



REMUERA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

RELIABILITY INTEGRITY SERVICE

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FEBRUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

HAPPY NEW YEAR AND WELCOME

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to Remuera Intermediate. For those of you returning to RI, welcome back. We have had a great week settling into new classes and getting acquainted with peers and teachers.

Our mission here at RI reads:

Remuera Intermediate School will provide a rigorous and enriching education in an environment that supports the unique social, emotional and academic needs of emerging adolescents. The aim of this education is to develop resilient, compassionate and responsible members of a global community.



As you can see, our aim is to cater to the unique needs of this age whilst maintaining a strong focus on academic growth and achievement. To achieve this aim Remuera Intermediate has built a solid reputation for being a school that encourages strong relationships with everyone involved in your child's learning including families, staff and the wider community. Last week the entire teaching staff completed a full day workshop on resilience to support our young people as they navigate these early adolescent years. This is a strategic focus for the school this year and more will be shared about this in due course.

We consistently encourage students to get involved in the many opportunities on offer here at Remuera Intermediate whether it is in the art studio, on the stage or the sports field or in one of the many academic enrichment and extension programmes. We believe that this is a time in one's life when we start figuring out who we are and where our passions lie. It is these early experiences that may begin to set us on a future path of success.

We encourage you to take every opportunity to get involved in your child's journey. We enjoy the support and involvement of an active PTA and an experienced Board of Trustees. Our doors are always open and we look forward to partnering with you as your child embarks on another successful year.

Kyle Brewerton
Principal

YOU AND YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER

*The most important relationship with your child after your own
is the one between your child and their teacher.*

Don't be a Stranger – take a moment to introduce yourself to your child's teacher and stay in contact.

Learning doesn't stop at 3.00 pm – support the teacher by encouraging your child to talk about the school day and what they are studying

Keep your child organised – check for newsletters, permission forms needing a signature etc. Encourage your child to have a timetable displayed so they know when PE gear is needed. Keep an eye on the daily notices through the school app.

Teachers are on your side so give them support – some parents go into 'attack mode' when their child complains about a teacher. Try to get the full story by contacting the teacher in a positive way, and working together on the situation.

Let your child make mistakes – teachers want students who try hard and not all students are going to get all work correct all the time. Support your child but don't put too much pressure on them to be perfect. Our greatest lessons often come from the mistakes we make.

If the teacher is doing a good job let them know – working with a large group of young people is highly demanding. It's incredibly uplifting and appreciated when someone takes the time to say thank you

NEWSLETTERS – WHAT TO EXPECT

There is a monthly Newsletter issued to all students via email, usually on the first Friday of each month. Class teachers may also issue Newsletters or notices to parents of their students, stating information about programmes and class events. Notes will be sent home regarding camps, class trips etc.

CHANGING START TIME TO THE SCHOOL DAY

As of next week (Monday 5th February) the school day will begin at 8:45am as the specialist timetable gets underway. Students are expected to be in their homeroom ready for the day no later than 8:45am. School will still finish at 3pm.

MEET THE TEACHER EVENING

Thursday 15 February

6:30 pm RI Mission Statement

Principal's Welcome

BOT Chairperson/PTA Chairperson

6:50 pm Introduction of staff in hall

7.00 pm Meet the teachers in classrooms

Please note: *This evening is designed for you to meet the staff and for teachers to outline their teaching programme. Should you wish to discuss your child's progress, please make an appointment with the teacher for an alternative date.*

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1

Full details of all events can be found on our website

PTA Welcome Evening Tuesday 13 February
Cheese & Wine 7.30 pm in the staff room

Meet the Teacher Thursday 15 February
6:30 pm in Hall

Photolife photos Wednesday 21 February

BOT Meeting Tuesday 20 February
7:30 pm staffroom

RI Swimming Sports Wednesday 28 February

Awards Assemblies Friday 6 April

Year 7 Camps 19 – 23 March

Year 8 Camps Week 5, Week 6
of Term 1 and Week
2 of Term 2



TERM ENDS 3.00 pm FRIDAY 13 APRIL

ABSENCES



To report an absence please use the link in the top right corner on the school website www.remint.school.nz or via the school app

CONTACT DETAILS

The bulk of home/school communication is via email. In case of emergency we will contact directly via cell phone. It is critical that these details are kept up to date. If at any time the details change please use the link in the top right corner of our website to inform the school immediately.

CYBERSAFETY and RESPONSIBLE USE

All students have access to ICT to support learning. They have their own Remuera Intermediate email and login to our network. All students are required to sign a responsible use agreement prior to accessing ICT here at school.



All computers are protected against inappropriate websites and the school has its own internal audit procedure to monitor website use. On some rare occasions, we become aware of student 'conflict' taking place through home email, chat rooms etc. Parents are encouraged to regularly check on how their child is using the Internet and in particular Social Media outside of school hours.

ROAD SAFETY

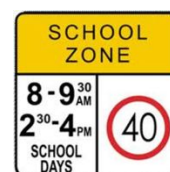
The school has safety rules that our staff strictly enforce, particularly at the end of the school day. We are very aware of the dangers the students face crossing the road at the Ascot Ave/Greenlane lights and there are concerns about the traffic congestion along both Ascot Ave and St Vincents Ave.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

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 and signed out.



