Our first PTA meeting for the year is next **Tuesday 17th February** at 7pm in the staffroom. All very welcome.

YUMMY STICKERS

Please continue to collect the yummy stickers and bag labels. Collecting these stickers helps the school earn sports gear.

SNAPSHOTS OF THE WEEK...

