



REMUERA  
INTERMEDIATE  
SCHOOL  
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## MAY 2019 NEWSLETTER

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

#### Sporting Enhancements for 2019

This year has seen a few changes in our approach to sport at Remuera Intermediate. Opportunities to be involved in sport at all levels is seen as a cornerstone of who we are as a school. Like all things not everyone can be the number one and as such we have taken a holistic view of sport by ensuring we have opportunities to participate at a social/friendly level as well as the elite competitive level both within the school day and out of school hours. These opportunities largely take place within one of the following:

- Weekly PE Classes
- Lunchtime team sport
- Auckland Interzone competition
- After hours leagues

#### PE Classes

These classes serve two primary purposes. The first is to develop skills and overall fitness and the second is to apply these skills to real world sports such as football, tennis, netball, athletics etc.

#### Lunchtime Sport

This is run by students and teachers and provides opportunities for all children who are willing and able to get involved in friendly team sport competitions such as futsal, touch rugby, dodgeball etc.

#### Auckland Interzone Competition

This competition is highly competitive and involves over 45,000 Year 7 and 8 students from across the greater Auckland region. Our teachers are responsible for coaching and managing these representative sides with training often taking place before and after school and during lunch breaks.

This is an elite competition and team members or individuals are selected to represent the school based on skill level and personal talent. The number of teams or individuals that are eligible to enter each competition is determined by the tournament organisers. Often there are limited spaces which can make selection very challenging especially in a large school such as RI with so many capable young sports people.

As a member of the central zone, our students first compete at Central Zone competitions. Depending on the sport, typically first place, or in some instances, the first couple of places go through to the Auckland Interzone competition. The Auckland Interzone competition is a playoff against teams from the other zones from across Auckland. Over the years we have won a number of the Auckland championships in a variety of codes and this year is already shaping up well with a few Central Zone wins already under our belt.

#### After Hours Leagues

In years gone by we have limited the number of teams entering these after school leagues due to staffing demands. This year we took the decision to open up as many entrants as there were willing participants providing the teams could arrange a coach and a manger. The school remains a central point of contact and supports these competitions by publicising them, helping with selection where appropriate and arranging equipment and uniforms. We are very pleased with how this change has been received and this change has seen more students than ever representing RI in these competitions. This year we have even entered competitions that we have historically shied away from such as the Auckland Intermediate School Swim League.

#### New Look Uniforms

We believe it is important to feel proud to be representing your school and to be part of a team. To this end we have designed new uniforms this year for a number of codes and the feedback from students has been extremely positive.

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## CENTRAL ZONES U45KG RUGBY

On Thursday May 16th the U45 Rugby team competed in the Central Zones tournament at Memorial Park Mt Albert. In pool play we played Royal Oak, St Peters and Kowhai and came through undefeated. We expected St Peters to be tough but Royal Oak turned out to be the toughest competitors. We then went through to the final where we again played Royal Oak. After 4 games the boys were tired and the wind had become quite strong so we had a real battle but at the end we came out winners 15 - 5 and Central Zone Champs!!

We now travel to Inter Zones!  
Team - Hamish Chauval, Louis

Butler, Tyler Campbell, Blake Ryburn, Troy Craddock, Kace Hipkins- Taimai, Milan Bardsley, Joel Chaplow, Lachlan Mckenzie, Quinn Moss, George Barty, Tom Worn, Calum Bint, Jack Geldard, Eli McConnon, Cooper Peters, Hector de Mormac, Orlando Tamura, George Butler.



## CENTRAL ZONES U55KG RUGBY

On Tuesday May 21st the U55kg Rugby team competed in the Central Zone tournament at War Memorial Park, Mt Roskill.

What a tournament! Hard fought from the start the U55Kg boys conducted themselves very well over the course of 5 games being arguably one of the most competitive tournaments in recent years at this grade.

