



REMUERA  
INTERMEDIATE  
SCHOOL  
RELIABILITY INTEGRITY SERVICE



## END OF YEAR 2020 NEWSLETTER

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

#### PRINCIPAL'S FAREWELL 2020

One of the things I love most about my job is that every day brings news and exciting opportunities and challenges that enable me to work with others to develop creative and innovative ideas and solutions. This being said, who knew back in February, the scale and magnitude of the challenges this year would bring.

As with any adversity or hardship, people find their way and human desire to thrive and connect prevail. Having discovered new ways of doing things over the course of the year, we have been somewhat forced to consider what is truly important to us. Hearing the various reflections from all of you after the first lockdown brought a smile to my face.

Many of you shared that you were pleased to be back among your friends and teachers, to be coming to school and having your teachers close by to help where needed, to have your friends waiting with a smile at morning tea, to join others on the sports field, stage or in the Art room. The only thing anyone seemed to really miss was being able to sleep in and spend the day in their pyjamas!

This feedback is a reflection of the heart and soul of our school and the community that make it the school we know and love. You have been amazing this year. I am extremely proud of you all and eternally grateful to be part of this place called RI. I know that for years to come we will share stories of the time an unseen force called Covid-19 changed our world. I cannot think of a better group of people to have shared this experience with.

Thank you and good luck for your next adventure, whatever that may be. Go forward knowing that no matter what the world throws at you, you have the strength to throw it straight back.

To those returning in the new year, I look forward to what the future holds. Be safe and enjoy the time with friends, family and loved ones.

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## GIRLS CRICKET NATIONALS

The girls cricket team headed off to Palmerston North for the cricket nationals.

They played 3 games over the first two days and had a tough start losing to Heaton Intermediate. However, they bounced back with two wins against Tawa Intermediate and St Matthews Collegiate.

Two games the following day and the girls were place 2nd in the country! Christelle McGuire also received the tournament MVP.

They all had an awesome experience, represented the school extremely well and made friends from different schools.





## CENTRAL ZONES ATHLETICS

A team of over 50 Remuera Intermediate athletes competed at Central Zones Athletics, on Wednesday 18th November. This was a thrilling day for all competitors, with many of our athletes having great success on both track and field.

The level of sportsmanship displayed was impressive, with everyone's motivation staying high considering the weather. Wind, rain or blazing sunshine couldn't stop us from pushing toward the wins.

### YEAR 7 GIRLS

Siena Baker 1st 200m & 2nd 100m  
Georgina McCallum 2nd High Jump

### YEAR 7 BOYS

Charlie Forsyth 2nd 800m & 1st 400m  
Karson Hawkins 1st 200m & 1st 100m  
Max Wilkins 2nd High Jump  
Samuel Tang 2nd Long Jump  
David Mafi 2nd Discus  
Relay Team 2nd

### YEAR 8 GIRLS

Kaya Jacobs 1st 100m  
Relay Team 1st

### YEAR 8 BOYS

Quinn Moss 1st 1500m & 1st 800m  
Troy Craddock 2nd High Jump  
Oscar Li 1st Long Jump  
Relay Team 3<sup>rd</sup>



## CENTRAL ZONES BADMINTON

On Wednesday November 11th, Miss Steele and Miss Sellon had the pleasure taking a group of 19 badminton players to Central Zones at the Auckland Badminton Centre.

Each year group consisted of 2 singles players and 1 doubles pair. We took 3 reserves who dedicated their time to scorekeeping games, which was much appreciated.

From the very start of the day RI dominated with fantastic play and excellent sportsmanship. We were really impressed with the students' resilience when things didn't go their way.

Miss Steele and I were extremely proud to be out watching such respectful and talented players representing RI.

### YEAR 7 BOYS SINGLES

1st - Matthew Zhao

2nd - Arvind Vairavan

### YEAR 7 BOYS DOUBLES

2nd - Jalis Helgen & Pranav Wadhwani

### YEAR 7 GIRLS SINGLES

2nd - Mikayla Chai

### YEAR 8 BOYS SINGLES

2nd - Rex Chu

4th - Brandon Wong

### YEAR 8 BOYS DOUBLES

2nd - Dinesan Thayalan & Jack Zhou

### YEAR 8 GIRLS SINGLES

3rd - Yahavi Santhosh



## CHEER AND DANCE FACTOR COMPETITION

The kids did an amazing job on Saturday 14 November! They were up against teams from around the country who didn't have the restrictions of Lockdown V2.0 so their results are even more impressive:

