



REIGNIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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THE FORTNIGHT AHEAD
Monday 16th December
Prizegiving—6pm at St Mary's

Wednesday 18th December
Final Mass—10.30am at St Mary's
End of Term 4

Tena Koutou Katoa
Greetings Everyone

Last Sunday was the second week of Advent. In classrooms we will 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 love and care for us.



As this is the final newsletter for 2019, I am making a few announcements for 2020:

TEACHING STAFF STRUCTURE FOR 2020

Room 5	New Entrant—Mrs Sarah Mellon	9
Room 6	Years 1/2—Ms Steph Ellison	17
Room 4	Years 1/2—Mrs Debra Gibson	22
Room 2	Years 1/2—Ms Mel Davis—DRS and Junior Team Leader	22
Room 7	Years 3/4—Mrs Kara-Leigh Jones	23
Room 8	Years 3/4—Ms Pip Brooker	23
Room 9	Years 4/5—Ms Amy Lee—Deputy Principal and Senior Team Leader	25
Room 10	Years 5/6—Mrs Renee Jackson	24
Room 11	Years 5/6—Mr Gary Nairn—SENCO	25
Mrs Erin Smith—0.6 Part Time Permanent		
Mrs Lara Hollier—0.4 Reading Recovery		

** Please note physical room changes for 2020*

REPORTS AND CLASS PLACEMENTS

The progress reports are going home on Tuesday 17th December. We, the staff of Reignier, have spent a lot of hours meeting and discussing class placements. We look forward to meeting our students for 2020 when the transition takes place on Tuesday 17th December.

START DATE & TEACHER ONLY DAYS 2020

School will resume for 2020 on Monday 3rd February at 8.55am. The school office will be open during the last week of January in the mornings if there is anything that people need. Term 1 will end on 9th April 2020. Teachers will be back on the 30th and 31st January. A reminder that Thursday the 6th February is Waitangi day. The school will be closed for instruction on Friday 6th March while teachers are onsite doing a Religious Education paper. Saturday 8th March teachers will have a "callback" day to finish the RE paper.

STAFFING 2020

We welcome Ms Amy Lee back from Maternity Leave and Mrs Renee Jackson to the teaching team. All support staff will stay the same and will have similar positions for next year. This means that our staffing for next year is very stable which means very little disruption for our tamariki.

MISSION STATEMENT

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

PRIZEGIVING

Our end of year Prizegiving takes place on Monday 16th December at 6pm at St Mary's Church. You are all invited to come and celebrate this event with us. The children are to come in their uniform with a piece of tinsel around their heads except those in the tableau.

FINAL MASS

Next Wednesday, 18th December at 10.30am at St Mary's Church in Taradale we finish the school year by celebrating Eucharist together. At this Mass we farewell and bless our Year 6 students, their families and our staff who are leaving us. We give thanks to 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. As per our Reignier tradition, we ask you to donate a 'special non-perishable treat' for Christmas dinner for a needy family. These gifts have formed part of the offertory procession at our final Mass. Items could be: Brandy Snap Cases, Christmas Mince Pies, Éclair Cases, Ernest 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.



PARENT HELPERS MORNING TEA

This Thursday, 12th December at 11am the staff would like to thank and recognise all parents and friends of the school who have helped out in any way throughout the year. We know that many people give their time, energy and support to the school in lots of different ways and we would like to have the opportunity to acknowledge this personally. If you put away books, help on camps and trips, manage/coach sports teams, help at sports days, transport children anywhere, do a road patrol duty etc. please come along to this morning tea if you are able and enjoy morning tea with us. **Please RSVP to the office or email admin@reignier.school.nz by Wednesday 11th December if you are attending for catering purposes. Don't be shy!**

