



**REMUERA  
INTERMEDIATE  
SCHOOL**  
RELIABILITY INTEGRITY SERVICE



## JUNE 2022 NEWSLETTER

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

#### Investing in our Young People

As Term 2 draws to a close I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the team here at RI. This term has been a real return to the hustle and bustle of Intermediate School life. In addition to classroom programmes we have had multiple sports teams competing, enrichment groups, water safety, excursions and the science roadshow visiting to name a few. This has all taken place in a term when on any given day we can have up to 8 teachers away and limited relief teachers.

Term 3 is likely to continue in a similar vein however we have every intention of keeping up the pace and making this year a positive experience for our young people. Last night at our annual Arts Evening we were reminded what it means to come together as a community and be part of something that brings joy to so many people.

As we look to Term 3 and beyond, we continue to raise questions about the way the current education system is designed. The following table shows what this looks like in schools. As you can see Years 4-8 receive the least number of teachers per pupil. This is a critical time in a child's education as this is when the foundation that is built during the first 3 years of schooling is consolidated and built upon in preparation for high school. In addition, by Year 4 it is clear which students have additional learning needs and interventions can be targeted, however, as you can see, we have the least number of staff to provide this support during these intermediate years meaning these challenges carry on into high school where the gap only increases.

YEAR OF SCHOOLING	MĀORI IMMERSION TEACHER TO STUDENT RATIO	NON-MĀORI IMMERSION TEACHER TO STUDENT RATIO
Year 1	1:15	1:15
Year 2-3	1:18	1:23
Year 4-8	1:18	1:29
Year 9-10	1:20	1:23.5
Year 11	1:20	1:23
Year 12	1:18	1:18
Year 13 or above	1:17	1:17

We have been campaigning recently to address this imbalance in the system and as electioneering by our politicians increases in the coming months, I ask you to consider what it would take to ensure your child is given the best possible start to their educational journey. Given the right conditions we can have a school system that supports all learners and ensures everyone gets the attention and support they deserve to grow into thriving young adults.

### Staff Farewells

This week we farewell Jenny Inverarity after 34 years at RI as the one and only Librarian to date. Jenny has done an incredible job over her time here and has served over 10,000 students. This is an amazing achievement and we will miss her dearly. We wish her all the very best with her retirement as she sets sail around the world. We felt it only fitting to give her a cruise ship send off!



Also leaving us this term is Kristin Roscherr who has won a position at an educational consulting company providing support to school with Literacy. This is a fantastic achievement for Kristin and her experience, knowledge and passion for literacy will be a great asset, not only to her new workplace but the broader education sector.

I would also like to thank Mrs Tracey Tetley who has covered Room 12 whilst Mr Houston was travelling back in the UK to reconnect with his family after 3 long years.

Kyle Brewerton  
Principal

## BOYS OPEN WEIGHT RUGBY

The open weight rugby team travelled to Avondale racecourse on the 16th of June to take part in the Central Zone Auckland competition.

The boys had a tough day at the office losing 3 of their 4 games. However, they showed amazing character during the day, never dropping their heads and wearing their jerseys with pride. In the end the boys made it an enjoyable day where they learned lots of new things. This team should be proud of how they held themselves during the day.



## BOYS U45 RUGBY



U45 rugby team travelled to Marist Rugby Club grounds on Tue 21st June to take part in the Interzone Auckland Championships. Due to the cancellation of the Central Zone competition the team had not yet played together so beginning at this level was an unknown.

The boys had a very successful day not losing a game and drawing with the team who won the competition 12 - 12, St Peters.

They finished in 2nd place overall which was a great result out of all of Auckland, although they were 1 conversion, that hit the posts, off winning the whole competition.

## CENTRAL ZONES TABLE TENNIS

After an exciting morning, many of our players topped their round robin competitions. There were some exhilarating matches played with some excellent results from some of our newer players. The knockout stages proved to be a big step up from the round robin with several team members facing very difficult opponents and dropping out.

The stage was set for an exciting semifinal with Marco Cheung and Aanya Dewan both competing for top spots in their competitions. Marco took out his final in a decisive victory 3-0. Aanya played hard and battled to the final set 2-2. It was a suspenseful game with Aanya sealing the win.

All players from RI did an amazing job and had a great day.



## STAFF V STUDENTS FOOTBALL MATCH

The Staff v Students Competition resumed in earnest in Term 2 with the annual football match.

A strong student team put on a football clinic in the first half taking a 2-0 lead into half time.

Despite a lack of subs (and lack of fitness) the staff managed to put on a better performance in the second half to pull the game back a little and finish the game 4-1 (it would have been 4-2 but for a controversially disallowed goal late in the game!)