### CHEER

#### L1 Duo

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sophie Cresswell & Izzy Murray
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Shaelyn Greene & Hayley Fong

#### L1 Stunt Team

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lucy Graham, Leyla Zlatarevic, Lily Kane, Caoimhe Edwards & Aarya Vaidya

#### L2 Stunt Team

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sophie Pomfrett, Sarah Sell, Lindsay Bethell, Shaelyn Greene & Millar Earp

#### Scholastic Team

- 3<sup>rd</sup> RI Cheer Team

### DANCE

#### Jazz Solo

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Izzy Murray

#### Jazz Duo

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Izzy Murray & Charlotte Khoo

#### Jazz Trio

- 1<sup>st</sup> Izzy Murray, Sarah Sell & Jorgia Matthews

#### Jazz Troupe Youth

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jazz Performance Troupe

#### Jazz Troupe Junior

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Elite Jazz Troupe
- 4<sup>th</sup> Jazz Competition Troupe

#### Open Dance Troupe

- 1<sup>st</sup> Elite Jazz Funk Troupe
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tap Troupe
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jazz Funk Competition Troupe

#### Lyrical/Contemporary Troupe Junior

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lyrical Troupe
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Contemporary Troupe

#### Hip Hop Troupe Youth

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hip Hop Red Crew
- 4<sup>th</sup> Hip Hop Blue Crew

#### Hip Hop Troupe Junior

- 4<sup>th</sup> Hip Hop Extension

#### Pom Troupe

- 1<sup>st</sup> RI Pom Troupe



## STARBURST PERFORMANCE – VISION OF HOPE

So Starburst 2020 was different from other years. Due to the zombie apocalypse, sorry, the pandemic, plans had to be revised, altered and regenerated. During lockdown 1 the script for “Vision of Hope’ was developed and completed by a group from Starburst that met regularly with Mr Zemke on Google Meet.

‘Vision of Hope’ is an original musical story which depicts a very troubled and polluted world and a group of kids, called ‘the broken’ that have to save the day and repair the planet. Their mission that they discover in a dream is to unite the four elements, Earth, Water, Air and Fire. They have to visit each group in their separate location and convince them to stop being selfish and think about the betterment of everyone and instead join the broken on their journey to enlist all of the elements and their special powers. Of course, we all need to sing catchy, fun songs together along the way.

It became important to us that we would share this powerful story with others and to assist others to not lose hope during a year which has been difficult. We needed to be flexible about our performance date and had to move it from term three to term four which meant the starting of a Year 7 group became delayed. As soon as we were able to return to school and to let the group reform we endeavoured to rehearse and piece the production together. It required all of us to make some sacrifices in order to work towards putting on an excellent production to share with our parents and the school community.



## SERVICE WEEK 30 NOVEMBER – 04 DECEMBER 2020

Service Week at RI is when each class chooses an activity to raise funds for charity, give back to the school and to staff or help in the community. Some examples:

### Room 5

This year for Service Week Room 5 came up with the idea to start a book drive. The students collected books, wrote quotes, and sent three class representatives (Wayne Zhuang, Milla Steele and Mary Malkova) to an after-school care centre located at St Mary's Catholic School to hand over the books. Prior to their visit students packed the books in boxes and got ready to deliver them. Over 60 books were donated!

When the students got there, the children were excited to hear about what Room 5 had done for them. Children from this centre will also share the books with children from Ellerslie School (Primary). We really hope that the children who get our books will enjoy reading them!

### Room 12

For Service Week Room 12 had a bake sale. We decorated posters and selected students got to work baking. We had a variety of delicious foods including, brownies, cake, cupcakes, 90+ cookies, fudge and much, much more!

We had about 70-80 customers which was really good. Our goal was to fundraise about \$50+ dollars but we fundraised a whopping \$214 dollars in total over about 20-30 minutes!!

### Room 16

We raised \$360 for our charity Make a Wish from a Lemonade Stand and Bake Sale. A huge thanks to all the parents for their support.

Some images from around the school during the week:





## INTERMEDIATE WRITERS AWARDS 2020 – KINDNESS AND BRAVERY IN ADVERSITY

Earlier this year we made the decision to enter in the Intermediate Writers Award. The theme for the 2020 competition was 'Kindness and Bravery in Adversity'. Over 200 schools across NZ took part and the competition received entries from thousands of Year 7-8 students. RI's results were so exciting:

### **FIRST Place - Nicholas Weston Room 24. For his essay 'Frank William Weston'**

Nicholas' essay was selected by judges for its topic relevance, originality, personal voice, clear and cohesive structure, development of key ideas and overall impact.