Early indications suggested that training sessions had gone well as the R.I. boys were cohesive from the start. Clear, strong lines of running from the forwards set a wonderful platform for the backs to express themselves showing great handling skills with few errors throughout the day.

Some nice set pieces allowed both back row and the back line to dominate a lot of play in all of their games. The game against Royal Oak was particularly impressive as we came back from behind in the dying seconds to steal victory and set the stage for the toughest fixture of the day against St Peter's.

St Peter's played very well especially at the break down where they were very clinical turning over ball thereby not allowing R.I. to gain any momentum.

With tired bodies in the final game against St Paul's, R.I. put up a great display of determination up to the final whistle. A great day of rugby. Well done lads!





## CENTRAL ZONES OPEN WEIGHT RUGBY

Year after year RI has sent an Open Weight Boys rugby team to Central Zones to fight it out for glory and for the first time in RI History we won! 2019 Central Zone Champions!! Central Zones is a fast paced format with games only lasting 20 minutes. The Boys started the day strong with a 5-0 win over Mount Roskill then a 10-0 win over St Pauls. We had a slow start against Wesley conceding early but then coming back strong in the second half to finish the game 10 all. We finished 1st in our pool qualifying us for the final. We came up against a strong Royal Oak team in the final but we stepped up our defence and held them out to be crowned Central Zones Champions for 2019.



## CENTRAL ZONES ORIENTEERING

Remuera Intermediate continue their history of success at orienteering! A team of 48 students attended the Central Zone competition at Waiatarua Reserve last term. The students used a combination of intellect and fitness to achieve some excellent results on the day.

Year 7 Boys B Team - 3rd. Year 8 Girls B Team - 2nd. Year 8 Boys A Team - 3rd. Year 8 Boys B Team - 1st  
We also had some excellent individual results, with Makayla Gillen, Hannah Thorpe, Jordan Gibson, Sam Worth and Richie Wood all finishing in 1st place on their allocated courses.

As a consequence of our achievements we were able to send a team of 25 students to the Inter Zone Competition held at Moire Park in Massey.



## CENTRAL ZONES TAG RUGBY

14 boys and 14 girls travelled to Cox's Bay Reserve to take part in the Central/West tag tournament. Within the girls and boys sections, there were teams of a very high calibre.

The boys won five out of their six games but unfortunately, the boys' team lost a vital game against Manurewa Intermediate by 2 points. The boys played outstandingly and their teamwork surpassed all other teams. Not only were the boys outstanding on the field but also off, being commended by a parent from another school.

The girls had a challenging day but this did not stop them from being determined to come away with a win on the day. The girls teams constantly supported one another and their teamwork never faulted under the pressure of keeping up with other teams.

All in all, it was a great day to see the teams hard work pay off and show their skills.

**Girls** - Anita Iese, Kayo Findsen, Berengere Profit, Kunita Tomu, Coco Lorenzon, Mischa Romans, Putri Ardana, Zahra Alethary, Natalie, Ramona Welbourne-Morris, Kimora Lee, Samie Barclay, Miko Maejima-Ngamoki, Sj Wong Cee

**Boys** - Austin Masters, Boston Krone, Lisiate Akolo, Riley Leaver, Cohen Raddock, Aj Blachin, Kace Hipkins, Quinn Moss, Isiah Silipa, Dayton Taiala, Cooper Peters, Cyrus Wharepotel, George Bardy, Tom Worn.





## CENTRAL ZONES GIRLS FUTSAL

This year RI was able to field a Year 7 and Year 8 girls team for the Central Zone Tournament. With many of the girls participating in their first Futsal competition it was awesome to see how both teams developed over the day. Our Year 8 girls finished a commendable 5th out of 16 teams. Our Year 7 team played extremely well over the tournament going undefeated and being crowned the 2019 Year 7 Champions! The girls came up against a strong Kohia team and ended up being a tense final with the girls winning 3-2.



