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## APRIL 2018 NEWSLETTER

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

I would like to start this month's newsletter with a big thank you to the Remuera Intermediate community. We continue to grow and reach new heights with our young people due largely to the outstanding support we receive on a daily basis. As a school we believe we are absolutely in it together when it comes to supporting our young ones through these fascinating, exciting and often challenging two years.

I hope you enjoy spending some quality time with your family and we look forward to seeing everyone in the new term.

### Staffing Update

As Term 1 draws to an end we farewell two staff members. Marguerita Muirhead has worked as a part time Literacy Support teacher for a number of years now as her own children made their way through school. As her children are reaching the end of their schooling Marguerita has taken a full-time classroom teacher role at Victoria Avenue School working in Year 3. Whilst we are sad to see her move over the hill we know we will benefit from having her teach many future RI students in years to come.

Juliet McGarry will be taking maternity leave at the end of this term to have her second child. Room 3 will no doubt miss Mrs McGarry however I am sure we will see her soon with number 2 in tow. Mo Skelton will be joining us in Term 2 to take over Room 3 for the remainder of the year.

### End of Term Expectations

It has become somewhat of a regular event on the last day for children to head to McDonalds in Greenlane. I would like to stress that the school has no part in organising or overseeing this event. We would encourage you to arrange alternative celebrations elsewhere to avoid any potential incidents especially as they are all in school uniform and contributing to our reputation that we value greatly.

### Building Update

As you will all no doubt be aware the new block is now fully operational and students and teachers are well and truly settled in.

As such the old relocatable classrooms on the field and alongside the main driveway are being prepared for demolition. Thorough inspections of these buildings have

been conducted and the two on the field were found to have asbestos cladding. The removal of this will be managed by a specialist demolition company with ongoing monitoring and testing. To eliminate any risk to students we have planned this work for the upcoming holidays. Removal of these buildings completes all associated works regarding the new build. This will then make way for future developments.

Kyle Brewerton  
Principal

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE

We are nearly at the end of what has been a busy and successful first term. I hope you all enjoyed a break over Easter and made the most of the beautiful weather.

A highlight for the Board was the official opening of our new classroom block in early March. It was great to see past Principal Janet Exon and previous Board Chair Phil Bracey back to officially cut the ribbon. Other past members of the Board who were involved in the project design, concept and funding were also in attendance to see the final result of their hard work.

We are assured that four of the prefabs will be demolished over the April holiday break with the final classroom to be removed when the Ministry has identified its new home. This allows us to move forward with preparations of our new master property plan which we will share as soon as it is available.

This term we also welcomed a new staff representative to the Board. Kelly Lynch has taken over this role from Robert Rasmussen who was a trustee and valued member of the Board for over 12 years.

Thank you to those families who have already paid donations and activity fees. Your support of the School is greatly appreciated.

Have a wonderful holiday. Nga mihi.

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

## OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE NEW CLASSROOM BLOCK

Thank you to everyone for attending the official opening of our new classroom block on Tuesday 6 March. The ceremony included speeches from Phil Bracey (previous Board of Trustees Chair), Liz Schellekens (present BOT Chair) and Kyle Brewerton (Principal). The ribbon was then cut by Janet Exon (previous Principal) and Phil Bracey. Other dignitaries in attendance were David Seymour (MP) and Desley Simpson (Local Councillor).



## CENTRAL ZONE BOYS 6 ASIDE CRICKET

We had a great day out at the CZ Boys 6 aside cricket with outstanding results. Thanks to our coaches Mr Wallace, Mr Maskell and Mr McCulloch who helped make this day successful.

### YEAR 7 SOCIAL

- 1<sup>st</sup> Remuera
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ponsonby
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Balmoral

### YEAR 8 SOCIAL

- 1<sup>st</sup> Remuera
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ponsonby
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Pasadena

### YEAR 7 SERIOUS

- 1<sup>st</sup> Remuera
- 2<sup>nd</sup> St Peters
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Waikowhai

### YEAR 8 SERIOUS

- 1<sup>st</sup> Remuera & St Peters
- 3<sup>rd</sup> ANI



## CENTRAL ZONES SWIMMING COMPETITION

On 07 March 2018 a team of 21 swimmers represented our school at the above competition held at Diocesan School Pool in Epsom. These swimmers were:

Year 7 Girls - Carolyn Yu, Kimora Iakopo, Taylor Laird-Ramirez, S.J. Wong See, Stella Cook, Leila Daniels

Year 7 Boys - Addison Randall, Coen Anderson, Michael Zeng, Benjamin Lowe, Hunter Clark

Year 8 Girls - Hannah Henson, Abby Davidson, Kitty Yang, Charlotte Wood

Year 8 Boys - Edward Joh, Justin Chao, Taylor Ah Chee, Oliver Sargison, Zachary Chung

This was a thrilling day with over 14 schools competing. Our students swam their hearts out. We achieved the best ever result with 11 swimmers achieving either a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place.

The Boys freestyle relays were thrilling to watch, with the Year 7 Boys team and the Year 8 Boys teams beating the field and both winning 1st place. Edward Joh and Oliver Sargison were neck and neck in some races.



