



AUGUST 2017 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

SCHOOL FUNDING CHANGES

Often changes are made in New Zealand schools with little notice taken by parent communities. As a parent myself I am primarily concerned with whether or not my child is making good progress and that they are happy and safe at school. Assuming I am confident of this why would I pay too much attention to broader educational policy changes? Right? Well sometimes these changes may or may not bring about desired change. I would encourage you to take some time to understand this upcoming funding change and decide for yourself what implications this might have for schools, communities and ultimately your children. The following is an article shared recently on the MOE website.

In July this year The Minister of Education, Nikki Kaye has confirmed that the Government will replace the decile system for schools and the equity index for early childhood education services and ngā kōhanga reo, used to allocate funding to mitigate the impact of disadvantage, with a new and improved funding system.

The new system will be based on a Risk of Not Achieving Index that will better target funding to need. The change will occur in 2019 or 2020, depending on the outcome of further consultation with the education sector.

The Government has not yet taken decisions on the funding arrangements to support the new Index, but plans to make additional funding available to support the new system. It has also agreed that no school, early learning service or ngā kohanga reo will see a reduction in its disadvantage funding as a result of the replacement of decile or the equity index. Decisions on the supporting funding arrangements are expected to be made as part of Budget 2018.

Schools and services will be funded based on their estimated number of children at greater risk of educational underachievement using the new Risk Index. The Index estimates the likelihood that a child or young person will not achieve NCEA Level 2 based on information about that child's life. Analysis shows that the Index more accurately estimates a child's likelihood of underachievement than the decile or equity index of the school or service that child attends.

The factors that will make up the index will be finalised in the next stage of work. Factors that are likely to be included are:

- Proportion of time the child has been supported by benefits since birth
- Child has a Child, Youth and Family notification
- Mother's age at child's birth
- Father's offending and sentence history
- Ethnicity
- Youth Justice referral
- Mother's and father's average earned income over previous 5 years
- School transience.

A child is at low or high risk on the Index due to the full combination of factors in their lives; not because they have, or do not have, one specific factor.

The objective of using the Risk of Not Achieving Index is to better target funding to schools and services to reflect the size of their achievement challenge. It is not about directing funding to individual children.

The Index will operate within the Integrated Data Infrastructure hosted by Statistics New Zealand. The Ministry, schools and services will not be told the names of children who generate the targeted funding.

Schools and services will decide how best to use the additional funding to support the children they assess to be at risk of underachievement based on what they see in the classroom, as they do with existing Targeted Funding for Educational Achievement and Equity Component funding for early learning services.

The shift to a Risk Index for disadvantage funding is the first change to education funding to come from the Funding Review. The review was established in 2016 with the objective of ensuring that the funding systems for schools, early childhood education services and ngā kōhanga reo are aligned with supporting all children and young people to achieve their educational potential.

For more information you can visit www.education.govt.nz



STARBURST PERFORMANCE

The Year 8 Starburst performers have been working very hard with Mr Zemke to put their show together that will be performed on **Thursday 10 August at 7pm** in the school hall. All are welcome to come and enjoy 'No More'. Entry fee is by way of a gold coin donation at the door.



OUR VERY OWN RISING TENNIS STAR

Ke Ren is a Year 7 student at RI and is a targeted athlete by Tennis NZ. Ke's coach, Dwayne has been in China with Ke. Ke is doing very well at the Nike Junior Tournament in China where she is ranked as the fifth seed. Ke has qualified to play in the final of the Nike Junior Tournament Circuit (top 32 players) in China. We wish her well!



NORTH ISLAND SCHOOLS ROAD CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

During the first weekend of the July school holidays, seven of our RI cycling club riders competed in the North Island Schools Road Cycling Championships in Cambridge. This event attracted an estimated 700 riders and comprised three races; team time trial, road race and criterion. Whilst RI did not achieve any podium finishes the experience was hugely valuable to the personal growth of each rider. Learning to communicate as a team, developing tactics to improve performance such as positioning in the bunch and knowing when and not to sprint were just some of the points the team shared at a recent lunch. Outstanding results from Maia Barclay who came 4th in the U13 girls' road race and Thomas Clark 16th in the U14 boys' road race, a mere 4 secs behind the leader.

The team included Maia Barclay, Kate Waters, Thomas Clark, Braden Jones, Ben McSweeney, Olivia Jones and Tegan Feringa.



BILL McLAREN RUGBY TOURNAMENT

The Bill McLaren rugby tournament is an open weight rugby tournament held in the 1st week of the Term 2 school holidays. We had a number of boys from R.I attend the trials, however only Connor Kake and Mackenzie Neru were selected. Both had a successful tournament with their team staying unbeaten and winning the tournament. Both have been invited to trial for the Auckland U13 Open Weight Rugby side.



HATCH HOCKEY

Jacob Pooley and Max Ready have been selected to play in the Auckland Hatch Cup U13 team in Auckland over the October school break. Arjun Pancha has been selected into the Hatch Cup U13 Development team to play in Rotorua. Over 60 players attended 3 trials held over 3 weeks. The Hatch Cup tournament is a week-long national representative tournament played in a different city each year. The Development tournament is played in Rotorua over 3 days every year. Jacob, Max and Arjun will also play in 3-4 mini tournaments in preparation for their week's hockey.