## CENTRAL ZONES BOYS FUTSAL

RI recently sent 22 Futsal boys to compete at the Central Zone Competition. The Year 7 team played well throughout the tournament, unfortunately they lost their semifinal due to goal difference. They finished a commendable 3rd out of 16 teams!

The Year 8's also suffered the same fate losing their quarterfinal on goal difference after scoring early against ANI and conceding a goal in the last few seconds of the game. The Year 8 B team finished 3rd in their pool meaning they were in the finals. The boys represented RI extremely well and were awesome at managing their own teams.



## CENTRAL ZONES GIRLS FOOTBALL YEAR 7

The RI Year 7 Girls Football team was on fire the whole day! It was awesome to see the girls work together and ready to smash each game. The girls sportsmanship was amazing and it was great to see how they managed themselves throughout the day. Through their hard work, great skills and determination the girls finished second in the tournament being 1 point short of first place. They should be very proud of their efforts!

Team list: Ava Tainui , Minnie Morton, Putri Ardana , Shaylin Greene, Elise Bolland , Kuinita Tomu , Nina Brown , Lucy Beveridge , Acacia Roberts , Augustine Malcom, Maria Vanisi , Christelle Mcguire and Mollie Drumm.



## CENTRAL ZONES GIRLS FOOTBALL YEAR 8

The RI Year 8 Girls Football team started off their day with a lot of determination however faced tough opponents throughout the day. The girls were keen to give it their all and they most certainly did winning 4 games overall and continuing to put their best foot forward no matter what the outcome was. The girls ended up coming an impressive 7th out of 18 teams that attended the tournament. Their sportsmanship is something they should be very proud of and they represented RI very well.

Team list: Isabelle Alexander, Ruby Sutherland , Zahra Alethary, Kaizea Miller , Alex Clark , Hannah Hawksbee , Kayo Findsen, Ishita Gounder, Aislin Mckinnon , Anika Todd , Alana Vaetoru , Hashpreet Kaur, Micayla Isaacs and Miko Maejim-Ngamoi.



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## THE BLUES VISIT RI

At the end of last term we were collecting pre-loved rugby and football boots on behalf of The Blues and the Best Foot Forward campaign. One in three New Zealand children live in poverty and cost is the biggest barrier to them playing sport. We don't want youngsters to miss out on the joys of playing with a team because of financial reasons. Best Foot Forward is a programme to gift recycled boots to youngsters who might otherwise miss out on playing sport.

Thank you to everyone who supported us in this campaign, we had such a great response.

At the start of this term The Blues visited the school to collect the boots that were donated. The children had a great afternoon listening to the players talk and have fun with different challenges! There was then the opportunity to meet them and have memorabilia signed. What a great campaign for all!



## DUNEDIN EXCHANGE 2019

Remuera Intermediate School has again been invited to make an exchange visit to our sister school Tahuna Intermediate School, Dunedin, in August of this year. Thirty students will be selected to go on the trip. They will have the opportunity to visit Dunedin to experience the sights and delights of life in a southern city and to enjoy a skiing weekend (including lessons).

Dates for the trip are 18 August – 26 August. The students will be accompanied by Tom Beckett (Deputy Principal), Alan Whitehouse and Sarah Choat (teaching staff)

The proposed visit in brief:

- Remuera Intermediate students would fly to Dunedin on Sunday 18 August.
- The students will be billeted during the week with students from Tahuna Intermediate School. Day trips have been arranged in the Dunedin area.
- A weekend skiing trip has been arranged at Coronet Peak, Queenstown.
- Students will return to Dunedin on Sunday 25 August and fly back to Auckland on Monday 26th August.

The approximate cost for the students is \$1400.00 which includes airfares, transfers, all trips (including the skiing weekend), accommodation in Queenstown and food. *This is approximate as we do not yet have all the costings in, but we anticipate it to be close to this amount.*

Students who are interested in participating on this trip are required to complete an application form via the link below by the end of the school day on Wed 12th June.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1pidn9h9JR-YIPJK7-INpn3rPzVIQvSyTyDZ96vFsnvE/edit?ts=5ce7532b>

We will then interview and shortlist applicants. Successful applicants will be notified by the end of term.

