



REMUERA
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MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Same but Different

Today we are supporting Pink Shirt Day to push back against bullying of all kinds and next Friday we celebrate International Day as we come together to share culture through food, song and dance.

At assembly this week I asked our students to talk to those around them and identify at least 3 differences between each other. Not surprisingly, most students identified at least 1 physical difference from hair and eye colour to height and gender. Some spoke about differences in their interests, family and foods they enjoy etc. My challenge to them this week has been to consider, if asked again, what differences other than physical ones, might they have with their friends?

The purpose of this question is to highlight two issues. The first being around their concept of 'normal' and how our perception of this can lead to division and potential conflict based solely on what we see. The second is to encourage them to look beyond the surface and get to know others on a deeper level. By asking them to focus on what makes us different we are encouraging them to consider how perhaps we are all as different as we are the same and that no one group should be singled out as abnormal or different.

In a world dominated by visual media it is little wonder our young people are quick to judge based on what they see. Our hope is by continuing this conversation over the term, we encourage some deeper thought and students begin to develop a greater awareness of their own actions and behaviours when it comes to how they look at and treat others.

Getting Involved

As Term 2 gets well and truly underway the number of opportunities has really started to take off. Whilst many students have managed to get involved and find something that excites them, there are still a good number yet to get themselves out there.

Last year when many of these events were not possible we noticed a change in the mood of the students. When we spoke to them, one thing they shared was that they really had not had many opportunities to try new things or meet new people. These extra-curricular activities are a hall mark of the Intermediate School experience and it these additional opportunities that build relationships, leadership, confidence, life skills and so much more.

Now would be a good time to have a conversation with your children and encourage them to get involved and make the most of everything that is on offer, if they have not already done so. The daily notices are available directly through the school app. This is a great place to see what is happening and look for opportunities that your young ones may be interested in.

Kyle Brewerton
Principal

CENTRAL ZONES GIRLS FUTSAL

Thursday 13 May saw our mixed team of Year 7 and Year 8 Girls head off to the Auckland Netball Arena for the Central Zones Futsal Tournament. We had a fantastic day and the girls represented RI with a positive attitude and an exuberant energy.

With a 3rd placing overall we headed home happy!

Sophie Logan

Zara Bint

Katelyn Winborn

Lisen Ugglä

Siena Baker

Marie Breen

Stella Johnson

Salma Elzwawi



CENTRAL ZONES BOYS FUTSAL

On the 11th May a Year 7 and Year 8 team of boys travelled to ANC netball courts to compete at the Futsal Central Zone competition. It was an exhausting day for the boys filled with excitement and determination. Both teams were lucky to have the coaching skills of Alejo Pérez Leguizamón throughout the day.

The Year 7 boys team started off strong and continued to stun their competition and spectators throughout their games. They placed first within the Year 7 competition and will be attending the Interzone competition in Term 3.

The Year 8 Boys competition was tough but they never dropped their heads making it all the way to the semi finals against their biggest competition St Peters. They left everything out on the court against this team making this game more thrilling than the final for the Year 8 competition.



YEAR 7 CAMP – CAMP ADAIR

At the end of last term our Year 7's headed out to Camp Adair for 3 days of fun filled adventure. It was such a fantastical experience which everyone really enjoyed.

Some of the highlights included the confidence course, mudslide, archery, outdoor cooking and raft building. The evenings were filled with camp concerts and team building games which meant our days were long but totally worthwhile. Sleep was not really a priority on the first night, however everyone was tucked up in bed and quiet at a reasonable hour on the second night.

As always the camp caterers made sure we had plenty of delicious food to eat and the adults were able to enjoy a great range of sweet treats for sneaky late night supper snacks.

Thank you to all of our parents who came out to camp to help. To all of you who ran dishwashing stations, mopped floors, made toast, went down mudslides, shouted words of encouragement, ran our first aid section, slept poorly and arrived with coffee, we appreciate the time you were able to give us - we really could not have our camp without your involvement.

Congratulations Year 7 - you made us all proud!!



YEAR 8 CAMP – PORT WAIKATO

“Go!” I hear and I zoom off down the track. The wind rushes past my face, clouds of dust following in my wake as I drift around the sharpest of corners. In the background, I hear distant shouts of encouragement but I have to focus on the track. I feel the grips underneath my hand get sweaty as the final jump gets ever so close. I close my eyes and I feel my bike lift up into the air for what feels like hours. Finally, I feel my wheels land back onto the track and I know the record’s mine!

*Angus Birchenough –
Room 2*



After 1 ½ hours of sitting in a chaotic bus, we finally arrived in Port Waikato. Fresh air, beautiful weather and an enormous mountain in front of us, I could tell this would be an exciting experience. We



quickly settled in, and before I knew it, we were ready to go on a 3-hours tramp. The views were astonishing but, overall, it was an extremely challenging hike. The mountain was very steep and I was always worried someone would slip and go tumbling down the mountain with everyone else trailing behind them. I have to say, the view from the top was definitely worth it.

