



REIGNIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 10th April

Year 5/6 students to Hairspray

Thursday 13th April

Stations of the Cross

St John's visiting for Stations of the Cross

Holy Thursday

End of Term 1

**Tena Koutou Katoa
Greetings Everyone**

Lent draws to a close and we begin to prepare for Easter, don't forget to seek out the important liturgies and services available over Holy Week and Easter weekend. The timetable is in the parish newsletter which can be found on the parish website. There is a link to it from our school website if you need it.

Friday 14th – The Lord's Passion at St Mary's church at 3pm

Saturday 15th – Easter Vigil at St Patrick's at 7.30pm

Sunday 16th – Easter Sunday Mass at St Mary's at 9am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Thursday morning at 11.15am we will be re enacting the Stations of the Cross at St Mary's church. Following that, we will be joining a group from St John's College at 11.50am who will be sharing a reflection on one of the Stations, then hiko back to school with the Cross where they will share a reflection on a different Station. We invite all parents, caregivers, whanau and friends to join us.

BAPTISMAL PROGRAMME

We have had a number of children who have been preparing for the sacrament of Baptism with the help of Father Peter and the Baptismal team. We look forward to welcoming them into the Church in early May.

SHARED LEARNING EVENING

Thank you to all those who attended the shared learning evening last week. It is so important to strengthen our partnership of learning between school and home. Please know that you are welcome into the school at any time to have conversations about your children's learning.

SCHOOL POOL CLOSED

If you have a pool key, please return it to the office and receive your refund.

MISSION ESTATE FUNDRAISER

On Saturday a small number of parents and friends of the school volunteered their time to man the bar at the Mission Concert. It was a pretty full on evening for them, but they raised a substantial amount of money for our PTA in general, and the new playground in particular. We would like to thank them for their magnificent efforts. A huge thanks to Kirsten Thompson, Glen Baylis, Tania Goldfinch Jones, Vickie Grant, Donna Briggs, Amanda Rich, Tania Arnold, Lance Dawson, Andrea Dawson, Olivia Dawson. Pretty big job!

ANZAC DAY

ANZAC Day falls in the holidays again this year, but the parade and ceremony remains the same. If anyone is interested in representing the school and marching in the parade, please let the office know so we can organise poppies etc. We ask that anyone representing the school meet me outside Paper Plus on Tuesday 25th April at 8.40am in summer uniform. We will march as a group to the memorial at the clock tower and sit together during the ceremony. I will need a couple of senior pupils to lay the wreath.

UNIFORM CHANGE

There will be a uniform transition period from the beginning of Term 2 until Queen's Birthday weekend. During this time, children can wear either summer or winter uniform. From Queen's birthday weekend winter uniform will be compulsory.

VISITING PRINCIPALS

Last week we had a number of Principals from Taranaki visiting the school. They were very impressed with the calm focused atmosphere in classes, the colourful classroom displays and the friendly children. We do have a wonderful school, and it's great to be able to showcase it and see its merits through different eyes.

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	Masaki Tsujiyama Luca Quinn	For trying very hard in writing For being an excellent role model
Room 3	St Mary McKillop	Nicole Gregory Scarlett Westaway	For excellent listening and counting during maths For always being helpful around the classroom
Room 2	St Angela	Corban Murfin Ben Reilly	For fluent and expressive reading For great thinking making graph statements
Room 4	St Therese	Annabel Smith Trinity Nortje	For a fantastic attitude to all her school work For being a great member of Nest 4. Goodbye from all your friends
Room 8	St Thomas Moore	Luca Humphrey Connor Stevenson	For your focus on all learning tasks For great thinking with reading comprehension
Room 6	St Francis	Riley Kelsen Milla Koenigsberger	For sharing her talents with others and being a super teacher in Genius hour For persevering with subtraction strategies until she got it
Room 7	St Patrick	Rose Jones Logan Gray	For always having an outstanding attitude to her learning For always being positive and enthusiastic during our writing sessions
Room 9	St Bridget	Maia Signal Manasa Young	For continuously displaying random acts of kindness For fantastic ukulele playing
Room 10	St John Bosco	Sophia Unwin Olivia Molloy Lola Jones	For excellent place value work in maths For her desire to keep learning more For her creative ideas in writing

