

1 November 2010

Tena Koutou Katoa  
Greetings everyone.

We were reflecting the other day on the way in which New Zealanders are becoming much more self-orientated, and that in society there is far less concern for others and for the common good. It was extremely heartwarming to see that this is certainly not the case within the community of our school. The gala on Saturday was a fantastic example of people of all ages, walks of life and abilities working together for the good of the school. From our students who are learning about serving their community to parents, grandparents, staff, sponsors and even ex parents who no longer have a direct link, the chain of helpers was outstanding. This was reflected in the lovely atmosphere, the huge crowds and the amount of money raised. A very big thank you to you all. An extra special thank you must go to Amy Walewski and the gala fundraising committee who have worked considerably hard for a very long time to put the whole show together.

The final total was over \$30,000. Congratulations everybody!

#### **What's coming up**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – All Saint's Day Mass 9.15 in St Mary's.

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – Middle School Parent meeting for camp at 5.30pm

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – Kapahaka performance in school hall at 7.30

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Yr 5 to Kapahaka festival at Taradale Intermediate at 7pm

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> – Yr 5 to Kapahaka festival at Taradale Intermediate at 7pm

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> – School Athletics at 9.30am

#### **Parent Information Evening**

Thank you to all who attended the reading information evening. Those who attended assured us it was well worth while. Rita is a very experienced literacy facilitator with a varied background and a passion for teaching reading, and it was great to have a down to earth discussion on National Standards and what they mean in the context of learning for students at Reignier.

#### **Uniform**

The uniform review survey is being written and the link will be emailed out to all those who gave us their email address by next week. If you have not given us your email address, the link will also be available through the website. It would be great to get a good response, as it helps us to plan strategically for the next few years.

#### **Kapahaka**

Our Year 5 students are performing in the Kapahaka festival this week at Taradale Intermediate. They have been practising hard under the mighty tutelage of Mrs Smith and Mrs Eyles. We wish them all the very best. Because of the lack of space on the performance nights, Greenmeadows school and Reignier will be holding a combined performance in our school hall tonight at 7pm for all those who are unable to get tickets to the performance. Parents are welcome to attend.

#### **Health and PE Programme**

Every two years we are obliged to consult on the Health and PE programme we run through the school. We have distributed a copy with each newsletter for your viewing. If

you have a comment to make or wish to submit some ideas for change or review, please return a submission in writing before the end of week 7. Thank you. We welcome your input.

#### **Best Wishes**

We would like to wish Dominie Cresswell all the best as she heads off to New York to take part in the New York Marathon. Bon Voyage!

Ma te Atua koe e tiaki

May God be with you

Julia Johnson

#### **MINIBASKETBALL**

There wasn't any basketball last Monday.

The draw for today, Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November at Centennial Hall in Napier is;

Reignier 1 plays the Clive Rebounders at 4.10pm

Reignier 2 plays the Te Aro Hau Flyers at 5.10pm.

Next Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November;

Reignier 1 plays the Porritt Steelers at 4.40pm

Reignier 2 plays NCS Yellow at 5.10pm

The draw is also available on the school website.

Students need to wear their school PE gear and running shoes for the game.

A big thank you to Cornel Walewski for once again coaching and managing the Senior basketball teams.

#### **TEEBALL/SOFTBALL**

Teeball for Years 1 – 4 starts this **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November at Tareha Park** at the river end of Guppy Road. I have entered three Year 1/2 teams and one Year 3/4 team.

All children playing will receive details of the team they are in, the name of their manager and when they are playing this week in a notice. The draw can also be found on the school website and at [www.softballhb.co.nz](http://www.softballhb.co.nz).

- Reignier Red Sox play Pumas TB on Tareha 6 at 9:00 am

- Reignier Angels play AMS Cougars on Tareha 7 at 10:15 am

- Reignier Dodgers play AMS Panthers on Tareha 9 at 10:15 am

Reignier Raiders play AMS Lions on Tareha 10 at 9:00 am

A big thank you to Karen Stephens, Joanna Sloan, Maurice Unwin, Dhana Coon and John Viljoen who have offered to look after the teams this term.

The Year 5 and 6 Softball team had a very competitive match against Richmond last Wednesday and narrowly lost. Player of the Day was Molly Jeffery for great team support.

This Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November the team play Marewa at Reignier. Children will need to make their way there as soon as possible after school.

Thank you to James Williams for coaching the team at school during lunchtimes and Nic Baudinet for managing the team at their games on Wednesday afternoons.

#### **CRICKET**

Cricket starts again this Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November for our Year 5/6 team and on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November for our 3 Year 3/4 teams.