SCHOOL STAFF 2017

Note: Contact details for most staff are available on our school website

SENIOR LEADERSHIP

Principal: Kyle Brewerton
Deputy Principal: Tom Beckett
Senior Leadership: Megan McGaw – Year 7, Robin Gatfield - Year 8
Director of International Students: Robert Rasmussen

CLASSROOM TEACHERS:

Year 7: Nicolette Maginn (5), Kelly Lynch (6), Laureline Remacle (7), Sarah Choat (8), Shane Dalton (9), Hayley Buckley (10), Anne McDonnell (11), John Houston (12), Harmony Weston (13), Carl Maskell (14), Debbie Peninsula (15), Sam Blow (16), Pamela Clydesdale (17), Shirley Christie (18)

Year 8: Tom Rowley (1), Jason Waite (2), Juliet McGarry (3), Debbie Western (4), Linda Shaw (21), Alysha Powell (22), Lewis Wallace (23), Pip Faulknor (24), Alan Whitehouse (31), Julie Miller (32), Alaric Nichols (33), Holly Hunter (34), Jacqui O'Donnell (35), Rebecca Collins (36)

SPECIALIST TEACHERS

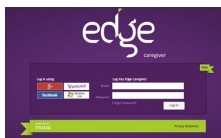
Bio Technology:	Natasha Jeffrey	Soft Materials:	Lorraine Herbert	Hard Materials:	Geoff MacCulloch
Food Technology:	Sonja Potter	Media Studies:	Kris Zemke	Music:	Veronica Shiloh
Art:	Billie Sturgiss	Drama:	Kris Zemke	Violin:	Dr John Thomson
French:	Jane Gordon	Japanese:	Joanne McNeil	Te Reo:	Odie Johnson
SENCO:	Rosey Dodson				
ESOL:	Jan Hedges				

Part time teachers: Christine Teesdale, Marguerita Muirhead, Richard Peters, Rainey Nicholls, Claire Bentley, Janet Lowe.

SUPPORT STAFF

Office Manager/Principals Assistant:	Janne Rochat
Finance Officer:	Giok Choong
Finance Assistant:	Jan Covacich
Payroll:	Paula Hughes
Reception:	Lorraine Lusi/Margaret Khoong
Enrolments:	Christine Cranfield
Resource Manager:	Jossie Dunlop
Library:	Jenny Inverarity
Teacher Aides:	Claudia Thomas, Sarah Vujcich, Linda Blackmore, Josh Christensen
Property Manager:	John Smyth
Caretaker:	David Dai

PARENT PORTAL



The parent portal provides access to your child's details and school records including reports and attendance. In addition, all payments can be paid directly online.

During the first week of school the students should have received a notice explaining the 2017 fee structure. The stationery packs provide the basic requirements for the start of the year. The Activity Fee covers the cost of a range of schoolwide events involving transport and additional tuition costs. The materials fee covers the cost of the materials used and taken home as end products in the various specialist subjects.

All payments can be made online via our parent portal. I would like to extend a big thank you to those who have already contributed this year. Alternatively, credit card and EFTPOS facilities are available here at school.

I would also like to thank those families that have contributed a donation to the school. This goes a long way to providing the many additional programmes we have on offer here at Remuera Intermediate. Do remember you are able to claim a good portion of this donation contribution back through your annual tax return.

MOBILE TELEPHONES



Mobile phones are **NOT** permitted to be used at school. We ask that you actively **discourage** your child from bringing his/her phone to school. However, should your child need to bring a phone for after-school use, the phone must be turned off when entering the school site and we strongly recommend that it is handed to the class teacher for safekeeping throughout the day. The school will take no responsibility for any phone brought to school.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our website is constantly being updated with upcoming events and news. Most questions we are asked have the answer in the A to Z section of our website. Please take advantage of this fantastic resource www.remint.school.nz

HOME AND SCHOOL EMAIL COMMUNICATION

Over the last few years the use of email has allowed us to communicate more efficiently and effectively within our Remuera Intermediate School environment and as a community.

To ensure all parties (staff, students, parents and the wider community) find that email continues to be effective we have developed school guidelines around its use. Thank you for joining staff in following these guidelines.

E-Mail Guidelines

- Decide if you are sending this email for the purposes of information giving or some other reason. Organisation of events, meeting requests and information giving are the best use of email as a form of communication.
- Try to keep emails brief and include a clear subject line as a header so people can identify swiftly if it is relevant to them.
- Make sure that it is clear in your email what the purpose of the email is - do you require specific action or is the email for information only?
- Avoid using email for complaining or venting - this is not an appropriate use of the medium. If you have a sensitive issue or challenging situation, please do not hesitate to make a time to speak to your child's teacher or one of our school leaders in person.
- Avoid using email as an excuse to avoid personal contact. A simple 'rule of thumb' is to ask yourself if you would say what you have written to the person's face.

Parents to Staff E-Mail

- If you have any concerns about your child, please email your child's classroom teacher to make a time to discuss these in person. Please inform your child's teacher of your concerns before the meeting to support a positive outcome.
- Please do not expect a reply from a teacher immediately as our expectation is that they will be working with children during the school day. Teachers will reply to emails within two working days.

LATE ARRIVAL/EARLY DEPARTURE

To ensure the safety of all students we ask that all students follow these procedures.

- If your child arrives at class after 8:45 they will need to sign in at the office and collect a late pass. If they go straight to class, the teacher will redirect them to the office to sign in.
- If you are taking your child out of school early you must personally collect them from the office and they must sign out.
- If your child is not at school when we take attendance and we have no notification from you, an automated text will be sent informing you of your child's absence.
- It is critical that we know the whereabouts of all students to ensure their safety. Please support us in this by advising the school of any absences or lateness.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

We are currently recruiting for two part time receptionists. The first receptionist position is for 25 hours per week Monday - Friday (8.00 am - 1pm) and the other receptionist position is for 16 hours per week (Thursday & Friday 8.00 am - 4pm). Both roles will require flexibility in having to work additional hours on occasion. We are looking for a great team player, with good communication skills, IT savvy, able to multitask, good data entry skills and ensure the health and welfare of our children who come into the sick bay.

If you are interested in applying for either of these roles, please email officemgr@reminst.school.nz with a covering letter and your cv or to request a job description.