LEAVERS DINNER

Last Tuesday we celebrated our Year 6 school leavers. This is an institutional event at Reignier. This year we welcomed back three ex-Reignier children, who have achieved highly in 2019, to motivate and inspire our Year 6 leavers with their words of wisdom. Special thanks to Mihnea Vlad who was awarded Dux of Napier Boys High, Zarah Otto who was Head Girl at Napier Girls High and Danielle Pilcher who was Head Girl at Taradale High School. This underlines again the outstanding level of achievement our ex-students reach. We should celebrate as a Catholic Community these achievements more publicly and make sure that we recognise the ex-students of Reignier. It is only fitting for me to acknowledge our Year 6 students in our final newsletter. You have been part of Reignier Catholic Primary School for many years. Take with you the knowledge that we shall eagerly follow your progress. And remember to live by these Reignier values: Integrity, Respect, Excellence and always serve your Community. God Bless You!

SCHOOL DOCS

Our school, as previously mentioned in a newsletter and the school App, is now using "School Docs" to host and keep our policies current. If you want to have a look at the policies please see the link and information to activate this below. Go to www.schooldocs.co.nz click **search for your school**, start typing the school's name and then select it from the dropdown list, enter the community username and password, **reignier/ parent1**. Also, remember there is a wealth of information on our School Website.

ALTAR SERVERS

The children who did the Sacramental programme this year, have also finished their Altar Server training. I am heartened to see that these children are beginning to give service to our faith community of St Mary's.

F.O.R. END OF YEAR EVENTS

The Friends of Reignier group is hosting a free sausage sizzle and juicy day this Wednesday 11th December at lunchtime. On the 17th, December they are selling juices. \$2 each. Please support them with this worthy fundraiser.

SCHOOL POOL

The pool keys have been very popular this year and we only have a couple of keys left. The cost of the key is \$70 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. Reminder, the pool will be closed every Sunday morning between the hours of 9am—12noon so that Chantel 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.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

It would be much appreciated if everyone could have their school accounts paid to the office before the holidays. It especially helps the finance team if you are a family leaving the school at the end of the year. Thank you.

STATIONERY 2020

Stationery packs will once again be available from OfficeMax for 2020. These are available to purchase. More information is available on the school website.

LIBRARY/SCHOOL BOOKS—AMNESTY WEEK

This week from Monday 9th to Friday 13th December we will hold a school wide book amnesty. If you have any overdue library books at home, now would be a good time to return them. Please note, there will be **no** more issues of library books this year.

CONDOLENCES

The Reignier School Community offer Maree Paterson and her family support and condolences acknowledging the recent death of Maree's father.

THANK YOU

Last but not least, I wish to thank the most important people here at Reignier, my teachers and my support staff. I wish I had the ability to put into words exactly how I feel about your dedication and passion for our school. Words fail me. I thank you sincerely for the year that has been and I am looking forward to 2020 with eager anticipation. Thank you and may God bless you and your families over the festive season.

Merry Christmas and may 2020 be prosperous for us all.

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

PARISH NEWS...



Sunday 15th December 9am Mass: Catriona Williamson, Hayden O'Sullivan, Mia Deihl

Sunday 15th December 5pm Mass: Jake Coffin, Ben Coffin, Dylan Mabry

Sunday 22nd December 9am Mass: Molly Smith, Leah McDowell

Sunday 22nd December 5pm Mass: Vicky Lu, Raven Lawton

GENERAL NEWS...

PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY & MASS REPRESENTATION.

This Friday, 13th December will be our final assembly for 2019. **Room 7** will lead this presentation assembly. All are welcome to attend. There will **NO** classes attending mass this week.

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. Remember all draws will be put on the school app under the relevant sport. Please remember to sign up for the sport you require. 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 questions please email Margo at sportadmin@reignier.school.nz

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

INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETICS

On Thursday 27th November 30 Year 3-6 children competed in the Annual Taradale and Districts Inter-School Athletics. All the children represented the school with pride and should be very proud of their individual and team efforts on what was a very hot day at the Hastings Sports Park. I have had a number of comments on how well behaved the children were. A special congratulations to Francesca Pilcher—1st overall in the 10 year old girls age group, Liam Reilly—2nd in the 11 year old boys age group, Emily Vorster—3rd in the 11 year old girls age group and Ben Reilly—4th in the boys 9 year old age group. Well done!

