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## JULY 2017 NEWSLETTER

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

This month we are excited to announce a new programme here at Remuera Intermediate starting in Term 3. We have named this our 2E's Programme, short for Enrichment and Extension. Historically we have numerous students involved in enrichment and extension programmes throughout the school week with extra activities taking place on a Friday. Whilst this has always been an excellent opportunity for those involved, the remaining students have been left somewhat left out.



Having reviewed this previous programme, we have decided to extend these opportunities to all students. Starting on Friday of Week 1 in Term 3 we will be launching our 2E's programme to the whole school. Our traditional activities such as

Cheerleading, Starburst, coding etc. will continue as before. In addition, all Technology teachers will now be teaching a group of students in related areas such as Jewellery Making and MasterChef style cooking. The remaining students have been buddied up with a year 7 and 8 syndicate and those teachers not already running an activity have developed additional options.

Over the last week students completed a selection form to 'apply' for the various offerings. Over the coming weeks we will be placing students into their new groups ready for Friday when they return. To learn more about the activities your child may be involved with chat to your child and ask them what they have shown an interest in.

We look forward to sharing more about this new programme as the new term gets underway.

### WOULD YOU READ YOUR KIDS DIARY?

Social media has created a whole new way of communicating with friends and in many cases strangers. I have spoken to many parents regarding the issue of social media and I would like to share some key messages that I would urge you to discuss with your children.

### Instagram is not a diary

Many parents have shared their concerns around invading their child's privacy by reading their Instagram or Snapchat



or otherwise. In the old days when we had diaries these were kept under pillows, in wardrobes or in our secret little hiding places and parents respected this right to privacy.

What we didn't do was walk into school with our diaries and start reading them to our friends and/or children we didn't even know and ask them to start writing their own comments all over it which others might agree with, like, dislike or comment about. The online conversations our children are now having about their world are public conversations for all to see and participate in.

### The keys to the Ferrari

What our young people have access to regarding communication today makes what we grew up with look like some sort of strange ancient Sci-Fi discovery.

Unlike a diary, unsupervised use of Social Media is more akin to a bunch of young people, boys and girls, hiding in a bedroom having a conversation away from their parents about anything and everything. I'm sure many of you would agree, this is something you might not be so comfortable with. I would encourage you to sit down with you children and discuss their habits on social media and further still, read their conversations, learn how these apps work if you don't already.

If you want to keep your children safe from online bullying, extreme profanity or inappropriate material you need to get involved. Make it an expectation that you will check in from time to time, normalise it and use it as an opportunity to talk about what is happening in your child's world.

The number one reason so many of our students end up in difficult situations is because they have had completely unrestricted, unsupervised access to technology. You have a right and a responsibility as parents to be a part of your child's online world especially at this very impressionable age. If they don't like it, there's always a Nokia brick for emergency contact. At least they'll never run out of battery.



## REMUERA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL APP



We have launched our mobile App for important school messages. This new App will form a big part of our school communications. If you had not downloaded the App, please click this link <http://remueraint.apps.school.nz/share/> You can also download the App for free from the App store or Google Play. It works on both the apple and android phones.

### Features of the new App:

- You will be able to subscribe to alert groups of interest to you and your child
- You will be able to complete the absentee form directly from the App
- You will be able to access the school calendar, news and events directly through the App
- We will be able to send out targeted alerts to everyone with the App or to specific groups

We know how busy parents are these days, so we hope this new App will make things easier for parents to communicate with the school and vice-versa.

## EARLY TEXT NOTIFICATION

We are in the final stages of testing our early text notification message service to parents to notify them in a timely manner if students are not present. Your child's safety is of paramount importance to us. This service will be rolled out in the first week of Term 3.

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 3

24 July	Term 3 starts
25 July	BOT Meeting
<b>27 July</b>	<b>Enrolments - In Zone applications due</b>
15 August	PTA Meeting
16 August	School Cross Country
22 August	BOT Meeting
30 August	Central Zones Cross Country
12 September	PTA Meeting
<b>13 September</b>	<b>Enrolment – out of zone applications close</b>
19 September	BOT Meeting
<b>20 September</b>	<b>Enrolment – Out of Zone ballot</b>
29 September	Term 3 ends at 3pm

## STARBURST PERFORMANCE

The Year 8 Starburst performers have been working very hard with Mr Zemke to put their show together that will be performed early in Term 3.

All are welcome to come and enjoy 'No More' on **Thursday 10 August at 7pm in the school hall.**



## ABSENCES

To report an absence please use the link on the school website homepage [www.remint.school.nz](http://www.remint.school.nz)



### OR

Telephone the school directly and leave a message on the absentee line indicating the room number, name, reason for absence and when expected back at school.



**Please note** parents **must** report their child's absence from school before 9.00 am. Please do not email the teachers directly regarding your child's absence but instead notify us via the website, the App or by telephone (522-9890 option 1). **Please do not email the teachers** directly as they do not always get to check their emails first thing in the morning.

**Enrol now**

If you have a year 6 student, we encourage you to contact the school about starting the enrolment process early to ensure we are well prepared for the coming year. You can request enrolment packs at [enrolments@remint.school.nz](mailto:enrolments@remint.school.nz) **All out of zone siblings – cut off is Wednesday 13 September 2017 4pm – no exceptions**

## RAISING HAPPY CONFIDENT AND RESILIENT CHILDREN

The PTA are organising a parent evening on Monday 31 July in our school hall. A speaker from the Parenting Place is coming to speak on 'Raising Happy, Confident, Resilient Children'.