LOST PROPERTY

We have a large number of unnamed sweatshirts in the lost property. Unfortunately we are unable to identify owners so are not able to return them. Please check the lost property if you are missing a sweatshirt and NAME IT correctly before next term. Unclaimed ones will be added to the second hand gear and sold on. It would be better for you to claim it back rather than buy it back!

We wish you all a joyous Easter and a safe and relaxing holiday. Enjoy some down time and have some fun with your kids!

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

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS...

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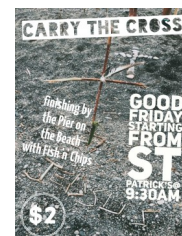
ALTAR SERVERS

Sunday 16th April 9am Mass: Jonty Unwin, Harry Unwin, Sophia Unwin, Violet Unwin

Sunday 16th April 5pm Mass: **NO MASS**

YOUTH NEWS

Next Event: Carrying the Cross on Good Friday. Starting at St Patrick's in Napier at 9:30am and finishing on the beach by the pier with Fish 'n' Chips! All for \$2!



PASSIONIST YOUTH RETREAT 2017, JULY 10TH-13TH The CPoN is supporting this Retreat as it recognises the positive influence it has on helping young people discover a deeper sense of faith through self discovery, getting to know others and getting to know God. A lot of fun is thrown in too. This year's theme is 'Progress not Perfection'. It is held during the school holidays at Camp Rangī Woods, Pohangina Valley (just North of Palmerston North). Registration brochures are available from the Parish office and in the churches or online at www.passionistfamily.org.nz. I will be taking a group on this Retreat. It is extremely well priced and financial assistance is available. I encourage ALL our youth to take advantage of this life impacting experience.

GENERAL NEWS...



LUNCH ONLINE

The beginning of Term 2 will see much change to lunch online. Heavens Bakery are no longer providing school lunches. We will still be operating lunches on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and new providers have been brought on board. At this stage the following will be on offer next term: **Wednesday—Sushi, Thursday—Pita Pit, Friday—Jesters**

THIS WEEK'S SPORTING NEWS...



Please can ALL coaches of each sports team of each code email the results and player of the day to Margo Harvey sportadmin@reignier.school.nz after each game so the results can be published in the newsletter each week. These need to be emailed through to Margo by Sunday night.

BASKETBALL

Results from last week;

Year 1/2

Reignier **Stars** vs Porritt Tuis—Won 8-2. POD—Whole Team

AWESOME EFFORT – THEY WON THEIR DIVISION!!

Year 3/4

Reignier **Lakers** vs Porritt Stingers—Lost 24-25. POD—Kate Harvey

Reignier **Hawks** vs Puketapu Pukekos—Lost 2-13. POD—Minudi Wickramaratna

Reignier **Thunder** vs Clive Orange—No Result

Reignier **Heat** vs AMS Bulls—Lost. POD—Whole Team

Year 5/6

Reignier **Saints** vs TP Titans 2—Lost 19-20. POD—Isabelle Holm and Emma Harvey

Reignier **Hornets** vs Breakers—No Result

Reignier **Spurs** vs AMS Breakers—No Game – AMS are on camp. You win by default.

Reignier **Breakers** vs Hornets—No Result



CRICKET—YEAR 3/4

A big thank you to all the parent support during the season of both the Black Caps and Stags Cricket teams. A special thank you to Kirsten and Ray Page and to JR Exterior Plastering Ltd who generously sponsored the final game of the season with lots of pizza and drink for the children. And finally a big thank you to the children of both teams who played every game with integrity and great sportsmanship.

