



REIGNIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Tena Koutou Katoa Greetings everyone

Thank you to everyone who attended the school Mass on Sunday. It was a great way to start the year – by blessing our school and families. The parish/school picnic was a huge success, with the weather playing a part in making it a day for sitting in the shade yarning with friends. Thanks for coming! A big thanks to Dave Pipe, our Parish manager for his organisation and Mark Johnson for manning the police BBQ.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon 2 nd - Fri 6 th	PAT testing for Years 3-6
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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:

Tuesday 10 th March	Maori Consultation Meeting at 5.30pm in the Staffroom Nibbles available for children
Wednesday 11 th March	New Parent Morning Tea from 9am in the Staffroom
Thursday 19 th March	St Joseph's Day Mass, Powhiri and Walkathon
Tuesday 24 th March	Sharing of Learning evening
Thursday 26 th March	Yrs 3-6 Swimming Sports
Thursday 2 nd April	Holy Thursday and end of Term One

SCHOOL LEADERS

At Mass on Sunday we announced our school leaders and presented them with their badges and prayed for them. We would like to congratulate them and thank them for taking on their roles of responsibility. This year, our House leaders are:

Noah Kaio	Amelia Otto	Devoy House
Fred Sugden	Lucy Smith	Hadlee House
Dylan Homan	Amaia Watson	Hillary House
Jack Halpin	Lily Giddens	Te Kanawa House

Congratulations also to our Leadership team who were announced at Mass.

Thomas Cacho-Bevin	Baylie Young
Ryan O'Carroll	Holly Williams
Sam Lack	Isabella Devereux
James Ericksen	Maia Cochrane

PATs

PAT testing will continue 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 with information about gaps in learning and

what we need to focus on.

FRIDAY MORNING PRAYER

Just a reminder to parents that on a Friday morning from 8.30am Reignier staff gather for prayer in the staffroom. This means that your class teacher will not be available to meet or greet for this one morning each week. Please understand that this is an important part of our school culture, and we ask you to prepare your child for this if it may cause any angst.

ST JOSEPH'S DAY

This is our very special feast day and one that we love to celebrate. As most of you know, St Joseph is our patron saint and we were once named St Joseph's School. Because of this, on Thursday 19th we will be having a day of celebration. We begin with Mass at St Mary's at 9.15am. Following the Mass will be a welcoming powhiri. We really encourage our new families to join the Manuhiri at the Moeller St gates straight after Mass. You will be called on to the school grounds with the help of some of our senior girls and Ms Davis and will be welcomed into our school community. It is a lovely ceremony and is more about learning and growing together as Treaty partners than it is about getting it right. We also ask all our established families to join with the children and staff to welcome our new families in. There will be a morning tea in the staffroom for all adults. After morning tea the PTA will run a fundraising walkathon starting at 12pm. This will run for an hour and then the children will be treated to a sausage sizzle. The children will change into their house colours and are asked to bring a creative hat of some sort to wear. If your child does not know what house they are in yet, please don't worry. They will be informed well before the event, so you have time to prepare.

SAFETY REMINDER

We have noticed a number of people using the school car park driveway to turn their vehicles. This is a safety hazard for road patrollers, staff needing to turn into the driveway and cars coming in the opposite direction. Please consider a safer option.

OPTIMIST YACHTING

It was unfortunate that the Year 6 Optimist Yachting was cut short last week. Our prayers and thoughts go out to the family of the deceased gentleman from the Masonic Retirement Village. We have been lucky enough to score two afternoons to complete the course in week 7. The Year 6 students will be sailing from 12pm on Wednesday 18th and Friday 20th March.

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

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS...

ALTAR SERVERS

Sunday 8th March 9am Mass:

Ben Graney, Alex Graney, Jack Graney

CLASS AWARDS—CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE CHILDREN

Room 1	St Paul	Remi Aoyama Lucy Homan	For fantastic progress in speaking English For a great attitude to school and learning
Room 2	St Angela	Tamati Madden Emily Macintosh	For being a marvellous mathematician For being a fantastic thinking learner
Room 3	St Mary McKillop	Maddie Wardle Milla Koenigsberger	For her great work in Maths For having a great attitude in class
Room 4	St Therese	Reef Parrish Storey Claudia Jones	For being cheerful and friendly For being an excellent listener and being able to follow directions

Sunday 8th March 5pm Mass:
Ella Lawson, Hannah Lawson

GENERAL NEWS...

FOUND

Found at Eskdale Park on Sunday: a pedometer and a 'Ben 10' hat. Waiting at school office for collection.

LOST

Sweatshirt, size 6 named Pilcher. Please return to Francesca in Room 2 if found.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We began the first of their RE strands last week. Your child will bring home their RE workbook at times with homework to complete together. For background on what your child is learning you should refer to the Family/Whanau book. There are six strands in our programme and I will let you know in the school newsletter when we begin a new strand. We are teaching the Jesus Strand this term. The focus for each class is: (with references to the Family/Whanau book in brackets)

Rooms 1 & 3: Jesus My Friend (pge.17), Rooms 2 & 4: Jesus Showed His Love in Different Ways (pge. 20), Rooms 5, 6 and 7: Jesus Came to Show People How to Live and Lead Them to God (pge. 26), Rooms 9 & 10: The Life Of Jesus (pge. 29).

TEAM KERERU ASSEMBLY

This is taking place on Friday 6th March at 9am. Room 9 will be leading this.

THIS WEEK'S SPORTING NEWS...

BASKETBALL *Results from last week:*

Year 3/4

Reignier **Lakers** lost to Reignier **Hawks** 11-12.

