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## DECEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

#### FAREWELL 2017

We have arrived at the end of another action-packed year of new learning, opportunities and experiences. I would like to extend a very big thank you to all our students, their families and the staff that have all worked together to make RI the amazing place that it is. This year has ended on a very positive note with everyone pitching in to move 22 classes out of 28 all the while staying focused and positive.

This major moving exercise was set in motion by the completion of our new classroom block. Whilst the CCC is still under final review we are confident we will be starting the year settled into our new space. The furniture is in and teachers have been able to arrange the furniture, organise resources and plan for day one.

The other consequence of this building being completed is that 5 of the older relocatable classes will be demolished over the summer allowing us to begin the process of developing our lower court area into an all-weather resurfaced covered space. In conjunction with this, we will be creating a purpose-built space for bikes and scooters.

Whilst it is great to be able to do a few things to upgrade the school itself it is ultimately the people that make schools. To those staff and student moving on, we wish you all the very best and we know RI will always hold a special place in your journey through life. To our year 7's we wish you a safe and fun filled holiday and we look forward to seeing you all in the new year as you move to year 8 and become our new school leaders.

Merry Christmas to you all, have a great new year.

Kyle Brewerton  
Principal

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE

As the year wraps up the Board would like to extend a huge thank you to all the staff, students and parents at RI for another successful year. The school has completed another full calendar of events and activities and students have engaged in teaching and learning across an incredibly diverse curriculum. All this activity and hard work has occurred against the backdrop of our building project which is now complete. Teachers have been relocating over the last week of term and classes will be occupying the block from the start of the new year. We are very grateful for the patience that everyone has shown throughout the (extended) construction phase.

We are pleased to announce that Rashid Bharuchi has been appointed as our new trustee replacing Christine McKnight who resigned due to work commitments. Rash's eldest child was at RI three years ago, his son was our head boy this year and he has a younger child still to come to RI.

At the end of the year we celebrate students' successes in the Arts, Sports and all areas of the curriculum. In addition to those achievements, I hope that all RI students can reflect on the year and feel that it has been a success. To our year 8 cohort, we wish you the very best for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead at Secondary School.

With the sun shining and temperatures ramping up, we are all looking forward to our summer break. On behalf of your Board of Trustees I wish you a safe and happy festive season.

Nga mihi

Liz Schellekens  
Board Chair  
[BOTchair@remint.school.nz](mailto:BOTchair@remint.school.nz)

## **CENTRAL ZONES ATHLETICS DAY**

On a sunny Wednesday 22 November 2017, 58 students competed at the Central Zones Athletics Competition at Lloyd Elsmore Park, Pakuranga.

### **Year 7 Girls**

Eva Hall - 2nd in the 800m

### **Year 7 Boys**

Yuquan Wang - 3rd in the 400m and 2nd in the 100m

Edward Joh - 1st in High Jump

Jonny Peninsula - 2nd in Long Jump

Junior Ahokovi - 2nd in Shotput

The Relay Team - Yuquan Wang, Edward Joh, Jacob McKinnon and William Beny came 2nd.

### **Year 8 Girls**

Sophia de Magalhaes - 3rd in the 400m and 3rd in Long Jump

Samara Kake - 2nd in High Jump

The Relay Team - Samara Kake, Jasmine Lash, Maddison Prince and Alice Williams came 2nd.

### **Year 8 Boys**

Cody Brown - 1st in the 400m

Jun Yong Park - 2nd in the 100m

YehJun Seo - 3rd in Long Jump

The Relay Team - Jun Yong Park, YehJun Seo, Cameron Reeves and Lyam Chung came 1st.

This team competed at the Inter Zone Athletics Competition at Mt Smart on 30 November 2017. Competition was very fierce. This was the Auckland wide Champion of Champions Competition. Well done to everyone who participated, a very good achievement.

## **ANNUAL SPORTS AWARDS DINNER**

On the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017 we celebrated the success of our sports people in a glittering dinner and presentation held in the school hall.

The coach from each school sporting code nominated a player for the award certificate in that code.

The player and parents were invited to attend this ceremony.

### **Contribution to Sport Award**

Girl - Phoebe Cotter

Boy - Zaid Bharuchi

### **Sports Girl/Sports Boy Award**

Girl - Sophia de Magalhaes

Boy - Mackenzie Neru



## ARTS AWARDS EVENING

Our Annual Arts Awards were held on Thursday 23 November 2017 honouring Year 8 students for excellence, exceptional contribution and outstanding service to the Arts at RI.

