



# REIGNIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## **THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Monday 6th February**  
*Waitangi Day—NO SCHOOL*

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Tuesday 7th February—Friday 17th February**  
*Swimming Coaching*

**Monday 13th February—Friday 17th February**  
*Optimist Yachting—Year 6*

**Wednesday 22nd February**  
*Art Deco Picnic*

**Sunday 26th February**  
*Whole School Mass at 9am at St Mary's Church*

**Wednesday 1st March**  
*Ash Wednesday Liturgy at 11.30am*

**Friday 10th March**  
*Mufti Day for Caritas*

**Wednesday 15th March**  
*Swimming Sports*

**Friday 24th March**  
*St Joseph's Day*

**Thursday 13th April**  
*Holy Thursday  
End of Term 1*

## **Tena Koutou Katoa Greetings Everyone**

Welcome back everybody. We are very excited about 2017 starting, especially with new building happening at the front of the school. The children are all settled into classes and routines are being established. We hope everyone has had a happy, restful holiday. We look forward to a great partnership of learning.

## **WELCOME**

We are thrilled to welcome Lara Hollier to our staff on a part time basis this year. Lara will be our Reading Recovery teacher for 2017. Welcome aboard, Lara!

## **TERM EVENTS**

We are trying to keep the term balanced and without too many disruptions, but we do have the usual activities planned. Keep an eye on the newsletter, the school app and the website for calendar events and changes.

## **LEADERSHIP**

We have reviewed the Year 6 leadership structure and for a number of reasons we have changed things for this year. Firstly, we have a small year group, so we believe that it is an opportunity to develop the leadership across the whole cohort. We have also been aware that as the year progresses, students mature and change, and many whose leadership qualities may not be easily recognised early in the year may flourish as the year goes on. So, the leadership structure will be as follows. Each House will have 7 or 8 School leaders. They will all be responsible for building and managing House activities throughout the year. From that whole group, they will then be divided into areas of responsibility according to their particular talents and strengths – Sports leaders, Catholic Character leaders, Academic leaders and Cultural leaders. The Year 6 students will develop a profile for each of these responsibilities over the next week or so, so they have a good understanding of their roles for the year. All the leaders will be presented with House badges and area of responsibility badges at the first school Mass on 26<sup>th</sup> February.

## **OPENING MASS**

Our opening Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February at St Mary's church at 9am. We share Eucharist only twice a year on Sundays as part of our parish so all children will be expected to attend in full summer uniform. Please put this date aside now.

## **PARENT INFORMATION EVENING**

This will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>. Further information will be in next week's newsletter regarding times and organisation.

## **SWIMMING SESSIONS**

This year we have organised swimming sessions with instructors who were previously working through the Greendale Club which has now been disbanded. Tania Wain and Tarrah Nichols will be coaching swimming for all weeks 2 and 3. Every child will receive coaching every day for 9 days apart from the Year 6 students who will be optimist yachting in week 3. The cost will be paid by the school from Kiwisport funding. Please make sure that all children have their swimming togs and towels every day so we make the most of this marvelous opportunity.

## **NEW HALL BUILDING**

Because of the construction work out the front of the school, we encourage people to consider the drop off and pick up access from Chester St. At this time of the year when it is warm and dry, it is no hardship to wander up and down the field. If you are using the front gate access, please do not park over the entrance to the construction area. Also we remind families to please use the path to enter and exit the school grounds, as the carpark is too dangerous to be walking through. Follow the arrows.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

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

### **CATHOLIC COLLEGE OPENING MASSES**

St John's College Opening Mass will be held at the college in Hastings on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 9.30 and the Sacred Heart College opening Mass will be held at St Patrick's Church on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 9.15am. All are welcome to attend.

### **HEALTH AND SAFETY CORD COVERS**

As part of our continual quest for improvement of Health and Safety around the school we are asking for anyone in the community who would be happy to sew some cord covers for classroom floors. These are very simple and would require a rudimentary grasp of sewing and access to a sewing machine. Inquire at the office if you are able to assist. There may be chocolate fish and hot coffee in payment!!!

On a personal note, a huge thanks for the prayers and support I received from the whole school community at the end of last year after the passing of my mum. I was overwhelmed by the number of emails, texts and cards and presence at both the Rosary and the funeral from families and parishioners which very much strengthened our family during a very sad time. Thank you all.

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

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

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



### **ALTAR SERVERS**

**Sunday 5th February 9am Mass:** Thomas Cacho-Bevin, Caleb Marwick, Oliver Marwick

**Sunday 5th February 5pm Mass:** Alex Graney, Ben Graney

### **GENERAL NEWS...**



### **ASSEMBLY**

There is **NO** Piwakawaka Assembly this Friday.

### **GUITAR LESSONS 2017**

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. Lessons are \$78 per term. To sign up, pick up an enrolment form from the school office or contact Ross Turner Ph: 0212440559 Email: [turnerross1@gmail.com](mailto:turnerross1@gmail.com)

### **MUSIC - ENROLMENTS INVITED FOR 2017 KEYBOARD YEAR**

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: \$90.00 per school term, plus materials \$20 new students, \$10 returning students.

A limited number of keyboards are available for hire. Please enquire.

### **OPTIMIST YACHTING**

The Year 6 students will be Optimist Yachting at Pandora Pond in week 3 from 13th-17th February from 9 until 12pm. We are urgently seeking parents to help with this and to transport children to the pond and home. At this stage we do not have our supervision ratio for water based activities. If we are unable to achieve this ratio, we might need to cancel the week's activities which would be catastrophic. Any parents helping would have to be willing to get wet.

### **ROAD PATROL**

**Attention all school** parents/grandparents/caregivers the road patrollers desperately need of your help with road patrol supervision. If you are able to donate some time to our fantastic school please consider this really important job. Training will be given.

The following times are still available: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday afternoons 2:45-3:15pm, Thursday and Friday morning 8:20-9am. Starting asap. Please see Debra in Room 9 or the office.

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

**All Cricket, Basketball and Netball notices need to be returned by tomorrow so teams can be organised. Thank you.**

## WEETBIX TRY

This is taking place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February. 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' and link your child to the school. Registering this way will be available until midnight on Wednesday 8<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 next week about the event etc.

**We need to know numbers of children involved in this event so we can decide whether it is viable to order a bus for transport. If you have entered your child, or are still intending to, please let the office know if you will be requiring transport by Friday.**

## COMMUNITY NOTICES...



NOW SWIMMING OUT OF CLIVE POOL

SQUAD SWIMMING SPACES AVAILABLE  
(not suitable for learn to swim level swimmers. Assessments available)

MASTERS AND STUDENT FITNESS SWIM SESSIONS AVAILABLE  
(be in quick—spaces are limited)

For further information:

TEL: 06 844 6352 or 021 043 4060 (Gary Knight – coach)

Email: [greendalecomms@gmail.com](mailto:greendalecomms@gmail.com)

Check out the Greendale Swim Club Facebook page

# SNAPSHOTS OF THE WEEK...

WE WARMLY WELCOME OUR NEW STUDENTS TO REIGNIER!

