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## MARCH 2018 NEWSLETTER

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Last week I spoke to the staff to share my appreciation for everything they do for your young people. As I reflected on the last few weeks of school I could not help being impressed by how the staff here at RI are able to provide such a solid academic programme for the students in their classes whilst also offering such a breadth of additional opportunities.

Last week alone we had students out at camp, interzone softball, netball trials, badminton, dance classes, music lessons, trips to Mangere Mountain, Annual Swimming Sports and camp meetings to name a few. This balanced approach to academics, sporting and the arts is what makes RI such an incredible experience for many of our students

With the recent media announcement around the removal of National Standards I have fielded a few questions about how we will know what students are achieving and what we will teach now. In considering this question I would like to mention one very simple point and this is that none of you had National Standards when you went through school. In addition New Zealand continued to perform highly on the international stage with regard to achievement well before National Standards.

National Standards were introduced in response to an issue present in our statistics being that there was a group of young children achieving significantly lower than their peers. What was never really shared was who was in this group. For the most part this consisted of English as a second language students, students from challenging social environments and children with identified learning difficulties.

The intent of National Standards was to make it absolutely clear to all concerned exactly who these

students were. Some policies were introduced to focus schools attention on these students with the aim of improving outcomes with little change in resourcing or funding. I believe the unintended consequence of this over simplistic approach to the very complex and fluid nature of learning has been a significant increase in anxiety among families and consequently students.

There is no doubt we all want our young people to achieve at their very best however we are not all made equal. I am not as fast as Usain Bolt, but I am quite at home speaking in front of 3000 people. We have and will always do our best to ensure children are demonstrating success especially in literacy and maths as these are areas that enable us to explore and communicate our world. We do however also value Social Sciences, Technology, Science, The Arts, Physical Health and Well Being. Consequently these are the areas that make up the New Zealand Curriculum.

As we move to a system without National Standards you will continue to be informed about your child's progress and any concerns will be shared with you to ensure they continue to succeed at their best. Without such a narrow focus you will hopefully see a move back to a broader approach to curriculum again which New Zealand was world famous for and what kept us achieving strongly internationally. A curriculum that sees children identifying their strengths rather than looking for their failings.

As this year progresses we will be sharing more about curriculum here at RI along with the developments being made around assessment, reporting and evaluation of our programmes.

Kyle Brewerton  
Principal

## HEAD STUDENTS FOR 2018

We are pleased to announce our Head Boys and Head Girls for 2018:

### Head Girl

Te Kahurangi Whata



### Head Boy

Zan Warren Kazor



### Deputy Head Girl

Mia Orr



### Deputy Head Boy

Edward Joh



## SPORTS & PE

### CLASS PE SESSIONS

All classes attend two periods of PE weekly. Through PE and fitness, students can improve the following:

- personal health and physical development
- motor concepts and motor skills
- teamwork
- self-management and responsibility.

In Term 1 we are focusing on small ball skills i.e. throwing, catching and teamwork through the games of softball, cricket and lacrosse.

### SPORTS TEAMS

Students are given the opportunity to learn and participate in a range of sports usually before or after school.

Just Smash It - Beginners Badminton in our school hall run by Auckland Badminton Assn

Table Tennis lessons at Gillies Avenue, run by Auckland Table Tennis Assn

Futsal on Saturdays run by Auckland Futsal Assn

Basketball at ASB Stadium, Selwyn College, run by ABSL.

For other sports, it is recommended students attend a sporting club.

### CENTRAL ZONE COMPETITIONS

- We participate in the Central Zone Sports Competitions which cover approximately 20 sporting codes spread over the year.
  - Each code's competition is completed in one day to find the overall winning school.
  - Students are invited to trial for a place in the school team to compete.
  - Notification is via the school DAILY NOTICES system.
  - Trials are either before or after school and a signed permission slip from a parent is required to attend.
  - If chosen, a player must attend practices, usually before or after school.
  - Parental assistance is always welcome and often required for transportation and supervision at events.
- For further information, please refer to our website [www.remint.school.nz](http://www.remint.school.nz)

## SWIMMING SPORTS

Our Swimming Sports took place on Wednesday 28th February 2018 at Dio School pool.



