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NEWSLETTER- JULY 2015

CATERING FOR OUR GIFTED & TALENTED AND HIGH-ACHIEVING STUDENTS

Remuera Intermediate School has developed the following definition for Gifted & Talented and High Achieving students at R.I. – “We have a school culture that welcomes and celebrates that there are gifted, talented and high-achieving students in all areas of school life – academic, creative, artistic, leadership, cultural and physical. Gifted and talented students have exceptional abilities and the potential to achieve outstanding performance. As teachers we must recognise potential as well as demonstrated ability. We know that gifted and talented students have different needs and characteristics which require learning programmes not normally provided for regular class members. They have particular personal and learning needs which we need to identify and nurture. We know that, in every class at R.I., there are high achievers. Our classroom programmes are planned to provide appropriate extension for these students. The school also offers extension programmes in a wide variety of areas for such students.”

In identifying gifted and talented students we are looking for students who have the ability to grasp concepts, who are skilled in both problem-solving and problem-finding, who possess an advanced sense of humour, who may be highly motivated and self-directed, who question decisions and ideas, who prefer to work independently, and who relate well to older children and adults. Gifted and talented students are certainly not a homogeneous group and every student will possess a unique blend of traits. For example, a student with leadership abilities and qualities may demonstrate some different behaviours to students gifted and talented Maths, sports etc.

A significant number of our students are involved in extra programmes to cater for their talents. There are many opportunities in Music, Dance, Visual Arts, Drama and Kapa Haka. Throughout the year, our high-performing students in Maths, English, Science and Technology are able to work together to extend their knowledge and skills. Extension groups for languages are also available. Sports Extension, Ka Hikitika and Cheerleading are also areas where programmes are provided for students. There are opportunities for school-wide leadership through the student council and sports committee. Our exchange visits to Japan and Dunedin provide opportunities for social leadership.

In addition, we believe that all teachers are teachers of gifted and talented students. All teachers have gifted and talented students in their classrooms. Our teachers know that in dealing with these students, they must change from being teacher to a facilitator – they must allow for curiosity, ambiguity and flexibility.

The philosophy of this school is to provide a wide range of opportunities so as to allow as many students as possible to discover their talent areas. Through classroom programmes and extension programmes we are able to cater for a large number of our students.

Janet Exon
Principal

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER

Not all newsletters reach home! In an attempt to ensure that parents/caregivers do receive the monthly newsletter, students are asked to return this slip to the school office by Wednesday 22 July 2015. There will be a ‘Lucky Draw’ from returned slips.

Parent’s signature Student’s Name Room.....

RI SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Wearing our school uniform correctly and with pride is an important part of the 'RI culture'. It is timely to remind students and parents about some uniform requirements.

- GIRLS**
- no jewellery to be worn, except for watches and one plain stud in each ear
 - shoes should be black leather lace-up and suitable for outdoor wear
 - headbands should be in plain school colours
- BOYS**
- shirts tucked in-socks up
- BOYS & GIRLS**
- shoes clean and polished
 - jackets worn only outside
 - hair styles appropriate for school

Congratulations to all those students who consistently wear their uniform well.

ROAD SAFETY

The school has safety rules that our staff strictly enforce, particularly at the end of the school day. We are very aware of the dangers the students face crossing the road at the Ascot Ave/Greenlane lights, and there are concerns about the traffic congestion along both Ascot Ave and St Vincents Ave. We expect parents to support our "safety rules". For example:

- Parents should not call out to their children to run across the road at points that we consider extremely dangerous.
- PARENTS ARE **NOT** TO DRIVE INTO THE SCHOOL or block driveways to pick up or drop off students unless authorised.
- Students should use the crossing at Ascot Ave/Greenlane Rd to cross, not the crossing on Greenlane Road close to St Vincents Ave.

We do our best to ensure your children leave our school safely. We appeal for parent cooperation. During school hours if children have arranged to leave the school, they must be picked up from the school office.

TRAIN CHANGES FROM MONDAY 20 JULY 2015

Message from Auckland Transport

- Electric trains will be operating on all lines from Swanson to Papakura
- Minor timetable changes for most lines. Please check the new timetable carefully before travelling.
- Transfer required at Papakura for travel to/from Pukekohe.
 - A bus service will replace trains between Swanson and Waitakere.

2015 STUDENT FORMAL EVENING

Recently the school held a Formal for students. This was a most successful evening - our young people were well behaved and made a great effort to 'dress up' for the occasion.

The many staff who attended ensured that students could have a great evening in a very safe environment.

Well done everyone. See back page photo.

2016 ENROLMENTS – Year 7 Classes

Enrolments for 2016 are now being processed. Parents with students entering RI next year are reminded that, even if they reside within the school zone, their enrolment forms should be forwarded to the school office as soon as possible. This allows the school to make informed decisions about staffing and class placements.

TERMS 2016

The new school year will begin on

Tuesday 2 February 2016

Term 1	2 February - 15 April
Term 2	2 May - 8 July
Term 3	25 July - 23 September
Term 4	10 October - 15 December

NOTE: Waitangi Day (6 February) has been Mondayised - Monday 8 February is a Public Holiday.

CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

Many thanks to all those who participated in the annual Chocolate Fundraiser.

The school is very appreciative of the hard work put in by the PTA in running this fundraiser.

BUS PASSES

Please write your name on the back of these so we can return them to you, and also register them with Auckland Transport so you can get them back if you lose them.



TERM 3 EVENTS

Week 2	-	Maori Language Week
4 August	-	Boys Breakfast
Week 4	-	Dunedin Exchange Trip
11 August	-	ICAS Maths
12 August	-	School Cross Country
28 August	-	Awards Assembly
1 September	-	Girls Breakfast
7-17 September	-	Japanese Exchange trip
7-11 September	-	AIMS Games
Week 9	-	Readers & Writers Week
23 September	-	Music Showcase Evening

School ends - 25 September at 3.00 pm

