



# REIGNIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

**Wednesday 10th February**  
*Ash Wednesday*

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**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**

We warmly welcome Richard Yang (Room 1) and his family to Reignier.

School has started well and classes are settled and into routines already. You should have some communication from your classroom teacher this week if you have not already had so, either through a letter or the class blog or newsletter. Please remember that communication is key to a successful year. If you are not familiar with your class teacher, go in and make yourself known to them.

We look forward to Ash Wednesday Liturgy this week at the church and the Art Deco picnic on Friday, if you can join us.

## SIGNING IN AND SIGNING OUT

Please if you are taking a child off the school grounds during the day for an appointment or the like, please come to the office to sign them out before you leave.

Also if you are entering the school grounds for a visit other than drop off or pick up, please sign in and sign out.

## 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. Tomorrow, 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

The Art Deco picnic was mentioned in last week's newsletter. We would love to see as many parents and friends here as can manage it. The children are allowed to come in mufti that may in some way reflect the 1930's. Boys can wear their school shorts, sandals and a different shirt, girls could come in a sun dress with a hat. Ms Brooker has offered to hold a workshop tomorrow to help children make a headband to wear. Lunch begins at 1pm.

## YOGHURT AND MILK

Thank you all for considering this as a priority in order to keep all our children safe and well at school. We appreciate your help in this matter. We have reviewed what we have asked, and have decided that we need to ask for the removal of milk and yoghurt from school lunches right across the school, rather than just in the Piwakawaka Team for the time being, at least. We will review this at a later date. We understand that this may be inconvenient for some families however, we ask for your cooperation. If you have a particular issue with this, my door is always open. I am happy to have a discussion with you.

## AFTER SCHOOL SWIMMING

Thank you to those families who have been using and looking after the pool after school and in the weekends. We have had no trouble throughout the season thanks to your vigilance. We appreciate you locking the school gates when you come in during the weekend. However, during the week from Monday to Thursday we would appreciate you leaving the Moeller St, Guppy Rd and Chester St gates unlocked. Thanks.

## PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

On Wednesday evening the 17<sup>th</sup> February there will be an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and learn a little about what will be happening throughout the year. We will split the timing of these meetings into three. Below are the classes and times teachers will be in their rooms. They will each have a short presentation and then there will be an opportunity for you to ask questions and discuss anything coming up, or of note that pertains to your child's education this year.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

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

*The evening will follow as:*

5pm		
Year 2	Mrs Cawston and Mrs Riceman	Room 3
Year 1	Mrs Mellon and Miss Nikolaison	Room 1
5.30pm		
	Mr Nairn	Room 5
	Mrs Cronin	Room 6
	Ms Brooker	Room 8
6.00pm		
	Mrs Gibson	Room 9
	Mr Jenyns	Room 10



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

## THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS...

### ALTAR SERVERS

#### **Sunday 14th February 9am Mass:**

Catriona Williamson, Lexie Sugden, Noel Castellino

#### **Sunday 14th February 5pm Mass:**

Kelly and Aidan Minehan



## GENERAL NEWS...



### TEAM KERERU ASSEMBLY

Please check the newsletter each week to see if there is a Team Kereru assembly on **(these are held on a Friday at 9am)**. Every class will have the opportunity to present at least one assembly per term. Each Team Kereru class will also take turns at attending Church on Thursdays. **Room 5 is leading our Team Kereru assembly this Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 9am.**

## THIS WEEK'S SPORTING NEWS...

### BASKETBALL—TERM 1

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

**Team lists will be given out on Tuesday. A HUGE thanks to the parents who have offered to help with a team – your support is hugely appreciated!**



### CRICKET—TERM 1

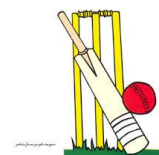
Cricket for our Year 3/4 children starts this Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February.

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

#### **Cricket Draw Week 2:**

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.