## GIRLS NETBALL 2018

All games are held on Tuesday afternoons/evenings at Auckland Netball Centre, Alison Fergusson Drive, St Johns commencing from Tuesday 08 May 2018 and last game on Tuesday 25 August 2018.

## FOOTBALL TRIALS AND TRAININGS

Year 8 Boys Trials – 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of March

Trials will start at 3.10 pm and run until approx. 4.15 pm

Girls training will begin Wednesday Week 7 at 7.30 am before school.

## SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

The PTA will be holding another second hand uniform sale at the beginning of Term 2 on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May from 8.00 am in the school hall

Please remember this is not a shop. We only sell the variety of items that have been donated to us.

EFTPOS will be available.

## LUNCH ORDERS

If you registered for online orders in Year 7 can you please update your child's details so that their Year 8 room number is shown. If this is not updated the lunch will be delivered to the wrong room.

**Tasty Tuck Shop** have joined our lunch programme to provide your student's food choices fresh to the school in time for lunch.

It is simple all you need to do is visit [www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz)

4 easy steps to placing your first order

- Register an account (set up new account)
- Add member(s) (set up your child; school & classroom)
- Make payment (so you have funds in your account)
- Place an order **Orders must be in by 9.00 am.**

## OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE NEW CLASSROOM BLOCK AND PTA ANNUAL COMMUNITY PICNIC

Our Community is invited to the official opening of the new classroom block followed by the Annual PTA Picnic. A great chance to meet parents of your child's classmates, catch up with old friends and meet the staff in an informal setting. Each class will have a designated seating area.

There will be also be a Sausage Sizzle (\$2) run by our PTA as well as a variety of Food Trucks to purchase from including Gourmet Mussel Fritters \$6, American Hot Dogs \$3, Sushi, Mr Whippy, Cheese Boards \$10, Fruit Platters \$5, Summer Quenchers \$3- \$5, Drinks \$2 and Jumbo Lolly Bags \$2.

It would be appreciated if people could bring coins and notes of small denomination as food prices have been kept low.

Building opening ceremony – 4:30pm

Community Picnic – 6:00 – 8:00pm

We hope to see you there!

In the event of a cancellation, a notification will be posted on our School Website and App and students will be notified at school.



Thank you to Countdown Greenlane and Sunhill Fresh Market who have kindly supplied food for this event.

## ROOM 6 & 7 VISIT MANGERE MOUNTAIN AND AMBURY PARK

Our trip was focused on looking at Volcanoes which have occurred in Auckland. We looked at the geological processes involved by doing two fun experiments - making an erupting volcano and looking at how high magma can shoot into the air. We investigated how Maori used the volcanoes - gardens, defence, view, settlement and how the existence of volcanoes was explained. We also had an education session examining what impact these volcanoes could still have on us today. The students learned how to be prepared as per the Civil Defence instructions.

By Miss Lynch and Miss Reamcle



## CENTRAL ZONE TENNIS GIRLS

Well done to the Central Zone Tennis girls who participated this week. Victoria Paul came third in the Year 7 Girls Singles Competition. Congratulations to all the girls for playing hard and representing the school so well.



## CENTRAL ZONE TENNIS BOYS

The boys played really well! Congratulations to Joshua Kumar who won the Year 8 Boys Singles Competition.

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## WATERWISE

Room 2 from Year 8 enjoyed their Waterwise trip. Waterwise teaches water safety and water skills. It was also a chance to experience new opportunities such as sailing, kayaking and paddle boarding. Great fun was had by Room 2.



## CYCLING CLUB

The RI Cycling Club is a parent-led group who train and race in all codes of cycling - road, track and mountain biking. 2018 has seen a huge influx of new cyclists joining the club. To date we have registered 23 riders with Cycling NZ Schools enabling riders to compete in local, regional and national events.