## RECENT CYCLING EVENTS AND RESULTS

### Truck Awareness Training, May 22, Orakei

A good turn out of riders attended this excellent practical training session about safety when riding near large vehicles.



### Pukekohe Points Race, 29th May, Pukekohe Raceway

This is a college-only event which RI has been invited to compete in. We are not eligible for medals or certificates however some of our riders had outstanding results -

Cole Feringa - 1st place in U14 Boys, winning all three sprints

Nova Taylor - 2nd place in U13 Girls

Ruby Chenery and Oliva Evans also recorded points resulting in top 10 finishes.



### Junior iBUILT Road Tour, 18-19 June, Aka Aka/Otaua

This event replicates the Tour de France where riders compete in five different races over two days - Hill Climb, Individual Time Trial, two Road Races and a Kermesse (a very short road race).

Cole Feringa - 2nd place overall including Sprint, Hill Climb and General Classification.

Oliva Evans - 5th overall and she received a special award for her perseverance and positivity

All RI riders finished in the top 14 (Olivia Evans, Cole Feringa, Max Allan, Kairan Strydom, Thomas Still, Angus Dickinson, Caleb Swan, James Turnbull)



### Auckland MTB series race #2, 3rd July, Totara Park

Cole Feringa – 1<sup>st</sup> place U14 boys event

Sebastian, Angus & Max made top 10 placings



## UPCOMING CYCLING EVENTS

### North Island Road & Track Champs, 9-11 July, Karapiro/Cambridge

We have a large number of riders registered to compete in this two day event including three riders competing at the Cambridge Velodrome track event. Good luck to all those competing, we await the results.

### MTB coaching, 16-17 July, Rotorua

Following the NI champs event our riders have been invited to attend a 2-day MTB coaching programme in Rotorua with professional coaching by Louis Hamilton - NZ U19 downhill champion and 5 years on the World Cup circuit. This is a great opportunity for our MTB riders to improve and develop new skills.

## YEAR 7 ZOO TRIP



Year 7's visited Auckland Zoo this term as part of their Surviving to Thriving unit. Over the term we looked at how living things are suited to their particular habitats and how they respond to environmental changes.

We were all very excited to be heading out on a school trip, and were all super impressed with the new zoo upgrades - definitely worth a visit over the holidays!

Thank you very much to our parents and caregivers who were able to join us on this very valuable trip.

## FAR OUT BRUSSEL SPROUT!

Year 8 Foods students have been learning how to grow vegetables from seed and are playing an active role in maintaining the school veggie garden growing, harvesting and cooking the wonderful range of vegetables produced.

This week Rooms 23, 24 & 25 tended the Brussel Sprouts crop, removing unwanted foliage to encourage the sprouts to grow and harvested the larger sprouts. Edeline Rahardjo showed us how to make a delicious stir fry recipe using garlic and ginger to flavour the Brussel Sprouts.



## 2022 WATER SAFETY PROGRAMME

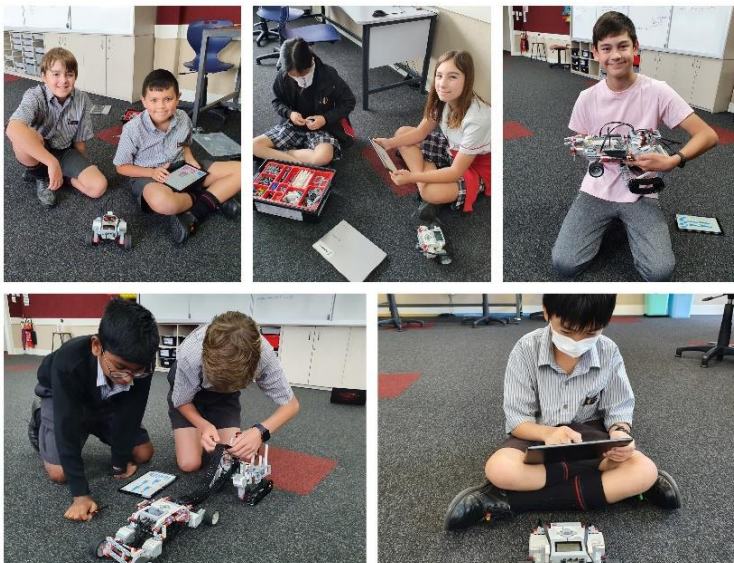
Many of our Year 7 classes have taken part in the Water Safety Program. This is held over 2 days at Mt Albert Aquatic Centre.

The activities include - life jacket use, boat safety, rescue techniques, rivers and rips, survival rules and dealing with hypothermia. This year the hydro slide was closed as the stairs were under repair, but that did not take away any of the excitement. It was replaced by a game of water polo - so watch out Ms Gatfield, we have lots of students keen to play for RI next year.