Judges commented:

"This is a beautifully written essay. I connected with this story immediately as it made me reflect on the struggles of my ancestors to build a viable life for me and my whanau in Aotearoa. The story of Frank Weston is inspiring."

### **THIRD Place - Violet Richardson Room 23**

Violet's essay was selected by judges for its topic relevance, originality, personal voice, clear and cohesive structure, development of key ideas and overall impact.

Judges commented:

"How proud must your family be of the journey you are undertaking and the respect you have for your grandpa. What you have created here is a story which your family can keep and cherish forever. Keep writing, you have huge talent, and I loved this essay."

### **Congratulations to Dylan Marsh Room 24 who was awarded 1 out of only 14 Highly Commended for his essay inspired by Nelson Mandela.**

Judges commented:

"A meticulously researched piece, tracking history precisely to provide clear and powerful examples to support key ideas. A deeply moving essay. Tackles such difficult and personal issues with poise, grace and incredible insight. Well done for truly and bravely bringing your personal connection to this important subject."

### **Congratulations to Rena Misra Room 23 and Hannah Grigg Room 24 who got 2 out of 40 Commended Certificates.**

Judges were impressed with the command of technical skill shown in your writing.





## GARDEN TO TABLE – END OF YEAR HARVEST

This has been a very exciting week for the Garden to Table group. Having waited patiently till the last possible moment, it was time to harvest our potato crop in the last week of the school year. With a wheelbarrow and pitchforks in hand, we made our way to the potato plots with a little nervousness about what we might find, a feast or a famine?

After the first dig, loud squeals of delight brought students and teachers rushing over to witness the uncovering of a bumper crop!! Two potato varieties had been planted, Desiree and Ilam Hardy. These were weighed before sampling and an amazing total of over 20kg were harvested over the 2 plots! We're all looking forward to a lunchtime feast as well as experimenting with long term storing methods so the potatoes can be used by the Foods classes next year.



The warmer weather is speeding up the growing season and suddenly we are picking courgettes, beans, lettuce and the last of our cauliflowers and silverbeet. Tomato plants are beginning to flower too! We wish you all a warm summer break and plentiful harvesting from your home gardens.

## OTAGO PROBLEM SOLVING – FINAL CHALLENGE

The Otago Problem Solving Challenge is a New Zealand wide mathematical problem solving competition for Year 7 and Year 8 students. On the 29 October over 40 students from RI qualified to sit the final test. The final challenge was extremely difficult but the following students did exceptionally well:

- Gary Yuan - Year 8 1st Place - Top in New Zealand!
- Rex Chu- Year 8 3rd Place
- Tony Chou- Year 8 Distinction

## DONATING SCHOOL UNIFORM

We would be glad to accept school uniforms that are no longer needed, especially from Year 8 pupils who are leaving. Pupils can bring them to the school foyer during the last few days of school or they can be placed in the drop-off bin in the school car park near the hall, during the school holidays.



## IMPORTANT DATES

11 December	Term 4 Ends 1pm	26 July 2021	Term 3 Starts
04 February 2021	Term 1 Starts	01 October 2021	Term 3 Ends
16 April 2021	Term 1 Ends	18 October 2021	Term 4 Starts
03 May 2021	Term 2 Starts	15 December 2021	Term 4 Ends
09 July 2021	Term 2 Ends		

(For a full list of important dates, please see the calendar on the school website.)

## REMUERA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL APP

You can download the free app from the App Store or Google Play. It works on both android and Apple phones. It sends important school messages and 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/>

### 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



## ABSENCES

All absences need to be reported by 8:45am at the latest. To report an absence please:

Use the 'Report an Absence' link in the top right corner on the school website homepage <http://www.remint.school.nz>

Use the school app or

Phone the office on 09 522 9890 Option 1

Please do not email absence notifications to classroom teachers

## ABSENCE TEXT NOTIFICATION

Your children's safety is of paramount importance to us. In order to ensure the safety of all our students, at 9:30am if your child has not been marked as Present we will send out a text notification to alert you of his/her absence.

We are aware many parents are simply very busy people and forget to notify the school so please respond with a Y and a reason for the absence/lateness. Respond with an N if you have dropped your child at school or know that he/she was coming to school and we can investigate this promptly.

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

## PARENT PORTAL

Parents are able to use our portal to pay for their child's donations and fees. We encourage anyone who has not already signed up to do so. The address is <https://parent.musac.school.nz/>