



REIGNIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday 5th December

Helpers Morning Tea at 11am

Wednesday 6th December

PALS Morning

Thursday 7th December

*Rooms 7, 9 & 10—Feast Day
at Frimley Pools*

Room 6—Feast Day

Leavers Dinner—Year 6

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 11th December

Year 4-6 Reports to Parents

Tuesday 12th December

*School Prizegiving 6pm at
St Mary's Church*

Thursday 14th December

*Last Day of Term 4
Final Mass 11am at
St Mary's Church*

Tena Koutou Katoa

Greetings Everyone

This will be the final newsletter for the term. Thank you to all whanau who have supported your children and the teachers on pathways to learning this year. Congratulations to all our children who have achieved wonderful things throughout the year. On a personal note I would like to thank you for your individual and collective support over the years. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here at Reignier and will miss you all incredibly. God bless you all. I hope you have a very happy Christmas and a restful holiday.

This week begins the season of Advent. In classrooms we see the purple cloth and the advent wreaths on the altar tables. We talk to the children about this time being a time of preparation and waiting. We are getting ourselves ready for the coming of Christ. We encourage you to recognise the season of Advent in your homes so our children can reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. It is easy to get swamped by the commercial side where we forget about Christ in our lives. Having an Advent Wreath and praying with it each day is a simple way to do this. It is usually a circle of evergreen branches with four candles placed around it (usually 3 purple and one pink) one for each week of Advent. Each week we light another candle so at the end of Advent all 4 candles are lit. The pink candle is lit in the third week of Advent. The circular wreath is a sign of God's never-ending loving care.

The Mass times for the Christmas season will be on the Parish website and in the Parish newsletter. Look out for these in the next couple of weeks.

END OF YEAR PRIZEGIVING

This is being held on Tuesday evening 12th December at 6pm at St Mary's church. Please could all the children be at the church by 5.40pm in full summer school uniform. They may wear a piece of tinsel in their hair. This is a very special evening, one not to be missed. We invite all our families and extended families to be a part of our Christmas celebration.

END OF YEAR MASS

On Thursday 14th December at 11am we finish the school year by celebrating Eucharist together at St Mary's church. At this Mass we farewell and bless our Year 6 students and their families, and thank God for the year we have had together. The children will be dismissed for the holidays at the end of Mass from the church. They will have their bags and gear with them, so they can go straight home. We would love everybody to come to this Mass and join in our celebration. In recent years you have generously donated a 'special non perishable treat' for Christmas dinner for a needy family. They have formed part of the offertory procession at our final Mass. Items could be Brandy Snap Cases, Christmas Mince Pies, Éclair Cases, Earnest Adam Slice, Chocolates, Christmas Pudding, Fancy Biscuits—or anything else you would like to eat at Christmas. Please give the item to your child's class teacher. Your generosity is always appreciated.

ICAS MEDAL WINNER

Congratulations to Ruby Lo who was presented with the ICAS medal for Year 5 spelling in Auckland on Saturday. Ruby achieved the top mark in the spelling exam in New Zealand and the Pacific. We are very proud of her.

SCHOOL POOL

The pool will be available to the school community over the holiday period. Please inquire at the office for a pool key if you are interested in using it. The cost of the key is \$60 for the season. You will receive \$10 back when you return the key in March. Please abide by the pool rules and guidelines given out when you receive a key. One change you will notice is that the pool will be closed every Sunday morning between the hours of 9am—12noon so that George can clean and hose out the changing rooms etc. The school community have been fantastic at looking after our pool during the summer. It makes a difference when there are eagle eyes keeping an eye on things. Please help us again this year to keep vandalism and negative behaviour out. There are not too many community school pools left, and we want to hang onto ours.

MISSION STATEMENT

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

CLASS AWARDS—CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE CHILDREN

Nest 5	St Paul	San Maria Shijo Manee Ward Stella King	For great work in reading For excellent citizenship For improved focus in writing
Nest 3	St Mary McKillop	Emma Nairn Sophie Rowe	For sharing your love of bugs and God's little creatures with our class For excellent progress in reading and fantastic use of reading strategies
Nest 2	St Angela	Saoirse Quinn Aaron Lo	For marvellous money management in maths For including great author voice in his writing
Nest 4	St Therese	Lily Pywell Kevin Sun	For interesting author voice in her writing For diligence—always doing his best

PHONE GLITCHES

We have some gremlins in the phone system. Currently we are experiencing difficulty with the phones and would like to apologise for any inconvenience, missed calls etc. Our phone system has been playing up for the last week or so and it looks like it may need a complete overhaul to fix it. This is still under investigation and we may not be able to sort it before the end of year. In the meantime, if you have trouble getting through and the message is urgent, please contact the school on **022 568 1605**.