A big thank you to our lovely parents who helped out - we could not do these types of exciting activities without your help.



## DIGITECH - ROBOTICS



As part of the Year 8 DigiTech programme students do Robotics. They design, build and program robots to perform different tasks. Afterwards they are given the chance to do their own passion builds and setups, the results are amazing!

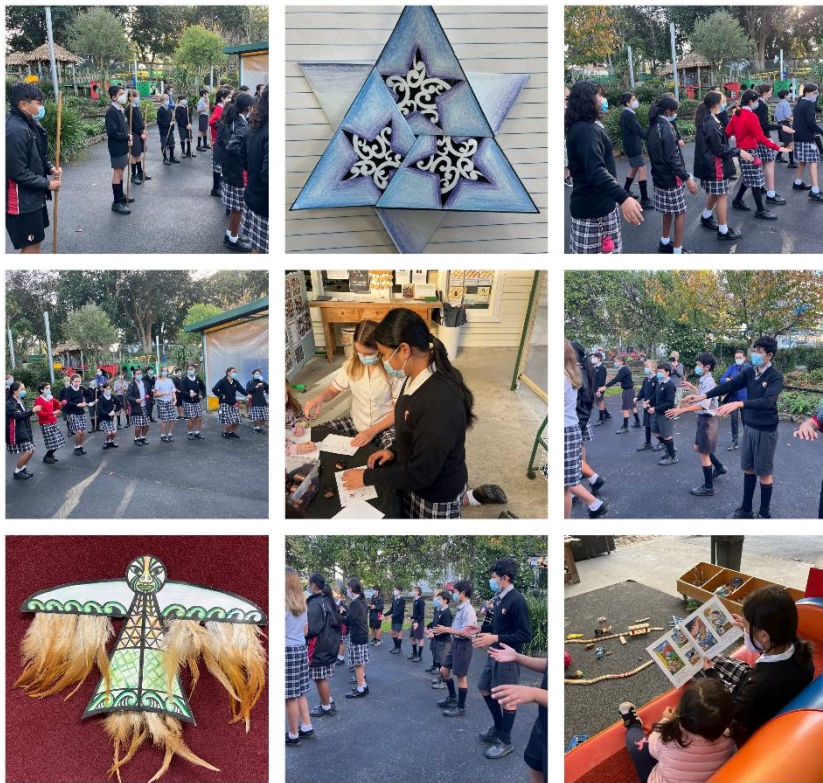
## CHESS COMPETITION

On July 1, students of Year 7 and Year 8 classes were accompanied by Mrs. Abrahamyan to take part in a chess competition organised by the Waitakere Chess Club. The competition was held at Mount Roskill War Memorial Hall.

Our team of three players played 18 matches, celebrating 7 victories and 3 draws altogether. The day was memorable as the students got to meet the head of the Chess Federation here in New Zealand. They learnt new moves and improved their play tenfold!



## MATARIKI



To celebrate Matariki, some members of the Kapa Haka group went on a trip to visit the kids at Remuera Kindergarten. The group performed some of their waiata (songs), showed their poi and taiaha skills and then watched and listened as the students from Remuera Kindergarten responded with some of the Māori songs they have been learning. Then it was time for both the Kapa Haka and kindergarten students to spend some time playing together.

In the Year 8 Te Reo Māori classes, the students learnt the different stories about the Māori New Year. They made stars to represent Matariki and her children, and inside their stars they wrote a goal/wish/hope for the coming year. They also decorated some kites which are traditionally flown around Matariki time to represent the connections between the Earth and the heavens. They learnt that each star in the Matariki cluster has a meaning and is responsible for a certain aspect of the world.

## TREES FOR SURVIVAL

On Thursday 23rd June a group of 26 Year 8 students hopped on a bus and drove all the way out to Clevedon to plant trees. Trees for survival is a programme our school has been part of for years, where we are given 1000 tiny, baby saplings to look after and grow in September and then take a group to plant them when they've grown the following June.

