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APRIL 2016 NEWSLETTER

Farewell and Thank You

This will be my last newsletter as Principal of Remuera Intermediate School. It has been an absolute privilege to be part of RI over the past 21 years. Working with students, staff and community who value education (in the widest sense of the word) has been a wonderful experience. On almost every day something has happened that has made me smile and realise that I'm in the right place, doing the right thing with the right people.

In recent times I have been looking back over my years at RI, thinking about what has changed... and also what has stayed the same.

I remember when I applied for my position at RI, part of the application process was to write 'A Personal Vision' of what I would want for the school. I think it was supposed to be my 'educational philosophy' – you know, big words that nobody really understands, and certainly nobody can measure. Well, I wasn't very good with big words, and so I called my vision, 'Where I'd like to be'.

And it went like this.....

- I want to be in a school where everyone is teaching and everyone is learning. Schools should not merely be a place where the old people are the learned and the young people are the learners. We can all learn from each other.
- I believe that the quality of adult relationships within a school has more to do with the culture and character of that school than any other factor. I want to be in a school where those adult relationships are brilliant – caring, supportive, and genuine.
- I know that risk taking is highly associated with learning. If we don't take risks, how can we move forward. If we want our students to be more inventive, more creative, more venturesome, then we, as teachers must model risk taking. New, unusual ideas must be viewed not as a nuisance or embarrassment but as a sign of life and progress. Taking risks and learning from mistakes is 'where I want to be'.
- I want to be in an inclusive school – one where differences are respected. One where differences are looked for, and celebrated as opportunities for learning. What is important about people, and about schools, is what is different, not what is the same.
- It's true – low anxiety and high standards offer the greatest possibilities for learners, young and old. I want to be remembered in a school for raising standards and lowering anxiety.
- I want to 'make' a school where there is laughter, and humour, and good times. People learn and grow and survive through humour. Humour, like risk taking, is highly related to learning, not to mention quality of life.

And that was my Vision of RI – no big words, no educational jargon, but more of a description of a school that had people at its heart.

Now, many years on, I honestly believe that we have that school. We have the learners, we know we can take risks, we care about each other, we like being different, and in amongst the hard work, we have fun, laughter and good times.

We have that place where I wanted to be.



Janet Exon
Principal

School Uniform

By Week 2, Term 2 all students should be in winter uniform. Students must attend school dressed in the correct uniform at all times and are expected to take a pride in their appearance whilst at school and in the community.

Girls Winter Uniform: Culottes or skirt (as for summer, Blouse, Jumper – regulation RI red jumper.

Footwear – black leather lace up shoes, white ankle socks or black opaque tights.

Boys Winter Uniform: Shirt (as for summer), Shorts (as for summer), Jumper – regulation RI Black.

The official school scarf (red and grey stripe) may be worn outside during Term 2 and 3.

Regulation RI Jacket is optional and for outdoor use only. All items are available at the School Uniform Centre, 553 Remuera Rd, Remuera.



Dunedin Exchange

Each year Remuera Intermediate has an Exchange with Tahuna Intermediate School in Dunedin. They visit us early in Term 2 and we return to visit Dunedin in August of Term 3.

30 Students and 3 teachers travel up and spend a week with us: arriving Sunday 29th May and leaving Friday 3rd June.

To make this trip successful we need families to host a student from Dunedin for the week. This involves picking them up from the airport on Sunday and hosting them for the week.

On school days they come to school with their Host students and have activities planned.

If you would be able to host a student there is an application form available. Students can also access this through google docs or there are copies outside Mr Beckett's office. If you could let me know your availability over the next few weeks we can begin the selection process.

