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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

I often stumble upon some little gems and this is one I found particularly relevant in relation to Intermediate schooling. These two years really do serve as a time of transition from childhood into adolescence. In our mission statement, we state that we aim to build resilient young people and I couldn't help but make the connection between what we have been doing here at RI and what Julie outlines in this brief article. As a parent of a 13 and 16-year-old, I found some real pearls of wisdom here. I hope you do too. Enjoy.

Julie Lythcott-Haims, Author, NYT Bestseller *How to Raise an Adult*, former Stanford Dean writes:

An 18-year-old must be able to talk to strangers - faculty, deans, advisers, landlords, store clerks, human resource managers, co-workers, bank tellers, health care providers, bus drivers, mechanics - in the real world.

The crutch: We teach kids not to talk to strangers instead of teaching the more nuanced skill of how to discern the few bad strangers from the mostly good ones. Thus, kids end up not knowing how to approach strangers - respectfully and with eye contact - for the help, guidance, and direction they will need out in the world.

An 18-year-old must be able to find his way around - a campus, the town in which her summer job is located, or the city where he is working or studying abroad.

The crutch: We drive or accompany our children everywhere, even when a bus, their bicycle, or their own feet could get them there; thus, kids don't know the route for getting from here to there, how to cope with transportation options and snafus, when and how to fill the car with gas, or how to make and execute transportation plans.

An 18-year-old must be able to manage his assignments, workload, and deadlines.

The crutch: We remind kids when their homework is due and when to do it - sometimes helping them do it, sometimes doing it for them; thus, kids don't know how to prioritize tasks, manage workload, or meet deadlines, without regular reminders.

An 18-year-old must be able to contribute to the running of a household. The crutch: We don't ask them to help much around the house because the check-listed childhood leaves little time in the day for anything aside from academic and extracurricular work; thus, kids don't know how to look after their own needs, respect the needs of others, or do their fair share for the good of the whole.

An 18-year-old must be able to handle interpersonal problems. The crutch: We step in to solve misunderstandings and soothe hurt feelings for them; thus, kids don't know how to cope with and resolve conflicts without our intervention.

An 18-year-old must be able to cope with ups and downs of courses and workloads, college-level work, competition, tough teachers, bosses, and others. The crutch: We step in when things get hard, finish the task, extend the deadline, and talk to the adults; thus, kids don't know that in the normal course of life things won't always go their way, and that they'll be okay regardless.

An 18-year-old must be able to earn and manage money. The crutch: They don't hold part-time jobs; they receive money from us for whatever they want or need; thus, kids don't develop a sense of responsibility for completing job tasks, accountability to a boss who doesn't inherently love them, or an appreciation for the cost of things and how to manage money.

An 18-year-old must be able to take risks. The crutch: We've laid out their entire path for them and have avoided all pitfalls or prevented all stumbles for them; thus, kids don't develop the wise understanding that success comes only after trying and failing and trying again (aka "grit") or the thick skin (aka "resilience") that comes from coping when things have gone wrong.

Remember: Our kids must be able to do all of these things without resorting to calling a parent on the phone. If they're calling us to ask how, they do not have the life skill.

Kyle Brewerton
Principal

ATHLETICS DAY 2019

On a cloudless, sunny Tuesday 5 November athletes competed in the school Competitive Athletics Day at Lloyd Ellsmore. Events were Track - 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m 1500m and Relay. Field - High Jump, Long Jump, Discus and Shot Put. From the results, a team was selected to compete at the Central Zones Athletics Championships on Wednesday 20 November.



Meanwhile, all other students enjoyed a day of fun team sports on the field at school. Everyone competed in events including Tug of War, Capture the Flag, Sack Races, Track Events, Kingball, Basketball, Dodgeball and Frisbee.



CYCLING CLUB

A number of national cycling events took place in the school holidays.

A group of seven RI riders - Alex Clark, Anita Iese, Jonny Barclay, Finn Houghton, Kyle Paris, Toby Browne and Robert Turnbull travelled to Palmerston North to compete in the Nationals School Road Championship.

This is a 3 stage event which includes team and individual races: Team Time Trial, Individual Road and Points Races.

Road Race

Jonny 1st, with Finn Houghton, Kyle Paris and Toby Browne also placing in the Top 10.

Points Race

Jonny 1st, with Kyle Paris and Finn Houghton also placing in the Top 10.

On the basis of the points accumulated by these placings our boys took the title of NATIONAL INTERMEDIATE BOYS CHAMPION!



Following on from this event two of our riders - Jonny Barclay and Robert Turnbull, headed to Southland to compete in two competitions.

Yunca Junior Tour of Southland

Jonny and Robert competed in 6 races over 3 days in the U13 Boys group, achieving 1st and 4th places respectively.

National Track Cycling in Invercargill

Scratch Race - Jonny 3rd, Robert 5th

Points Race - Jonny 3rd, Robert 5th



DANCE SHOWCASE 2019



WILLIAM PIKE CHALLENGE AWARD SURF TRIP: TAKE 2!

After our first attempt at hitting the waves of the West Coast was postponed due to some seriously gnarly swell, we were blessed with a stunning day out on the ocean.

Though it was still the middle of October, with our wetsuits donned and the sun blazing down upon us, the water was surprisingly warm.

