



## AUGUST 2018 NEWSLETTER

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

#### QUALITY TEACHING AND LEARNING AT REMUERA INTERMEDIATE

Last year we reviewed our mission statement to now read;

*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.*

At the start of this year we commenced a process of curriculum review starting with the statement 'In thinking about quality teaching and learning at Remuera Intermediate we believe'. Staff have spent numerous meetings considering this statement and compiling a set of belief statements. These are as follows;

- *Rigorous, engaging and inspiring learning experiences develop the knowledge, skills and understanding relevant to our students' world now and into the future*
- *A range of assessment practices provide purposeful, timely and relevant information regarding the progress and achievement of all students*
- *Individual strengths, needs, interests and experiences are integral in contributing to a culture of high expectations where everyone feels safe, supported and valued*
- *Positive and supportive relationships provide a solid foundation for social, emotional, intellectual and physical development*
- *Teachers and school leaders actively seek and participate in professional learning to support continuous growth and development*

Going forward we are now working through a process of writing guiding statements to clarify how these beliefs are embodied in the school. Once we have working drafts for each of these initial statements we will be seeking input from across our wider school community. This will range from face to face workshops to online feedback. Once this document is complete we will have a touchstone to guide our future decision making around our curriculum and teaching and learning programmes.

As a school we will be able to take these statements and reflect critically on our current practices and how these may need to be changed, refined or adapted going forward to address these beliefs. An example of how this document will guide us could be with regard to learning experiences, as in the first statement above regarding learning experiences. If we consider that learning will be engaging and inspiring we can reflect on current programmes and ask ourselves where we see evidence of this in action. If there is a gap between what we say we believe and what we do then we can make the necessary changes to address these gaps.

We look forward to sharing more with you regarding this work very soon and hearing your thoughts as we move forward with this focus.

#### STUDENT SAFETY AND WELLBEING BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

We have become increasingly worried about the number of students being dropped at school as early as 7am. This is a significant risk as they are not supervised and should something happen, there is no one here to help them. Also, this is a very early start for our young people who have a very busy day ahead of them.

Unless involved in organised activities children should arrive at school after 8am and leave by 3:30pm. Thank you for your support in this matter.

## STARBURST PERFORMANCE

Our specialist programme Starburst Performers allows students' personal growth through the development of dramatic and musical pieces that encourage imaginative and thrilling performance opportunities.

Come and watch this years Starburst Performance, Alien Aid. All welcome.



## BOYS AND GIRLS BREAKFASTS

This is a very successful annual event run by our PTA where we invite our students to come and share breakfast with their parents and caregivers and hear an inspirational speaker. It is a separate event for boys and girls from 7:00am - 8:00am in our School Hall.

- BOYS BREAKFAST – TBC

Speaker Sir Peter Gluckman - Chief Science Advisor to the Prime Minister

<http://www.pmcsa.org.nz/a-short-biography-of-peter-gluckman/>

\$10 per student and caregiver.

- GIRLS BREAKFAST – TUESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

Speaker Angela Barnett Pretty Smart - Breaking Beauty Stereotypes for Teens.

<https://angelabarnett.me/pretty-smart-talks-to-teens-angela-barnett/>

<https://aucklandfoundation.org.nz/pretty-smart-talks>

Tickets on sale from Thursday 6 September in our main school foyer.

\$10 per students and caregiver.

## CROSS COUNTRY 2018

Unfortunately this year Ellerslie Race Course is completing a major upgrade and is closed until October 2018. Therefore, we are unable to use their grounds for this event. Instead the School Cross Country Race will be held in Week 4 (August 13-17) with each syndicate running their own two circuit race around a specific neighbourhood route.

From Monday 23 July syndicates are practicing this circuit during their allocated PE times: Up Ascot Avenue, left on to Cotter Avenue, left on to Remuera Road, left down St Vincents Avenue and through the school netball courts.

Runners can choose to compete in their syndicates timed race held in Week 4. The times will be recorded of the fastest 24 runners in each year group by gender.

The fastest 8 runners out of those 24 recorded in each year group by gender (ie. 32 students) will form the Remuera Intermediate School Cross Country Team to compete at the Central Zones Cross Country Championship at Waiatarua Reserve on Wednesday 29 August 2018 (rain date - Friday 31 August 2018).



## BRIDGE COMPETITION

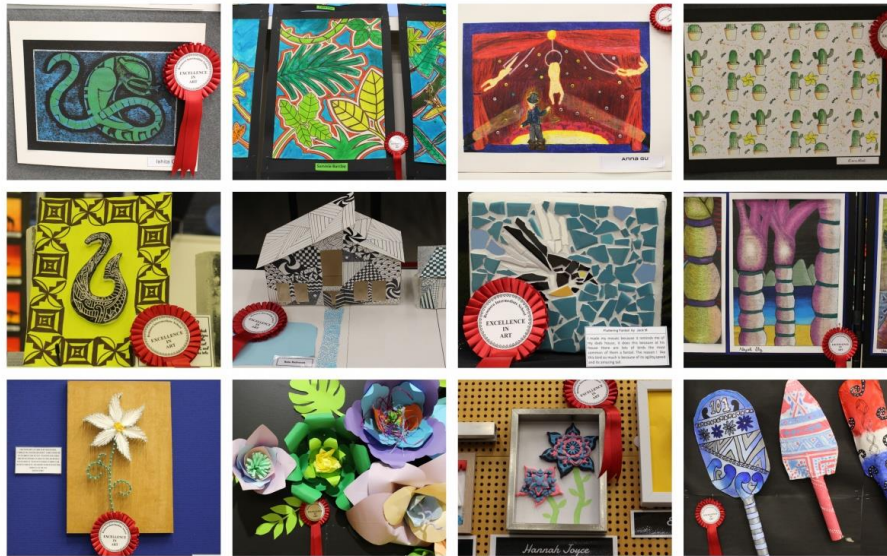


On Sunday 29 July members of the Remuera Intermediate Bridge Team participated in the NZ Bridge Tournament in Howick. Pupils from several intermediate and high schools took part. The RI team put forward 15 members. High placings were achieved by Justin Chao, Richie Bendall, Evan Yong, Max Powell and Michael Zeng.