A bunch of these keen Y7 and Y8 boys and girls, along with their parents, met at Cornwall Park on Sunday 18th February for the first training ride of the season. Riders of all abilities had fun while learning some basic skills of riding in bunches. Riders set themselves the challenge of climbing to the top of One Tree Hill.



Two tables of parents and students enjoying a well earned hot chocolate after their first training ride.



## Reaching the top of One Tree Hill

The first of the Auckland Schools Mountain Biking XC Series took place on Sunday 25th Feb at Riverhead. Seven RI riders represented the school and competed well in muddy conditions. Congratulations to Alex Clark who came first in her age group category.



If your child is interested in joining this group please visit the school's website for more information about event dates and email Sonja Potter (Teacher-in-charge) [sonjap@remint.school.nz](mailto:sonjap@remint.school.nz)

<http://www.remint.school.nz/learning/sport/cycling>

### AWARD

Congratulations to Preston Bennett from Year 7 Room 13 who was awarded his certificate for the St John Meadowbank Division, Cadet of the Year for Blue Group (10 - 13 yrs).

Preston also volunteers his time at Ronald McDonald House. He helps with decorating RMH for main events and plays games with other children who are guests there.



### IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1

<b>5 March</b>	Year 8 Camp - Rooms 31, 32 and 33 Hunua Falls Camp	<b>21 March</b>	Year 7 Camp - Rooms 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 Camp Adair, Hunua
<b>6 March</b>	Official opening of the new classroom block and PTA Community Picnic	<b>23 March</b>	Open Day for new 2019 students
<b>7 March</b>	Year 8 Camp - Rooms 34, 35 and 36 Hunua Falls Camp	<b>27 March</b>	March Board of Trustees Meeting
<b>13 March</b>	PTA Annual General Meeting Welcome Evening Cheese and Wine	<b>30 March</b>	School Closed - Good Friday
<b>19 March</b>	Year 7 Camp - Rooms 5, 6, 7, 15, 16, 17 and 18	<b>2 April</b>	School Closed - Easter Monday
		<b>3 April</b>	School Closed - Easter Tuesday
		<b>10 April</b>	PTA Meeting
		<b>13 April</b>	Term 1 Ends - School finishes at 3pm

## REMUERA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL APP

We have launched our mobile App for important school messages. This App forms a big part of our school communications. If you have 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 Apple and android phones.



### Features of the App:

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

## SCHOOL PAYMENTS

If you are sending payments of cash to school please can you make sure it is the exact amount as we do not hold change,

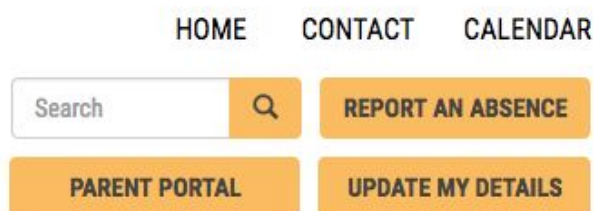
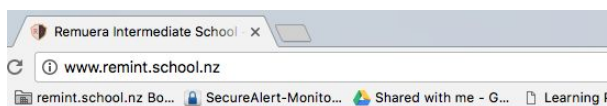
## EARLY TEXT NOTIFICATION

We have launched our early text notification message service. The aim of this service is to ensure the safety of all our students and being able to notify parents of unexplained absences in a timely manner. We are aware many parents are simply very busy people and forget to notify the school, and we believe this service will be beneficial to all parents / caregivers. **Should your mobile number change, please notify the school immediately so that we can update our records accordingly.**

## 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, students name, reason for absence and when expected back at school.

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



## 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 towards 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/>

### **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)

### **SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS**

Please note our school office hours are 8.00 am to 3.30 pm Monday to Friday.



### **PARKING**

Please do not park in the school grounds when picking up your children. Parking is available on Ascot Ave or St Vincent Avenue. We have had complaints from the neighbours around our school regarding parents parking across their driveways when picking up students from school. Please do not park and wait across any driveways in the vicinity of the school. Also, please do not park and wait at Ascot Mercy Hospital Carpark to pick up your children.