A big thanks to all the parents who have coached/managed the teams this term – we could not do it without your help!

TERM 2 SPORTS

Please remember by signing your child up to play in a team you have committed to the whole season. If for any reason your child can not make a game please let your coach know in plenty of time.

BASKETBALL

This will commence on Thursday 4th May at PGA Arena. Team lists will be given out by the end of the week. Thank you to the parents who have offered to coach. We could not put so many teams in without your support. The draw will be in the school newsletter but you can also find it at www.basketballhawkesbay.co.nz

HOCKEY

This will commence on Saturday 13th May at Park Island. Please make sure you have all your gear sorted over the holidays (stick, mouth guard, long socks and shin pads). Edsports on Taradale Rd, Napier is a good place to get long socks and mouth guards for a reasonable price if you need these. The draw will be in the school newsletter but you can also find it at www.hbhockey.org.nz

Your coach will confirm practices at the start of next term. Thank you to the parents who have offered to coach for the season.

NETBALL

This will commence for Year 3/4 on Tuesday 9th May and Year 5/6 on Thursday 11th May. The draw will be in the school newsletter but you can also find it at www.hawkesbaynetball.co.nz Team lists were given out last week.

PTA NEWS...

WALKATHON WOW! **\$5,000** has been raised by all of your efforts to go towards the upgrade of the Senior playground. Congratulations to all families on another successful walkathon. If you have any outstanding money from this fundraiser could you please hand to the office in a named envelope by **tomorrow**. Thank you.

Congratulations to our top fundraisers in Kereru Team—**Georgia Halpin—\$180** and **Tamati Madden—\$150** and Piwakawaka Team—**Bella Coombe—\$230** and **Esmé Rossiter—\$155**. Our top sellers received either a \$50 Rebel Sport voucher or \$50 Warehouse voucher. Congratulations to our spot prize winners also who received a \$20 Warehouse voucher.

COMMUNITY NOTICES...

WARDINI—It's nearly the Easter hols and that means...Bedtime Stories is back! For the uninitiated, that means that we have a lovely crowd of pyjama and onesie clad young folk entertained with stories from The Story Troll and magic from The Great Wardini. Family friendly and most suited to those of about 4 and up. Here's when and where: Wardini Books Havelock North: Thursday 13th April, 6pm - 6.30pm, Wardini Books Napier: Friday 21st April, 6pm - 6.30pm. Really hope you can join us.

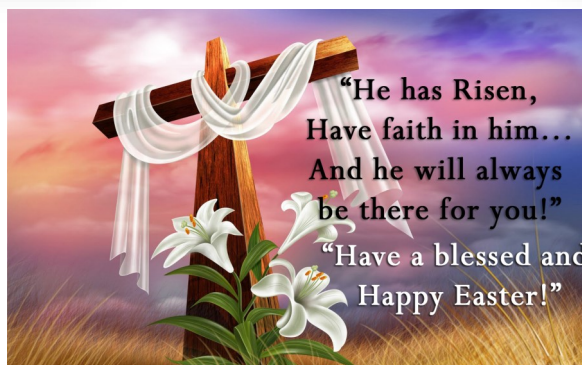
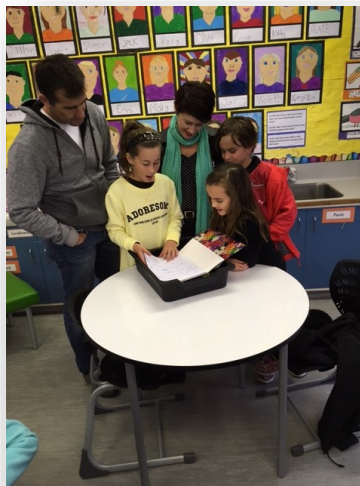
SNAPSHOTS OF THE WEEK...



PRE-SCHOOL
STORY TIME!



