



REIGNIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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THE TERM AHEAD

Thursday 6th February
*Waitangi Day— Public
Holiday—NO SCHOOL*

**Monday 10th—Friday 14th
February**
Optimist Yachting—Years 5/6

Tuesday 18th February
*Science in a Van—Whole
School*

Friday 21st February
Charism Liturgy—2.15pm

Friday 6th March
Teacher Only Day

**Monday 9th—Friday 13th
March**
Hockey Skills—Years 3-6

Thursday 19th March
*St Joseph's/Fr Reignier School
Mass*

Thursday 9th April
End of Term 1

Friday 10th April
*Good Friday—Public Holiday—
NO SCHOOL*

Tena koutou katoa Greetings everyone

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We warmly welcome the following students and their families to Reignier: Scott Bowman (Room 5), Zoe Ross (Room 5), Carter Ward (Room 5), Lombard Vorster (Room 5), Holly Temel (Room 5), Alexandra Marshall-Sully (Room 5), Eden Brunton (Room 5), Olive Brunton (Room 5), Evelyn Perry (Room 5), Rowan Huang (Room 5), Kaiden Graham-Brittin (Room 4), Amelia Russell (Room 8) and Alex Noble (Room 10).

WELCOME

Welcome back to all students, families, new families and staff. I can assure you that staff have worked hard over the last couple of weeks to prepare for the much anticipated return of students. The children are already enjoying the swimming pool. I look forward to getting to know the new families who have joined us this year. Our school roll is 194 with 6 students to join us by the end of Term One. Children have settled into their new classes and routines are being established.

2020 TERM EVENTS/COMMUNICATION

We have a busy Term One planned. I am trying to keep a balance between activities and academic work without too many disruptions. Keep an eye on the newsletter, the school app, website and Class Dojo for events and changes. Please meet team entry deadlines and make sure children are at games, ready to play and support teams on time.

2020 ASSEMBLIES

Presentation assemblies will continue at 2.30pm on Friday afternoons. Each class takes a turn in leading an assembly. Room 2 will lead this Friday 7th February.

OPENING LITURGY AND MASS

On Friday 21st February we will have a Liturgy to showcase our learning from the first two weeks at 2.15pm. **Our St Joseph's and Father Reignier School Mass is on Thursday 19th March, please mark your calendars now!**

MUSIC LESSONS—TERM 1

Parents who wish children to continue and start music lessons should contact Napier Music Academy. They supply us with a list and we shall work out the details of lessons here at school.

Please follow the link below to enrol.

Choose from Guitar, Piano, Drums or Singing.

Cost of Lessons: Group \$17.50 or Individual \$35. Lessons to be held at school during school hours.

To register, visit: www.napiermusicacademy.co.nz

PROPERTY/LOST PROPERTY

All belongings should be marked, please do this immediately. We try to return found property. We have a box full of unmarked, unclaimed property. After Friday 14th February, I shall donate all property still in the lost property box. Please come and find items if you need some.

BAPTISM PREPARATION 2020

On Sunday 1st March at 11.30am at St Mary's is the baptism preparation course. Father Barry is inviting ALL families who want their children baptised to attend. I've had numerous requests over the year for this. Please make use of this opportunity to get your children baptised.

DROPPING OFF & PICKING UP

Our school's drop off and pick up policy is as follows: children may enter the grounds from 8.15am.

MISSION STATEMENT

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

If you are earlier, please either stay with your child or bring him/her to the office.

Please never ever leave a child at school without notifying a teacher or without sighting an adult at school. Pick up in the afternoon is from 3pm to 3.15 pm and children not picked up in this timeframe will be taken to the office where they will wait to be collected. This arrangement is to ensure our children are safe at school. **PLEASE DO NOT WALK THROUGH THE CARPARK. CHILDREN ARE SHORT AND NOT VISIBLE BEHIND VEHICLES. USE THE ROAD PATROL TO CROSS GUPPY ROAD.**

OPEN DOOR POLICY

A reminder that I have an open-door policy and you are welcome to come in at any time to discuss issues or raise a matter. My teachers and support staff are very approachable but as they are on tight schedules before and after school an appointment is necessary should you wish to discuss an issue.