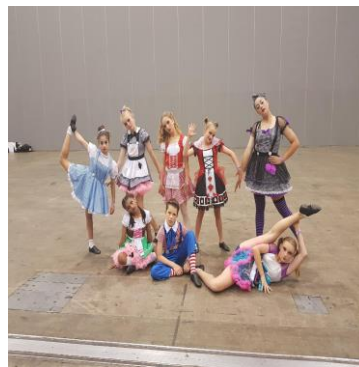
Congratulations to all award recipients especially our top winners:

- Arts People of the Year – Juliana Guanhe & Isaac Chisholm
- Dance Cup – Ruby Ryburn
- Music Cup – Patrick Sheng
- Visual Arts Cup – Wing Yi Wong



## JAZZ TROUPE PINNACLE MELBOURNE COMPETITION

The Jazz Dolls Troupe travelled to Melbourne on 25-27 November to compete at the Australasian Pinnacle Competition where only the best of the best are invited to compete. The group had an amazing time away and loved the experience of competing in front of 14,000 spectators and are extremely proud of winning 3rd place in a tough Open Age Jazz Category of 16 teams. Well done all who participated a great achievement!



## **APPA MUSIC FESTIVAL 2017**

On Wednesday 29 November, 120 RI students performed at the final evening of the APPA Music Festival in the Auckland Town Hall to a sold out audience. A huge congratulations to the RI Singers, RI String Orchestra, Instrumentalists, Dancers and Soloists who performed on the night and to Miss Faulknor who was the Head Conductor. Everyone involved celebrated the joy of music and song in a magical evening.



## **OTAGO PROBLEM CHALLENGE AWARDS**

RI would like to congratulate the following students for their outstanding achievement in this year's Otago Problem Challenge Awards.

### **OPC National Award Recipients**

Ethan Pinker  
Liam Chung  
Lewis Azzopardi  
Thomas Clark  
Andi Sun  
Phoebe Liu

### **Year 8 Final Challenge Distinctions**

Riley Mara  
Thomas Clark

## **FREE TABLE TENNIS LESSONS**



The Auckland Table Tennis Association offer our pupils free table tennis lessons. This opportunity is open to all students, whether beginners or experienced players. Application forms will be available at school from 15 February 2018. Registration is on a 'first come first served' basis.

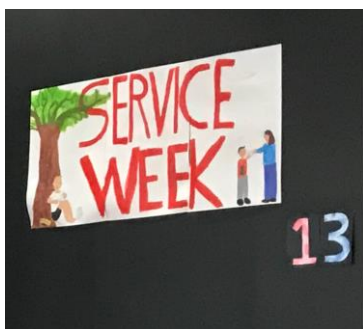
Lessons for 2018 are Thursday 1 March – Thursday 12 April (7 weeks) from 4:00pm-5:30pm at Auckland Table Tennis Centre, Gillies Avenue, Auckland. The email address is [aucklandtt@xtra.co.nz](mailto:aucklandtt@xtra.co.nz)

## **JUST SMASH IT - AFTER SCHOOL BADMINTON PROGRAMME**

This popular programme has celebrated another successful year. Just Smash It was implemented in 2007 in collaboration with Auckland Badminton Association. Groups of 22 players are coached weekly on either a Tuesday or Friday session after school in the hall.

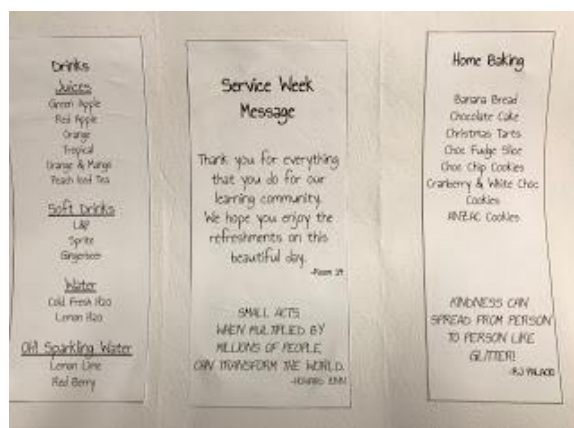
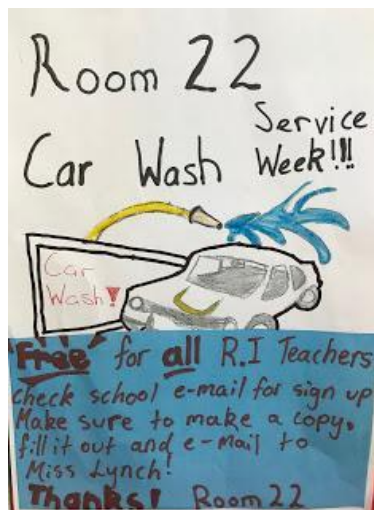
To date over 1700 pupils have enjoyed this programme. Beginners are welcome. Lessons in 2018 start Term 1, week 4. Permission slips will be available from Week 2. Current Cost is \$35.00 per 8 lessons (this is a subsidised cost)