Please click on this link to see more details. PTA Parent Evening – [click here](#)

## CHANGE OF DETAILS



Please update any changes in contact details or address via the link on the front page of our school website. This is **critical** as we move toward more online communication and sharing of student records.

## PARENT PORTAL

Thank you very much to the parents who have signed up to the parent portal. I would encourage anyone who has not signed up to try to do so. The address is <https://parent.musac.school.nz/>

If you have any difficulties please contact Helen Masters at [helenm@remint.school.nz](mailto:helenm@remint.school.nz) for technical support. By the end of 2017, we will be moving all payments online via our parent portal. This will ultimately make payments a great deal easier for families and for our staff here at school. In the meantime, credit card and EFTPOS facilities are available here at school.

**REMUERA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL**  
**2017- 2018 TERM DATES**

**2017**  
Term 3  
• Monday 24 July – Friday 29 September  
Term 4  
• Monday 16 October – Friday 15 December

**2018**  
Term 1  
Tuesday 30 January – Friday 13 April  
Note: Easter falls during Term One (Fri 30 Mar – Tues 3 Apr)  
Term 2  
Monday 30 April – Friday 6 July  
Term 3  
• Monday 23 July – Friday 28 September  
Term 4  
• Monday 15 October – Friday 14 December

**WWW.REMINT.SCHOOL.NZ**

## SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our website is constantly being updated with upcoming events and news. Most of the questions we are asked have the answers in the A to Z section of our website. Please take advantage of this fantastic resource [www.remint.school.nz](http://www.remint.school.nz)



## AUCKLAND INTER ZONE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

Remuera Intermediate Year 7 boys have been training very hard, and have come away with an incredible victory! Unbeaten in their Central-Zone tournament, and unbeaten in their Inter-zone tournament, making them the reigning champions of Auckland Year 7 Football. A great team effort!

## AUCKLAND LIFE EDUCATION TRUST

This organisation will be visiting RI at the beginning of Term 3 discussing drug use and the impact of various substances on individuals' friends and families. Please [click here](#) for more information.



**Epsom Girls Grammar Enrolment Information 2017 - 2018**

**Pre-Enrolment Day 2017**  
Friday 17th November

**Open Day 2018**  
Tuesday 10th April

**Pre-Enrolment Day 2018**  
Friday, 16 November

If you have any questions about enrolment please contact the Enrolment Manager, Mrs Wendy Smith phone 970 6710 or by email [wsmith@eggs.school.nz](mailto:wsmith@eggs.school.nz)

## CENTRAL ZONE TABLE TENNIS COMPETITION

Our students shone in this competition and the depth of talent is outstanding. Our team comprises of six boys and six girls.

1<sup>st</sup> placing went to David Guo – Boys Singles

2<sup>nd</sup> placing went to Emily Mitchell & Monique Lewis – Girls doubles

2<sup>nd</sup> placing went to Penith Rathnayake & Justin Chao – Boys doubles

To be commended are Corliss Chu for a fourth placing in the girl's singles and Taylor Yi also being placed fourth in the boys' singles.



## CENTRAL ZONE BOYS HOCKEY

Our team of 14 played their hearts out in a very stiff competition. They played four pool games, winning three, drawing one, and won the semi-finals. In the finals, they played St Peters who scored two goals to Remuera 0. We are pleased with our 2<sup>nd</sup> place result. We wish to thank our awesome coach, Ash Ready for all his hard work that he has put into our team.



## INTER ZONE RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIPS

On the 27<sup>th</sup> June the Under 45 kg Rugby team competed in the Inter zone tournament to find the overall champion side for 2017. In the first round, we came up against our traditional foes Rosmini and came out winners 17-0. We qualified for the semi-final where we played Glen Eden and again won 36 – 7.

In the final, we faced a strong Sacred Heart College side in what turned out to be a very even match. The scores were tied 5 -5 for most of the match however Sacred Heart scored on the final hooter to win the game.

R I finished in a much-deserved 2<sup>nd</sup> place for the tournament. This was the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row R I have been Inter zone finalists.



## SCHOOL SOCIAL DANCE

We had a wonderful social evening in our school hall. The theme this year was *“glow in the dark”*. Both students and teachers had a wonderful time. Thanks to everyone involved who helped organise and make this evening such a success.





## A FINE BALANCING ACT

Striking a balance between teaching the technology process and life skills can be a challenge. There has been a lot of talk in the mediate about the importance of children learning basic life skills such as being able to make good food choices and preparing and cooking a healthy, balanced meal.

The Food Technology programme at RI strives to achieve both. Currently our Year 8 students are developing a new vegetable pasta product. In addition to following the technology process of researching, designing, and testing their ideas, students have the opportunity to develop and hone their culinary skills. For example, with this unit students learn to prepare and cook a variety of vegetables, make a cheese sauce (roux method) and make and cook fresh pasta.



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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our recent Parent and Caregiver survey. We are currently compiling your feedback along with data from our Student Wellbeing survey and will be using it to inform our Annual Planning for 2018. This information will also be used next term as the Board updates the master property plan for the School outlining the priorities following completion of the current building project. We appreciate the patience that staff, students and families have shown during the building of our new classrooms that are due to be completed at the end of Term 3.

The Board continues to focus on ensuring we are following best practice guidelines as we govern the School. This term we have undertaken a complete review of the many policies that comprise the framework within which our Senior Management team operates. We will shortly be providing our School community with an electronic link to this new policy framework.

It is hard to believe that we are half way through the year. If your household is anything like mine, you will be looking forward to a break. I wish you all a relaxing and safe holiday.

Noho ora mai.

Liz Schellekens

Board Chair

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