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Tena Koutou Katoa Greetings Everyone

As we come to the end of another year we thank God for the blessings we have received, for our families, for friendship and community. We also ask Him to keep us safe during the holidays. Thank you for your support this year. Success comes with everyone working in the same direction for the good of all. Well done, it has been a very successful year.

A big thank you to the teachers and staff who have worked tirelessly throughout the year. May you all be rewarded with a fantastic, restful break.

Happy Christmas everyone. May the season be full of joy. The Christmas Masses at St Mary's are at 7pm on Christmas eve and 9 am on Christmas morning. Don't forget about sharing the true meaning of Christmas with your children by taking them to Mass.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon 14 th Dec	Prize Giving 6pm Reports to Parents for Years 4-6
Thurs 17 th Dec	End of Year Mass and Break Up for Holidays 11am

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:**

Dates for 2016	
29 th January	Teachers Only Day
1 st February	School begins
25 th March	Good Friday
30 th March	School resumes after the Easter break
15 th April	End of Term One

The office will be open from Monday 25th—Wednesday 27th January in the mornings.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to Michael Johnson who has utilized his excellent building skills to produce a wooden seat in the Piwakawaka Team quad and a new PE shed outside the Kereru Team block. Thanks Michael!

REPORTS

The end of year reports for Years 4-6 will be given to your child on Monday afternoon. These are a final record of where your child is achieving at the end of the year. A note to parents of children in Years 0-3 will be sent out on the same day regarding class placements for next year.

FINAL PRIZEGIVING

This is being held on Monday evening 14th December at 6pm at St Mary's church. Please could all the children be at the church by 5.40pm in full summer school uniform. They may wear a piece of tinsel in their hair. This is a very special evening, one not to be

missed. We invite all our families and extended families to be a part of our Christmas celebration.

FINAL MASS

On Thursday 17th at 11am the school community will be celebrating the end of year with a final school Mass. This will be held at St Mary's. During this Mass we farewell our leavers and thank God for the year we have had together. We would love as many families as possible to join us. The school children will be dismissed from the church straight after Mass. They will have their bags and gear with them, so they can go straight home.

BEGINNING OF 2016

School will resume for 2016 on Monday 1st February. The school office will be open Monday 25th to Wednesday 27th January in the mornings only if there is anything that people need. Teachers Only Day will be on Friday 29th January.

MARKET DAY

Thanks to all students who worked hard to produce items to sell at the Market Day on Friday. The school was abuzz with bargaining and trading, and it was a great learning experience for all. There are some very lucky parents and grandparents out there who are about to receive some spectacular gifts for Christmas!

YEAR OF MERCY-DONATIONS OF TREATS FOR THE NEEDY

You will have read I'm sure, of this special Year of Mercy called by Pope Francis, which is beginning on December 8th. We are asked to focus this coming year on the corporal works of Mercy.

Therefore it would be most appropriate to finish our year helping to feed the hungry. You have in the past generously donated a 'non perishable treat' for Christmas dinner for a needy family. They have formed part of our offertory procession at our final Mass. Items could be brandy snap cases, Christmas mince pies, éclair cases, an Ernest Adam slice, chocolates, Christmas pudding, fancy biscuits-or anything else you would like to eat at Christmas. Please give them to your child's teacher. Your generosity is always appreciated. Let's set the scene for the year with this simple act of giving that the Lord asks us to do.

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

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS...



ALTAR SERVERS

Sunday 13th December 9am Mass:

Thomas Cacho-Bevin, Catriona Williamson, Lexie Sugden

Sunday 13th December 5pm Mass:

