



# REIGNIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

**Tuesday 8th May**

*PTA Meeting at 7pm in the Staffroom—all very welcome*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday 10th May**

*Author Visit*

**Thursday 12th May**

*Piwakawaka Theatre Visit*

**Friday 13th May**

*Piwakawaka Lit Quiz*

**Monday 16th May**

*Catholic Schools Day*

**Thursday 19th May**

*Barefoot Sevens  
Feed the Bus*

**Wednesday 25th May**

*Year 5/6 Kiwisport Day*

**Thursday 26th May**

*St Pat's Open Day*

**Friday 3rd June**

*Combined Mass St Pat's/  
Reignier*

**Friday 10th June**

*Science in a Van*

**Thursday 16th June**

*Kiwi Soccer Year 5/6*

**June 20th, 21st, 22nd**

*ERO Visit*

**July 4th, 5th, 6th**

*Senior Production*

**Tena Koutou Katoa**

**Greetings Everyone**

Welcome back everyone! We warmly welcome the following children and their families to Reignier: Scarlett Westaway (Room 1), Annabelle Tran-Trung (Room1), Lily Pywell (Room 1A), Raven Lawton (Room 3) and Poppy McCaskey (Room 3).

The Gospel from John this week reminds us all to love one another as He loves us. As a school community we keep this in our minds throughout this busy term as we support each other, encourage each other and help each other through our activities and learning.

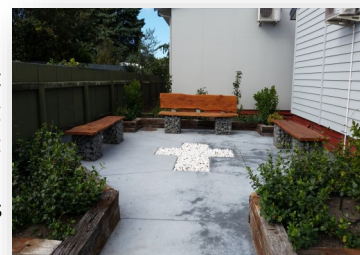
## ANZAC DAY

Thank you to all those children who participated in the ANZAC parade and ceremony during the holidays. We got a number of very positive comments regarding the banner of poppies in a cross that was created by all our knitters. A big thank you to Mrs Paterson, Taradale RSA knitting group, grandparents and children who contributed to it. It looks fab!



## SACRED SPACE

As you may have seen on our Facebook page, our Sacred Space is much closer to being finished. During the holidays Steve Halpin, Cyree Hunt and Duane Coffin built the seats and they look amazing. The benches are a fitting memorial to Jim Halpin, who was a respected and valued past pupil, parent and grandparent in our school and Parish community. A big thank you to Cath and the Halpin family. With a few finishing touches yet to come, the space now is a wonderful reflective area for our school community to share prayer in, spend time alone in, or enjoy God's creation in. Please come in and see it and enjoy the space yourself. Thanks also to our PTA who provided the funds for all the groundwork, plants etc. It is going to be a treasured space for years to come.



## COOL NEW CLASSROOMS

The beginning of this term has been a very exciting one for three of our classes. Rooms 9, 10 and 3 have all had a furniture makeover. Gone are the old desks, and our children are now able to utilize furniture that fits with the type of learning that has been developing in our classes for a while. Children now have choices about where they learn, who they are learning with, and are able to adjust the furniture to suit the purpose of the activity. It's bright, it's funky and it's comfy. Thanks to the Board for investing in us!

## SWIMMING POOL

A final reminder to return all pool keys to the office.

## UNIFORM

We have begun the process of transitioning from summer to winter uniform from the beginning of this term. In the first few weeks the children are able to wear a mix of both. By Queen's birthday weekend all children should be in full winter uniform. If you are buying shoes, then our policy states black lace up shoes for year 3 to 6. Years 0-3 can be lace up, buckle or velcro but should be able to be polished. We do not have a regulation jacket or raincoat, but if you are considering purchasing something for your child for winter, then black is a smart option.

We urge you to please insist on your children wearing their school shoes to school rather than non-regulation sneakers or running shoes. We also encourage the wearing of stretchies for girls as this is a modesty issue in the playground. Kmart, Farmers etc. sell 'navy boylegs' at affordable prices.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

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

## CLASS AWARDS—CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE CHILDREN

Room 5	St Gerard	Isabelle Holm Ashley Narayan	For being an outstanding team member during the Technology Challenge For an excellent attitude towards her learning
Room 6	St Francis	Francesca Pilcher Laura Brassington	For working hard and for great thinking for fantastic progress in Maths
Room 9	St Bridget	Jack Walling Lily Doolan	For the amazing perseverance you have shown with your knitting For outstanding thinking during our Technology Challenge
Room 10	St John Bosco	Hannah Rich Charlotte Halpin	For outstanding thinking during our Technology Challenges For outstanding thinking during our Technology Challenges

### ROAD WORKS

As you will well be aware the roadworks that has been hampering traffic flow on Guppy Rd has now moved into Osier Rd. Osier Rd will be closed to through traffic for the next 8 weeks or so, so please consider this when dropping off and picking up. It doesn't directly affect our entrances, but it will make life interesting for a while. Due to this issue, we will not be visiting St Mary's and if your child is in need of a dental visit then we will be using the Chester St route to walk the children around to Greenmeadows. If you are not happy with this then you can contact the Dental clinic and arrange an appointment at a time that suits you to accompany them.

