

2 February 2011

Tena Koutou Katoa  
Greetings everyone.

Welcome back everyone. We hope you all had a great Christmas and a relaxing holiday. Children settled quickly into classes yesterday. Thank you for your help in making the first day back run so smoothly. We have yet another busy and exciting year ahead of us. Our main professional development focuses for the year are in ICT and writing. As you can see we have had a couple of projects on the go during the holidays. The wooden shade area beside the senior block has been replaced with an Archgola and looks spectacular. The line markings have also been redone. Thank you to James for organising this.

### **Staffing**

We welcome to our school community Crystal Hewett who has joined us from London. Ms Hewett will be teaching a Year 5 and 6 class in Room 11 this year and will be working alongside Gary Nairn, Rachael Quinney, Sandy Crawford and Debra Gibson in the Senior School.

If you have any concerns, requests, questions concerning your child, please do not hesitate to talk to the class teacher. We have an open door policy and welcome your input. We are all working towards the same goal, which is to provide an environment where your child can succeed and grow as learners.

### **Attendance**

Our attendance register is now on the computer. Teachers will no longer be marking a paper roll, but entering attendance into a database. For this to work effectively, we need to have the data entered promptly after 9am. Children need to be at school by the bell to be marked as present. It is always good practice to have them here in time to be organised and settled before school begins anyway. Please contact the absence line by phone if your child is away.

### **Parent Information evening**

A parent information evening will be held next Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February. This is an opportunity to meet the teachers in the team your child is currently working and get some information about upcoming events, routines, expectations and homework requirements. We have once again staggered the meetings so parents can attend more than one if they have children in different teams. The times and venues are as follows:

5.30 pm – Junior Team meeting in Room 2  
6.00 pm – Middle Team meeting in Room 8  
6.30 pm – Senior Team meeting in Room 10  
Our teachers look forward to meeting you.

### **Road Patrol**

**We are desperately short of parents to supervise the road patrol this year. Please consider whether this is something you could do to give back to the school community. You don't have to have a child on duty to volunteer. WE NEED YOU!**

**Swimming** There has been much discussion over the last weeks in the media about our nation's children not being water smart. Please ensure that we make the most of the learning opportunity and send your children with togs every day. Teachers all run a water skills and swimming skills programme. The weather often warms up as the day goes on, so bad weather in the morning may not necessarily mean

the pool is closed. The water temperature is tested each day and Ministry guidelines are followed. We will not put children in the pool if it is too cold.

### **Parish and School Mass and Picnic**

Our first school Mass will be held on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 9am. This is a compulsory Mass and all students are expected to attend in their school uniform. Our school leaders will be announced and presented with their badges during Mass.

After Mass, the combined school and parish picnic will take place at the Puketapu Domain from 11 am onwards. All families are encouraged to attend. There are lots of games and activities organized, including a bouncy castle, sausage sizzle, sack races etc. Look for the posters displayed around the school for more information. Your child will bring home a flyer with more details on it as well.

If anyone is able to donate any small spot prizes, please contact the school office or Dave Pipe at the Parish office as soon as possible.

### **Gate Procedures**

Just a reminder to use the path at the front entrance if entering and exiting the school. Please do not use the car park, as it is difficult to see little people as cars are backing out.

### **Pool**

A big thank you to Mr Coldicutt for maintaining the pool throughout the summer, and to the families who used it respectfully. Because of your vigilance we had very little trouble during the break. If you have a pool key and are using the pool after school, please put the cover back on before you leave. It makes a big difference to the temperature of the water for the first classes swimming the next morning.

### **Uniform**

A big thank you to all the children who have turned up looking fantastic in their school uniform. What a great start.. The uniform shop is open on Wednesday mornings if you need anything. You will be notified of the uniform review results and any changes shortly.

It's great to be back and staff are all very excited about working alongside you to help your children become the best they can be. We look forward to a successful year and thank you for your continued support.

Check the calendar on the website for upcoming events. A paper copy will be sent out so you can put it on the fridge as soon as events have been finalised.

God bless you all.  
Julia Johnson

### **THANK YOU**

To Mrs Riceman, and the children of Reignier Choir, and to all the wonderful parents who transported them, a HUGE vote of thanks for your support and help and fantastic singing at Dan Mellon's wedding in January.

*Sarah Mellon*

***Christian Value for this month is  
Respect***

## WEETBIX TRIATHLON

The annual Weetbix triathlon is being held at Frimley Pools in Hastings on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February starting at 10am. Any students wishing to take part as an individual or as part of a team should register on line at [www.weetbix.co.nz](http://www.weetbix.co.nz) or call (09) 531 5080.