SHARED LEARNING
EVENING!



Reignier Catholic School Board of Trustees Update – Term One 2017

Our 2017 Board is made up of the following people:

Chairman: Patrick Jones, Parent Representatives: Maria Labat, Victoria Walling, Chris Marwick, KJ Dooney, Chris Fletcher-Jenssen, Proprietors Representatives: Patrick Jones, Fr Peter Head, Vanessa Homan, Sarah Pilcher, Principal: Julia Johnson and Staff Representative: Sheryl Riceman.

So term one is almost complete already! We hope you have had an enjoyable and productive start to the year. We offer a special welcome to families who are new to Reignier this year, we hope you have settled well into the school. This update is one of four that the board likes to publish (one per term) to keep everyone informed about the matters the board is focusing on. The board represents and works for the school community so it is important you are kept informed.

The board has already had two meetings so far in 2017 which have mostly focused on matters such as reflecting on 2016 performance, setting 2017 achievement targets (school wide and for Julia), providing annual report information, approving budgets, forecasting the roll etc. Of course all of this is done within our Catholic Character and the board also continues to deepen our own understanding of what it means and requires to govern the Catholic education of school aged children. The plans and targets for the year ahead continue to be based on the below strategic priorities;

1. Excellent achievement in Literacy and Numeracy
2. Outstanding Staff
3. Strong, visible Catholic Faith
4. Efficient, effective and responsible E-learners
5. An optimum roll

The above priorities have now been in place for three years and so in mid-2017 the board has set aside time to update the school's strategic plan. Forming a large part of the board's reflection on our strategic direction is the information so many of you provided us with last year via the survey which focused on the school environment (physical and digital), and teaching and communication strategies. We had over 70 responses that as well as providing "ratings" on various aspects of the school, included many additional comments, suggestions and feedback. When the new strategic plan is released for consultation we will also provide summary results from the survey. As always, if anyone wants to contribute at any stage they are welcome to contact the board.

School Hall

As you will see the school hall build is progressing well. At this stage it is tracking very well against the project plan and should be completed in early July (making it available for use from term three onwards). We are incredibly grateful to the work of the diocese capital planning and project management team for the way this project is running, at this stage the disruptions to school life have been minimal. Of course, once the hall nears completion there will be further works on school grounds to demolish the old hall and remove classrooms 1 and 1a. For new parents and as a reminder to others, at the end of this report is an excerpt from a 2016 board update that outlined why classrooms are being removed.

Catholic Character

Attached is a letter we recently received from the Bishop Charles in regards to our 2016 Catholic Character review. In it he offers his congratulations and thanks for all the work the school does. There are also some powerful messages that we would encourage you all to take the time to read and reflect on, especially during this Easter season.

On that note, we wish you and all the children and staff a peaceful and relaxing term break and look forward to seeing you again in term two.

God bless



Patrick Jones
Chairperson

June 2016 board update on hall

One of the key points that we have now arrived at relates to the incorporation of the new hall into the school's integration agreement. An integration agreement is the agreement that exists between the Crown (via the Minister of Education) and the Proprietor (our Catholic Bishop) that amongst other matters stipulates the agreed site plan (buildings). These "integrated" buildings require the Minister of Education to maintain them as he/she would for an equivalent State school. Each integrated school has its own integration agreement and site plan.

We have been aware for some time that the school currently has too much teaching space based on the formula used to originally agree on integrating our site plan (essentially based on roll). You will recognize this based on the fact we have several classrooms that have not been used for a number of years. Pragmatically however, the Diocese does not just remove space automatically based on roll fluctuations. Rather, it is obliged to consider this when new building works are undertaken.

