



# REIGNIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## **THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February**  
*SCHOOL CLOSED*

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February**  
*SCHOOL CLOSED*

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February**  
*Ash Wednesday Liturgy*

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February**  
*Art Deco Picnic*

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February**  
*Meet the Teacher Evening*

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March**  
*Good Friday*

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**  
*Easter Monday—SCHOOL  
CLOSED*

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**  
*Easter Tuesday—SCHOOL  
CLOSED*

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April**  
*End of Term 1*

## **Tena Koutou Katoa** **Greetings Everyone**

Welcome back everybody, to the 2018 school year. The children are all settled into classes and routines are being well established. We hope everyone has had a happy, restful holiday enjoying the company of family and friends. We look forward to a great year of learning.

We warmly welcome the following children and their families to Reignier: Josh Coffin (Room 5), Harper Robertson (Room 5), Xuan-Lin Huang (Room 5), Ashley Sawyer (Room 5), Caleb Westaway (Room 5), Tadhg Rossiter (Room 5), Melissa Furhoff (Room 4), Grant Hayes (Room 10), Yu Gao (Room 10), Zoe Sebileau (Room 9), Max Sebileau (Room 2), Emily Vorster (Room 11) and Mia Vorster (Room 2).

## **STAFFING**

We are thrilled to have Rachael Quinney join the staff as the full time teacher of Room 2 for Term 1 while we are in the process of appointing a new principal to our school. We warmly welcome Nicole Bergman as School Librarian.

It is with pleasure that I announce that Mel Davis has been appointed to the DRS, Director of Religious Studies position and will start at the beginning of Term 2, 30<sup>th</sup> April.

## **TERM EVENTS/COMMUNICATION**

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.

Please help us to evaluate the best means of communicating with the school community and share with us via email ([parents@reignier.school.nz](mailto:parents@reignier.school.nz)) your preference for a weekly or fortnightly newsletter. To keep things simple, email 'W' for weekly or 'F' for fortnightly.

## **2018 ASSEMBLIES**

This year we are trialing a Friday Presentation Assembly instead of 2 team assemblies. This is scheduled for 2.30pm each Friday afternoon. Each class will lead and present an assembly each term to the whole school and parents and caregivers. The format will be very similar but with a wider audience. This will give all our children leadership and presentation opportunities and build collaboration across the whole school. All are welcome to attend.

## **LEADERSHIP**

We are continuing to develop student leadership for all with a special focus on our Year 6 students. With this in mind we are creating leadership teams to allow leadership skills to grow throughout the year while we also utilise student strengths, skills and natural aptitudes. Each House will have 10-12 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 senior students have been involved in conversations about what "Everyday Leadership" is and what this might look like. The leaders will be presented with House badges and an area of responsibility at the first school Mass on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

## **OPENING MASS**

Our opening Mass will be celebrated on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at St Mary's church at 9am. Sorry for any inconvenience created by this date. We hope you will join us if possible.

## **PARENT INFORMATION EVENING**

This will be held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February. Further information will be in next week's newsletter regarding times and organisation.

## **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 8<sup>th</sup> February at 10.00am and the Sacred Heart College opening Mass will be held at St Patrick's Church on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 9.00am. All are welcome to attend.

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

As part of our continual quest for a healthy and safe school environment we need to remind you that children are not monitored at school until 8.15am in the morning and children still at school at 3.15pm will need to be collected from the front office as duty staff often have meetings to attend.

The playground structures are out of bounds before and after school unless a parent/caregiver is present and supervising. School hats are an essential part of our school uniform and must be worn. Thank you for your co-operation in these matters.

## **2018 FAMILY RE-ENROLMENT FORM**

A re-enrolment form has come home with your eldest child today for you to fill out and return to school by next Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February. This form contains important contact information for us in the event your child is unwell, has an accident or if there is an emergency. This form gets updated yearly so please don't think that if you have filled this out before you don't need to do it again. Phone numbers, email addresses do change and it is vital we have up to date contact information. Look for a bright yellow piece of paper in your child's bag!

Thank you for the support I have received from staff, students and the parent community as I step into the Acting Principal role for Term 1. It is much appreciated. Our school is in good heart as we begin the 2018 school year.

Ma te Atua koutou e tiaki  
God bless you all.  
Sheryl Riceman

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

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



## **ALTAR SERVERS**

**Sunday 4th February 9am Mass:** Catriona Williamson, Molly Smith

**Sunday 4th February 5pm Mass:** Kelly Minehan, Aidan Minehan

## **GENERAL NEWS...**

## **GUITAR LESSONS 2018**

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 a group 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 \$80 per term. To sign up, pick up an enrolment form from the school office or contact Ross Turner Ph: 021 244 0559 or Email: [turnerross1@gmail.com](mailto:turnerross1@gmail.com)

## **KAPAHAKA**

Kapahaka starts this Friday at 8.30am in the hall. All ages welcome.

## **KEYBOARD LESSONS 2018**

Enrolments are being taken for keyboard lessons for those in Year 4 or older. Classes are held at school on Thursdays between 9am and 1pm. Cost \$90 a term. For more information please contact Theresa Bevin Ph: 844 1021 or Mobile: 027 472 9957.

## **PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY & MASS REPRESENTATION**

There will be **NO** Presentation assembly this week.

**Rooms 9, 10 & 11** will be attending Mass today, Thursday 1st February at 9.15am at St Mary's.

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

## **TERM 1 SPORTS**

Notices have been given out **today** to children for the summer sports that are on offer for this term, they are:

**Basketball – Year 1 to Year 6**

**Netball – Year 1 and 2**

**Cricket – Year 3 to Year 6**

**Hockey – Year 1 to Year 6**

Please check your child's bag for any notices and return them to the school office by the date indicated on each notice. No late permission slips will be accepted as there is a very short timeframe for registering teams this term. If you are able to help manage/coach your child's team that would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please email Margo at [sportadmin@reignier.school.nz](mailto:sportadmin@reignier.school.nz)

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT SIGNING YOUR CHILD UP TO A TEAM YOU ARE COMMITTING FOR THE WHOLE TERM. CHARGES WILL STILL APPLY EVEN IF YOUR CHILD PULLS OUT!**

#### **WEETBIX TRYATHLON 2018**

It's not too late to enter the 2018 Weetbix Tryathlon if your child is 7 years of age or older. So far 25 children have entered which is great! The date is **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018** at Frimley Park Hastings.

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](http://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. It will be up to the parents to make arrangements for their own child. We can still assemble together 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](mailto:sportadmin@reignier.school.nz)

## SNAPSHOTS OF THE WEEK...

WE WARMLY WELCOME THE  
FOLLOWING CHILDREN TO REIGNIER...