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

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS...

www.copon.org.nz



ALTAR SERVERS

Sunday 3rd December 9am Mass: Jake Coffin, Thomas Jones

Sunday 3rd December 5pm Mass: Kelly Minehan, Aidan Minehan



GENERAL NEWS...

LIBRARY

The Library is now closed for issues. We would like all books returned by Friday 8th December. Could you please help by reminding your child to bring their book(s) to school and put them in the **Returns** box in the Library. Many thanks from the Library team. Any concerns or problems please email Raelene Cronin rcronin@reignier.school.nz

POSITIVE NORM

Setting Up Positive Norms in Maths Class

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

Depth Is Much More Important Than Speed

**During Maths we no longer need students to just be able to compute fast.
We also need them to think deeply, connect methods, reason, and justify!**

TEAM KERERU ASSEMBLY

Room 8 will be leading our Team Kereru assembly this Friday 8th December.

Room 8 will be attending Mass this Thursday 7th December at 9.15am at St Mary's.

TEAM PIWAKAWAKA ASSEMBLY

Room Will be leading our Team Piwakawaka assembly this Friday 8th December.

THANK YOU FROM RAELENE CRONIN

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all the parents and pupils of Reignier Catholic School. The support that you have all given me over 23 years – in good times and sad times – has been outstanding. I have been fortunate to teach many wonderful students (and from time to time their children) and have been blessed with the parents I have met. I will of course miss the many wonderful comments that children make from time to time that make me smile, their enthusiasm for learning and reading stories to them. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

THANK YOU & GOD BLESS. RAELENE

THIS WEEK'S SPORTING NEWS...

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.

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 Thursday 30th November;

Year 1/2

Reignier **Stars** vs Puketapu Shooting Stars Won 20-2. POD—Whole Team

Reignier **Heat** vs TP Raiders 1 Won 25-12. POD—Whole Team

Reignier **Thunder** vs Taradale Blazers—No Result

Year 3/4

Reignier **Lakers** vs Taradale Hawks Won 32-11. POD—Dylan Rae

Reignier **Hawks** – Defaulted due to camp

Year 5/6

Reignier **Saints** vs Reignier Hornets Won 5-3.

Reignier **Hornets** vs Reignier Saints Lost 3-5.

Draw for this Thursday 7th December—Last Game of the Term;

Year 1/2

Reignier **Stars** vs Taradale Blazers at 3.30pm—PGA—**Final**

Reignier **Heat** vs Puketapu Hot Shotz at 3.30pm—PGA3

Reignier **Thunder** vs Puketapu Shooting Stars at 3.30pm—PGA2—**3rd/4th Playoff**

Year 3/4

Reignier **Lakers** vs Clive Pink at 4.30pm—PGA1C

Reignier **Hawks** vs TP Snipers 2 at 4.30pm—PGA1B

Year 5/6

Reignier **Saints** vs Taradale Warriors at 6.30pm—PGA1

Reignier **Hornets** vs Clive Blue at 6.00pm—PGA1

You can also find the Draw on Basketball Hawkes Bay's website www.basketballhawkesbay.co.nz

CRICKET

Results from last Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd December;

Year 3/4

Reignier **Black Caps** vs Taradale Draw 55 all. POD—Batter—Laura Brassington, Fielder—Ben Coffin

Reignier **Stags** vs GMS Won 59-55. POD—Batter—Luke Trower, Fielder—Ben Jackson

Year 5/6

Reignier – No Result

Draw for Friday 8th and Saturday 9th December—Last game of the Term;

Year 3/4

This Friday you are having a game against each other to finish the season. It will be at 3.30pm on the school field.

Year 5/6

The draw will be handed out later in the week.

HOCKEY—SUMMER

Draw for this Wednesday 6th December—Last Game of the Term;

Year 1/2

Summer Funsticks **3.50-4.40pm** at Park Island. If your child does not have a hockey stick HB Hockey have some at Park Island that you may borrow. Your child does need to have shinpads and a mouthguard.

Year 3/4

Reignier **Magic** vs Clive 2 at 4.45pm—Cape Physio D

Year 5/6

Reignier **Steel** vs Eskdale 1 at 4.00pm—Big Save 2
Reignier **Rebels** vs Wildcats at 4.45pm—Big Save 2

You can also find the Draw on HB Hockey's website www.hbhockey.org.nz

INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Can all tracksuit jackets please be returned by the end of the week in a named plastic bag to the school office.

NETBALL

Results from last Thursday 30th November;

Year 1/2

Reignier **Stars** vs Porritt Kakariki—No Result.