SUMMER SPORTS

Summer sports will again be in full swing from next week and you will see my familiar face on the sidelines. I can't wait to get out there and be part of our great community. A timely reminder that if you signed your child/children up for a sport discipline to get them to practices, as well as to the playing venues on time. Also, a reminder that coaches, managers and referees are mostly volunteers and they do it for the love of the game and our children. Let them do what is necessary to make the game enjoyable without interference.

KAPA HAKA 2020

I have secured the services of Geemas Buxton to help and support us with Kapa Haka, Maori tikanga, Te Reo pronunciation and waiata. Geemas will be at school on Thursdays from 9.15am to 10.15am. This is not replacing the Kapa Haka sessions on a Friday morning led by Mrs Smith. This is enhancing our cultural responsiveness here at Reignier Catholic School.

SHADE SAILS

You will have noticed the shade sails covering the bar playground and sacred space. It looks amazing and the children are enjoying this very much. We ALL thank the Friends of Reignier parents for financing this for our tamariki. This is another example of fundraising money that has been used to beautify our school. Thank you F.O.R. and Gala team for raising much needed funds!

CORONAVIRUS

I have made the necessary arrangements for any possible scenario around this issue. I've had numerous conversations with Paul Harrison of the MOE in relation to precautionary measures to be taken to ensure our children's safety. People who are returning from Mainland China will be screened, quarantined for 14 days and will only be allowed back to school when cleared by a medical professional.

TEACHER ONLY DAY—6 MARCH

Due to ALL staff at Reignier being involved in doing a Religious Education Paper on Friday 6th March, the school will be **CLOSED** for instruction on this day. I ask that parents make alternative arrangements for children. Saturday 7th March will be a 'callback' day for teachers and they will spend their own time at school doing professional learning and development. I thank you for your cooperation, in this regard.

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

PARISH NEWS...

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

Sunday 9th February 5pm Mass: Jake Coffin, Ben Coffin, Dylan Mabry

Sunday 16th February 9am Mass: Molly Smith, Leah McDowell

Sunday 16th February 5pm Mass: Vicky Lu, Raven Lawton

GENERAL NEWS...

LIBRARY BOOK AMNESTY

There are a number of overdue library books from 2019. We would appreciate these books being returned to school. Please be aware that for any outstanding library book, a small fine will be added to your term account.

PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY & MASS REPRESENTATION.

This Friday 7th February **Room 2** will lead our presentation assembly and on Friday 14th March **Room 4** will lead our presentation assembly. All are welcome to attend.

There will be **NO classes** attending Mass this Thursday due to it being Waitangi Day and **Room 10** will attend Mass on Thursday 13th February at 9.15am. You are most welcome to join us.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS 2020

The Uniform Shop is now being run by the School Office. The shop will be open to families to purchase items on **Monday mornings only, 8.30am—9.00am**. Payment for items is expected at the time of purchase. No purchases will be added to term accounts. Cash and EFTPOS for purchases only. Second hand uniforms will be operated by our parent volunteer, Vania McDowell. Vania will facilitate the movement of second hand uniforms between families as required. Should you require a second hand item please make contact with Vania on 021 582 642. Thank you.

YEAR 5 & 6 PRODUCTION DATES

All Years 5 & 6 children will be performing for our school community in June. Rehearsals begin in the second term. There are two compulsory Sunday rehearsals. Sunday Rehearsals: 14th and 21st June from 10.30am - 3pm. Performance dates: Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th June at the Napier Municipal Theatre. These dates are on the calendar on the school website. More details will be sent home later this term.

THIS WEEK'S SPORTING NEWS...

SPORTS DRAWS

Just a reminder that 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. Please be supportive and positive on the sideline. Remember the umpires for games are volunteers giving up their time so our children can play sport. Do not get abusive with them.

Remember weekly sports draws will be put on the school app so please remember to sign up to your child's sports. 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 queries relating to any sporting matter, please contact Margo at sportadmin@reignier.school.nz

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

SNAPSHOTS OF THE WEEK...

We warmly welcome the following students to Reignier:

