



REMUERA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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MAY 2017 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

You may have heard of CoL's (Community of Learnings) in the news as this has been a major policy platform for the current government. We have been a member of the ACCoS CoL since early 2015. Our Community of Learning (CoL) is going strong and we are making great progress. The eleven schools involved are all working on similar challenges this year around two focus areas – student agency and literacy.

Each school has a number of designated staff called in-school leaders or across school leaders) who work with teachers guiding them and supporting them to ensure our achievement challenges are met. Below is an update from the ANI Across School Leader, Kim Mackrell.

Hello, my name is Kim Mackrell, and I am one of nine Auckland Central Community of Schools Across School Leaders (ASL). The purpose of our role is to work alongside teachers to improve their practice and support them in meeting our shared achievement challenges. We meet regularly to identify common trends and collaboratively share our successes, learning and experience.

Over the last term, the Across School Leaders have made two key advancements in strengthening the work we do for our community.

Firstly, we have reflected on how we are currently functioning as a community and where we would like to be in the next few years. We have devised some strategic goals, which are:

- *To collaborate and use evidence to guide our practice.*
- *Build leadership capability within the community.*
- *Create an extended community comprising families, employers, iwi and communities.*

Achieving these will create a new way for teachers in different schools to work together and collaborate to improve and inspire student learning, progress and achievement. We are currently in the process of designing our action plan as to how we will meet these goals. Secondly, we have established relationships with 46 In School Leaders and are supporting the work they do with teachers and students in their schools.

A further initiative happening this term, is the establishment of cross sector groups which brings teachers together primary, intermediate and secondary practitioners who will work on common themes and challenges across our 11 schools. It is exciting to see this type of collaboration taking place to improve the learning for all students.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS KIWI HOMESTAYS WANTED

We will be enrolling some new International Students next term, some will study at our school for a few weeks, others will stay for a term or longer.

The agents who make the arrangements and co-ordinate the students' stay are always looking for families who can offer accommodation. Some of the students do not necessarily need their own room and are happy to share with a kiwi friend. Ideally, your house would be quite handy to the school. This is a great opportunity for your child to establish an international network with a child from Korea or China.

For more information about homestays and the rates of payment etc. please contact Robert Rasmussen (Director of International Students) on 522-9890 ext 819 or robertr@remint.school.nz



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



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

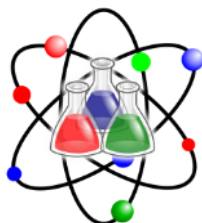
- Monday 23 July – Friday 28 September

Term Four

- Monday 15 October – Friday 14 December

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 2

23 & 24 May	Science Roadshow
25 May	Central Zone Football Girls Y8
2 June	Teacher only day
9 June	Open classes for parents of our school community
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 and 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.

We 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.

ENROLMENTS



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

FUTSAL (INDOOR FOOTBALL) RESULTS

Boys Futsal

Year 8 boys – 1st place

Year 7 Boys – 3rd place



Girls Futsal

Year 8 girls – 2nd place

Year 7 girls – 2nd place

Well done to all those that participated – a great effort!

CYCLE AND MOUNTAIN BIKING

The road cycling and mountain biking season is well underway and this year RI will be well represented with 18 returning and new riders in the cycling club.

Parents have been organising regular Sunday training for the students to improve their confidence, general road sense and develop time trialling skills. This is paying off and the results have been very pleasing so far ...

2017 Professionals Rotorua National MTB Champs – March Thomas Clark, 3rd place in the National Downhill event.



Auckland Secondary Schools Cross Country Mountain Bike series, Race 1 – May

Thomas Clark, 1st place, Yr7 & * Boys

Maia Barclay, 2nd place, Y7 & 8 Girls

Pukekohe Road Race series, Race 1, Points Race – May

Maia Barclay, 2nd place, U13 Girls

CENTRAL ZONE RUGBY COMPETITION



The U45kg boys' rugby team won the Central Zones rugby competition on the 10th May. The boys played 5 hard games on the day, winning them all. They will now go on to compete in the Auckland Championships on the 27th June 2017.

Under 55kg came second against very stiff competition.

Our school has achieved great success so far this term. All players should be congratulated on a great effort.

Squash and badminton has commenced for term 2. Make Sure you look out for Term 3's sporting dates.

We had the Blues come and visit the school last week to promote the upcoming Lions Tour. It was organised by NZ Rugby Union.



HONG KONG CHILDREN AND JUVENILE CHINESE OPERA TROUPE

Established in 1999, the Hong Kong Children and Juvenile Chinese Opera Troupe aims to promote Chinese opera and local culture, as well as to cultivate the next generation of Cantonese opera artists. The Troupe performs at several large-scale performances locally every year. The Troup has also been invited to conduct overseas cultural exchange and performances. We are pleased to advise the Troupe will be performing at our school on Monday 24th July 2017 from 11-1 pm. The children in the troupe are aged from aged 5 – 16 years of age.



INTERNATIONAL DAY

Last Friday, 12th May the school held its annual international day. It was wonderful seeing all the students and teachers dress up in their national dress from their countries of origin. The students put on two performances during the assemblies and was well received by all who attended. It was especially nice over the lunch break to taste all the various dishes from around the world. A huge thank you to the parents, teachers and helpers who made this day such a success.