Tom Beckett  
Deputy Principal

## JAPANESE

We are lucky to have Akiko Fukushima with us from Japan for two weeks. She is working with the Year 8 Japanese students covering areas including calligraphy.





**INTERNATIONAL DAY 2019**



## SCHOOL SOCIAL DANCE

School Social Dance is on Wednesday 26th June. The event will run from 7-9 pm and will be held in our School Hall. Staff will supervise the event however you are required to drop off and pick up your child.

The cost of the Social is \$10. All tickets will need to be purchased in advance, there are no door sales. Ticket sales are limited to 500 due to the hall capacity for such an event so tickets will sell out!

Our School Social dances have always been successful due to the behavioural guidelines and expectations we set, as well as the mature manner in which the students conduct themselves. Students are asked to dress formally to assist in making the occasion special.

At the conclusion of the Social, the children will be seated and will wait to be collected from inside the hall. Please wait outside the hall until invited to come inside.

A permission slip needs to accompany the \$10 ticket fee. Tickets will be on sale from Wednesday 12th June in the School foyer 8:00am - 8.45am. Ticket numbers and names will be recorded.

Copies of the permission slip are available from the School Office or Mr Beckett's Office.

## DJ CLUB HOSTS STATE OF MIND

The RI DJ Club recently hosted internationally renowned DJ producer duo "State of Mind" - creators of drum and bass anthems such as "Sun King." Our students were treated to an insight into the lives of DJ Producers, the software they use to create their music and tips on improving their own electronic productions. An open question and answer sessions saw students wanting to know what life was like on the road for a travelling DJ, how much DJs earn and what sort of music influenced their work.

The RI DJ club would like to express their deepest thanks to Stu and Patrick for giving up their valuable time to touch base with some future electronic music producers.





## **AUCKLAND KIDS LIT QUIZ CHAMPIONS**

Congratulations to the RI 'Kids Lit Quiz' team of Isabelle Alexander (Rm 4), Annika Van Rossum (Rm 15), James Hay (Rm 23) and Samuel Reeves (Rm 28) for winning the Auckland regional competition and qualifying for the National final in Wellington. This is the first time a team from RI has won the Auckland competition and travelled to the Nationals.

We are extremely proud of Isabelle, Annika, James and Samuel. The way they represented RI, at both the regional and national competitions, was nothing short of exceptional.



*RI is proud to present:*

**ART EXHIBITION 2019**

**Wednesday 3 July**  
**5:30 – 7:30 pm**  
**Trash to Fashion Parade 6:30 pm**  
**School Hall**

*Drinks and nibbles provided by the Parent Group*

**Gold Coin Entry**

# Measles in Auckland schools

Please vaccinate your child or young person if they have not had one measles (MMR) vaccine. It is free at your GP.

Students in a class with someone who has measles may be asked to stay home for one to two weeks, if they have had no MMR vaccinations.

Students with one or more MMR vaccinations can still attend school.

Check your child's immunisation records in their Well Child/Tamariki Ora book or ring your GP clinic.

Tell your GP or after hours clinic if you suspect measles before you arrive, so you don't infect others.

**Symptoms:** cough, runny nose, fever, sore red eyes, then a rash.

Measles info at: [arphs.health.nz/measles](http://arphs.health.nz/measles)



## IMPORTANT DATES

5 June	Mufti Day	28 June	Awards Assembly
12 June	Open Morning for 2020 starters	3 July	Art Evening
18 June	PTA Meeting & BOT Meeting	5 July	Term 2 Ends
26 June	School Social Dance	22 July	Term 3 Starts

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

## 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



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## 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.



## PARENT PORTAL

Thank you very much to the parents who have signed up to the parent portal. We would encourage anyone who has not signed up to try to do so. The address is <https://parent.musac.school.nz/>