### SCHOOL APP

#### ***Have you downloaded the Reignier School app?***

To download this app to your smart phone, visit the app store and search Reignier Catholic School. This app enables you to have alerts, school newsletters, class blogs, etc sent straight to your phone. Please spread the word about our new app. This is also a great tool for Grandparents and friends of the school.



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

### ***Board of Trustee Elections 2016***

*Hi everyone and welcome back to term 2! During the holidays you should have received information and nomination forms for the upcoming board of trustee elections. Becoming a trustee can be a very rewarding experience both personally and professionally and induction and ongoing training is provided. A number of longstanding trustees will not be seeking re-election this year so please do give some serious thought to bringing your skills, experience and passion to our schools governance. If you would like to informally chat about what is involved and how much commitment it is, please just get in touch. We also have our May meeting next week which anyone is welcome to attend and observe.*

Patrick Jones  
0275134011  
Chairperson

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

[www.copon.org.nz](http://www.copon.org.nz)



### ALTAR SERVERS

**Sunday 8th May 9am Mass:** Thomas Cacho-Bevin, Isaac Pilcher  
**Sunday 8th April 5pm Mass:** Carter Frame-Tavita, Matthew Eagles

### GENERAL NEWS...



### TEAM KERERU ASSEMBLY

Room 9 will be leading our Team Kereru assembly this Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 9am.  
Room 10 will be attending Mass on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 9.15am

### TEAM PIWAKAWAKA ASSEMBLY

**Room 1A** will be leading our Team Piwakawaka assembly this Friday 6th May at 12.30pm.

### YEARS 5 & 6 PRODUCTION REHEARSALS

Every Monday a rehearsal schedule will be displayed in the Years 5 & 6 classes. Every week the schedule is different. Most of these rehearsals are before school, during the lunchtimes or 2-3pm. Please check with your children every week to see if they have any 8.15am rehearsals. Thank you for your support.

### YEARS 5 & 6 SCHOOL PRODUCTION

The props team are looking for the following items for production which we would love to borrow and promise to take good care of them. **Stethoscopes, silver trays - any shape, silver jugs - any shape, large silver bowls - any shape, spinning wheel.** If you have these items and wish to lend them to us please see Debra in Room 9 or email [dgibson@reignier.school.nz](mailto:dgibson@reignier.school.nz)

## Setting Up Positive Norms in Maths Class 2016

Every 3 weeks the whole school will be focussing on one positive message that encourages  
Maths in the classroom

**Mistakes** are valuable.

**Mistakes** grow your brain! It is good to struggle and make **mistakes**.

**Mistakes** offer opportunities for great learning to take place.

## THIS WEEK'S SPORTING NEWS...

### BASKETBALL-TERM 2

*Draw for this Thursday 5 May;*

*Year 3/4*

Reignier **Lakers** vs Reignier Breakers at 3.45pm – Court 3b

Reignier **Hawks** vs GMS Warriors at 4.45pm – Court 3c

Reignier **Thunder** vs GMS Kings at 4.15pm – Court 3

Reignier **Heat** vs Porritt Scorpions at 3.45pm – Court 3c

*Year 5/6*

Reignier **Saints** vs Porritt Rockers at 3.45pm – Court 2

Reignier **Hornets** vs GMS Spurs at 4.15pm – Court 2

Reignier **Spurs** vs GMS Magic at 4.45pm – Court 2



Team lists with parent helpers should have come home with your child in the last week of last term. Once again, a huge thanks to all of the parents who have offered to help manage/coach a team. We wouldn't be able to enter as many teams as we do without such fantastic support – thanks so much!

**The draw for the first 7 weeks should have come home with your child this week.**

### NETBALL

**Reignier Stars** (Year 6) and **Reignier Raiders** (Year 6) your practices will be held on a Thursday lunchtime starting this **Thursday 5th May**. Remember to bring your sneakers to school to change into. Netball commences Thursday 12th May. The first two weeks will be grading rounds.

### RIPPA RUGBY – YEAR 5/6 STUDENTS

This will be starting on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May** (Week 2). Your child will be bringing home a draw for all of the games this week. Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May (Week 2) - **Reignier vs Greenmeadows at Greenmeadows School**. Games start at 3.30pm so the children need to get to the game ASAP after school.



## PTA NOTICES...

### PTA MEETING

The next PTA meeting is scheduled for tonight **Tuesday 3rd May** at 7pm in the Staffroom. All very welcome.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES...

*Marya Hopman*

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# SNAPSHOTS OF THE WEEK...

WE WARMLY WELCOME OUR NEW STUDENTS...



LOOK AT OUR  
AWESOME NEW  
LEARNING  
ENVIRONMENTS...  
WE ARE SO LUCKY!!!  
THANK YOU BOT!