The next completion will be on Sunday 26 August. The Bridge club meets twice weekly in Room 17 and is coached by Mrs Clydesdale, assisted by Jacob Kalma, a NZ representative Bridge player. Bridge is part of the school's 2Es extension programme.

## ART EVENING 2018

At the end of Term 2 all the students at Remuera Intermediate participated in Art Week. Classes spent the week creating a wide range of art works using a variety of mediums which are then displayed in the hall at Art Evening.



The Art Evening is a very popular community event, supported by the parent group and well attended by our students and their families.

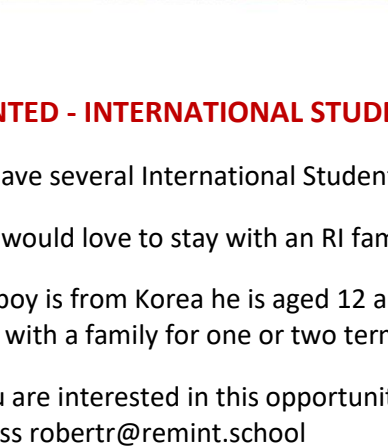


The fourth annual Trash to Fashion runway show adds glamour and recycling creativity to the evening.



## RI CYCLING CLUB HAPPENINGS

In the first weekend of the school holidays a group of RI road cyclists headed to Cambridge to compete in the North Island Schools Road Race Championship. It was a very successful, fun weekend with our cyclists learning the art of cycling, developing skills & challenging themselves. The highlight was Jonny Barclay placing 2nd in the U13 Boys Criterium race. Well done to all who took part!



## WANTED - INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS HOMESTAY

We have several International Students who have started at our school this term.

Each would love to stay with an RI family who live reasonably close to the school.

One boy is from Korea he is aged 12 and has great English. He would love to have a kiwi experience where he stays with a family for one or two terms. He will pay around \$280 per week.

If you are interested in this opportunity please contact Robert Rasmussen, International Student Director to discuss [robertr@remint.school](mailto:robertr@remint.school)

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 3

09 August	Starburst Performance	13 September	Technology Evening
14 August	PTA Meeting	18 September	Girls Breakfast
15 August	NZEI Proposed Strike - Details TBC	25 September	Board of Trustees Meeting
28 August	Board of Trustees Meeting	26 September	Dance Showcase
11 September	PTA Meeting	28 September	Term 3 Ends

## 2019 ENROLMENTS

If you have a Year 6 student who will be coming to RI in 2019, we encourage you to contact the school about starting the enrolment process early to ensure we are well prepared for the coming year.

If you have query regarding the enrolment process, please contact Ms Margaret Khoong at [enrolments@remint.school.nz](mailto:enrolments@remint.school.nz)

Important dates for 2019 Enrolments

In Zone/Out of Zone Applications Opened	Monday 7 May 2018 Forms are available on the school website/office Applications can be received via email, post or via the office Any applications that are not completed correctly or are missing documents will be rejected and returned to parents
In Zone Applications Closing Date	Friday 31 August 2018
Out of Zone Applications Closing Date	Wednesday 5 September 2018 at 4pm – no exceptions
Out of Zone Ballot	Wednesday 12 September 2018

## COLLEGE ENROLMENT DATES 2019

- Auckland Grammar School
- Epsom Girls Grammar School
- Glendowie College
- One Tree Hill College
- Selwyn College

The deadline for the receipt of applications for the schools mentioned above is **Wednesday 5 September 2018** and their ballot will be held on **Wednesday 12 September 2018** at the individual schools.

## AIMS FOOTBALL TEAM FUNDRAISER – UNIQUE RI LETTERMAN JACKET AUCTION

The Remuera Intermediate AIMS Football team is giving a parent, teacher or student the chance to be the No 1 on campus (and beyond) in a brilliant one of a kind Letterman Jacket!

The unique garment is being auctioned on TradeMe to help raise funds for the team's AIMS campaign and will be custom made for the winning bidder by leading NZ apparel manufacturer SAS Sport.

The quickfire auction ends **TONIGHT** Friday 3 August 2018 at 7:15pm and the Listing Number is 1717963833. All proceeds go towards the travel and accommodation costs of the AIMS Football Team.

So...don't delay, break open the piggy bank and make your bid here  
<https://www.trademe.co.nz/Browse/Listing.aspx?id=1717963833&ed=true>

The Fashion Gods thank you.



## THE PARENTING SHOW WITH PIO

Pio is one of New Zealand's most loved entertainers. In this show, Pio combines story-telling, singing, and video to entertain audiences and deliver helpful messages on how to have a happy, healthy family life.



Thursday 9 August  
7:30 - 9:00pm  
\$20 per person or \$30 per couple  
Doors open at 7pm for drinks & nibbles  
At The Parenting Place, 300 Great South Road, Greenlane  
Book at [www.theparentingplace.com](http://www.theparentingplace.com)

## 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

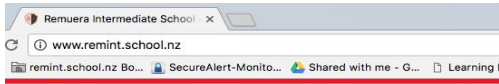
## EARLY TEXT NOTIFICATION

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.



HOME CONTACT CALENDAR

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REPORT AN ABSENCE

PARENT PORTAL

UPDATE MY DETAILS

## 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](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.