



# REIGNIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## **Tena Koutou Katoa** **Greetings everyone**

We warmly welcome Riley Kelsen (Room 1), Thomas Chang (Room3), Madeleine Grams (Room 2) and their families to Reignier.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Art Deco picnic on the field on Friday. It was a fantastic way to finish the week, and the children looked so gorgeous. I am tempted to change the boys' uniform to white shirts and braces!

## **SCHOOL MASS AND PICNIC**

This weekend we have the school Mass and combined parish/school picnic. We have an expectation that all our children will attend Mass in uniform. Please have the children at St Mary's Church by 8.50am on Sunday so they can find their teacher and class well before Mass begins. The picnic is out at Eskdale Park and is always lots of fun. Find some friends and come together. Invite a new family to join you. The kids absolutely love it and it's a great place for relaxing on a Sunday afternoon. We look forward to seeing you there.

## **THE WEEK AHEAD**

Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> - Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Optimist Yachting
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	School Mass and picnic
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	PAT testing begins

## **DATES TO WATCH OUT FOR**

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:

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Whole School Mass followed by school/Parish picnic
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	St Joseph's Day Mass, Powhiri and Walkathon (see flyer re Walkathon at end of this newsletter)
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Sharing of Learning evening
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Yrs 3-6 Swimming Sports
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Holy Thursday and end of Term One

## **SCHOOL LEADERS**

This year we will be extending our leadership programme so more of our Year 6 students receive leadership training and will be involved in leadership activities throughout the year. We realise that many of our students have leadership potential, which often manifests itself at Intermediate and beyond, so we are keen to trial a programme that gives them a kick start whilst still at Primary School. We will still appoint our 8 House Leaders, with a larger leadership group being selected as well to support them. This year we will announce the House Leaders at school during the week although they will still be presented with their badges on Sunday at Mass.

## **PATs**

PAT testing will begin next week for Years 3-6. Please help your child to be their best by having them at school in plenty of time in the mornings, so they are settled and ready to begin before the bell. These tests give us a useful benchmark to see progress over 12 months and provide us information about gaps in learning and what we need to focus on.

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

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

### **ALTAR SERVERS**

#### **Sunday 1st March 9am Mass:**

Catriona Williamson, Carter Frame-Tavita, Thomas Jones

#### **Sunday 1st March 5pm Mass:**

Minehan Family

If unable to take your turn please organise your replacement.

**Reminder: First Reconciliation Parent Meeting this Sunday 1st March 10-12noon.**

## **GENERAL NEWS...**

### **ART DECO FOR CARITAS**

Thank you for supporting Caritas so generously last Friday. We raised \$241. If you forgot last Friday and would still like to contribute you could leave your donation at the office. THANK YOU.

### **TEAM KERERU ASSEMBLY**

There will be **NO** Team Kereru assembly this week. Room's 5, 9 and 10 will be attending Church.

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

### **BASKETBALL**

#### ***Results from last week:***

##### ***Year 3/4***

Reignier **Lakers** lost to Reignier **Thunder** 0-14.

POD **Thunder** – Isabelle Holm.

POD **Lakers** – the whole team for trying their best

Reignier **Hawks** lost to Clive Purple 8-14.

POD – Lola Jones

##### ***Year 5/6***

Reignier **Saints** lost to Clive Gold 18-36.

POD – Harry Unwin

Reignier **Hornets** lost to Clive Blue 2-20

POD – Vincent Jones

Reignier **Spurs** lost to Tamatea Mavericks 22-24.

POD – Brandon Shadbolt

## CLASS AWARDS—CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE CHILDREN

Room 1	St Paul	Willow Zajonskowski Ali Qureshi Ava Gleeson Braith Carew	For great effort in writing For marvellous manners For a wonderful start in writing For great thinking in Maths
Room 2	St Angela	Minudi Wickramaratna Daniyal Sheikh Rose Jones Liam Reilly	For a confident and clever start in Room 2 For a confident and clever start in Room 2 For super hockey skills For super hockey skills
Room 3	St Mary McKillop	Ben Jackson Campbell Thompson Abbey Kaio Luca Humphrey	For being helpful and making a fabulous start For coping well with a broken leg For starting school this week For super sounding out words
Room 4	St Therese	Dylan Rae Noah Onuma Max Fysh Freya Doolan	For working hard and including interesting details in his writing For being a friendly, helpful and caring member of Room 4 For good thinking and thoughtful prayers For a confident beginning to the year
Room 8	St Anne	Poppy Walling Troy Sayer Violet Unwin Keisha Massey	For doing an outstanding job on your 'me' poster For your excellent attitude to learning For engaging in all lessons with enthusiasm For being a fantastic role model and helper
Room 5	St Gerard	Alisa Onuma Poutama Watson	For being a respectful class member For making an excellent start to 2015
Room 6	St Francis	Ruby Lo Emma Harvey	For outstanding spelling and Maths For being a fantastic role model and mentor
Room 9	St Bridget	Carter Frame-Tavita Amaia Watson	For showing an excellent attitude towards learning For showing an excellent attitude towards learning
Room 10	St John Bosco	Ethan Boyd Brooke Lee Max Signal	For showing an excellent attitude towards learning For having a wonderful attitude and for always showing personal excellence For fantastic poetry writing

