

11 October 2010

Tena Koutou Katoa
Greetings everyone.

Welcome back everybody to our final term. We hope that everyone has had a very happy, relaxing holiday and have enjoyed some family bonding time. As usual the calendar is beginning to fill up quickly. We will endeavour to get the term calendar out as soon as dates are finalised. Don't forget that we have the calendar on the website as well, if you lose your fridge copy.

The senior school had a marvellous week away on camp in Wellington. We had several comments from total strangers about the way our children conduct themselves which is nothing new, but always a pleasure to hear. The weather was fantastic, and the new addition of the Sommes Island visit was a major hit with both children and the adults. A big thank you to all those parents who accompanied us this year. It's always good to have parents who are willing to pitch in and take part.

What's coming up

This term we have our school Gala at the end of week 3. Please contact the PTA if you can help with stalls etc. The Life Education truck will be arriving next week to work with all classes on healthy eating and living. The school athletics is being held in week 4 followed by the interschool event in week 6. Year 5 students participate in the Kapahaka festival in week 4. Look out for dates for the leavers dinner and final break up and Mass.

Maori Consultation Meeting

We would like to hold a meeting with our parents of Maori students and any others interested to discuss and decide on Maori signage throughout the school. We think it would be very valuable for our Maori students to be involved in this process so we invite them all to attend as well. The meeting is set for this Thursday 14th at 3.30 pm in the staff room. We have invited Corey Stephens from Fahrenheit Signs to join us and help us with the process. Please take this opportunity to enhance the cultural character of our school.

Road Patrol

Thank you to those parents who volunteered during the last week of term to man the crossing. It was certainly a big help to teachers.

School Uniform

Just when we thought that summer was on the way the weather turns again and we are shivering! A reminder that from the beginning of this term until Labour weekend we will have the changeover from winter to summer uniform. This means that during these first two weeks of school children can wear winter or summer uniform, or a combination of both. After Labour weekend, summer uniform is compulsory. The uniform review will be done early this term, so at this stage there are no changes to the summer uniform.

School Enrolments

If you have a pre schooler due to start school next year or know of anyone who is considering enrolling at Reignier, please contact the school office for an enrolment form as soon as possible. We are currently trying to organise staffing for next year and it is very important that we know how many students will be enrolled. What information we

currently have will impact markedly on how big the middle and senior school class sizes will be, so please let us know if you can.

Ma te Atua koe e tiaki
May God be with you
Julia Johnson

Gala – Only 3 weeks to go!

Please bring in any second hand goods you are planning to give to the gala this week. Clothes, books, white elephant, toys, household items & old crockery for the crockery smash are all needed. If you can bring these things this week, it gives the stall coordinators a chance to sort them properly.



Helpers

We need more helpers please! If you can help on the Friday afternoon before the gala, or on a stall on Saturday and have not been contacted, please call Dominie Cresswell on 836-6313.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In our RE we are learning from the Communion of Saints Strand this term and it is most appropriate as Mary MacKillop will be canonised on Sunday. Mary MacKillop, although an Australian spent time in New Zealand. She founded the order of the Sisters of St Joseph and they taught in many of our schools. This will probably be covered in the media and it would be great if you could discuss this with them.

The focus for each class with reference to the Family/Whanau book in brackets) is:

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| Room 1, 1a, 2, 3 | Mary (pg 19) |
| Rooms 4, 6 | Saints 7 Inspiring People (pg 22) |
| Rooms 7, 8, 12 | Life, Death & Christian Hope (pg 25) |
| Rooms 5, 9, 10, 11 | Mary (pg 34) |

FAMILY MASS 17 October

Sunday 17 October 9am will be a family mass. There will be no separate children's liturgy; the children will be participating in the whole mass. We had a wonderful time of fun and fellowship in our last family mass, and hope to continue to enthuse and encourage the faith and participation of our young folk. Our school and parish communities are both enriched by becoming closer. Come and join us!



WELCOME TO REIGNIER

We welcome Kate O'Connor, Molly Cardwell-Dray, Ethan Boyd, Abigail Gardiner, Cameryn & Samantha Hannam.