Carter Frame-Tavita, Matthew Eagles



Merry Xmas

CLASS AWARDS—CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE CHILDREN

Room 1	St Paul	Aristo Su Leah McDowell Siena Murphy	For great improvement in writing For amazing progress in reading For a great attitude
Room 1A	St Veronica	Riley Kelsen Willow Zajonskowski	For being a focussed learner For focussed listening on the mat
Room 2	St Angela	Amelia Wilson Sam White	For wonderful writing For writing an amazing book
Room 3	St Mary McKillop	Maddie Wardle Beau Lepelaars	For sharing her knowledge about Mary For fabulous reading focus
Room 4	St Therese	Esther Jardine Aaliyah Windybank-Blatch	For great teamwork at our athletics For reading beautifully at our class assembly
Room 8	St Anne	Keisha Massey Chelsea Goldfinch-Green Finn Devereux	For being a kind and responsible buddy to younger kids For fabulous thinking in writing For fantastic on-task behaviour
Room 5	St Gerard	Alex Gregory Sasha Ward Ella Saunders	For being a fantastic listener For being an excellent role model and helper in class For excellent thinking in Maths
Room 6	St Francis	Jack Walling Ruby Haworth Charlie Allan	For thoughtful contributions to class discussions For always working hard and being focussed For growing confidence in himself and being great on camp
Room 9	St Bridget	Pippa Giddens Robbie Poon Reese McKinley-Rhodes	For excellent leadership while on camp For her awesome attitude towards learning For her awesome attitude towards learning
Room 10	St John Bosco	Sophia Wilton Ryan O'Carroll Caleb Marwick	For your amazing thinking when learning about decimals For your amazing effort on your poetry performance For showing leadership and for always being helpful



GENERAL NEWS...

TEAM KERERU ASSEMBLY

To be held this Friday at 9.00am in the Hall. Room 8 will be leading this week's assembly.

TEAM PIWAKAWAKA ASSEMBLY

There will be NO Piwakawaka assembly this week. Thank you for your support during the year.

YEAR 5/6 POETRY RECITAL FINALS

The Year 5/6 Poetry Recital Final is being held on Thursday 10th December in the school hall, starting at 9.15am. All parents and supporters are more than welcome to attend. The winner of this competition will receive the Oral Communication Cup for 2016.

THIS WEEK'S SPORTING NEWS...

BASKETBALL—TERM 4

Results from last week;

Year 3/4

Reignier **Lakers** lost to Porritt Buzzy Bees 16-22.

POD's—The Whole Team

Reignier **Breakers** lost to Clive Orange 18-22.

POD—Iraia Roberts and Maia Signal.

Well done to the Breakers team for finishing Runners-Up in their grade!

Reignier **Heat** lost to AMS Clippers 12-16.

POD's—The Whole Team

Reignier **Thunder** beat Clive Green 24-17.

POD's—The Whole Team

Well done to the Thunder team for WINNING in their grade!

Reignier **Hawks** beat AMS Nicks 20-11.

POD—Lola Jones

Year 5/6

Reignier **Wildcats** lost to AMS Thunder 24-36.

POD's—The Whole Team

Well done to the Wildcats team for finishing Runners-Up in their grade!

Reignier **Hornets** beat AMS Nets 28-20.

POD—Abbie Gardiner

Reignier **Saints** beat Taradale Warriors 52-28.

POD's—Aidan Kirby-Vaughan, Brandon Shadbolt and Harry Unwin

Well done to the Saints team for WINNING in their grade!

CRICKET—TERM 4

Results from last week;

Reignier **Year 3/4** lost Taradale Primary School 24-37.

POD's—Tom Halpin and Jai Muggleston

Reignier **1st 11** lost to St Patricks

Bowling POD—Dylan Homan, Batting POD – Liam Quinney, Fielding POD—Max Signal

Reignier **2nd 11** lost to Napier Central School 50-89.

Bowling POD—Vincent Jones, Batting POD – Ben Graney

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 1st 11 practise after school this Wednesday 9th December from 3.10pm – 4.30pm. This will be our last training for the year!

HB TRIATHLON

On Monday 7 December, 25 Reignier Year 5/6 pupils took part in the HB Primary Schools Triathlon Champs at Frimley Pool and Park. They swum 100m, biked 2.5km and ran 1.5km. A big congratulations to Caleb Marwick who got 3rd in the Year Six Boy's Individual event. It was truly heartening to see the perseverance, determination and courage of our triathletes so, well done on completing the challenge! Thank you to Dean Young for his training and words of wisdom and thanks to our wonderful school parent community for all your support and encouragement of our children.