Draw for Thursday 7th December—Last game of the Term;

Year 1/2

Reignier **Stars** vs St Pats Tahi at 3.45pm—ONC3B

This is your last game for the season. Can all netball skirts please be returned to the school office in a named plastic bag by Tuesday 12th December.

You can also find the Draw on HB Netball's website www.hawkesbaynetball.co.nz

NETBALL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

If you are interested in a netball holiday programme in January 2018 please see the flyer below.

WEETBIX TRYATHLON 2018

It's that time of year again when your child may like to think about giving the Weetbix Tryathlon a go. The date is **Wednesday 14th February 2018** at Frimley Park Hastings. Register early and you will receive the early bird discount. If they are 7 years of age or older they are allowed to participate. It is a great day and the children feel a real sense of achievement crossing the finish line and receiving their medal from a top NZ Athlete. Please go to the following website to find out more information and how to register your child. www.try.weetbix.co.nz. Please remember when you register your child to link their registration to Reignier Catholic School as there are prizes for the schools with the most entries. Please note that this year the school will not be providing transport or supervision as there are too many children to organise for an event of this size. It will be up to the parents to make arrangements for their own child. We can still assemble as a school at the event though. There are flyers about the event available from the school office. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Margo via email sportadmin@reignier.school.nz

2018 SUMMER SPORTS TERM 1

Notices will be given out the first week back of Term 1 for the following sports: Hockey, Basketball, Year 3/4 & Year 5/6 Cricket, Year 1/2 Netball.

SNAPSHOTS OF THE WEEK...

**RUBY LO RECEIVING HER ICAS MEDAL!
CONGRATULATIONS RUBY!**



**ANOTHER \$500 CHEQUE FROM
TREMAINS, NIKKI HUMPHREYS...
THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!**

PTA REPORT 2017...

On behalf of the Reignier School PTA, I am pleased to report on our achievements this year.

We have raised \$34,954 including \$26,000 from the gala. Our other fundraising events included the Walkathon, Suzie Johnson evening, Abacus calendars and the end of year disco.

This year has been a mammoth undertaking for the school and PTA with the completion of the school hall. As well as saving \$128,000 over 15 years towards the build, we also paid for the sound system, blinds and roller door for the kitchen.

Another major project this year was the replacement of the senior playground. Thank you to Lynley Halpin who drove this project and all those involved in the dismantling and removal of the playground. Grants were received towards the total cost of \$66,000 and the PTA also contributed \$19,992 towards the project.

We also contributed \$1,500 towards the middle school camp and continued our annual support for ICT, Library, Pastoral Care, Feast Days and Christmas Activities.

I would especially like to acknowledge Julia Johnson for supporting and working alongside us on the PTA. We wish her well for her new endeavours. Thanks also to Patrick Jones and the Board of Trustees for their direction and guidance this year, especially during the hall build.

Looking forward to 2018, a new sports turf is high on our wish list. Thank you to the PTA executive for your support and for the wider PTA committee who make it what it is.

Finally I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and safe New Year.

Duane Coffin
Chairperson



MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

COMMUNITY NOTICES...

Hawke's Bay Netball Presents

NetSTARS Holiday Programme
At Hastings Pak'Save Netball Courts

YEAR 1-4 NETBALL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

16 January 2018

\$55 Per Person

Ball & T-Shirt Included

Come and learn lots of different netball skills, play outdoor Games, compete in Team Chants and Team Building activities then end the day with a mini NETBALL TOURNAMENT...!!!

Registration hawkesbaynetball.co.nz

For more information contact: 06 878 6864

Hawke's Bay Netball Presents

YEAR 5-6 NETBALL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

\$140 Per Person

Ball and T-Shirt Included

17-19 January 2018

Come and learn lots of different netball skills, play outdoor games, compete in team Chants and team Building activities. Then to end the week, Friday - teams will show case their newly developed skills in a combined NETBALL TOURNAMENT...!!!

Register for the Hastings or Onekawa Holiday Programme Venue

For more info contact: 06 878 6864
To register visit: www.hawkesbaynetball.co.nz

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OMNI GYMNASTIC CENTRE

We are running our popular holiday programme for 5-12 year olds again in January. All welcome, gym membership is not necessary. Children will do gymnastics, cooking and craft activities. The programme runs Monday to Friday for 3 weeks from the 8th to the 26th of January. Registrations can be done online: Follow this link to our website <http://omnigymnastics.co.nz/holidayprogrammeomnigymnastics@xtra.co.nz>

Limited places, get your registrations in fast. Last minute places are sometimes available for those unexpected work days.

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