*The wind is like God blowing his love to us.
The wind is a fan blowing us away.*

Sarah Winnie— Room 8

CLASS AWARDS - CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE CHILDREN

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| Room 1 | St Veronica | Harry Campbell | for great running in endurance challenge |
| | | Hannah Rich | for wonderful story writing and great running in endurance challenge |
| Room 1a | St Peter | Bella Rye | for wonderful reading |
| | | Emily Deihl | for great running the endurance challenge |
| Room 2 | St Angela | Liam Danielson | for great listening |
| Room 3 | St Thomas More | Jemma Rumble | for being a great role model for others |
| Room 4 | St Therese | Paige Sayer | for working hard in mathematics |
| Room 6 | St Francis | Ben Sloan | for excellent progress in maths and reading |
| Room 7 | St Patrick | Lachlan Gouder | for being such a thoughtful & enthusiastic class mem- |
| ber | | Alex Frechtling | for great work on reading comprehension |
| Room 8 | St Anne | Zarah Otto | for fantastic finding and recording in reading |
| | | Megan Kerr | for fantastic finding and recording in reading |
| Room 12 | St Bernadette | Libby Dean | for teaching Room 12 sign language |
| | | Samuel Kluts | for writing, directing & performing a great play |



MINIBASKETBALL

Minibasketball is available this term to Year 5 and 6 students interested in playing on Monday afternoons at Centennial Hall, beside McLean Park in Napier. The cost will be approximately \$20 per student and it runs for 8 weeks starting next Monday.

If your child is interested, they need to see Mr Crawford as soon as possible.

TEEBALL/SOFTBALL

Teeball for Years 1 – 4 starts next term on Saturday mornings at Tareha Park at the river end of Guppy Road. I have taken the names of students who are interested and entered 3 Year 1/2 teams and one Year 3/4 teams. If your child did not put their name down and wishes to play, they need to see Mr Crawford this week.

We need parents to manage these teams on Saturday mornings. I already have one parent to look after a Year 1/2 team, but need two more Year 1/2 parents and a Year 3/4 parent to manage the remaining three teams. If you are able to assist, please contact Sandy Crawford at school this week.

We have entered a Year 5 and 6 Softball team in an inter-school competition which takes place on Wednesdays after school either at Reignier or at the opposition school. A number of students have put their names down to play in this team. Any other Year 5/6 students who would like to play need to see Mr Crawford this week.

CRICKET

Cricket starts again this term on Saturdays for Year 5/6 beginning the 30th October and on Fridays for Year 3/4 starting on the 5th November.

Year 5/6 students will be playing with a hard cricket ball and Year 3/4 will be playing Kiwi Cricket rules with an Incrediball. I will be taking names for all those interested in playing this week. A notice will go out with further details at that meeting.

SENIOR TEAM CHALLENGE

Thank you again to all those parents who contributed feedback to the Challenge survey, I really appreciated all your views and comments. I have now completed my research and will post a full summary of my findings on the school website soon.

After collating the data gathered, taking into consideration most opinions and doing a lot of reading around the issue of homework, we have redesigned the Challenge system of homework.

A new version of the Challenge will go out this week and a feedback sheet for parents to make comments on regarding the new system will also go home later in the term.

Thank you for your patience during this process.

Sandy Crawford

YEAR 6 LEAVERS DINNER

A meeting for all those parents interested in being a part of the organising team for the 2010 Year 6 Leavers Dinner will be held next Tuesday 19th October at 3.30 pm in the Staffroom.

The Leavers Dinner is a great tradition we have at Reignier and is a highlight for the Year 6 students at the end of the year.

If you are unable to attend but interested in helping, please send a note to Mr Crawford or contact the school office.

LIFE EDUCATION

The Life Education Mobile Classroom will be here in weeks 2 and 3. Cost is \$3 per child which will be charged to your term account.

NAPIER ATHLETIC CLUB

Wednesday Evening—Marewa Park

5.30—6.30 pm 3—9 years

6.30—7.30 pm 10 + years

Registrations are taken every Wednesday.

Come along and support your family and get fit and have fun! www.sportsground.co.nz/napierathletis

LOST ON WELLINGTON CAMP

One new black T shirt with small pictures of skateboarders in white. Has Brandan Mayer written on the inside collar. Please return to Room 10.



*The wind is like a fast fan.
The wind is a strong sword
chopping through the grass.*
Mitchell Snell—Room 8

GALA HELPERS

Name: _____ Phone: _____

I can help with: (please circle) Friday afternoon prep Saturday Gala Stall Sunday am clean up Other