## CRICKET

The cricket season restarts this term on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February for Year 3 and 4 teams and on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February for Year 5 and 6 teams.

Meetings will be held this week for all students wanting to play and information/permission notices will be given out at these meetings. These permission notices must be returned to Mr Crawford by Friday at the latest so I know how many teams to register.



## TEEBALL

The Teeball season restarts this term on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February at Tareha Park. We will be reorganising teams this week and will get a notice out with details as soon as possible.

We would appreciate it if all parents who helped to manage teams at the end of last year could ring the office or send a note to school to let us know if you are again available to take your child's team. Thank you for your help.

JUNIOR ASSEMBLY will begin Week 2—11th February.

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP will re-open on Wednesday 2nd February. We will be open from 8.30am—8.55am and every consecutive Wednesday thereafter. If any change to this day and time you will be notified via the school newsletter. Please direct all inquiries to Karyn Gouder Ph 845 2712 or Sheree Lack Ph 8444 311.

**Process for Ordering:** Collect order form from ice-cream container located outside the school office. Fill in the form details and attached cheque (cheques made payable to Reignier Catholic School) or money and hand back into Carol in the school office. We will process your orders on a Wednesday and return to your child's classroom. Please Note: **NO MONEY, NO ORDER, NO EXCEPTIONS!** Many thanks for your co-operation.

## LUNCH ON LINE

Lunches available every day through Lunch on Line—[www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz).

Subways is still available on **Fridays Only** but orders need to be placed through Lunch on Line. Any queries phone Katherine 845 0526.

## ENROLMENTS INVITED FOR 2011 KEYBOARD YEAR

Beginner keyboard lessons are offered at Reignier School on Thursdays, available for those in **Year 4** or older. Half hour lessons take place during the school day, children are in small groups of 3, 4 or 5. Further information and enrolment forms are available at the school office. Enquiries: Theresa Bevin 8441020. Forms need to be returned by Tuesday 8 February so that a timetable can be organised. **Cost: \$ 75. 00 per school term.**

A limited number of keyboards are available for hire.

Napier Literacy Programme at Onekawa School for Teacher Aide Course Module 1 which is suitable for parents \$38. Contact Mary Wise 8431373 email—[thompson.wise.rtlit@xtra.co.nz](mailto:thompson.wise.rtlit@xtra.co.nz)

## STATIONERY 2011

Listed below is your child's stationery cost. Stationery packs have been ordered for each child and are already made up for convenience to school and parents. Children will be issued with their stationery pack as soon as payment is received. Stationery will not be charged to your term account. Please send payment in envelope with name, room and amount on the outside. Payment ASAP would be appreciated so that children can start working in their books on Monday. Thank you.

Rooms 11, 10, 9, 5 \$30.68

Rooms 8, 7, 6 \$33.20

Room 4 \$21.00

Room 3 \$23.15

Room 2 \$17.75

Room 1 (children will be given their stationery & an account will be sent home)



## OMNI GYMNASTIC CENTRE

We provide a quality programme in our purpose built centre for pre-school and school age children. Your children will experience growth, fun and healthy exercise with qualified coaches who will ensure your child's development is safe and successful. Come and give gymnastics a go! You will find us at 58 Flanders Ave, Onekawa. Phone 843 5410. Email: [omnigymnastics@xtra.co.nz](mailto:omnigymnastics@xtra.co.nz) for information.

## TARADALE GYMNASTIC CLUB

Pre-school, Competitive, Recreation, Classes for girls and boys. Enrolment Day—Saturday 5th February 10am—12pm at Taradale Intermediate School Hall. Enquiries: 8442 335.

## VIOLIN LESSONS

The Ministry of Education is offering free violin lessons for Reignier students in 2011. It is not necessary for students have their own violin. These classes are tutored by Mrs Sally Rutgers. Please consider both the value and opportunity this presents for your child's musical development. For further information and enrolment, please collect an information and enrolment sheet from the school office.



## FOR SALE

Two friendly, male, adult guinea pigs with cage – needing more attention—\$50.

Size 2 Roman Sandals in good condition—\$10.

Ring 8451201

## NAPIER EX HIGH MARIST NETBALL CLUB

Our newly amalgamated club is looking for players in competitive and social teams throughout the grades. Trials will be held at the Onekawa Netball Courts on the 8th, 10th and 15th of February from 5.45pm – 7.00pm. All players, including social players, are required to come to the trials. Bring a friend and check us out. Contact Jo at [jogaz@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jogaz@xtra.co.nz) or leave a message for Glenys at 8355248

*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.*