### ***Draw for Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February Year 3/4***

Reignier **Lakers** vs Reignier **Hawks** at 4pm – Court 3c

Reignier **Thunder** vs AMS at 3.30pm – Court 3c

### ***Year 5/6***

Reignier **Saints** vs Reignier **Hornets** at 5pm – Court 3  
**(friendly game to avoid a bye)**

Reignier **Spurs** vs Bledisloe Bouncers at 4pm – Court 2

### **CRICKET**

#### ***Results from last week:***

#### ***Year 3/4***

Reignier **Stags** lost to St Patricks.

POD's – Lachie Ward and Jack Hunt

#### ***Year 5/6***

Reignier **2<sup>nd</sup> 11** lost Nelson Park School 38 - 64.

POD's – Thomas Jones (bowling), Ben Graney (batting) and the whole team for fielding.

Reignier **1<sup>st</sup> 11** lost to St Patricks.

POD's – Jacob Cotter (fielding), Oscar Mason (batting), Harry Unwin (bowling)

### ***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.

**Year 5/6 1<sup>st</sup> 11 practice – there will be NO after school practice this Wednesday for the 1<sup>st</sup> 11 cricket team.**

### **HOCKEY**

Reignier Wizards hockey team have a bye this week. Check out the hockey website for your draw next week.

### **T-BALL**

#### ***Draw for Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February:***

Reignier vs AMS Lions at Tareha 7 - 10:15am

Due to having 16 players, we need to stand down 4 children each week. Children standing down this week: **Lance Hunt, Hannah Boyd, Emily Macintosh, Harry Cooper**  
Player of the day last week was **Emily Vorster**.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES...

### **TARADALE RUGBY AND SPORTS CLUB**

Taradale Rugby and Sports Club kindly invites existing and new members to register for the 2015 playing season. We are holding club weigh in on: Wed 25 Feb 3.30pm – 6.00pm and Sat 28 Feb 10.00am – 1.00pm

Players – boys and girls - from 4 years (if turning 5 before 29 August) are able to play in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Rippa Rugby Teams. Tackle Rugby starts from 7<sup>th</sup> Grade upwards. We will also have a Kindy Rippa Rugby grade for 3 and 4 year olds.

Please check our website for an online registration form [www.sportsground.co.nz/taradalerugby](http://www.sportsground.co.nz/taradalerugby) or we have paper copies to fill in at weigh in. If you have any queries please contact Paula on 844 4403, 0273 602 358 or [taradalejuniorrugby@gmail.com](mailto:taradalejuniorrugby@gmail.com)

### **MARIST JUNIOR FOOTBALL**

2015 Registration for Marist Junior Football is now available online at <http://www.sportsground.co.nz/napiermarist>.

### **NEW PERSONAL TRAINING BUSINESS**

Private home based 1:1 sessions. Small group cardio sessions commencing week 17 March, 9.15am sessions, 1/2 hour only. Phone Kirstin 021 702 715, Nspired Fitness and Nutrition.

### **ASB Premiership**

**Hawke's Bay United v Wai/BOP United**  
Sunday 2pm, 8th March 2015 @ Bluewater Stadium



Adults \$10  
Students/  
Senior Citizens \$5  
12 years & under Free

Chance to  
**WIN \$100 CASH**  
at half-time show



# SNAPSHOTS OF THE WEEK...



## Reignier Catholic School Board of Trustees Update – Term One 2015

Hi everyone,

Welcome to 2015! Welcome back to our returning families and a special welcome to families who are new to Reignier this year. This update is one of four that the board likes to publish (one per term) to keep everyone informed about the matters the board has is focusing on. The board represents and works for the school community so it is important you are kept informed.

The board had its first meeting for 2015 last week and like the staff did a few weeks ago, spent much of our first meeting looking at the strategic plan for the coming year(s). We agreed what actions will be undertaken throughout the year that will deliver on our strategic priorities and set targets that we will use to measure our performance against. The year ahead is very much one of consolidation as we look to fully embed and benefit from much of the new learnings and initiatives of 2014 however the following continue to be our priorities;

1. Excellent achievement in Literacy and Numeracy
2. Outstanding Staff
3. Strong, visible Catholic Faith
4. Efficient, effective and responsible E-learners
5. An optimum roll

The specific actions that will be carried out in 2015 to deliver on these priorities are documented in the school's annual charter. Once the charter is finalized (sent to the Ministry and approved) it will be placed on our school website for all to see. If there are things you think could be added to the charter we would love to hear about them. The charter should be a "living" document if it is to truly reflect the educational aims of our school community.