Muriwai Surf School were full of enthusiasm and support, everyone had a blast working on our pop-ups and using a few push starts to get ourselves carving and hanging ten like the great Kelly Slater! (Well, we stood up a few times anyway!)

This leaves us one trip away from completing the Outdoor Experience requirement for the Award, one overnight stay at Wenderholm to go! How this year has flown...



SCIENCE EXTENSION TRIP – THERMO FISHER

On Friday October 18th Mr Nicholls and the Science Extension Group paid a visit to Zak and the team at Thermo Fisher Scientific.

Thermo Fisher are an international network of biotech companies that produce a wide range of different products. The Penrose branch focuses on blood-based products largely destined for global vaccine markets.

The students were treated to a site tour which included an interactive demonstration showing how the Thermo Fisher Scientists need to dress for working in their strictly controlled sterile laboratories. The tour also enabled students to see Scientists from various disciplines working together in laboratories, processing and storage and packaging areas.

Trips like this enable our top Science students to see what a career in science could be like. Remuera Intermediate would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to Zak and his team for taking the time out of their busy schedule to accommodate our budding young scientists.



MESSAGE FROM ROOM 4

This term, RI has been focusing on creating a waste free school. To help this cause we ask that you refrain from putting disposable packaging in your kids' lunchboxes to bring to school. You may have noticed several surveys from various children quizzing you about which bin rubbish goes into and what you know about global warming.

The students would like you to study up on some knowledge regarding rubbish and global warming on the schools behalf. We would like to see a waste free or waste reduced school by the end of the term.

Ginji Nishikawa, Orion Lim and Keelan Roberton – Room 4

RI TALENT QUEST 2019

Wednesday 30 October saw the annual RI Talent Quest. Many acts of various genres showcased their talents including dancers, acrobats, musicians and singers. There was also an amazing staff act which delighted the crowds! Guest judges were actress and musician, Lisa Chappell, dancer and choreographer James Luck and our very own Head of Arts, Pip Faulknor.

What a lot of talent we have at RI!



E-WASTE COLLECTION

As part of their 'Make a Difference' inquiry, students from the Hub are looking to prevent the growth of electronic waste by collecting in items such as laptops, desktop computers, cell phones and charging cables (We cannot collect any kitchen appliances or TVs).

If you would like to contribute in helping them reduce this problem, you can submit your old electronic items for recycling in the school's old Biotech room on Thursday 14th November between 7.45am and 9:00am.

Items can be working or broken.

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SERVICE WEEK 2019

Service Week is coming up towards the end of term 4 and The Social Chagency have been visiting classes at RI to encourage them to brainstorm ideas for service projects their classes can offer in Weeks 7 and 8.

Anyone can participate and give a service to someone else at any time. You can do these in a group or by yourself. Try to get as many people involved as possible! Find some websites to get ideas.

Please share any of your ideas that you would like to try.

Here are some pictures from previous service weeks at RI:



ORIENTATION EVENING

The Principal, Board of Trustees, staff and students would like to extend a special invitation to students who will be joining Remuera Intermediate School in 2020 to come along with their parents or caregivers to attend our Orientation Evening. This is an excellent opportunity for you to familiarise yourself with our school.

WHEN: Thursday 14 November 2019

TIME: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

WHERE: Meet at the school hall

Catch up on measles vaccination

The measles outbreak is continuing, so it's still important to catch up on your children's vaccinations.

Children will get very sick with measles.

They also can miss school activities like sports, concerts and camps.

The friends of a child with measles may also have to stay at home if they are unvaccinated.

See your doctor - it's FREE.

Do it now, so measles doesn't interfere with end-of-year activities and get-togethers.

If you suspect measles please stay at home and call your doctor or Healthline (0800 611 116) for advice.

Measles info at: arphs.health.nz/measles



IMPORTANT DATES

12 November	PTA Meeting	3 December	BOT Meeting
13 November	APPA Music Festival	4 December	Annual Prizegiving
14 November	Orientation Evening	11 December	Sports and Arts Awards Ceremony
18 November	BOT Meeting	17 December	Term 4 Ends 1:00pm
19 November	William Pike Graduation		
29 November	Awards Assembly		

(For a full list of important dates, please see the calendar on the school website.)

REMUERA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL APP

You can download the free app from the App Store or Google Play. It works on both android and Apple phones. It sends important school messages and 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/>



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

ABSENCES

All absences need to be reported by 8:45am at the latest.

To report an absence please:

- Use the 'Report an Absence' link in the top right corner on the school website homepage <http://www.remint.school.nz>
- Use the school app or
- Phone the office on 09 522 9890 Option 1

Please do not email absence notifications to classroom teachers

ABSENCE TEXT NOTIFICATION

Your children's safety is of paramount importance to us. In order to ensure the safety of all our students, at 9:30am if your child has not been marked as Present we will send out a text notification to alert you of his/her absence. We are aware many parents are simply very busy people and forget to notify the school so please respond with a Y and a reason for the absence/lateness.

Respond with an N if you have dropped your child at school or know that he/she was coming to school and we can investigate this promptly.

Should your mobile number change, please notify the school immediately so that we can update our records accordingly.

PARENT PORTAL

Parents are able to use our portal to pay for their child's donations and fees. We encourage anyone who has not already signed up to do so. The address is <https://parent.musac.school.nz/>