Later in the evening, the ‘terrifying’ Burma Trail was just the beginning. I could hear ear splitting screams as unsuspecting children walked through the forest. On the way back, my friend and I were greeted by a cat-shaped silhouette that I was about to pat until it jumped down and turned out to be a possum. Fun

The next morning the girls in my dorm were exhausted from being shushed a million times, but we got up early and had breakfast anyway. It was time to start activities. First up was rock climbing. Most of my group tried to do the hardest wall, not all of us completed it but we had fun anyway. In archery all of us managed to hit the board, and I was lucky enough to get a bullseye (not bragging.) The fastest times for BMX riding ranged from 30.5 to 35.0 with the winners being Sophie and Andrew, both from Room 5. Overall, we got wet, ate damper, worked together, beat times and had fun.

If activities weren’t enough, we still had time for each group to perform their lip sync dances. All of them were amazing but some I will remember for a very, VERY long time.

On the last day of camp, none of us wanted to leave and I couldn’t believe camp was almost over! The last thing we did was walk to the beach and do fun activities with our groups.

Camp was full of excitement, delicious food and adventure, and I would love to go again on another day!!!

Zoe Weisz-Emmett - Room 5

ORIENTEERING

The Central Zone Orienteering event took place at Western Springs Park on Tuesday 23rd March. The weather dawned fine in the morning and the 48 Remuera Intermediate students sent to compete at the event set off in excellent early Autumn conditions.

As well as managing to avoid the multitude of wildlife in the park, the competitors achieved some great results.

3rd placings were achieved by all three of our Year 7 Boys A team, Year 8 Boys A team and Year 8 Girls A team. We also had some excellent individual results with Dylan Vaughan and Max Allan both placing 1st on the courses for the day.

As a result of their Central Zone efforts, three teams qualified to compete in the Interzone Competition on Tuesday 18th May at Kuegler Farm in Bombay. The early winter weather brought very difficult running conditions, but that didn't stop the athletes giving it their all. Our runners raced through the cold, muddy environment and while they did not place on the day, they can be proud of their efforts.



PINK SHIRT DAY – FRIDAY 21 MAY

RI have celebrated Pink Shirt Day today! This is all about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusiveness.

Celebrated annually around the globe, Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007 when two students took a stand against homophobic bullying after a new year 10 student was harassed for wearing pink.

We've been celebrating Pink Shirt Day in NZ since 2009 and the campaign grows stronger and larger every year.



COMMUNITY PICNIC

After being postponed due to lockdown, our community picnic was able to take place at last!

It was well attended on a dry evening when parents, children and extended families came along to meet staff, the PTA, classmates and their families.

There were a variety of food trucks catering to the crowds as well as the traditional sausage sizzle run by our PTA.

The finale of the event was the Tug of War which all students enjoy either participating or supporting!

Thanks to the RI community for your support.



WILLIAM PIKE – TOTARA PARK

On Friday 12 March, the William Pike Challenge crew experienced their first trip together at Totara Park. Before trekking inside the bush, the Pikelets (the students of the WPC crew) were told that they were not allowed to take their bags with them. Instead, they had to make their own pack from tarpaulin and rope to carry their food inside! This first challenge was tricky for some, but everyone worked together to create the most sturdy pack they could to last the day.

Once inside the bush, the Pikelets carried out a range of tasks such as building a bivvy, learning about outdoor first aid, as well as learning about the bush flora and fauna. It was an exciting first trip experience and all of the WPC crew is looking forward to their next trip - the bush overnight!



TREES FOR SURVIVAL

Trees for Survival is an environmental education programme which involves students from RI and around New Zealand growing and planting native trees to restore natural habitats and improve streamflow, water quality and increase biodiversity.

This year Room 13 nurtured over 500 native plants from seedlings to healthy saplings ready to restore a waterway that ran through the property of Fred and Sally in Hunua.

It was a productive, informative and fun day. Sally and Fred were amazing hosts and we would like to thank Lynda, our Auckland City Council liaison, for all her support during the year and on planting day.

We would also like to thank Auckland Rotary and New World Remuera for their support and sponsorship.

We look forward to nurturing our next lot of natives and continuing the Trees for Survival programme.



WORLD VISION YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

In Week 2 the Head Students were invited to attend the World Vision Youth Leadership Conference.

The day was full of different activities and talks designed to inspire and motivate us to lead others and make a positive change in the world.

We had an awesome time with all the other schools that came along and met a lot of inspiring people.



SIGN LANGUAGE WEEK

In celebration of Sign Language Week, Room 5 students did small skits in New Zealand Sign Language.

Andrew Lim and JS Chen started their dialogue by greeting each other.

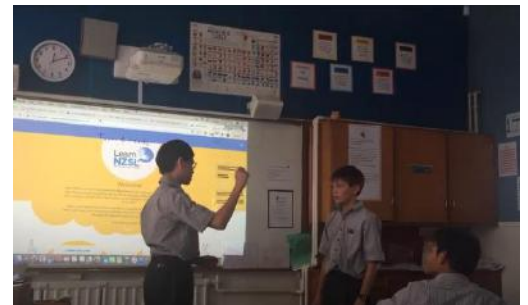
JS then asked when Andrew was taking the bus home.