Of course there are many other matters that the board will address and discuss during the term so if there is ever anything in particular you want to know about or discuss just let us know.

### Hall Update

The hall is moving through its final design stages and is due to be put out for tender soon. For families new to the school, a new hall is being built that will sit on the site of classroom 12 at the front of the school. The old hall will be demolished once the new hall is completed leaving us with a "clean" space. The total value of the new hall will be just over \$500K, of which the parents and teachers association (PTA) will be contributing \$110K (plus an additional approx. \$10K for the demolition of the classrooms). The remainder of the costs will be met by the school's proprietors (being the Catholic Schools Board Limited).

This has been a very long project and we are incredibly grateful to our PTA who over many years have fundraised to get us to this point. The PTA does a fantastic providing things for the school that government funding does not cover. We are currently developing the annual board/PTA partnership plan so shortly the PTA should be able to highlight the projects for this year. Please get involved in whatever way you can to support our school fundraising efforts, it simply would not be the school it is without the PTA and the contributions from families past and present.

We wish you and all the children and staff a fantastic term and year ahead.

God bless



Patrick Jones  
Chairperson



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

After trialing a Math's website called IXL towards the end of last year, we have decided it would be beneficial for all of the children at Reignier Catholic School to have access to it. IXL is a comprehensive math's review site with an unlimited number of practice questions in hundreds of skills—all of which are aligned to the national curriculum. One of the best things about IXL is that your child can access it from home and it will be incorporated into your child's homework programme. IXL will also be used within classrooms to help support current math's programmes. **The cost per child for 16 months is going to be \$8.80**, which is at a cost considerably cheaper than not registering with the school. The \$8.80 will be charged to your child's term account (please see your child's teacher if your child is already subscribed to IXL). Please note that your child will have access to the IXL website for 16 months, expiring in June 2016.

Once the school has subscribed, you'll be able to follow the below steps to use IXL at home (your child will be issued with their username and password at school):

1. Go to [www.IXL.com](http://www.IXL.com)
2. Enter your child's username and password in the upper right corner and click the button to sign in. (Note: If the username and password are not listed below, they will be provided separately.)

Username \_\_\_\_\_

Password \_\_\_\_\_

3. Click on *Maths* at the top of the page and navigate to your child's year level.
4. Find a skill to practise by doing one of the following:
  - Select a specific skill to practise from the list of skills. You can place your mouse over any skill to see a sample question and click on the link to begin.
  - Go to the *Awards* section. Each year level presents challenges for your child to conquer and virtual prizes to be uncovered. Place your mouse over any challenge to begin.

In addition to making maths practice exciting, IXL is designed to help your child learn at his or her own pace. The website is adaptive and will adjust to your child's demonstrated ability level. The site also saves all of your child's results, so you can monitor your child's progress anytime by clicking on the *Reports* at the top of the page.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come in and ask at school

Sincerely

Reignier Catholic School Teachers

# Reignier Catholic School Mad Hatters Walkathon

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2015  
12noon Start  
Reignier School Field



This is a community and school event. ALL children will be participating in a walkathon, which will be a 1 hour walk.

The event is a combined effort between the Staff and the PTA.

On the 2nd March the children will be bringing home the Sponsorship forms. This can either be a donation or money per lap walked.

There will be prizes for the Class who raises the most money, the person in each class who raises the most money and 8 voucher spot prizes.

Please support your child and our school by coming along and either helping out, cheering on, or walking with your child.

As this event is a follow on from St Josephs Day Celebrations, the PTA will be providing a sausage in bread and an ice block for each child and an apple kindly donated by the Ericksen Family. Please pack extra lunch for your children. Lunch will take place before the Walkathon.

Children must wear their uniform to school for the Mass and Powhiri then can change into their House Colours and a "Crazy Mad Hat"!!





*YOU ARE ALL INVITED  
TO OUR ANNUAL*



*ST MARY'S PARISH AND REIGNIER SCHOOL*



*Join us for a 'good old fashioned' Parish Picnic  
after the 9am Reignier School Mass*

***SUNDAY 1 MARCH***

***11am—3pm***

***ESKDALE PARK***

*Pack up a picnic lunch, sunhat, sunscreen and togs  
and head for Eskdale Park after Mass. There'll be  
games, races, a bouncy castle, and a chance for a dip  
in the river to cool off. Then to finish the day, we'll  
have a lolly scramble for the children. So do come!*