T-BALL—TERM 4

Draw for Saturday 12th December

Year 1/2

Reignier **Stars** vs GMS 1 at 9am – Tareha 4

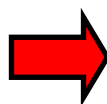
Reignier **Comets** vs AMS Panthers at 10.15am – Tareha 5

Year 3/4

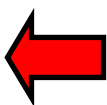
Reignier **Rockets** vs Port Ahuriri Blue Jays at 10.15am – Tareha 8

A big thanks to all of the parents who have helped manage and coach a SPORTS team this term. Your time and effort is really appreciated. Thanks very much!

SNAPSHOTS OF THE WEEK...



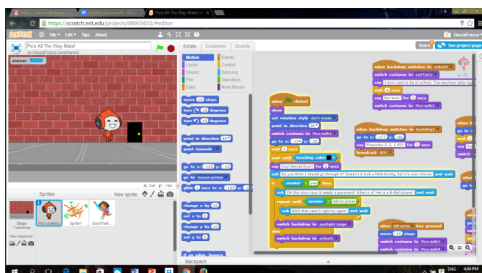
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GUESS WHO
THE REIGNIER
STAFF MEMBER
IS???



Code Club With Room 9

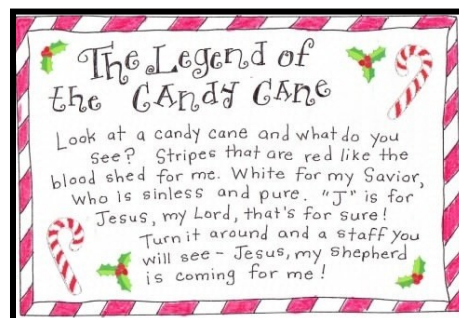
For the past 10 weeks, Room 9, have been doing a Coding course with James Macintosh, Sam's Dad. The website we used to learn about coding was called 'CS First'. There was 8 different videos showing us how to make stories using different computer science tools. Room 9 choose to use Scratch to do their projects in.

Here is an example of Scratch:



Room 9 found it lots of fun writing/designing stories and games using codes to program the computer to do what they wanted. Well done to Dylan Homan who won the Code Club t- shirt and the whole class on achieving certificates on completion of the course.

Harry Unwin



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HB TRIATHLON PARTICIPANTS...
SPECIAL CONGRATS TO CALEB MARWICK FOR HIS 3RD PLACING!!!



PTA Chairperson's Report 2015

On behalf of the Reignier School P.T.A. I am pleased to report on what we have achieved this year. 2015 has been a busy year with many goals being completed. In total we raised \$40,624 with the Gala raising \$29,200. As well as the Gala, we again held our Walk-a-Thon, Quiz night, photo fundraiser, Abacus calendars and disco including securing free sports gear as a result of all the Yummy stickers that were collected.

Through this fundraising our kids have benefited with the installation of new class blinds, 2 new drinking fountains with bottle fillers, a new sports shed, funding for the end of year school leavers dinner, a new seat around the tree in the junior school, scooter stand in the bike shed, water play and construction for the Junior Discovery programme, bean bags for the library as well as a new gazebo complete with the Reignier school logo on the roof to promote our school and a new cover for the pool that is currently being made. We were able to give \$1000 towards the recent Lowe Walker Rescue Helicopter visit that allowed 4 of our kids to experience the thrill of flying in a helicopter.

A huge effort has been undertaken this year to complete the sacred space with a very successful working bee providing the impetus in getting this project started and hopefully completed by the end of the school year. The P.T.A. also continues to fund its annual commitments including I.C.T, funding for the library and middle camp amongst other things.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of all those involved with the P.T.A both past and present, from the Gala Committee and executive through to all the mums and dads who turn up every year to help with the Gala. With this support from cooking sausages to delivering cups of tea allowed us to be so successful on the day. I would especially like to thank Sheree Lack who is moving on for her commitment and time she has given after being a member of the P.T.A for 12 years.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Julia Johnson and the Board of Trustees for their continued efforts and dedication in providing direction and leadership as we go forward as a school and the P.T.A looks forward to providing support in the years to come. Finally I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year and look forward to continuing where we left off next year.

Duane Coffin

