



# REIGNIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Tena Koutou Katoa Greetings Everyone

This week we head into Advent. It is a pretty crazy time for families and schools with lots of events and excitement happening. It is important that we take some family time, some quiet time, firstly for sanity sake but also to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and prepare for the joyous event of Jesus' birth. Attached to this week's newsletter is a family liturgy for the first Sunday in Advent. Praying together is a great way of spending quality time as a family in a tranquil manner.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> /Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 3 & 4 Camp
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 6 Transition visit to TIS

## THE TERM'S EVENTS

Please continue to check the newsletter and the website for our upcoming school events. Please keep checking dates as from time to time dates change. **Some dates to note:**

Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Parent Helpers Thank You Morning Tea Year 6 Leavers Dinner
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Prize Giving 6pm
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	End of Year Mass and Break Up for Holidays 11am

## CLASSES FOR 2016

Classes for next year have been arranged. For 2016 we will have  
Yr 0 / 1 – Mrs Mellon in Room 1  
Yr 0/1 – Fixed Term teacher in Room 1A  
Yr 2 – Mrs Riceman and Mrs Cawston teaching collaboratively in Rooms 2, 3 and 4  
Yr3/4 – Mrs Cronin in Room 6  
Yr 3/4 – Ms Brooker in Room 8  
Yr 4/5 – Mr Nairn in Room 5  
Yr 5/6 – Mrs Gibson in Room 9  
Yr 5/6 – Mr Jenyns in Room 10

The Year 2s will have a collective Home Room in Room 3 with both teachers and use Rooms 2 and 4 as break out rooms for group work and independent activities.

Parents will be notified of their child's class when Year 4-6 reports go out on Dec 14<sup>th</sup>.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the Interschool Athletics last week at the Regional Sports Park. A special congratulations to Maddox Parrish-Storey who was placed third overall in the 9 year old Girls event, Jacob Cotter who was placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the 8 Year old Boys event, and Madelin Herbert who won the 11 Year old Girls event. Fantastic effort!

## PARENT HELPERS MORNING TEA

On Tuesday 2nd December at 11am 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. If you put away books, help on camps and trips, help at sports days, transport children anywhere, do a road patrol duty etc. please come along to this morning tea if you are able and enjoy morning tea with us. **Please RSVP to the office if you are attending for catering purposes. Don't be shy!**

## FACEBOOK

Please continue to like us on Facebook—Reignier Catholic School. This is great way to keep abreast of what is happening in our school community.

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

## THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS...



## ALTAR SERVERS

### Sunday 29th November 9am Mass:

Thomas Jones, Jonty Unwin, Harry Unwin

### Sunday 29th November 5pm Mass:

Jack Graney, Alex Graney and Ben Graney

## GENERAL NEWS...

## TEAM KERERU ASSEMBLY

To be held this Friday at 9.00am in the Hall. Room 10 will be leading this week's assembly.

## TEAM PIWAKAWAKA ASSEMBLY

To be held this Friday at 12.30pm in the Hall. Room 4 will be leading this week's assembly.

## TEAM PIWAKAWAKA—MINI ATHLETICS & MARKET DAY

**Friday 4 December**—Save the date to celebrate with Piwakawaka Team. Proposed schedule will be mini athletics first block followed by team assembly and mini market hour of Christmas goodies from approx. 12.00 noon. Start saving your small change.  
**Thank you Piwakawaka Team Teachers**

## YEAR 1 ANNIVERSARY & INTERIM & YEARS 2/3 INTERIM INTERVIEWS

If your child has a birthday in Nov, Dec or Jan they will receive an anniversary report by the end of the year. If this is their 6th Birthday there is an opportunity to meet with the class teacher to discuss their progress.