**Team lists will be given out on Tuesday. A HUGE thanks to the parents who have offered to help with a team – your support is hugely appreciated!**



### OPTIMIST YACHTING

The Year 6 children will be busy with Optimist Yachting during Week 3 which will run every day from 12pm. The Year 5 children from Room's 9 and 10 will be staying back at school in another teacher's class. Thanks to the parents who have offered to assist during the week, your help is always much appreciated. A separate note will come home with your child this week indicating which days you'll be required for.



Here is a list of clothing etc that the Year 6 children will need next week:

**\* A full water bottle \* A wetsuit if possible or polyprop top, togs and rash vest \* Shorts – no jeans \* Track pants to wear after they have left the water if they wish \* A jumper or warm top and rain jacket \* Hat and sunscreen \* Old sneakers or appropriate sandals \* Towel, \* Aqua shoes (optional) \***

Students should wear their Optimist clothing to school for the week, **not their uniform.**

### **TEE BALL—TERM 1**

The second part of the season is set to start this Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February.

#### ***Draw is as follows:***

Reignier **Rockets** vs Eskdale at Tareha 7 at 10.15am

Reignier **Comets** vs Pumas at Tareha 5 at 10.15am

Reignier **Stars** vs AMS Cougars at Tareha 6 at 10.15am

**Updated team lists will be given out on Tuesday – thanks again to the parents who have offered to help take a team for this part of the season – much appreciated!**



### **WEETBIX 'TRYATHLON'**

This is taking place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February. So far we have 57 student 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](http://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.**

Information regarding the Weetbix TRYathlon should have come home with your child last week, however it is also attached to this newsletter.



## **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.



### **VIOLIN LESSONS 2016**

Once again, the Ministry of Education is offering free violin lessons for Year 3 to 6 students at your School in 2016. It is not necessary for students to have their own violin, as they can be hired through the Napier Instrumental Classes, for \$50 for the year. A charge will be made for a suitable music book as well. Please see the office for a flyer if interested.





# SNAPSHOTS OF THE WEEK...

WE WARMLY  
WELCOME  
RICHARD  
TO REIGNIER...



do  
THE RIGHT  
THING...  
EVEN WHEN  
no one  
IS LOOKING.



## SCHOOL WIDE ASSEMBLY!!!



## **2016 Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon (Swim, Bike, Run)**

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Thanks so much for entering your child to participate in the 2016 Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon. So far we have 53 students registered! This is taking place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February at Frimley Park in Hastings.

Some important information:

- Students who registered before Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> of January will have their race packs couriered to their home.
- Students who registered after Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January will need to pick up their race packs on the day from the Weet-bix tent.
- Fiona Conroy has offered to provide a Conroy Removals truck to transport all bikes over on the day. The truck will be at school early on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February. It would be helpful if ALL bikes can be at school on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb and we can leave them in the hall overnight. This means we can start loading the bikes in early on Thursday. **A HUGE thanks to Fiona and Conroy Removals for your support – it's much appreciated!**
- Due to how many children are participating on the day, we have decided to bus all of the children over to Frimley Park. This will make organising the children easier as they will be in one group rather than turning up in individual cars and at different times.
- On the day, the children will need to ensure that they take something to eat, a drink bottle, a hat, sunscreen (applied before they get to school please), running shoes, helmet, towel and their race packs (some children will be collecting their race packs when we get there) and **any medication your child may require.**
- **The bus will be leaving school at 8am.** This will give us enough time to get to Frimley Park and organise transition for the children etc. **Transition closes at 9.15am so please ensure your child is at school by 7.50am and ready to leave.** There will be a race briefing at 9.30am and the races start at 10am.
- The children will need to leave the following in transition: Weet-Bix Kids TRY t- shirt with bib number attached to the front, bike with their event number sticker attached to handle bars, helmet with event number sticker attached to front, running shoes and socks, towel, drink bottle, medication if required, e.g asthma inhaler, and a box or something similar to put all of the above in next to your bike.
- Setting up transition for the children can be a bit hectic, so any parents who are coming to watch please help the children out – thanks so much!
- Visit this link for some tips on training for the event: <http://try.weetbix.co.nz/kids/try-trainer> .

If you have any questions, please see me ASAP.

Kind regards  
Blair Jenyns