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JUNE 2017 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

As this newsletter goes out, we are saying farewell to our guests from Tahuna Intermediate in Dunedin.

Remuera Intermediate has a sister school relationship with Tahuna, the aim being to develop understandings between the two schools.

It was wonderful to have this group of students and teachers in our school and to show them around our city.

A very big thank you to our host families and students, our school exchanges would not be possible without such community support.

Remuera Intermediate will travel to Dunedin in early term 3. We will begin to promote and call for applications for this trip shortly.

Recently I have noticed from the attendance records that a number of students are going away during school time. While this is generally acceptable, we do have a procedure in place for trips longer than a couple of days. To apply for approved absences, you need to email me directly outlining the purpose of the travel and the expected timeline. It is worth noting too that if your child is absent from school for more than 21 consecutive days without notification, we have the right to remove your child from the school roll. For anyone out of zone this means you may potentially forfeit your child's place in the school. It is best practice to always advise the school of any absenteeism your child may have during school term, so that we have a written record of this on file and so we can ensure the safety of all our students. Thank you.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our website is constantly being updated with upcoming events and news. Most 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

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 toward more online communication and sharing of student records.

ABSENCES

To report an absence please use the link on the school website homepage www.remint.school.nz

OR

Telephone the school directly and leave a message on the absentee line indicating the room number, name, reason for absence and when expected back at school.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 2

9 June	Open classes for parents of our school
13 June	PTA Meeting
20 June	Board of Trustees Meeting
28 June	School Social

PARENT PORTAL

Thank you very much to everyone for your perseverance and patience as we move our systems online. We have managed to work through many of the challenges faced by various families over these early weeks and the vast majority of families are now actively using the portal to make payments for various activities including camp, music, sports teams etc.

I would encourage anyone who has not signed up to try to do so. The address is <https://parent.musac.school.nz/>

If you have any difficulties please contact Helen Masters at helenm@remint.school.nz for technical support.

By the end of 2017 we will be moving all payments online via our parent portal. This will ultimately make payments a great deal easier for families and for our staff here at school. In the meantime, credit card and EFTPOS facilities are available here at school.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION SURVEY JUNE 2017

The Remuera Intermediate School Board of Trustees regularly reviews our strategic plan and the extent to which we are achieving our goals and meeting the expectation of our community. In order to assist us with this process, we invite you to complete a brief five question survey by clicking on the following link <https://goo.gl/forms/bQzx8pRCjPhaKbqg1>
All replies will be anonymous.

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

TERM DATES 2017/2018

We now have confirmed dates for 2017 and 2018. These dates are also available on our website.

2017

Term Two

- Monday 1 May – Friday 7 July

Term Three

- Monday 24 July – Friday 29 September

Term Four

- Monday 16 October – Friday 15 December



2018

Term One

- Tuesday 30 January – Friday 13 April

Note: Easter falls during Term One (Fri 30 Mar – Tues 3 Apr)

Term Two

- Monday 30 April – Friday 6 July

Term Three

- Monday 23 July – Friday 28 September

Term Four

- Monday 15 October – Friday 14 December

RI SCHOOL APP

We now have a Mobile App for important School messages. Final tests and set up is being made on the app now and it will be available to download within the next week or so. More information soon.



CARS IN AND AROUND THE SCHOOL



Please remember, parents should not drive into the school grounds to drop off or pick up students. This is a safety issue for all concerned. Please arrange to meet your child away from the school

MICHELLE MCIVER - ART

A group of year 8 students have been working on a piece of art based around the work of Michelle McIver using stencil and lino blocks. Michelle is a parent in our school, her son George is in year 8. She has been in several times to give advice and feedback as well as sharing her wonderful art work with us.



YEAR 8 HIPHOP EXTENTION KIDS

The Y8 Hiphop Extension Kids performed at the Street Dance NZ Hiphop National Competition on the last weekend of the holidays. They did amazing and won the Intermediate Schools Megacrew Division for the 2nd year running. Well down!



SCHOOL SOCIAL DANCE – WEDNESDAY 28TH JUNE

Our school social dance will be held in the school hall on Wednesday 28 June.

Tickets will be on sale from Monday 19th June from 8.00 am in the school foyer. Costs of the tickets are \$10.

For traffic safety reasons please do not drive into the school groups to drop your child off.

FOOD TECHNOLOGY SHOWCASE

To mark the end of the first cycle of the Year 8 Food Technology programme, family members and classroom teachers were invited into the Food Tech room. There they were treated to a presentation of the students' work; the product development of Healthy Hash Browns, Seasoned Beef and Vegetarian Sausages and Scones with jam & cream. Wall displays showing exemplars of student work were shared, along with Google Classroom work that was viewed on the Food Tech Chromebooks. The highlight of the day was the sampling of the freshly made products.



Science Roadshow 2017

Remuera Intermediate hosted the Science Roadshow on the 23rd and 24th of May in the school hall. Every class was timetabled a discovery based learning session in which they got to experiment with a completely new suite of interactive displays covering all aspects of science. To assist the roadshow staff, 12 Y8 students were carefully selected to act as demonstrators. Students were also treated to two shows by the Roadshow crew at the start and end of their allocated time. Teachers and students gained a lot from the quantity and quality of the Science Roadshow, making the event a resounding success! Curriculum Leader for Science, Alaric Nicholls.



FAREWELL FROM THE RI FAMILY TO OUR WONDERFUL MUSIC DIRECTOR

At the end of Term 2, we bid a sad farewell to our Music Director, Sharon Kearney. Mrs Kearney has been with Remuera Intermediate for the past 19 years as head of our music department. She would like to thank the staff and the school community for all the fabulous music that she has enjoyed while being here. Our Principal is currently interviewing for a suitable replacement. The music programme will continue to be at a high level with our current staff, Mrs Jane Gordon, Dr John Thomson and Mr Lewis McCallum. On behalf of the school and the community, we wish Mrs Kearney all the best in her future endeavours and thank her for her passion and enthusiasm to the music department throughout her tenure with us.