Therefore, and because the new hall is larger than the old hall, in order to integrate the new hall the Diocese has advised the board that it must remove approx. 100m² of space (over and above the removal of the old hall). Generally the Diocese prefers to remove the oldest/most in need of replacement rooms where possible but also considers what works best for the school and what leaves behind the best possible spaces. After meeting with the diocese it was recommended that classrooms 1 and 1a (currently where Leah Nikolaison and Sarah Mellon teach) make the most sense to be removed. This recommendation has been agreed to by the board and ongoing discussions about the state of the space that is left behind (e.g. shading and landscaping) will continue.

We recognize this could be unsettling to consider however both the board and staff are positive about the situation this creates in that;

- 1. It is the next step in the process to actually getting the new hall*
- 2. Whilst we lose some spaces, ultimately we get a better, more modern, and flexible hall/teaching space*
- 3. It gives us the opportunity to reconsider what spaces we do our teaching in to ensure our best spaces are used*
- 4. The "empty" spaces left behind will be left in good condition and in a way that still brings benefit to the school (e.g. shading, landscaping etc). The spaces therefore offer opportunities for us as a community to discuss what we can use them for, what features might be able to be installed etc (that are not buildings).*
- 5. If the roll grows in the future and more space is needed, new classrooms would be built, rather than old ones being utilized again. We all need to consider the needs of future children/staff that will come after each of us has moved through Reignier.*



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20 March 2017

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Dear Patrick, Julia and staff,

E te iwi whakapono o Reignier, tēnā koutou, tēnā tātou katoa.

Recently I have read a copy of the confirmed Catholic Special Character Review report for Reignier School (November 2016). I wish to offer my support to all the staff, students and their families for all you are doing to ensure Reignier continues to grow as a community of strong and vibrant faith.

Your report is one of the first to be made according to a new (draft) Catholic Character Review Development framework. That framework has evolved out of the Bishops' now well circulated document *The Catholic Education of School-Age children*.

It is timely then to consider what has changed. I think the fundamental growth in insight is one of emphasising that our schools are not just values based communities but faith based communities. It is our faith that binds us to Jesus and it is our faith that binds us to the Church, his family, and it is our faith that draws us into our parishes because it is there that our faith is primarily and essentially nourished by the Word and Sacraments.

The **Encounter Knowledge Witness** framework of the Review is then a great help towards making our schools communities of joyful evangelization. **Witness** is the evidence that **Encounter** with Christ and Growth in **Knowledge** have occurred in a transforming way. I was pleased therefore to read under the **Christian Witness** -



Te Whakaatu Karaitiana section, references to communication channels, collaboration with parents, mention of their responsibilities, the community of Catholic Schools in Napier, social outreach programmes, and of course the communities of the Catholic Parish of Napier. That is a great and vibrant mix.

As we all know, but need to constantly bear in mind, the greatest and most fundamental Christian **Witness** is our presence and participation at Sunday Mass. There we find our *kaupapa* both in the sense of foundation and purpose or goal. So just as parents are rightly included in the general learning processes of their children at Reignier so to the constant challenge is to foster their inclusion in the life of the parish - the primary source of our faith 'learning processes' (to use the same terminology).

I know this is a challenge that the school is embracing and I am heartened to know that the priests of the parish are regular visitors to your school. My words then are ones of gratitude and encouragement. Regularly (perhaps ad nauseam!) I am urging our priests and parish leaders to recognise the importance of a high quality children's liturgy programme, the inclusion of S65 teachers on parish ministry rosters together with a constant effort to include parents of school aged children on ministry rosters and in volunteer services. These indispensable and fundamental pastoral priorities can only be met through a partnership of parish and school leadership.

With renewed thanks for all the hard work that goes into presenting the treasure of our faith in a positive and inviting light to your school whānau, and with very happy memories of my recent visit to Reignier, I am

Yours sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Charles' followed by a stylized surname.

+Charles E. Drennan.

Cc: Frs Peter Head SM, Paul Byers SM, John Mori SM; Marg von Hartitzsch; Chris Marwick; Lynette Roberts-King; Rosalie Connors; Jane Dravitzki.