If your child is mid way between birthdays during Nov, Dec or Jan they will receive an interim report by the end of the year. These reports are supported by an interview opportunity. If this affects you, you should receive a note regarding this in the next week

## ~~CLASS AWARDS—CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE CHILDREN~~

Room 1	St Paul	Quinn Baylis Thana Pinnoi	For excellent effort in Reading For great thinking in Maths
Room 1A	St Veronica	Ava Gleeson Ali Qureshi	For great focus in reading and writing For great thinking in Maths
Room 2	St Angela	Liam Reilly Rose Jones	For giving his best to all learning activities For her positive and willing attitude to learning
Room 3	St Mary McKillop	Ben Jackson Greer Dooney	For having smiles, always saying 'Hello' and being helpful For wonderful progress in Reading and Maths
Room 4	St Therese	Aaliah Hamilton Xavier Labat	For giving her best in all her learning For super reading
Room 8	St Anne	Jack Hunt Claudia Rae	For working hard to complete all work on time For making a huge jump in reading comprehension and creativity in writing
Room 5	St Gerard	Ashley Narayan Matthew Eagles	For showing patience at all times For a great effort on his Saint study
Room 6	St Francis	Zara Sheard Tara Labat	For fantastic work on her Saint study For excellent progress in reading
Room 9	St Bridget	Jake Coffin Jemma Rumble	For great opening sentences to hook the reader in to your writing For always being kind and respectful towards others
Room 10	St John Bosco	Maia Cochrane Vincent Jones	For always being kind and respectful towards others For doing some great thinking with decimals
		Helena Mills Sam Lack	For always being kind and respectful towards others For showing a positive attitude towards his learning

explaining the online booking process for this. Just a reminder Year 0 to 3 students who have received their reports throughout the year will **NOT** be issued an end of year report as in previous years. 2016 class notifications will be sent on the same day as the Year 4-6 reports are issued.

## THIS WEEK'S SPORTING NEWS...

### BASKETBALL—TERM 4

*Results from last week;*

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

Reignier **Breakers** beat Reignier **Lakers** 34-4.  
 POD's—James O'Carroll (Breakers) and Molly Smith (Lakers)  
 Reignier **Heat** beat Clive Red 12-6.  
 POD's—The whole team  
 Reignier **Thunder** beat Clive Purple 22-14.  
 POD's—Layton Hill and Tom Halpin  
 Reignier **Hawks** lost to Porritt Hornets 6-26.  
 POD—Lincoln Jeffares

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

Reignier **Wildcats** beat Reignier **Hornets** 36-15.  
 POD—Thomas Cacho-Bevin (Wildcats) and Marisa Harada (Hornets)  
 Reignier **Saints** beat AMS Giants 31-29.  
 POD—Brandon Shadbolt

#### ***Draw for this Thursday 26th November***

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

Reignier **Lakers** vs AMS Bulls at 4pm – Court 1  
 Reignier **Breakers** vs AMS Clippers at 3.30pm – Court 1b (semi-final)  
 Reignier **Heat** vs Clive Orange at 3.30pm – Court 1 (semi-final)  
 Reignier **Thunder** vs Porritt Hornets at 4pm – Court 1b (semi-final)  
 Reignier **Hawks** vs Clive Purple at 4.30pm – Court 1

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

Reignier **Wildcats** vs Porritt Golden Tigers at 3.30pm – Court 2 (semi-final)  
 Reignier **Hornets** vs Tamatea Blockers at 4.30pm – Court 2  
 Reignier **Saints** vs Poritt Titans at 5.30pm – Court 1 (semi-final)

### CRICKET—TERM 4

*Results from last week;*

**Reignier Year 3/4 lost to** Taradale Primary School

POD'S—Jackson Morley and Finn Devereux

**Reignier 1<sup>st</sup> 11** lost to Port Ahuriri 56-99

Bowling POD—James Ericksen  
 Batting POD—Sam Lack and James Ericksen  
 Fielding POD—Thomas Cacho-Bevin and Jacob Cotter

**Reignier 2<sup>nd</sup> 11** lost to Bledisloe

Bowling POD—Jae-Won Park and Ben Graney  
 Batting POD—Ethan Boyd and Alex Graney

#### ***Draw for this Friday 27th and Saturday 28th November***

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 if any children are standing down.

**There will be a 1<sup>st</sup> 11 practise after school this Wednesday 25<sup>h</sup> November from 3.10pm – 4.30pm.**

### T-BALL—TERM 4

***Draw for this Saturday 28th November:***

#### **Year 1/2**

Reignier **Stars** vs AMS Lions at 9am – Tareha 6  
 Reignier **Comets** vs St Pats Minons at 10.15am – Tareha 4

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

Reignier **Rockets** vs Pumas at 9am – Tareha 7

### WEETBIX TRY 2016

A note should have come home with your child last week if they were interested in participating in the Weetbix TRYathlon in 2016. Please see Mr J if your child didn't get a notice.

