



# REIGNIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

**Wednesday 3rd February**  
*Road Patrol Training—Year 6*

**Monday 8th February**  
*Waitangi Day—NO SCHOOL*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**  
**Wednesday 10th February**  
*Ash Wednesday*

**Friday 12th February**  
*Art Deco Picnic*

**Monday 15th – Friday 19th February**  
*Optimist Yachting for Year 6 Students*

**Wednesday 17th February**  
*Parent Information Evening*

**Thursday 18th February**  
*Weetbix Tryathlon*

**Sunday 28th February**  
*Compulsory School Mass—9am*

**Monday 22nd February – Friday 4th March**  
**Weeks 4 & 5**  
*PAT Testing*

**Monday 7th – Friday 18th March**  
**Weeks 6 & 7**  
*Safe Walking—Piwakawaka Team*

**Friday 18th March**  
*St Joseph's Day*

**Tuesday 22nd March**  
*School Swimming Sports—Years 3-6 (Kereru Team)*

**Thursday 24th March**  
*Holy Thursday—Stations of the Cross*

**Friday 25th March**  
*Good Friday—NO SCHOOL*

**Monday 28th March**  
*Easter Monday—NO SCHOOL*

**Tuesday 29th March**  
*Easter Tuesday—NO SCHOOL*

**Tuesday 5th April**  
*Shared Learning Evening*

**Friday 15th April**  
*End of Term 1*

**Tena Koutou Katoa**

**Greetings Everyone**

Welcome back everyone!

We warmly welcome the following children to Reignier:

Mia Vorster (Room 1), Addison Marple (Room 1), Mia Deihl (Room 1), Annabel Smith (Room 1), Natalie Fu (Room 6), Amelia Fletcher-Jenssen and Jayden Fortune (Room 9). We also welcome back Gaku (Room 9) and Sara (Room 8) Takahashi from Japan.

We start the year with 214 students, welcoming some new entrants and some students moving from other areas and other schools. We trust that everyone has had a wonderful holiday and you are rested and refreshed, ready for a new term. It was great to see so many parents and grandparents in the school yesterday morning, and we want you to know that you are most welcome to be a part of our morning prayer time each day in classrooms. Please consider joining us. While the weather is fine and warm, we intend to make use of the great outdoors as much as possible, with Optimist Yachting, Safe Walking, an Art Deco picnic and lots of swimming on the agenda.

## ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a time to prepare for Easter by turning back to God, giving Alms and praying. On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> at 11.30am the whole school will be involved in an Ash Wednesday liturgy at St Mary's Church. The children will be receiving the ashes on their foreheads and preparing themselves for Lent. We extend an invitation to all who wish to join us to do so.

## ART DECO PICNIC

This year with the amalgamation of the three Napier Parishes into the Catholic Parish of Napier, it has been decided that there will be no Parish picnic. Last year we had a bit of an impromptu Art Deco picnic on our school field, and so this year we have decided to hold the Art Deco picnic at school again instead of the parish picnic. This will be held on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> at 1pm and will be followed by some traditional games and activities that might have been played in the 1930's. The children will be encouraged to dress in art deco clothes for the day or wear something that echoes the 1930's. Please understand that we do not want parents thinking they need to hire costumes. It can be kept very simple. We would love any parents and friends of the school to join us, bring their lunch and eat with us in picnic style on the field under the trees.

## BEGINNING OF YEAR REMINDERS

### ***Rubbish***

Because we are unable to recycle plastic at the school gate, we ask that your children take their lunchtime rubbish home with them. They will be encouraged to put their food scraps in the bins provided. Sustainability is a key concept that is part of our National Curriculum, so you can help us teach the children to form good habits by considering using reusable plastic bags, greaseproof paper and small plastic washable containers to pack lunch in each day.

### ***Hats***

Please check that your child has a school sunhat to wear during break times and outdoor activities. This is a compulsory part of the uniform at this stage of the year. Non regulation caps are not permitted.

### ***Swimming***

Swimming is our PE programme for the first part of the year. We are really fortunate to have a school pool. Many other schools have been unable to afford to keep theirs, and we hear so much in the news regarding drowning statistics in New Zealand and the need for our children to be water confident, water safe and competent swimmers. Our teachers are trained to teach swimming, so please make sure your child has their togs every day so they receive regular coaching. It is especially important for those reluctant swimmers who may not have much confidence.

### ***Sunblock***

Please remember to sunblock your child every morning before school. There is sunblock in classrooms for children to reapply during the school day.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

**'A well balanced education achieved through virtue  
and knowledge in a faith-filled community.'**

### **Parking**

Please be mindful about parking when collecting or dropping off each day. We need to ensure our good name remains and we don't upset neighbours by parking across driveways etc., especially on Moeller St. In this beautiful weather, a wander up from Chester St is no hardship so consider using the back gate. The school carpark is only for staff and for visitors, as it is too dangerous with its limited vision and turning room for dropping off children. We ask that you use the side path for entering and exiting the school from Guppy Rd, not walk through the carpark. Thank you.

