

7 February 2011

Tena Koutou Katoa
Greetings everyone.

Thank you all for helping your children settle in to their new classes. All students and teachers have had a positive start. The new air conditioners are making a marked difference to the comfort levels in classrooms, especially in the afternoon. All classrooms are now equipped with data projectors and teachers are beginning to take stock of how they can integrate ICT into their planning across the whole curriculum. We look forward to sharing our learning through the use of ICT more and more as the year progresses. We wish you all a very pleasant week.

The Week Ahead

Wednesday 9th – Parent Information evening

Parent Information evening

A parent information evening will be held this Wednesday 9th 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 – This includes all students in Room 5

Our teachers look forward to meeting you.



Parish and School Mass and Picnic

Our first school Mass will be held on Sunday 27th 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. 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.

WHEN? SUNDAY 27th February. After the 9am School Mass from 11am—2.30pm

WHERE? PUKETAPU RESERVE just past the pub on the Dartmoor Rd.

PICNIC LUNCH UNDER THE TREES with friends , make new friends, GAMES, BOUNCY CASTLE, the big Police BBQ available to cook on, and a LOLLY SCRAMBLE for all the children. SEE YOU THERE!!

WHAT TO BRING?

Food, refreshments, hats, suntan lotion and games

Special thanks to the Thirsty Whale who have sponsored the Bouncy castle. Please give them your support.

PTA Meeting

The first PTA meeting for 2011 will be in the staffroom next Tuesday 15th at 7pm. We encourage anyone interested in helping out to come along. It is a great way to make friends within the school community and to contribute to the well being of the school and the students.

Road Patrol

Please consider giving half an hour a week to do a road patrol duty – either from 8.30 to 9 am or from 2.45 to 3.20 in the afternoon. If you are able to help, we would be very grateful. We ask you to only commit yourself for one term and then we will find new recruits. If there are any grandparents out there who may be able to help, please pass this message on. Thank you.

School Pool

This year we have been very fortunate not to have had much in the way of vandalism or unsavoury behaviour in the pool area. We did however, have an incident over the weekend where a bike from behind the hall was thrown into the pool and the gate left unlocked. We can only assume it was someone who had access to a key. If you are a keyholder, you are ultimately responsible for ensuring that it is used responsibly. Please make sure that you are supervising your children and young teenagers in the pool. We have also observed children climbing onto the pool cover when it is rolled up at the end of the pool and jumping into the pool. Please, if you are supervising your children in the pool, make sure they stay off the cover. It was a very expensive item to purchase, and makes a big difference to the temperature of the water. It would be a great shame if it got damaged. The pool is not that deep and jumping from higher than the pool edge is also very dangerous.

Parish News

ST VALENTINES WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

St Thomas More Parish invite you to the Pastoral Area St Valentines Day Mass @ 6pm Monday 14th February. This will be followed by a social time and a glass of bubbles before you complete the day with a private celebration. We welcome all married, widowed, divorced, separated and those who are seeking a relationship. Come celebrate love!

NAPIER FAMILY CENTRE COURSES:

For Parents & Caregivers –

Love With Logic Workshop – Practical strategies & ideas for young mums with children under 5 yrs.

Step Families – Joys and challenges – for couples.

Positive Parenting - Working towards successful parenthood.

Parenting Teenagers - Ways to improve communication & build on your relationship with your teens.

These courses are free but registration is essential.

For Children – Emerge – 1. Self Esteem & Social Skills building for 10 -12 year olds. 2. for 7 – 10year olds. Fee \$10.

For dates and more information contact Lorraine at the Napier Family Centre 843 7280.

CHILD CANCER FOUNDATION ANNUAL STREET

APPEAL - Friday 25th – 26th March 2011. Helpers required. Please fill in the roster at the rear of the church

CRANFORD HOSPICE ANNUAL STREET APPEAL –

Thursday 17th, Friday 18th and Saturday 19th March. Helpers required. Please fill in the roster at the rear of the church.

Ma te Atua koe e tiaki

God bless you all.

Julia Johnson

Weetbix Tryathlon

The annual Weetbix triathlon is being held at Frimley Pools in Hastings on Wednesday 16th 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 or call (09) 531 5080.