## PTA NEWS...

### UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop will close for 2015 year on **Friday 4th December**. Please ensure you have all uniform orders in before then. Thank you.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**After school caregiver needed...**We are looking for someone experienced, mature and kind to provide after school care for our two boys. It will be two days a week during term time only. References required. Please call Christine for more information 027 220 5844.



# SNAPSHOTS OF THE WEEK...

ROOMS 1 & 1A FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS...



ARTWORK BY SHOGO ABE...VERY IMPRESSIVE!!!



ROOM 1...MATHS TIME LEARNING HALVES & QUARTERS! GREAT WORK!!!



XMAS TREES MADE WITH LOVE FOR THE LIBRARY!!!

INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS...  
AWESOME EFFORT TEAM!

2ND



1ST

3RD



DISCOVERY





The 2015

# Advent Family Journey

*Waiting in Hope:  
Praying & Living Advent*



## The Introduction

*Advent is a season almost forgotten by the secular world. You'll find Advent calendars, but they are simply an adornment for the 'Christmas season,' which begins around the end of November and finishes on Christmas Day.*

*These Advent daily reflections are designed to help you and your family capture some of what's intended by the liturgical season of Advent. Each day a Scripture quote, brief reflection, and an action to complete.*

*What we hope you gain from these reflections is an appreciation of Advent. Do as much – or as little – as you can each day. It is not as important to do every reflection and activity as it is for you and your family to enjoy the anticipation of Christ's birth.*

*Everyone will enjoy this time if it doesn't become just one more thing added to an already busy time of year. Try to find a quiet moment each day and spend it together. Don't try to read or plan ahead – just embrace each day as it comes.*

*May your Advent be blessed this year, and may Christmas be better for the preparation you do during Advent.*

## The Family Advent Wreath Blessing

*Construct a simple circle of greenery. Add four candles (traditionally, three dark blue or purple and one pink – for the third Sunday). On the First Sunday of Advent, gather the family around the wreath and bless it.*

**Leader:** Loving God, you filled Mary with grace. **All:** **You fill us and our world with grace.**

**Leader:** Blessed are we that our God comes to us. **All:** **Our God is always with us.**

**Leader:** Bless our Advent wreath. May this circle of green help us remember that we live within the circle of God's ever-present love.

**All:** **We live in the grace and peace of God.**

**Leader:** May these candles that mark the four weeks of Advent help us keep true to the spirit of Christmas afire in our hearts.

**All:** **Emmanuel, God-with-us, the light of your life shines in our darkness.**

## The Action

Alternate giving is a gift that benefits a third person or organisation rather than oneself. Most charities provide a card or certificate describing the donation. Check your local paper, surf the net, call Vinnies or a local charity.



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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday 29 November 2015

### The Lighting of the Family Advent Wreath (First Advent Candle)

**Leader:** Creator God, awaken our eyes and open our ears to the sights and sounds of Advent. Awaken our hearts to the love and fun we share in our family. Jesus, shows us the kind of loving and compassionate people we can be. Let us light each other's way to Christmas by showing love to one another. Bless our family.

**All:** Amen! Come Lord Jesus. Wake us up.

### The Scripture (Luke 21: 28)

*'When these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand'.*

### The Family Focus

Do you have a central calendar where you keep track of doctor appointments, sports practices, and school events? My family's organisers have evolved from colour-coded wipe-off boards and online planners to our current system – a religious calendar we got at church for a few dollars' donation. Sure, the grids are too small to hold our scribbled notes, but it works somehow. I also think of an Advent wreath as a way to keep track of our real life in God's family. We get a weekly theme (this week is hope), plus candles to remind us of the Light that comes in the darkness. How will you help your family stay close to God this season? Pray about it now.

### The Family Prayer

**Parent:** Lord God, as Advent begins, we look with hope to your Son's birth.

**All:** Our hope is in Jesus.

**Parent:** We look with hope to the promise of heaven.

**All:** Our hope is in Jesus.

**Parent:** We look with hope to a life of joy with you forever.

**All:** Our hope is in Jesus. Amen.

*(Pray for everyone's hopes for the coming year.)*

### The Family Action

Look at your family calendar and make some Advent plans.

Decide what's really important this season, like making time for God and others.



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