### **Family Information Form/Re-Enrolment**

Coming home today with your child is the 2016 Family Information Form/Re-enrolment. This is on bright green paper and needs to be filled out and returned to the school office by Friday. This information is vital for keeping up to date records and is also used in the case of an emergency. If your child has not received a form (one per family) please contact the school office.

### **YOGHURT AND MILK**

From next week we will have a pupil in the school who is highly allergic to all dairy foods. He can become dangerously ill from contact with any dairy product. We are wanting to minimize risk of contamination, so we are asking all children in the Piwakawaka Team to refrain from bringing yoghurt and milk to school. These products are easily and often spilt, and if ending up on shoes, feet, fingers and clothes can contaminate carpets, playground and classroom equipment easily. Children will still be allowed other dairy products such as cheese, butter, snacks containing dairy because these are manageable. Please consider this as a high priority and help us to keep all our children safe and well by refraining from sending these items to school.

Ma te Atua koutou e tiaki

God bless you all.

Julia Johnson

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



### **ALTAR SERVERS**

**Sunday 7th February 9am Mass:**

Georgie Chapman, Se Hun Kim, Thomas Cacho-Bevin

**Sunday 7th February 5pm Mass:**

Carter Frame-Tavita, Matthew Eagles

## **GENERAL NEWS...**



### **TEAM KERERU & PIWAKAWAKA ASSEMBLIES**

There will be **NO** team Kereru and Piwakawaka assemblies this week.

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

### **BASKETBALL-TERM 1**

Games will be commencing next Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February at the Pettigrew Green Arena.

**Notes were given out on Monday to children who were interested in playing. Please see Mr J if your child didn't get a note but wishes to play. All basketball notes need to be returned to Mr J by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February.**



### **CRICKET-TERM 1**

Cricket for our Year 3/4 children starts next Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February.

Cricket for our Year 5/6 children start next Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February.

**Notes were given out on Monday to children who were interested in playing. Please see Mr J if your child didn't get a note but wishes to play. All cricket notes need to be returned to Mr J by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February.**



### **OPTIMIST YACHTING**

Our Year 6 children will be involved in Optimist Yachting each afternoon during Week 3 (**a note should have already come home with your child with information**). We would be really keen to have any support during this week from parents, grandparents or family members who have some sailing experience to help teach the children the skills of sailing. If this sounds like you, or you know of someone that would like to help, please contact Mr J at school.



### **TEE-BALL-TERM 1**

The second part of the season is set to start on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February. Teams/grades will be the same as the end of last year and a note will be coming home this week regarding this.



### **WEETBIX 'TRYATHLON'**

This is taking place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February. So far we have 52 students enrolled to participate – FANTASTIC! It's not too late to enter (**age 7 and over**) and your child can either enter as an individual or as part of a 2 person team. To register your child (ren), please visit **try.weetbix.co.nz** and click on the 'register now' option, find the Hastings event and then fill in the details. When you get to the 'school group' option, scroll down and select 'Reignier Catholic School' or ensure you use the school code: REIG0616. Registering this way will be available until 12pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February.

**All registrations will be done this way, please do not send in money or registrations forms to school.** For those children that have already entered, some information will be coming home this week about the event etc.



### **PTA NOTICES...**

#### **UNIFORM SHOP**

The Uniform shop is open to parents on **Mondays 8.30am—9.00am** and **Fridays 3.00pm—3.30pm** for parents to purchase uniform items. Should you require uniform items outside of these times please drop your form and money in a named envelope to the school office and items will be dropped to your child's class during the week. Uniform forms can be collected from the office. Please be mindful the uniform shop is operated by the PTA and hours attributed to this are voluntary.

**Second Hand Uniforms...** We do operate a cupboard which can be viewed by appointment. Please see the office.

### **COMMUNITY NOTICES...**

#### **GUITAR LESSONS 2016**

Enrolments are open for guitar lessons at Reignier Catholic School for children age 7 and older. Lessons are half an hour a week and will be held on Mondays during school time. The children will be arranged into small groups and your child will go through a structured programme that covers all styles of music. Music theory is incorporated with hands on playing. To sign up contact the office or Ross Turner Ph: 021 244 0559 Email: [turnerross1@gmail.com](mailto:turnerross1@gmail.com)



#### **KEYBOARD LESSONS 2016**

Would you like to hear your child play a musical instrument? Beginner keyboard lessons are offered at Reignier School on Thursdays for students in Year 4 and above. Half hour lessons take place during the school day, children learn in small groups of 3 – 5 depending on age and ability. More information and enrolment forms are available from the school office.

Enquiries: Theresa Bevin 027 472 9957. Please enrol early so that a timetable can be organised. First lesson: Thursday 11 February. Cost: \$80.00 per school term, plus materials \$20 new students, \$10 returning students. A limited number of keyboards are available for hire. Please enquire.



#### **FOR RENT**

One large bedroom self contained unit for rent in a quiet Taradale Street. Close to Taradale shops, schools, library and Doctors surgery. Please telephone 844 2026 (a message can be left) to enquire.



# SNAPSHOTS OF THE WEEK...

WE WARMLY WELCOME THE FOLLOWING  
CHILDREN TO REIGNIER...



COME AND CHECK OUT OUR NEW LIBRARY DISPLAYS!!!