Hosting a student does not give automatic entry to the Dunedin exchange on Term 3 but it is a factor taken into account. If you require any further information or wish to be sent an application pack my email is: tomb@remint.school.nz

Triennial Board Elections

The triennial Board of Trustees elections will be held in 2016. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to consider whether you would like to be involved in the long term direction of our School. Further information about becoming a School Trustee is available from the NZ School Trustees Association at

<http://www.trustee-election.co.nz/becoming-a-trustee>

Who can Vote

Voting papers for the parent representatives will be posted to:

- Parents and caregivers of students enrolled fulltime at the School as at 4 May
- Parents and caregivers of Year 6 students resident in the School's home zone as at 4 May

Timeline

The timeline for our elections is as follows:

- Friday 6 May : Nominations open
- Noon, Friday 20 May : Nominations close
- Wednesday 25 May : Latest date for distribution of voting papers
- Midday, Friday 3 June ; Election poll closes
- Thursday 9 June : Votes counted
- Friday 10 June : New Board takes office

Queries

Any questions about becoming a Trustee at RI can be forwarded to our current Chairperson, Philip Bracey at BOTchair@remint.school.nz

School Management Team – Term 2

Until the new principal – Kyle Brewerton starts in Term 3; Tom Beckett will be Acting Principal for Term 2 with Megan McCaw Acting Deputy Principal assisting the Associate Principals - Robin Gatfield & Robert Rasmussen.

Term 2 ends – Friday, 15th April
Term 3 starts – Monday, 2nd May

Please see our website for all school information and calendar dates.

www.remint.school.nz

Student Leadership

Student Leadership is catered for in many ways at R.I. We are fully aware that we are educating our future leaders and opportunities to take a leadership role are crucial. The Student Council is one such opportunity. Pupils wishing to be on the Student Council prepare a speech, which they present to their class. Their peers then hold an election in order to select their class representative.

The Student Council has a very important role to play in our School, not only are they involved with organising events such as muffin days, prize giving, socials and fundraising but most importantly they are the role models and represent the 'student voice' for our school.

The Student Council meet weekly with the Deputy Principal to discuss a variety of topics including school life, current events, charities, events and student welfare. The Councillors are responsible for being the link between the class they represent and the school's management team. The dark blue badge identifies a Student Council member and the light blue the Deputy. Being presented with this badge, as with our other leadership badges, is an honour and the students show a great deal of pride in wearing it.

	<i>Head</i>	<i>Deputy</i>
Head Boy	Jacob Jones	Taylor Shields
Head Girl	Olivia Ropati	Caitlyn Mansfield
	<i>Councillor</i>	<i>Deputy</i>
1	Olivia Greenwood	Oliver Cocker
2	Devah Hill - Tupou	Charlie Barclay
3	Toby Caldwell	Alyssa Henderson
4	Julia Rumble	Jack Dixon
5	Hayden Breen	Jackson Murphy
6	Emma Whitlock	Boston Tofa
7	Jean Suhren	Lily Botting
8	Saylor Bostic	Lucia Calleja
9	Amira Rose Monga	Timothy Johnson
10	Emily Mackie	Forester Christensen
11	Heidi Stewart	Ruby Ryburn
12	Tori Mills	Amita Ram
13	Natalie Sayes	Lewis Azzopardi
14	Tina Huang	Gabriel Mathey
15	Keara Harrison	Ichigo Osaki
16	Victor Singh	Rayan Shergill
17	Isaac Tham	Amelia Angus
18	Joni Watson	Esther Blackmore
19	Tasman Christensen	Polly Chisholm
20	Yonghua Zhu	Jonny Young
21	Jonathan Sayal	Bailey Gibson
22	Will Cameron	Callum Charleston
23	Lulu Lance	Max Graham
24	Abby Rosenberg	Cooper McConnon
25	Monique Jackson	Chris Kim
26	James Dyer	Chanith Doluweera
27	Joe Kelsey	Maddi Arnold
28	Eliza Goldsmith	Joanne Kim

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 Friday, 8th April.

There will be a 'Lucky Draw' from returned slips.

Parent's signature.....Student's Name..... Rm.....

RI Sporting Activities Term 1

A large swimming pool with several lanes, where several swimmers are visible in the water. The pool is outdoors with a building in the background.

SWIMMING SPORTS



BOYS CRICKET



GIRLS CRICKET



SOFTBALL