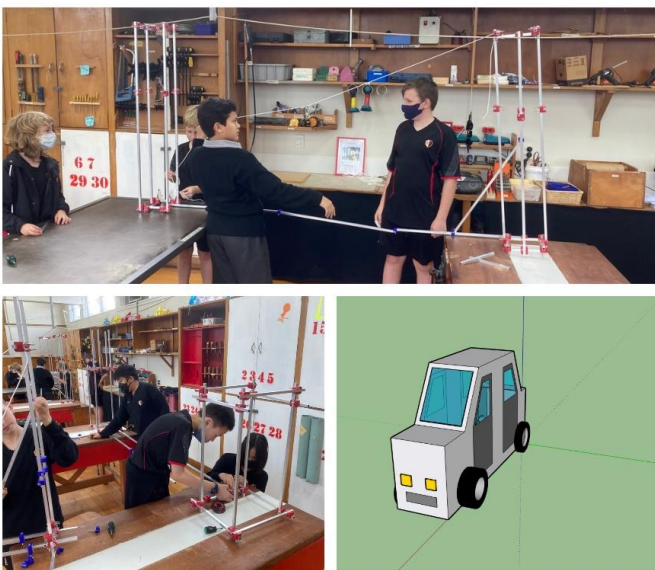
This year we had a fantastic day. We couldn't have asked for better weather; it had rained the previous weekend so the ground was nice and soft, but the day itself was bright and sunny. Although we all started rugged up, by lunchtime we were hot and sweaty from all our work.

We planted five different types of native trees to help with erosion near a waterway. Keeping this waterway clean helps the whole city as it eventually flows out to the sea. The roots of the trees will help to filter the water and keep it clean, and the trees themselves will store carbon and release fresh oxygen into the atmosphere.

It was a long day of hard work, rewarded at the end with kai from the land owner and the satisfaction of seeing all our work pay off in a beautifully planted new site of native bush. With 818 trees planted, it was the most any group has managed in one day according to the land owner!



## MULTI MATERIALS



Year 7 students from Room 11-14 recently enjoyed using the Epro8 kits to create structures and mechanisms as part of their TwoE's experience. They created towers, bridges and flying foxes as part of various design challenges. They have also been using Sketch Up software to design amazing vehicles.

## THE RURUS: DIAMOND ART TWOE'S

Students of Rooms 2, 3, 4 and 5 worked smart to create their art work during their Diamond Art TwoE's. Students used an applicator pen to stick diamonds to the adhesive canvas, following the provided pattern. To frame their work the students continued their project in the Multi Materials classroom and worked under the guidance of their teacher, Mr. Symons.

This collaboration helped us achieve the final result which was summed up in a mini art exhibition.

"I learned to be patient and to not get frustrated easily. Overall I really liked this Twoe's and I would want to do it again."

Sierra Sharma & Isla Chenery  
Room 5



## ROOM 29 NEWS

Happy Matariki!

Room 29 celebrated by planting snow peas and the first fruit trees for RI's new edible garden. Thank you to Mrs Potter for all her help.



Thank you to everyone who donated a blanket to Room 29 for the Give a Kid a Blanket campaign. What an awesome effort!

## SCHOOL BOARD PARENT ELECTION 2022

### Nomination Round

Our school will be undertaking a parent election for **3 School Board vacancies**.

This process will start with the issuing of nomination papers to our caregiver community by **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022**.

We have employed CES to undertake the election process on our behalf. This year with legislative change, our nomination form and full instruction on how to place your nomination into our own School's Election website will be emailed to you if we have your email address in our database or you will receive it by post if we don't have your email in our database.

Nomination papers will also be available at the school office. The school will send those on to CES for processing upon receipt from candidates.

**Nominations close on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August at 12 noon.**

**Election day is Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September.**

We look forward to your participation in this process.

Wayne Jamieson  
Returning Officer



## FREE FLU JABS FROM 1 JULY : TAMARIKI AGED 3-12

### Why it's important tamariki get a flu jab

Tamariki are at a higher risk of catching the flu and of passing it on to others, particularly other members of their whānau who may be older or have underlying health issues.

Protect your tamariki and your whānau from the flu – get a free flu jab for your tamariki if they're aged between 3 – 12.

### Getting the flu jab

If your child is 3-12 years old, they can now get a free flu vaccination from your GP, healthcare provider or at most pharmacies.

Most tamariki aged 9 years and over need one vaccination each year to get good protection against flu.

If you have a child under 9 years old, talk to your healthcare provider as they may need one or two vaccinations depending on whether they've had a flu vaccine before.

### Getting other vaccinations at the same time as the flu jab

It's important that tamariki are up-to-date with all of their vaccinations.

When you go to get your tamariki a flu vaccination, ask your healthcare provider if they're up-to-date with other vaccinations for viruses like measles and COVID-19 (if they're over 5 years old).

If your tamariki is also eligible for a COVID-19 vaccination, they can get this at the same time as the free flu vaccine.

There's no need to leave a gap between these vaccines.

If they've recently had COVID-19 they can have a flu jab as soon as they've recovered.

## IMPORTANT DATES

08 July	Term 2 Ends	09 September	Intenational Day
25 July	Term 3 Starts	20 September	BOT Meeting
09 August	PTA Meeting	28 September	RI Music Night
11 August	Photolife	30 September	Term 3 Ends
26 August	Teacher Only Day	17 October	Term 4 Starts

(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.edgelearning.co.nz/>

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