POD's – Lincoln Jeffares (Lakers), Layton Hill and Ethan Macintosh (Hawks)

Reignier **Thunder** beat AMS 16-6.

POD – Pippa Giddens

Year 5/6

Reignier **Saints** vs Reignier **Hornets friendly game so no score recorded.**

Reignier **Spurs** beat Bledisloe Bouncers 26-16.

POD's – Hannah Rich and Jae-won Park

Draw for Thursday 5th March

Year 3/4

Reignier **Lakers** vs Clive Orange at 3.30pm – Court 3b

Reignier **Hawks** vs AMS Breakers at 4pm – Court 3b

Reignier **Thunder** vs Tamatea Heat at 3.30pm – Court 3

Year 5/6

Reignier **Saints** vs AMS Giants at 4.30pm – Court 3

Reignier **Hornets** vs AMS Saints at 5.30pm – Court 2

Reignier **Spurs** vs Swish Purple at 3.30pm – Court 2

CRICKET

Results from last week

Year 3/4:

Reignier **Stags** had a bye

Year 5/6:

Reignier **2nd 11** lost to Napier Central School 60-96.

POD's – Jae-won Park, Jack Halpin, Lily Giddens & Carter Frame-Tavita

Reignier **1st 11** beat Greenmeadows B 116-90.

POD's – Dylan Homan and Connor Kimble

Cricket 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.

HOCKEY

There is NO hockey this week due to Master's tournament being played at turf.

HOT SHOTS TENNIS COACHING – WEEKS 6 – 9

From Week 6 to Week 9, all classes at Reignier will be receiving 30 minutes of tennis coaching on a Wednesday or Thursday. The programme is run by Luke Donovan and is called "hotshots tennis". There will be no charge for this as the school will be covering the cost through our Kiwi-Sport funding.

T-BALL

POD for last week – Natalie Crabtree. A great game had by all.

Draw for this Saturday 7th March:

Reignier vs AMS Cougars – Tareha 7 at 10:15am

Due to having 16 players, we need to stand down 4 children each week. Children standing down this week: **Emily Vorster, Rose Jones, Logan Gray, Noah Onuma**

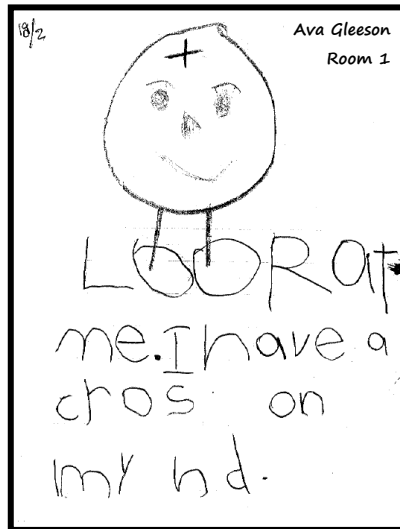
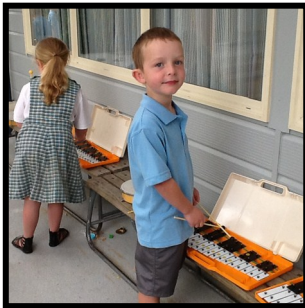
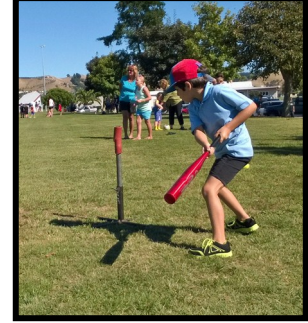
YEAR 6 OPTIMIST YACHTING

Well done to all of the Year 6 students for their efforts during Optimist Yachting last week. We had 3 great days down at Pandora Pond and the children were doing superbly considering the majority had never sailed before. Due to a Rahui being placed on the pond, we were unable to go on Thursday and Friday. **We have re-booked some days in Week 7 (Wed 18th March and Fri 20th March) so the children can complete their Optimist Yachting experience.** A note will come home shortly about this asking for parent help. **Thank you so much to all of the parents who helped out last week too...we had such tremendous support and it was really appreciated!**

COMMUNITY NOTICES...

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

SNAPSHOTS OF THE WEEK...



Reignier Catholic School Mad Hatters Walkathon

Thursday 19th 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 or 3rd of 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 after 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"!!

“Light a Fire in the Heart of the World”

“Whakakāngia te Kāpura ki roto i te Ngākau o te Ao Tāngata”

Pope Francis

Fire purifies, warms and guides. The invitation Pope Francis presents to us as we enter the season of Lent is a reminder of the goodness we are capable of bringing into our communities and our world.

Yet the news on TV is filled with stories far from goodness: President Putin continues to bully Ukraine; unspeakable atrocities are occurring in the Middle East; serious critique of the Trans-Pacific Partnership is ignored by our Government; and the gap between the rich and the poor in New Zealand has never been greater.

How do we respond? Our faith means that we are always people of hope. Some say that's naïve, so ours is the task to show them that our hope is real because we are people of charity, people of love in action.

Caritas is the Church's principle agency of love in action. It is at work in over 165 countries. Many consider it the world's most effective development agency. Why? Perhaps because it is an expression of our Catholic faith and so is motivated not only by justice but by love: the poor, the marginalized, the exploited and the oppressed are not just recipients of our aid but are our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Our Lenten envelopes support Caritas directly. I encourage everyone to pick up a pack of Lenten envelopes today. Parents, please explain to your children why Jesus calls us to see the less fortunate as our brother and sister: in Lent, as we recall Jesus' offering his body, his life, on the Cross for all humanity, we grow in our understanding of the sacrifices we too are called to make so that others may experience the love of God.

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