Cricket

The cricket season starts this Friday 11th Feb for the Firebirds, Wizards and Volts at Nelson Park in Napier at 3.30pm and this Saturday morning 12th Feb for the Aces and Knights.

I will let the Saturday morning teams know where they are playing when the draw is through. If any students from Year 3 – 6 who wish to play cricket this term haven't got their name on one of these lists they need to see Mr Crawford as soon as possible this week. We need a parent to manage the Firebirds and the Wizards on Friday afternoons. If you are available to do this please contact the school office or see Mr Crawford.



Reignier Aces: Jacob Eyles, Luis Toomey, Regan Longhurst, Connor Smith, Zac Taylor, Jared Duncan, Harry Mason, Hamish Rybinski, Ben Rybinski, Jack Gardner, Aaron Jobbins, Glen Oliver

Reignier Knights: Bailey King, Lachlan Gouder, Logan Hutchinson, Adam Baudinet, Ben Gardiner, James Aston, Ben Allan, Sam Kluts, Harry Lack, Daniel Lynch, Dexter Barham, George Sicklemore

Reignier Firebirds: Angus Wilton, Blake Knox, Chris Cacho-Bevan, Fred Devereux, Hamish Baudinet, Cian Stafford, Zarah Otto, Sophie Eyles

Reignier Wizards: Fergus Cardwell-Dray, Jack Erikson, Noah Sloan, Ben Sloan, Mitchell Snell, Daniel Hurley, Darcy Brown, Lleyton O'Carroll

Reignier Volts: Matthew Quinney, Tom Hollier, Charlotte Lancaster, Caitlin Wilson, Billy Dagg, Ollie Gardner, Ryan Gouder



Teeball

The Teeball season restarts this Saturday 12th February at Tareha Park. Thank you Karrie Stephens, Maurice Unwin and Dhana Coon for again offering to take the same teams they had last year.

All children who are still wishing to play this term will be in the same team as at the end of last year. However there maybe changes if some children withdraw and others wish to play. After meeting with the children, I will confirm the team they will be in as soon as possible.

Optimist Yachting

Our first Year 6 activity for the year is Optimist yachting at Pandora pond every afternoon next week. We have two qualified instructors taking the yachting as well as other teachers supervising. An information notice will be going home early this week with all the details regarding this activity. These notices need to be returned as soon as possible to give students permission to go and so we can organise transport. We require parents to help transport the 41 students to and from Pandora and to help supervise them. If you are available on any afternoon next week, your help would be gratefully appreciated.



The yachting will not be able to go ahead without parental assistance. All other costs are covered by the school.



Basketball

Basketball is available for Year 5 and 6 students this term at Pettigrew Green on Thursday afternoons from 3.30pm. Any children interested should see Mr Crawford this week to get a notice with further details.

LUNCH ON LINE

Lunches available every day through Lunch on Line—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.

HOUSE FOR RENT

Walking distance to Taradale Shops, Reignier School and Church—3 bedrooms, plus garage. Please phone Noel 8446259 or 0278552740.

LOOKING FOR A PIANO TEACHER?

Education in NZ under renowned teachers including award winning concert pianists, Teresa has relocated to Napier from Auckland. She holds private piano studio here inspiring young musicians in a creative environment with an engaging, enthusiastic style. For more information phone 976 0947. Email: pianostudio1001@yahoo.com

KELLY SPORTS

Kelly Sports is again offering its after school multisport programme on Thursdays starting on the 24th February. SUPER SPORTS is designed specifically for year 1 to 4 children so they can experience a range of sports. To enrol please fill in the registration form (collect from school office) or for further info contact Craig Findlay, craig@kellysports.co.nz or phone 8434219.



WELCOME TO REIGNIER

We welcome Louise & Sean Sullivan, Skyla Kim, Sophia Wilton, Olivia Gully, Emilie White, Adam Gregory, Cailin Marlow, Coco-bella Barham, Sophie Gouder, Tre' Jeffares, Dillon Neilson, Lisa Gregory.

**Christian Value for this month is
Respect**

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.