COLLIER TROPHY

Collier Cup is the New Zealand under 13 girls' hockey tournament. This year's tournaments are held in Tauranga and Rotorua. After the teams being selected we have 4-5 mini tournaments held in the weeks as the lead up to the overall tournament. There were just under 100 girls that trialed and only 32 from that were selected plus 4 non-travelling reserves. There were 3 trials held to select teams. Emma and Kate Irwin were selected for the Auckland Collier team and Nikki Mckenzie, Rosie Hazard and Charlotte Winning were selected for the Auckland Collier Development team.



WALTER DICKSON RUGBY REP TOURNAMENT

Walter Dickson is a rugby rep tournament that is contested between the suburbs of Auckland. All players in the tournament are required to be U55kgs. The suburbs contest a week long tournament with the winner taking away the prestigious Walter Dickson trophy. Nick Goodwin and Cameron Reeves were selected to play in this tournament for Remuera, both had success, with ultimately Cameron being selected for the Auckland East Roller Mill's side.

GIRLS AUCKLAND FOOTBALL FEDERATION SOCCER

R.I has been successful in having Sophia De Magalhaes and Lulu Lance selected for the Auckland Football Federation U13 girls' soccer team. The trials were held in the Term 2 holidays. The team will be representing Auckland at the Gold Coast Football Festival. They will be playing a number of international representative teams.



TREES FOR SURVIVAL PLANTING DAY

It was a sunny day in the Hunua ranges. Mrs Jeffrey and the Remuera Intermediate Trees for Survival team were on a bus filled with excited chatter, heading to a farm. When we arrived we were greeted warmly by Linda, from Auckland City Council, welcoming us to Peter and Claire Druitt's farm.

The family had cleared the hillside, ready for us to plant. Soon we were underway, planting all the native trees we had grown in the school planting unit for this purpose. The hillside was steep and muddy, with the occasional blackberry patch. With the sun

warm on our backs, we dug hole after hole, while being visited by the friendly resident Labrador. Everyone got into the team spirit, including Dan the volunteer from Rotary, the awesome parent helpers, all of us children and even the bus driver! While planting, a few mud fights broke out, along with a short cricket match involving a shovel and a ball of clay!

When we felt like we could plant no more, we were rewarded by a HUGE, delicious homemade lunch provided by Claire and served by Claire's mum and daughter. After we could eat no more, we cleaned our shovels, thanked everyone, and started heading back to school on the bus. In all, everyone had a great day outside in the winter sunshine, knowing that in a few years that hillside will be covered in native bush.



HONG KONG CHILDREN OPERA

On our first day back at school this term we were entertained by the Hong Kong Children and Juvenile Chinese Opera Troupe. The troupe put on a fabulous performance for the school which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. For further pictures, information and links please [click here](#).



SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

If your child has qualified to compete in our school Cross Country Championship to be held on **Wednesday 16 August 2017** at the Ellerslie Racecourse, you are most welcome to attend and support your child. It will be held come rain or shine.

Approximate race times are:

Year 7 girls race – 1.25 pm

Year 7 boys race – 1.35 pm

Year 8 girls race – 1.45 pm

Year 8 boys race – 1.55 pm

From this event, 4 teams will be chosen to represent our school at the Central Zones Championships to be held on **Wednesday 30 August 2017**.

Enrol now

If you have a Year 6 student, we encourage you to contact the school about starting the enrolment process early to ensure we are well prepared for the coming year. You can request enrolment packs at enrolments@remint.school.nz

All out of zone siblings – cut off is Wednesday 13 September 2017 4pm – no exceptions

COLLEGE ENROLMENT DATES 2018

One Tree College – Out of zone enrolments close at 4pm on Wednesday 30th August 2017

Selwyn College – Enrolments now open for 2018

Glendowie College – In zone enrolments should be received by 2 August 2017 and Out of zone enrolments by 6 September 2017

Epsom Girls Grammar – In zone enrolment applications need to be submitted by Wednesday 7 September 2017 and Out of zone enrolments by 4pm on the 30th August 2017

Auckland Boys Grammar – Application deadline is 22 September 2017 and Out of zone enrolments close at 4pm on 30 August 2017

Auckland Girls Grammar – Out of zone applications close on 6 September 2017

DATES TO NOTE / IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 3

9 August	CZ Boys Basketball	28 th August	Teacher only day
10 August	Starburst Performance	30 August	Central Zones Cross Country
11 August	CZ Netball Girls	12 September	PTA Meeting
15 August	ICAS Maths	13 September	Enrolment – Out of Zone applications close
16 August	School Cross Country	19 September	BOT Meeting
22 August	BOT Meeting	20 September	Enrolment – Out of Zone ballot
25 August	Bandquest competition	29 September	Term 3 ends at 3pm
25 August	Daffodil fundraiser day		

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 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 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.

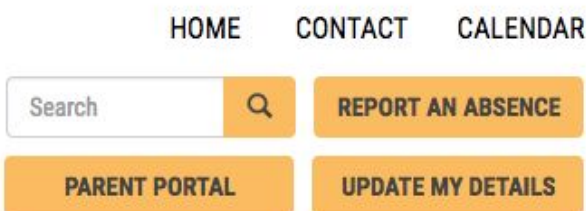
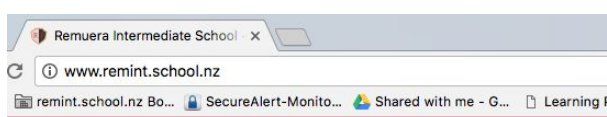
Should your mobile number change, please notify the school immediately so that we can update our records.

ABSENCES

To report an absence please use the link on the school website homepage (as below) 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

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