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INTERMEDIATE  
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## NEWSLETTER - December 2015

### 2015 – A Very Successful Year

**A**s the school year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the school community for their support throughout the year.

Students at RI have had a very successful year, with outstanding achievements in academic, sporting and cultural activities. The school culture continues to be strong in developing positive attitudes and competitive spirits.

I trust that your child has had an enjoyable year, and wish you all safe and happy holidays.

*Janet Exon*  
*Principal*

#### PRIZEGIVING

**T**he Annual Prizegiving and Year 8 Graduation are to be at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Parnell, on

**Tuesday 15 December, commencing at 7.00 pm.**

The Prizegiving recognises those students who have achieved excellence throughout their time at Remuera Intermediate School.

All Year 8 students are required to attend the event along with those Year 7 students who will be receiving Awards. The occasion also serves to farewell the Year 8 students who will receive a Graduation Certificate.

Students must wear school uniform, and parents are responsible for arranging transport to and from event.

All parents are welcome to attend.

#### THANK YOU YEAR 8 STUDENTS

**W**e wish our Year 8 students every success at secondary school next year.

At this school we rely on Year 8 students to be positive role models, to take leadership opportunities, and to strive for excellence in all areas.

This year our Year 8s have been a wonderful group of young people – we thank them for their contributions towards making RI a great place to be.

#### LAST DAY OF SCHOOL – AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

It has become 'a bit of tradition' for our students to go to MacDonalds after school closes on the last day of each term. The students see this as a great way to finish the term with their friends.

However in recent times we have been disappointed in the behaviour of some students, and this has spoilt the occasion for those who wish to enjoy the afternoon in an appropriate manner.

The gathering at MacDonalds is **not** a school event and will no longer be supervised by teachers.

If your child is going to MacDonalds, or any other fast-food outlet in the school area, we ask that you have arrangements in place for their supervision and safety.

## DONATE YOUR SECONDHAND UNIFORM

The sale of second hand uniforms is one of the fundraisers the PTA relies on each year for funding of extra school facilities. If your child is leaving RI at the end of the year we would really appreciate the donation of their uniform to replenish our stock for the coming year.

- During the last week of school, any 'spare' uniform items can be dropped at Mr Rasmussen's office.
- After school has finished, clean uniforms can be dropped off in the bin located in the school foyer

The secondhand uniform sale will take place on **Wednesday 27 January from 9 am in the school hall.**  
**Cash and cheque only.**

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## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT HOMESTAY OPPORTUNITIES

Remuera Intermediate School will continue to have International Students next year. These are students who do not qualify for free education in New Zealand. Remuera Intermediate does not arrange accommodation for these students. From time to time we are asked by Ministry of Education approved agents to identify families who would like to homestay such students.

If you are interested in being a homestay family (with financial reward), please contact Mr Robert Rasmussen at RI (phone: 5229890 x819). Your name can then be forwarded to agents who will contact you.

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## UNIFORM STANDARDS

Parents are reminded that this school has strict uniform standards, and teachers insist on students wearing correct clothing. At this time of year we make it very clear to all students that the school uniform standards are important and need to be maintained until the end of the last day of the school year.

Writing on school uniforms, including hats, is not acceptable, even on the last day of school. We ask parents to support us in ensuring that students take responsibility for maintaining high uniform standards inside and outside the school. A reminder also that cameras and i-pods should not be brought to school. Students should not take photos while at school.

## SCHOOL DONATIONS/CONTRIBUTIONS

As our school year comes to a close, I take this opportunity to thank all families who have supported the school with school contributions/donations.

School donation funding supports the many extras the school provides in specialised and progressive teaching programmes. Thank you – without the extra funding, these programmes would not be possible.

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## BUSES ON LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

The school buses - 055/056 - leaving from St Vincent Ave after school will leave on the last day at 2.10 pm.

Any other buses are beyond our control and you must check with the bus provider for the times. Please contact MAXX for this information.

If parents or students wish to find out more about school bus services or fare information, please contact MAXX on (09) 366 6400 or view the website at [www.maxx.co.nz](http://www.maxx.co.nz).

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## SCHOOL DATES

**School finishes on Wednesday 16 December 2015 at 2.00 pm**

**Students returning next year 2016**

**Term 1 starts TUESDAY 2 February at 8.30 am**

**Term 1 finishes FRIDAY 15 April at 3.00 pm**

**The school office will be open from Monday 25 – Friday 29 January 2016 between 10 – 12 am**

**Please check our website for any further information**

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