



# REIGNIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April  
End of Term 1

Tena Koutou Katoa  
Greetings Everyone

Dear Parents and Caregivers

*"We gather here this morning because we are at a loss about what to do or what to say. I know that many of you have already reached out to members of the Muslim community in your neighbourhoods and workplaces. **Your acts of love are already overpowering the hate.***

*We know, in solidarity with our Muslim sisters and brothers who gathered in the Christchurch mosques and around the world yesterday, that our only hope is in God. **Our only hope is in God**".*

The above words were read out to staff and children as we gathered together to hold a special liturgy on Monday morning, to pay our respects to those who passed away and to those who were hurt and injured in Christchurch last Friday. We wanted to show solidarity to all those families whose lives will never be the same again. New Zealand was forever changed on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. We pray to God that there will be peace in the world.

## WELCOME

We warmly welcome Thomas Koenigsberger (Room 5) and Hannah Kelsen (Room 5) to Reignier.

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

Today, 19<sup>th</sup> March, we celebrated St Joseph's Day by attending our 2019 Welcoming Mass. I want to thank all of those involved especially Ms Mel Davis who organised Mass. Special thanks to Mrs Sarah Mellon who makes sure that our school singing is outstanding. Thank you also to the parents, grandparents and caregivers who supported this special event with their attendance. It is always heart warming to see such support in our feast day celebrations.

After Mass and a sharing of morning tea we then participated in the Walkathon. Thank you to the PTA for organising this event, for the spot prizes, for the counting of laps, for the cooking of sausages and providing treats for ALL children and to all adults who clapped, cheered and walked. To Mrs Karyn Gouder, a big word of thanks, who behind the scenes ensures that all the paperwork is done and that sponsorship forms go home on time and alerts are sent etc. The money raised from this fundraiser will be well spent on resources to support learning.

We were once again blessed with beautiful weather and much support. For this we are truly thankful.

## PAID UNION MEETING

The Paid Union Meeting scheduled for this Friday has been **postponed**. Therefore, school will close at normal time on Friday—3.00pm. Assembly will be at the normal time slot of 2.30pm in the school hall. We shall endeavour to keep you up to date with new arrangements.

## TRAFFIC

I have been doing "road patrol" duty on a number of occasions over the last couple of weeks and I have noticed some absolutely shocking behavior from some parents when they drop children off. Here are a few examples: "a U turn right at the road patrol crossing". Parking on the "no park zone" in front of the school. Letting children out of the car "on the traffic side of the car" while a parent is on their mobile device. We have to stop this behaviour before we have a tragic incident here at school. **Please think before you act.**

## ANZAC COMMEMORATIONS

On the 12<sup>th</sup> April Reignier Catholic School will participate in the ANZAC celebrations at the tower clock in Taradale. We shall be sending a group of school leaders to the commemoration service to represent our school. We are very proud to be part of this event and be part of the group who yearly honours our fallen heroes. "Lest we forget"

## MISSION STATEMENT

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

## **SCHOOL POOL**

The school pool closes this weekend, 23<sup>rd</sup> March and we ask that keys to be returned to Mrs Karyn Gouder in the office. Thank you for using the facilities at school, there is no doubt in my mind that the presence of people at school over the holidays and at weekends keeps unsavoury elements away.

## **NEXT WEEK**

I am travelling to New Plymouth next Tuesday with the other local Catholic Principals of Napier and Hastings. We are attending the annual Principals Conference. I am looking forward to this because it is always rejuvenating to spend time with likeminded people. In my absence Mrs Riceman will act on my behalf and it goes without saying that I know that the school is in excellent hands.

## **FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

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

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

Ma Te Atua koutou e tiaki

God bless you all

Anton Heyns

## **PARISH NEWS...**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 9am Mass:** Harry Unwin, Sophia Unwin, Violet Unwin

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 5pm Mass:** Matthew Eagles

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 9am Mass:** Waiting on New Roster

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 5pm Mass:** Waiting on New Roster

## **GENERAL NEWS...**

### **KAPAHAKA—ALL AGES**

Every Friday morning in the hall at 8:30am. Everyone welcome.

### **PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY & MASS REPRESENTATION.**

This Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March **Room 5** will lead our presentation assembly and on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March **Room 4** will lead our presentation assembly. All are welcome to attend.

**Room 5** will attend mass this Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March and **Room 4** will attend mass on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **WINTER HOCKEY**

Notices were given out yesterday to Year 3-6 children who are wanting to play hockey in Term 2. Also notices for the Funsticks programme for Year 1-2 were given to all children. These notices need to be returned to the school office by Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March – if your child missed getting a notice there are spare ones in the school office.

### **YEAR 5/6 NETBALL**

Notices were given out today for any Year 5/6 children interested in playing netball on a Thursday in Term 2.

These notices need to be returned to the school office by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – if your child missed getting a notice there are spare ones in the school office.

## SWIMMING SPORTS

Congratulations to all the children who competed in the swimming sports last Wednesday. Everyone gave it their all. Well done!

<b>7 Year Old Girls – Flutterboard Front</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Esme Rossiter 2 <sup>nd</sup> Daniella Doyle 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sophie Rowe	<b>7 Year Old Boys – Flutterboard Front</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Cameron Deitch 2 <sup>nd</sup> Hugo Jeffares 3 <sup>rd</sup> Masaki Tsujiyama	<b>7 Year Old Girls – Freestyle Width</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Nicole Gregory 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ula Chan 3 <sup>rd</sup> Rhiannon Jones	<b>7 Year Old Boys – Freestyle Width</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Luca Quinn 2 <sup>nd</sup> Maehe Hill 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cameron Deitch
<b>7 Year Old Girls – Backstroke Width</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Nicole Gregory 2 <sup>nd</sup> Gabrysia van Asch 3 <sup>rd</sup> Isabella Durston	<b>7 Year Old Boys – Backstroke Width</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Luca Quinn 2 <sup>nd</sup> Liam O'Neill 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cameron Deitch	<b>7 Year Old Girls – Freestyle Length</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Ula Chan 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ada Kirton 3 <sup>rd</sup> Gabrysia van Asch	<b>7 Year Old Boys – Freestyle Length</b> No Final for the Boys
<b>7 Year Old Girls – Backstroke Length</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Ula Chan 2 <sup>nd</sup> Melissa Furhoff 3 <sup>rd</sup> Gabrysia van Asch	<b>7 Year Old Boys – Backstroke Length</b> No Final for the Boys	<b>8 Year Old Girls – Flutterboard Front</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Holly O'Connor-Adams 2 <sup>nd</sup> Penny King 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ayrada Sadakorn	<b>8 Year Old Boys – Flutterboard Front</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Beau Lepelaars 2 <sup>nd</sup> Malakai Fletcher-Jenssen 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thana Pinnoi
<b>8 Year Old Girls – Freestyle Width</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Olivia Johnson 2 <sup>nd</sup> Stella Grams 3 <sup>rd</sup> Emma Haworth	<b>8 Year Old Boys – Freestyle Width</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Beau Lepelaars 2 <sup>nd</sup> Max Sebileau 3 <sup>rd</sup> Danyon Dohmen	<b>8 Year Old Girls – Backstroke Width</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Stella Grams 2 <sup>nd</sup> Leah McDowell 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bella Coombe	<b>8 Year Old Boys – Backstroke Width</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Ben Reilly 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aaron Lo 3 <sup>rd</sup> = Danyon Dohmen 3 <sup>rd</sup> = Thana Pinnoi
<b>8 Year Old Girls – Freestyle Length</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Bella Coombe 2 <sup>nd</sup> Greer Dooney 3 <sup>rd</sup> Emma Haworth	<b>8 Year Old Boys – Freestyle Length</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Ben Reilly 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thana Pinnoi 3 <sup>rd</sup> Danyon Dohmen	<b>8 Year Old Girls – Backstroke Length</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Greer Dooney 2 <sup>nd</sup> Olivia Johnson 3 <sup>rd</sup> Alexis Bloomfield	<b>8 Year Old Boys – Backstroke Length</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Ben Reilly 2 <sup>nd</sup> Max Sebileau 3 <sup>rd</sup> Harry Nicol
<b>9 &amp; 10 Year Old Girls – Freestyle Width</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Jayla Zajonskowski 2 <sup>nd</sup> Natalie Fu	<b>9 &amp; 10 Year Old Boys – Freestyle Width</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Hayden O'Sullivan 2 <sup>nd</sup> Luke Trower 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reef Parrish Storey	<b>9 &amp; 10 Year Old Girls – Backstroke Width</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Natalie Fu 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lucy Homan 3 <sup>rd</sup> Olivia McNaught	<b>9 &amp; 10 Year Old Boys – Breaststroke Width</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Hayden O'Sullivan 2 <sup>nd</sup> Essex Page 3 <sup>rd</sup> Lucas Heron
<b>9 Year Old Girls – Freestyle Length</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Milla Koenigsberger 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aaliah Hamilton 3 <sup>rd</sup> Willow Zajonskowski	<b>9 Year Old Boys – Freestyle Length</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Arian Ward 2 <sup>nd</sup> Alex Chapman 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sam White	<b>9 Year Old Girls – Backstroke Length</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Ava Gleeson 2 <sup>nd</sup> Milla Koenigsberger 3 <sup>rd</sup> Hazel Marwick	<b>9 Year Old Boys – Backstroke Length</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Alex Chapman 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sam White 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tamati Madden
<b>9 Year Old Girls – Breaststroke Length</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Milla Koenigsberger 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jayla Zajonskowski 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aaliah Hamilton	<b>9 Year Old Boys – Breaststroke Length</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Harry Cooper 2 <sup>nd</sup> Arian Ward 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ben Coffin	<b>9 Year Old Girls – 2 Lengths Freestyle</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Ava Gleeson 2 <sup>nd</sup> Abby Kaio 3 <sup>rd</sup> Hazel Marwick	<b>9 Year Old Boys – 2 Lengths Freestyle</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Harry Cooper 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sam White 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ben Jackson
<b>9 Year Old Girls – 2 Lengths Backstroke</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Ava Gleeson 2 <sup>nd</sup> Stephanie Powell 3 <sup>rd</sup> Raven Lawton	<b>9 Year Old Boys – 2 Lengths Backstroke</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Harry Cooper 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tamati Madden 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sam Rich	<b>10 Year Old Girls – Freestyle Length</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Francesca Pilcher 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bronnie King 3 <sup>rd</sup> Maddy Grams	<b>10 Year Old Boys – Freestyle Length</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Lucas Palmer 2 <sup>nd</sup> Essex Page
<b>10 Year Old Girls – Backstroke Length</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Rose Jones 2 <sup>nd</sup> Maddy Grams 3 <sup>rd</sup> Francesca Pilcher	<b>10 Year Old Boys – Backstroke Length</b> No Race Held	<b>10 Year Old Girls – Breaststroke Length</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Rose Jones 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vivi Boggs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Francesca Pilcher	<b>10 Year Old Boys – Breaststroke Length</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Jyde Low 2 <sup>nd</sup> Archie Hollier 3 <sup>rd</sup> Liam Reilly
<b>10 Year Old Girls – 2 Lengths Freestyle</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Maddy Grams 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rose Jones 3 <sup>rd</sup> Kate Harvey	<b>10 Year Old Boys – 2 Lengths Freestyle</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Jyde Low 2 <sup>nd</sup> Archie Hollier 3 <sup>rd</sup> Liam Reilly	<b>10 Year Old Girls – 2 Lengths Backstroke</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Emily Vorster 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bronnie King 3 <sup>rd</sup> Kate Harvey	<b>10 Year Old Boys – 2 Lengths Backstroke</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Jyde Low 2 <sup>nd</sup> Liam Reilly 3 <sup>rd</sup> Archie Hollier
<b>House relay 7yr old, 8yr old, 9yr old, 10yr old (1 girl 1 boy of each age group) – 1 length freestyle</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> <b>Hillary</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> <b>Te Kanawa</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> = <b>Devoy</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> = <b>Hadlee</b>			

Below are the House and Race Results:

1<sup>st</sup> **Hillary** 155 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Devoy** 148 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> **Hadlee** 115 points, 4<sup>th</sup> **Te Kanawa** 114 points.

### NETBALL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter with regards to the April Netstars Holiday Programme.

### HAVE A GO SPORTS DAY

A great family day out on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES...





We are running our popular holiday programme again in the April holidays limited days due to public holidays. Children will do gymnastics, cooking and craft activities. The programme runs Monday to Thursday in Week 1 (15<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> April) and the 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> April in Week 2. We have 3 different options, All day (9-3 \$40/child/day), Gymnastics only 9.00-10.30am (\$15/child/day), and Flipping Fun, Wednesdays only 1.00-5.30pm (\$30/child/day). Drop off for all day and gymnastics is between 8.30am and 9.00am. Pick up for all day is between 3.00pm and 3.30pm. If you would like care from 9.00am—5.30pm book All day and Flipping Fun (special price of \$55.00/child/day) and notify us by email to [enquiries@omnigymnastics.co.nz](mailto:enquiries@omnigymnastics.co.nz) and we will credit your account so you don't miss out on the special. Registration is via our website <https://omnigymnastics.co.nz/holiday-programme>

**MITRE 10 MEGA TOUGH KID 2019**

WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019  
ENTRY FEE \$3 PER CHILD

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT  
[www.megahb.co.nz](http://www.megahb.co.nz)  
OR ASK IN-STORE

ONLINE & IN-STORE  
**REGISTRATIONS**  
OPEN NOW



In partnership with Sport HB

Registrations are open until 5pm Monday 26th March 2019. No on the day entries. T&Cs apply.



*His Holiness Pope Francis was deeply saddened to learn of the injury and loss of life caused by the senseless acts of violence at two Mosques in Christchurch, and he assures all New Zealanders, and in particular the Muslim community, of his heartfelt solidarity in the wake of these attacks. Mindful of the efforts of the security and emergency personnel in this difficult situation, His Holiness prays for the healing of the injured, the consolation of those who grieve the loss of their loved ones, and for all affected by this tragedy. Commending those who have died to the loving mercy of Almighty God, Pope Francis invokes the divine blessings of comfort and strength upon the nation.*

*Pietro Parolin  
Secretary of State*





Ngā mihi kia koutou

The shocking events in Christchurch, with tragic and senseless loss of life, are impacting on us all.

