



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 18th March
PTA—AGM at 7pm in the Staffroom

Tuesday 19th March
St Joseph's Day—Welcome Mass & PTA WALK-A-THON

Friday 12th April
End of Term 1

Tena Koutou Katoa
Greetings Everyone

Dear Parents and Caregivers

LENT

Lent is the annual period of Christian observance that precedes Easter. The dates of Lent are defined by the date of Easter, which is a moveable feast, meaning that it falls on a different date each year. Lent starts on Ash Wednesday and its observance (although not its liturgical period, as Sundays are not fast days and are therefore not counted) lasts for 40 days, mirroring the 40 days that Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness before starting his ministry. It can also be seen to mirror the 40 hours that Jesus spent in the tomb prior to his resurrection.

Children will be discussing this topic over the next few weeks and I urge you to do the same at home. Tomorrow morning we shall have a special Ash Wednesday liturgy here at school when we as the Reignier school community start our Lenten journey. May your Lenten journey be Blessed.

PAID UNION MEETING

On Friday 22nd March, the teachers of Reignier School will be attending a paid union meeting in Napier. All teachers are expected to attend and therefore **school will be closed for instruction from 12.45pm**. We ask that children be picked up from school from 12.45pm to 1pm. This will enable teachers to have lunch before they depart for Napier. A reminder will be sent home closer to the time.

YUMMY APPLE STICKERS

Today your child will come home with “Yummy Sticker” charts. We ask that if and when you buy Apples that you would fill up sticker charts and keep them at home until we start the collation process. The PTA will collate these at the end of Term 2 and thereafter at the end of each term. In the past we have had a lot of success and got a large amount of sporting gear for our school through this programme. I thank the PTA for setting up this worthy programme at Reignier.

ST JOSEPH'S FEAST DAY & WALK-A-THON

On Tuesday 19th March we observe the Feast Day of St Joseph. On this particular day we are going to join the parishioners at St Mary's for Mass after which we will be at school participating in different events to celebrate this significant feast day. The PTA will also be hosting a WALK-A-THON on this day. We shall give you more information next week.

SWIMMING SPORTS

The Swimming sports will take place on Wednesday 13th March and will run from 9.30am until 12noon. The students need to take with them togs, towels, a drink and snacks. They will have lunch when they get back to school at approximately 1pm. The children will be transported to and from the Onekawa pools by bus. The children may come to school in their House colours on this day.

SPORT

I am attending most sporting activities regularly during the week, some days and weeks I have to choose between disciplines but ultimately I get around every second week. I want to emphasise that we should ensure that our children turn up for training sessions and more importantly turn up for games. Our teams rely on the attendance and participation of all members of the team.

TUMMY BUGS

There have been several cases of tummy bugs around the school over the last couple of weeks. Can we please remind you, that should your child come down with a vomiting bug the stand down period is 24 hours and diarrhoea is 48 hours. Please adhere to these periods in the interests of other staff and student's well being.

MISSION STATEMENT

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

UNIFORM

We are investigating changing the uniform due to our current providers not being able to keep supplying us with the material. A uniform committee has been appointed by the Board and previous recommendations made by the community are being taken into consideration, while this group of people are investigating options for the Board to consider and vote upon. We hope to inform the community in the coming months what the new changes will be. Rest assured there will be a fair transition period from the old uniform to the new uniform.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Reconciliation will be carried out over 4 sessions and will start on 15th May with a parent meeting with sessions starting on the 19th May concluding on the 19th of June with the CELEBRATION.

First Holy Communion will start on the 11th August at St Mary's Parish and will run for 5 sessions with a practice at St Mary's on the 13th September and the CELEBRATION on the 15th September.

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

PARISH NEWS...

Sunday 10th March 9am Mass: Noel Castelino, Francesca Pilcher

Sunday 10th March 5pm Mass: No one listed

Sunday 17th March 9am Mass: Catriona Williamson, Molly Smith

Sunday 17th March 5pm Mass: No one listed

GENERAL NEWS...

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.

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, 8th March **Room 7** will lead our presentation assembly and on Friday 15th March **Room 6** will lead our presentation assembly. All are welcome to attend.

Room 7 will attend mass this Thursday 7th March and **Room 6** will attend mass on Thursday 14th March.

THIS WEEK'S SPORTING NEWS...

SPORTS DRAWS

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.

HAVE A GO SPORTS DAY

A great family day out on Sunday 24th March 10am-2pm at the Hawke's Bay Sports Park. Go along with your family and try out the different sports on offer. See the flyer at the end of the newsletter for more details.

MITRE 10 MEGA TOUGH KID RACE 2019

This great event is on again this year at the HB Sports Park on Wednesday 27th March. Please see flyer below for more details. This is not a school event so if you intend taking your child to it please let the school office know they will be absent on the day.

PTA NEWS...

AGM

The PTA AGM is being held on **Monday 18th March at 7pm in the School Staffroom**. We hope a number of you will come along to the AGM and the PTA meetings and join the fundraising action for the school.

We have had a number of dedicated parents over the years working tirelessly for the kids and the school, and as with everything we need to have a succession plan in order for this wonderful support to continue. In short, we need fresh blood and new parents to step up to continue to provide for the good of our school and the children. Please consider joining. Come along and check it out!

JUICY FRIDAY

This Friday, 8th March the PTA will be selling juices outside the hall at lunchtime. These will be sold at \$2 each. Children that wish to purchase a juicy just need to bring their \$2 along on Friday.

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...



EATS, BEATS & TREATS 2019



**St John's College Jervois Street
Friday 8th March
5pm to 8pm**

COMMUNITY EVENT

- Live music
- Stalls
- Fun Activities
- Food Galore

**Bring a picnic blanket, coins and goodwill.
Come and enjoy the delicious food and
entertainment. There will be hay bales for
you to relax and soak up the wonderful
atmosphere.**



Your chance to try a bunch of cool sports, learn new skills & get information for free. **Come along and have a go!**

HAVE A GO

FREE family sports day
#concussionwise

HB Regional Sports Park
Sunday 24th March • 10am - 2pm

MITRE 10 MEGA TOUGH KID 2019

**WEDNESDAY 27th MARCH 2019
ENTRY FEE \$3 PER CHILD**

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
www.megahb.co.nz
OR ASK IN-STORE

ONLINE & IN-STORE
REGISTRATIONS
OPEN NOW



**SPORT
HAWKE'S BAY**

In partnership with Sport HB.
Registrations are open until 5pm Monday 20th March 2019.
No on the day entries. T&Cs apply.