



REIGNIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 6th March
Ash Wednesday Liturgy

Wednesday 13th March
Swimming Sports—Years 3-6

Monday 19th March
St Joseph's Day—Welcome Mass

Friday 12th April
End of Term 1

**Tena Koutou Katoa
Greetings Everyone**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

THANK YOU

I am back at school after bereavement leave kindly granted by the Board of Trustees and I thank them for the opportunity to attend my late brother's funeral. Thank you to all of you for your kind words, which in a time of great sorrow, is uplifting. I would like to thank the senior leadership team and the staff under the capable leadership of Mrs Riceman who seamlessly stepped in during my absence and kicked the year off.

LITTLE LEARNERS

Our "Little Learners" sessions starts this Wednesday in the Library from 9am to 11am with Mrs Nicole Bergman hosting the pre-schoolers. The time coincides with discovery learning when Mrs Mellon will be available to work with them. The program is designed to familiarise our new students with the school routines. In weeks to come, Mrs Riceman and myself, will be visiting our feeder ECE centres to extend an invitation to them to join us.

SUMMER SPORTS

Summer sports are again in full swing and you will see my familiar face on the sidelines from this afternoon. I can't wait to get out there and be part of our great community. A timely reminder that if you signed your child up for a sport discipline to get him/her to practices as well as to the playing venues on time. Also a reminder that coaches, managers and referees are mostly volunteers and they do it for the love of the game and our children. Let them do what is necessary to make the game enjoyable without interference.

DROPPING OFF & PICKING UP

Our school's drop off and pick up policy is as follows, children may enter the grounds from 8.15am, if you are earlier please either stay with your child or bring him/her to the office. Please never ever leave a child at school without notifying a teacher or without sighting an adult at school. Pick up in the afternoon is from 3pm to 3.15pm and children not picked up in this timeframe will be taken to the office where they will wait to be picked up. This arrangement is to ensure our children are safe at school.

OPEN DOOR POLICY

A reminder that I have an open door policy and you are welcome to come in anytime to discuss issues or raise a matter. My teachers and support staff are very approachable but as they are on tight schedules before and after school an appointment is necessary should you wish to discuss an issue. Remember your child is much more important than a coincidental 3 minute chat. My teachers and support staff also have families so please be mindful to keep to the allotted time if you have made an appointment.

COMPULSORY SCHOOL MASS

This Sunday is our compulsory whole school mass, and my expectations are that all children and parents are present. Children need to come dressed in their full summer school uniform ready to be seated for mass by 8.45am. We will send out a reminder on the school app later in the week. This is what sets us apart and when you were interviewed for placement at Reignier you indicated you would participate in ALL school activities. I thank you in advance for your support.

Lastly in this newsletter I want to leave you with a personal quote ...

"Teaching takes place inside the classroom and **education** takes place outside"
We should let our children be children for as long as possible and let them **PLAY**.

I wish you all a fun filled playful year.

God Bless all the people of Reignier Catholic School.

MISSION STATEMENT

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

Ma Te Atua koutou e tiaki
God bless you all
Anton Heyns

PARISH NEWS...

Sunday 24th February 9am Mass: Harry Unwin, Sophia Unwin, Violet Unwin

Sunday 24th February 5pm Mass: Matthew Eagles

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

Sunday 3rd March 5pm Mass: Kate Harvey

GENERAL NEWS...

KEYBOARD CLASSES

Students in Year 4 and older have the opportunity to learn the keyboard at school on Thursdays. If you wish your child to be enrolled please contact Theresa Bevin 027 472 9957. Cost per term is \$90 plus materials. Lessons will begin on Feb 7. Limited places available.

LIBRARY BOOK AMNESTY

There is a significant number of overdue library books from 2018. We would appreciate these books being returned to school. Please be aware that for any outstanding library book at the end of the term, a small fine will be added to your term account.