## CLASS AWARDS - CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE CHILDREN

Room 5	St Gerard	Regan Longhurst Bailey King	for thoughtful contributions during Life Education for greatly improved self control
Room 9	St Bridget	Joshua Lloyd Riley Greaney	for imaginative ideas in his story writing for his thoughtful discussions during RE
Room 10	St John Bosco	Felix Barham Emily Paterson	for self control and great enthusiasm displayed in class for greater focus and effort displayed in class
Room 11	St Dominic	Zack Taylor Kade Blakeley	for excellent self control & great contributions on the mat for great self control



The three Year 3/4 teams play at Nelson Park in Napier starting at 3.30pm each Friday. You can enter Nelson Park from Jull Street and all teams will meet by the cricket pavilion.

Year 5/6 students will be playing with a hard cricket ball—this Saturday at Nelson Park and need to be there by 8.45. I would like to run practices for the Year 5/6 team on Thursdays after school from 3.15 – 4.15pm starting this week. If any students have problems attending this practice or getting home afterwards please see Mr Crawford.

Thank you to Brenda Cacho-Bevan and Jo Aston for offering to look after two of the Year 3/4 teams on Friday afternoons.

### SCHOOL ATHLETICS

This **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November**, the annual School Interhouse Athletics competition will be held on the school field. All students in Years 3 – 6 will be taking part in four events. If it is raining we will **postpone** the event until Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November. The postponement notice will be on the school website [www.reignier.school.nz](http://www.reignier.school.nz).

Students competing need to wear their house colours or their school PE uniform for the day which they can wear to school. They will compete in barefeet. They will also need a hat, sunscreen, a water bottle and a sweatshirt to wear when not competing.

The competition will start at 9.30am and will conclude at approximately 2pm. Students will be competing in age groups with the top competitors in each going through to represent Reignier at the Taradale and Districts Athletics on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November.

Thank you those parents who have already offered to help on the day. **We still require a few more parents to help with timing the sprint races and to assist with other events.** If you are available to help please send a note to your child's teacher or ring the office.

We welcome any family members who are able to come and support the children during the day.

### YEAR 5 KAPAHAKA

There are tickets left for Year 5 families for Wednesday and Thursday nights. First in, first served. Year 5 children will be sitting in the centre for tonight's performance.

#### **School Kapahaka Group**

When you enter the hall to watch the children perform, try to sit at the ramp end of the hall for a good view of your child.

### TERM ACCOUNTS

**Reminder:** Term 3 accounts are now overdue. Please pay to the office ASAP.

**THANK YOU** to all the children who bought cupcakes. You helped raise \$135 for the School Gala.

**HOUSE CLEANER** available—call Michelle 8442294.

### HOUSE TO RENT

3 bedroom, tidy, newly decorated, low maintenance house in Trigg Cres, close to school—\$320 per week. Phone 8449125.

### **SUBWAY LUNCHES are still available on Fridays and Turkey is back on the menu!**

\$4.50 beef, \$4.70 turkey, \$4.50 ham

All subs come with Freshup drink and cookie. Order forms are available at the office and need to be in the classroom on Thursday morning only by 9 am.

### **NEWS FLASH**

Our school is moving to a completely new service called Luncheonline. The Luncheonline service is an internet based school lunch provider, where parents/caregivers and children can order their school lunch using the internet, and it will be delivered to our school.

This simple to use internet site allows parents/caregivers to register online and link to our school. You then need to transfer some money (\$20 minimum) to your account using either a credit card or bank account transfer, and you are ready to go.

Our school will be trialling this programme over term 4 and term 1 of next year, starting **Monday 8 November**. This will allow our families to become familiar with the new internet lunch service before we complete an evaluation.

So watch this space as Luncheonline will be running promotional and giveaways from time to time. If you have any questions please contact Kathryn Winnie on 845 0526.

The site address is [www.luncheonline.co.nz](http://www.luncheonline.co.nz)

### **PLANT SALE**

This Wednesday from 2.45 to 3.30 pm we will be selling the last of the plants. Bring some cash!

### **WHAT A FANTASTIC GALA**

Everyone seemed to be smiling and enjoying themselves—adults and children alike.

A huge thank you goes to all of our SPONSORS, the Gala Committee, the Parent Helpers, the Teachers and the Parish for making this a successful event.

We also thank those fabulous helpers from Sacred Heart, Napier Girls and St Johns Colleges and our own Reignier children who helped on the day.

Congratulations all.

God bless— from the PTA

### **RAFFLE RESULTS**

Grocery	Nani Ngaronoa
Batman	Georgie Chapman
Motorbike	Laura McCabe
Cake	Steve Bryan
Rugby Jersey	Glenn Restieaux

Kid's Friendly Care at St Columba's Church on Gloucester Street offer Morning Care 7.30–8.30 am, Afternoon Care 3.00–5.30 pm and Holiday Programmes throughout the year. If you are interested please call Peter 0275 397934 or 8437770.