These 11 swimmers then competed in the Champion of Champions (Auckland Inter Zone) Competition on Friday 6 April 2018 at Diocesan School Pool

1. Carolyn Yu
2. Kimora Iakopo
3. Addison Randall
4. Coen Anderson
5. Michael Zeng
6. Edward Joh
7. Justin Chao
8. Taylor Ah Chee
9. Oliver Sargison
10. Benjamin Lowe
11. Hannah Henson

## NZAIMS GAMES 10 – 15 SEPTEMBER 2018

We are currently undertaking a review of our entire approach to sport here at Remuera Intermediate including how we involve ourselves in the NZAIMS Games competition held annually in Tauranga. At this point in time we are following our previous years' approach to NZAIMS as we consider our philosophy and overarching goals going forward. Our current approach to the NZAIMS Games are as follows:

- At this time, we have a soccer team that attends NZAIMS as a final competition for those students who successfully complete the football academy. This has been booked a year in advance each year for five years now. This team is accompanied by their coach and a teacher here at RI. The football team are the current 2017 Inter-zone competition winners.
- Students who have 'placed' in a national competition in their particular sport who wish to enter their respective sport at NZAIMS will be endorsed by and entered under the school name. These students will need to make their own arrangements including parent supervision, accommodation, travel and expenses.
- The entry forms to NZAIMS requires a student's 4-digit ID number issued to them from their sporting body.
- Contact Mrs Lowe regarding entry, [janetl@remint.school.nz](mailto:janetl@remint.school.nz). If your child qualifies, entry application forms will be received by the school up to 31 May 2018.
- This approach is in line with the goals of NZAIMS. <http://www.nzaimsgames.co.nz/about/>

## YEAR 7 CAMP AT YMCA CAMP ADAIR, HUNUA 19 – 23 MARCH 2018

460 Year 7 students had a thoroughly great time at camp this month.

Students were challenged to break out of their comfort zone attempting activities such as high trapeze, postie walk, flying kiwi, confidence course, kayaking, archery, burma trail and mudslides!

The yummy dinners were delicious including nachos and butter chicken, some people had thirds!

This camp would not have been possible without the planning and organisation of Mrs McGaw and Mrs Lowe and without the help of all the teachers who went. We would also like to acknowledge the 60 plus parents who came to help with chores and keep students safe. Thank you! With their help our Year 7 students will have lasting memories forever.



## YEAR 8 CAMPS

Some of our Year 8 students attended their 2018 camps:

26 February - 2 March Moirs Point Christian Camp, Mangawhai

5 March - 9 March Hunua Falls Camp, Hunua

These provided the children with experiences that were educational, challenging and fun. Activities included archery, beach walking, bush tramping, swimming, water slide, outdoor cooking, orienteering, kayaking, target shooting, burma trail and after dinner games.

Thanks you to all staff and parents who made the camps possible and such a wonderful experience for the Year 8 students!

Looking forward to their camp at Piha Mill in May are rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4.



## SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

The PTA will be holding another second hand uniform sale 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.

## SKIING AT MT RUAPEHU - NIPS COMPETITION 20-23 AUGUST 2018

Can you ski well and would love to represent your school?

We enter a team into this competition. Expressions of interest are invited from competent skiers.

Forms are available at school. Entries close end of Term 1. [janetl@remint.school.nz](mailto:janetl@remint.school.nz)

## IMPORTANT DATES

<b>13 APRIL</b>	Term 1 Ends - School finishes at 3:00pm
<b>30 APRIL</b>	Term 2 Starts
<b>07 MAY</b>	Year 8 Camp - Rooms 1 and 2
<b>08 MAY</b>	May Board of Trustees Meeting May PTA Meeting
<b>09 MAY</b>	Year 8 Camp - Rooms 3 and 4
<b>18 MAY</b>	International Day

## STUDENT COUNCIL 2018

Students wishing to be on the Student Council prepared a speech and presented it to their class. Their peers then held an election to select their class representative and a deputy. The student council meets weekly with the Deputy Principal to discuss a variety of topics including school life, current events and student welfare.

Congratulations to this years councillors:

Room	Councillor	Deputy
1	Daniel Lai	Dena Li
2	Eric Wang	Sophia Chan
3	Cindy Kim	Zachary Chung
4	William Wang	Serena Trinh
5	Calum Bint	James Hay
6	Kaizea Miller	Gus Younger
7	Samantha Barclay	Sam Pratt
8	Sophia Alexander	Rishaad Hussein
9	Jacob Hawksbee	George Butler
10	Micayla Isaacs	Anika Todd
11	Gisha Rathnayaka	Xavier Melrose
12	Sam Worth	Ramona Welburn Morris
13	Taha Rahman	Austin Marsters
14	Lauren Sawyer	Richie Wood
15	Anna Schellekens	Alex Reid
16	Deja Halford - Eaton	Jaden Lee
17	Emily Zhang	Richie Bendall
18	Riley Terveen	Sasha Melville
21	Aishwarya Taylor	Harry Chhay
22	Zavier Atatoa	Flynn Woodfield
23	Arjun Pancha	Nicholas Sidnam
24	Keira Barlow	Ben Smith
31	James Dyzell	Monique Lewis
32	Charlotte Wood	Jack Muirhead
33	Sheribyn Tiatia	Lincoln Christensen
34	Jessie Barclay	Ryan Owen
35	George Lavelua	Anna Barlow
36	Theo Lavrent	Rebekah Hall

## 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

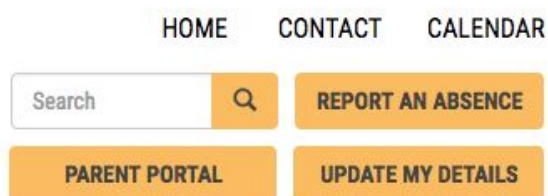
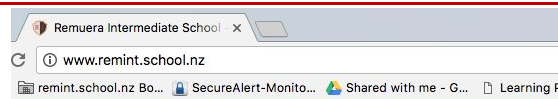
## EARLY TEXT NOTIFICATION

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 [www.remint.school.nz](http://www.remint.school.nz)

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.

## 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.