LOST PROPERTY

A lot of items of non uniform clothing were left at school on the last day of term, some have lived in the lost property box for many months. If your child has lost anything please get them to check in the lost property box this week. At the end of the week any non uniform clothing in the lost property box will be donated. **Please ensure that all clothing is named before it comes to school.**

PASTORAL CARE

We have a wonderful team of parents within our school community who discretely provide care and support for families who have a need. The team coordinates and organises meals, baking, visits and support from our school community. If you are happy to help by making a meal or baking every now and then (this may only be once or twice a year), or providing other types of support it would be very much appreciated. Please contact Kara-Leigh Jones (who co-ordinates our Pastoral Care) on kjones@reignier.school.nz, or let the office know and they will pass your name on. Similarly, if you have a need, or know somebody who does, you can discretely share this with a classroom teacher or the office and that information will be passed on to the team. With many thanks.

PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY & MASS REPRESENTATION.

This Friday, 22nd February **Room 11** will lead our presentation assembly and on Friday 1st March **Room 9** will lead our presentation assembly. All are welcome to attend.

Room 11 will attend mass this Thursday 21st February and **Room 9** will attend mass on Thursday 28th February.

THIS WEEK'S SPORTING NEWS...

SPORTS DRAWS

Summer sports got underway last week with cricket starting. This week Futsal, Hockey, Year 3/4 Netball and Year 1-4 Basketball begin. Volleyball and Year 5/6 Basketball start next Monday.

Just a reminder, if your child is playing summer sports that you have signed your child up to play for the whole term. Please let your coach know if they can't make a game. Please be supportive and positive on the sideline. Remember the umpires for games are volunteers giving up their time so our children can play sport please do not get abusive with them.

Remember weekly sports draws will be put on the school app so please remember to sign up to your child's sports. You can also find the draws on the relevant sporting codes websites.

To sign up for the different sports on the school app you need to – Go into the school app and tap the top left hand button (looks like 3 lines), then a Menu will appear. Tap on Alert Subscriptions, then Sport, then turn on the different sports you wish to receive alerts for eg if your child plays hockey, turn on the hockey notifications.

If you have any queries relating to any sporting matter please contact Margo at sportadmin@reignier.school.nz

You can also find the draws on the sporting codes websites.

PTA NEWS...

JUICY FRIDAY

Next Friday, 1st March the PTA will be selling juices outside the hall at lunchtime. These will be sold at \$2 each.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS 2019

The Uniform Shop is open on Monday and Thursday mornings only, 8.30am—9.00am. You are most welcome to enquire about second hand uniform at this time. Thank you.

COMMUNITY NOTICES...



ONLINE REGISTRATION

If you want to play football for Napier Marist then please go to www.maristfc.co.nz and register for a team in 2018.

*Please use your COMET credentials to log in to MyComet.
If you are registering new player use the Sign Up button.*

Registrations for 2019 season will close on the 12th of April.



Congratulations to our very own Rose Jones who has been cast to play Little Eponine in Les Mis. Rose performed on the streets during Art Deco weekend. Awesome work Rose! We are very proud of you!

RIVERSDALE KINDERGARTEN...

Riversdale Kindergarten is an Enviroschool, set in spacious park like grounds in Taradale, where children have the opportunity to explore and learn in the natural environment.

We currently have spaces available for 2-5 year olds.

We warmly invite you to call in and see us at [11 Cooke Place, Taradale](http://11CookePlaceTaradale.co.nz) or call on 06 844 8525.

Alternatively you can contact us at riversdalekgtn@napierkindergartens.co.nz.

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP CHARLES...


Kia ora tātou

Welcome back to the new term and a special welcome to those who are new to the Catholic schools' whānau. You have made the right decision.

A couple of Sundays ago I was celebrating a 'usual' Sunday Mass. What was different however was that I was among a crowd 750,000 (the large majority in their 20s).

World Youth Day, in Panama City, Central America was the venue, and the presider was our Pope, Papa Francesco.

This was the first WYD I have been to. Before leaving NZ my expectations had been neutral, but I returned from our two weeks in Panama (about 25 Kiwis contribution to the 750,000!) invigorated and in deep awe of the gift of our universal Church and faith. Papa Francesco was in great form and the welcome of the Panamanian people was infectious.

Please follow my Facebook  www.facebook.com/BishopCharlesDrennan blog and photos of Panama WYD, or read more on our diocesan website site www.pndiocese.org.nz/. My reflections are heartfelt and I thank the Holy Spirit for ensuring the Church keeps dynamic in all we seek to be for Christ.

+ Charles