It's tempting to think the killers were deranged, yet all was meticulously planned and calculated. Our reactions while varied probably carry a common element too. One person put it to me this way: "I just can't understand how someone more or less my age could be filled with such hate".

One 'positive' from such tragedy is that it weaves the goodness of the human spirit closer together, at least for a while. From the Church world, I've received messages of concern and support from Ireland, England, Latvia, Brazil, Panama, Italy, the Vatican and Australia.

This Sunday's first reading talks of Abraham. It is through Abraham and Sarah that we Christians are brothers and sisters with all Muslims. The Abrahamic religions – Jews, Christians and Muslims - are the faith communities that descend from, and are united in, the worship of the God of Abraham. What a power for good that unity can be, in a world where so many seem to seek to divide and exclude.

Please follow the links to our NZ Bishops Statement in the wake of the killings and also to a comforting message to us from Pope Francis.

This Sunday 17 March we are hosting at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit a Memorial Interfaith Service at 7.30pm. All welcome to come and join with our Muslim brothers and sisters of Palmerston North, to pray for the deceased and their families, for forgiveness, and for peace in our world.

+Charles.





**Te Huinga o ngā Pihopa  
Katorika o Aotearoa**

*New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference*

15 March 2019

Dear Members of the Muslim community in Aotearoa New Zealand,

We hold you in prayer as we hear the terrible news of violence against Muslims at mosques in Christchurch. We are profoundly aware of the positive relationships we have with Islamic people in this land, and we are particularly horrified that this has happened at a place and time of prayer. We are deeply saddened that people have been killed and injured, and our hearts go out to them, their families and wider community. We wish you to be aware of our solidarity with you in the face of such violence.

Peace, Salaam,

- ✠ *Patrick Dunn, Bishop of Auckland and NZCBC President*
- ✠ *Charles Drennan, Bishop of Palmerston North and NZCBC Secretary*
- ✠ *John Dew, Cardinal Archbishop of Wellington*
- ✠ *Paul Martin, Bishop of Christchurch*
- ✠ *Steve Lowe, Bishop of Hamilton*
- ✠ *Michael Dooley, Bishop of Dunedin*



# New Zealand Catholic Bishops' Committee for Interfaith Relations

16 March 2019

Dear brothers and sisters in Aotearoa New Zealand,

It is with profound sadness that we grieve for the deaths and injury of Muslims in Christchurch through the violence of extremists. We grieve too for the loss of a sense of safety and peace for all Muslims in this land in the face of such an attack. Every Kiwi, new or old, now feels our heart touched by the evil of hatred. The stark reality that our neighbours could do such a thing moves us to an even deeper awareness of the overwhelming need for love to be the driving force in our relationships with one another, rather than animosity or narrow-mindedness.

As a committee and as individuals we have formed many wonderful relationships with Muslim friends and acquaintances. We have been blessed by dialogue which has revealed the beauty and peace of those who live a religion of prayer, generosity and belief in the same God of Abraham in whom we believe. Our practices and understandings regarding faith may be different in many ways, but there is much we share and celebrate. Our differences are an opportunity to engage with one another, never a reason for division.

While our hearts go out to our Muslim brothers and sisters in their loss, pain and fear, we wish to draw attention away from the murder and violence towards the need for each of us to open our hearts to those of different cultures and faiths. We pray not just for healing of the injured and comfort to those who mourn, but for a renewed outreach to others in love, kindness and welcome.

The displays of grief and compassion exhibited by so many people since this terrible atrocity signal hope. They reveal the larger truth of humanity in response to a closed hatred. We need to continue to practically reach out to one another in friendship and kindness. It needs to be more than a moment in time but a habit of life. Ultimately it is a personal choice, in our context, to do as Jesus did – to smother hatred through reaching out with physical hands and loving our neighbour.

We especially hold our Muslim friends in prayer at this time and we pray for all peoples and all faiths. May we be instruments of peace to one another so that all may feel safe and loved.

Peace, Salaam,

Colin MacLeod

*On behalf of committee members:*

Colin MacLeod (chair), Michael Dooley, Mary Eastham, Adele Churchman, Teresa Fernandez, Matthew Gardner, Daniel Kleinsman, Beate Matthies and Christopher Longhurst

\* The NZCBCIR has produced a small booklet, *Promoting Interfaith Relations*, which might help with some ideas and suggestions for supporting the building of relationships.

The link is: [www.catholic.org.nz/assets/PromotingInterfaithRelations.pdf](http://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/PromotingInterfaithRelations.pdf)