## SERVICE WEEK AT RI



Last week was Service Week at RI. The Social Chagency is celebrating because **every** class has committed to service initiatives throughout the week.

Here are some samples below:



Sophie Lawrence did a beach clean-up and Aleyah Sly did extra chores around the home to raise money for the Auckland City Mission. Many under 2 year olds don't get many gifts so we are hoping to raise money to purchase a few things to put under the tree.



## RI CYCLING CLUB - LAST CLIMB UP THE SUMMIT AND PRIZEGIVING

On Sunday 3rd December, members of the RI cycling club, along with their families, enjoyed a last ride together in Cornwall Park. After completing a few laps of the base and summit the group celebrated with a BBQ picnic and a prize giving of certificates to recognise and appreciate the achievements of each rider and the coach, Doug Barclay. Over the summer break keep riding, keep safe, have fun!



## FOOD TECHNOLOGY SHOWCASE

This week Year 8 Food Technology students have been busy preparing to showcase their work to their families and teachers. Guests were treated to the students' food creations - a variety of burgers, delicious ice creams, and scones with jam & cream. A visual presentation of their technological knowledge was shared through exemplars of student assessment work, along with Google Classroom work which was viewed on the Food Tech Chromebooks. A highlight was the opportunity for the adults to experience a blind-tasting test of ice cream flavours.



## SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

This will be held from 9.00 am on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018** in the school hall. We accept cheques, cash and EFTPOS. It is recommended that you arrive early as the uniforms do sell out quickly.

## FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 2018 – TUESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

### Start time and meeting places

- 8:30am all Year 7 students will meet in the School Hall
- 8:30am all Year 8 students will meet on the Netball Courts by the playing field.

Students will find out their class placements on the first morning of school. We will not give any information regarding teachers or room numbers out prior to starting school so please do not phone or email us asking for these details.

## OFFICE HOURS

The school office will reopen on Wednesday 24th January 2018 and the office hours are 8:00am – 3:30pm Monday to Friday.

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1 2018

### TERM 1 STARTS

30 January 2018

### FEBRUARY

Meet the Teacher Evening

PTA Welcome Evening Cheese and Wine

Swimming Sports

### MARCH

PTA Community Picnic

Award Assemblies

Year 7 Camp

Year 8 Camp

### TERM 1 FINISHES

Friday 13th April at 3:00pm

## 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.

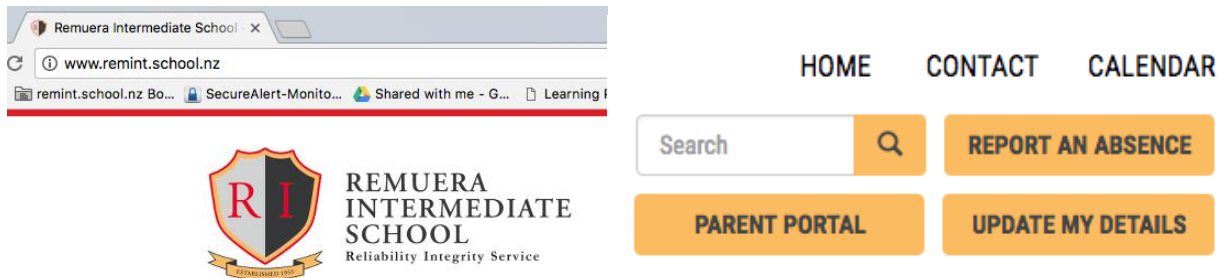
## EARLY TEXT NOTIFICATION

We 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/>. The portal will be open again from 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018, to make it easier for parents to pay for 2018 contributions and donations.

## 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)



## 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.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Finally, we wish all our RI families a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. Stay safe and enjoy the holidays. Thank you for your support over the past year.



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