HAWKE'S BAY ATHLETICS

This was an evening event held on Monday 25th November at the Hastings Sports Park.

A big congratulations to Francesca Pilcher for taking out the overall event for the Year 6 girls. Well Done!

HAWKE'S BAY TRIATHLON

Ten of our Year 5/6 children competed in this very competitive event held on Tuesday 26th November at the Frimley pool and park in Hastings. All the hard training they put in over the last month paid off with them all doing extremely well. A big congratulations to Jyde Low who won the Year 6 individual boys race. Well Done!

NETBALL SKIRTS

With the last games of netball this week can all skirts please be washed and handed into the office by Monday 16th December.

WEETBIX TRYATHLON 2020

Next year the Weetbix Tryathlon is being held on Tuesday 18th February at Frimley Park, Hastings.

This event is open to all children aged 6-15. This year there is a new Splash and Dash for 6 year olds, which is a 50m swim and a 1.5km run. Please check the distances for your child's age before registering as they have changed from last year. Check out their website for more information at www.tryathlon.co.nz When you register your child please link them to the Reignier School Group.

This is not a school event so it is up to the parents/caregivers to arrange transport and supervision for your children.

Register your child for the early bird discount before Tuesday 28th January 2020.

If you have any further questions please email Margo Harvey sportadmin@reignier.school.nz

PTA NEWS...

UNIFORM SHOP CLOSURE FOR 2019

The uniform shop is now **CLOSED** for 2019. We will reopen when school returns, Monday 4th February 2019. We hope you all have a wonderful break and Merry Christmas.

THANK YOU TO THE FRIENDS OF REIGNIER

As the Principal of Reignier Catholic School, I would like to thank the F.O.R. for their dedication and commitment to our school. I would like to thank everybody who committed to working bees, fundraisers and generally doing things around Reignier on a regular basis. I'm looking forward to working closely with the F.O.R. next year. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Regards, Anton Heyns

SNAPSHOTS OF THE WEEK...

WE WARMLY WELCOME
THE FOLLOWING STUDENT
TO REIGNIER...



COMMUNITY NOTICES...

THE GREAT READING CARNIVAL
TE TAIOPIKA PANUI HIRA

FREE FOR ALL 4-11 YEAR OLDS

SUMMER READING PROGRAMME
FREE FOR ALL 4-11 YEAR OLDS!

Escape with books and immerse with the circus this summer. In the car, at the beach, or on your very own stage, you can read anywhere! This super fun programme runs from 9 Dec to 19 Jan. Register online or visit/contact Napier Libraries from 2 Dec.

REGISTRATIONS 2-8 DECEMBER

NAPIER LIBRARIES
CITY COUNCIL

For more details and to register go to:
www.napierlibrary.co.nz/children

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F.O.R. REPORT 2019

On behalf of the Friends of Reignier I am pleased to report a successful 2019.

I came into the chairperson role in March this year.

We have held fun and successful fundraising events this year including the Walkathon, Winter Disco, Pizza Days and Sausage Sizzles, not to mention another successful Gala in November which raised \$28,000 for our school. We have an annual commitment to the school of approx \$20,000 in which we contribute to Library, ICT, Sports Equipment, Pastoral Care, Feast Days, Tissues and Sunblock and Senior Camp.

The events held this year have allowed us to upgrade the toilet block and brighten the school with artwork and games on the concrete.

I would like to thank Anton and the staff for supporting Friends of Reignier.

A big thank you to the executive committee, the wider F.O.R. members and the Gala committee for all your efforts and time.

I look forward to 2020. With exciting fundraising events in the planning, we aim to fund shade sails over the big bar area as well as an upgrade to our pool.

It is the school community and family spirit that allows us to work together and achieve great things for our children.

Merry Christmas!

Kristi Lambert
Chairperson



MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!