Andrew replied by saying, "At three".

JS then asked, "Could we go together?"

Next, Andrew told JS, "Yes, I'll meet you after school".

Lastly, they said goodbye to each other. *Andrew Lim - Room 5*



For Sign Language Week, we learnt some of the basic signs such as 'Hello', 'How are you?' and 'What is your name?'

After learning different phrases and sentences, we used our skills to script a conversation in New Zealand Sign Language.

Carol Zhang - Room 5



The Auckland Writers Festival was an extraordinary and new experience for all of Remuera Intermediate's best writers. All of our time in class learning different sentences, skills and types of writing has really paid off! We got to meet amazing writers and authors from all around the world including Brian Selznick, Shilo Kino, Jesse O and Ben Brown.

Famous author from America, Brian Selznick, joined us via video call all the way from Rome, sharing all his best-selling books with us and one very special one. He chose us to be the first children in the world to preview his latest book: Kaleidoscope, which hasn't even been published yet! It is a book about hope in 26 different stories inspired by his own creations of art he made in lockdown. Revealing another mystery is the story behind the wonderful illustrations of the Harry Potter series covers also designed by Brian Selznick, which divulges a full piece of art explaining Harry Potter if all covers were put next to each other.

Another author we got to meet was an inspirational New Zealander who encouraged us to be proud of who we are. Shilo Kino was the writer of the book 'The Pōrangī Boy' meaning 'The Crazy Boy', which describes the life of a Māori kid who tries to protect his land from being taken, alongside suffering the pain of bullying from other kids due to being different and Māori. Shilo also encouraged us to love who we are and be proud of where we come from.

The next author that gave us the seed of a good story was Jesse O with her quote of 'Imagine'. Just by imagining, Jesse O wrote the book Locked Down in 2010 covering a story of what life would've been like if we all went into lockdown. Ten years later that story has come true in ways that are similar and different. Every young writer there had one favourite writer that spoke that day.

Our last speaker was many people's favourite, due to his absolute sense of humour. Ben Brown, named Reading Ambassador, shared his passion of reading with us hoping to motivate us to read a lot so we can help our little but creative brains to really focus and have the power to imagine a story.

Every one of us got inspired that day, with many goals and dreams to become such successful writers like them. Writing is the happiness of the world due to the power it gives us to imagine using our imagination.

Also a special thanks to the teachers who made all this possible for us!

Diba Toufanian - Room 8



CYCLING – PUKEKOHE POINTS RACE

Sunday 16th May marked the first road race of the 2021 season for our RI cyclists.

An awesome effort was made by all our riders for their first ever road race. Duncan Turnbull, our parent in charge of the Cycling Club, was really impressed that at this age our riders are strategizing, using drafting and teamwork.

He says the learning from these races is invaluable - What speed can I hold for 4+ laps? When do I sprint? What gear should I be in? Who should I draft behind? Can I find someone to work with as a team, to catch up to the bunch?

The highlight was seeing the U13s boys finish 1,2,3 out of a field of 16.

First - Cole Feringa

Second - James Syme and Marcus Bethell

After the race the main comment from the riders was "That was awesome!".



2022 YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS

Enrolments Open

Monday 10 May 2021

We offer two different ways to enrol for 2022, Online Enrolment and Manual Enrolment.

Online Enrolment

Please visit the following website to begin the process

<https://www.remint.school.nz/enrolment/enrolment-overview>

Manual Enrolment

Enrolment Forms 2022 are available to [download](#) from our website.

Alternatively you can collect in person from your Primary School Office or Remuera Intermediate School Office,
08:00am – 03:30pm Monday to Friday

Prospective Students Open Morning

Wednesday 9 June 2021 8:45am to 10:20am

In Zone Applications

To assist us in our planning for 2022, In Zone applications for Year 7 should be received by Wednesday 1 September 2021.
In Zone applicants are guaranteed a place upon completion of the enrolment process.

Out of Zone Applications Closing Date

Wednesday 1 September 2021 3:30 pm

Out of Zone Ballot Date

Wednesday 8 September 2021

Enquiries

Visit our website www.remint.school.nz for information on all areas of Remuera Intermediate School.

The school office is open Monday to Friday 08:00am — 03:30pm.

If you have any queries please telephone 09 522 9890 or email enrolments@remint.school.nz

IMPORTANT DATES

28 May	International Day	29 June	PTA Meeting
31 May	Science Roadshow	02 July	Awards Assembly
04 June	Teacher Only Day	02 July	Mid Year Reports
07 June	Queens Birthday – School Closed	07 July	Art Evening
09 June	Open Morning	09 July	Term 2 Ends
21 June	Art Week	26 July	Term 3 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.musac.school.nz/>

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