



REMUERA  
INTERMEDIATE  
SCHOOL  
RELIABILITY INTEGRITY SERVICE



## MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

#### Getting Back Up Again

Throughout these past two years we have focused heavily on staff and student resilience as they navigate the impacts of the pandemic. This focus has helped the majority of our community remain positive and optimistic for the most part. There have certainly been times when we have felt low, tired or just over it however with a steady decline in cases we have now really started to change gears and get life here at RI back to relative normality.

Schools are meant to be busy places where young people can come together with their peers and their teachers to grow and learn in an exciting, enriching and supportive environment. In addition to an engaging and rigorous programme, extracurricular activities provide opportunities for our young ones to discover new passions or existing ones to thrive.

These past two years have proven what we all knew, that life needs balance. We expect our young people to work hard and focus on their learning whilst also experiencing everything that life has to offer. The absence of these opportunities has left our young people less motivated, less willing to try new things, less willing to take a risk.

Our message recently and going forward is simple. It is time to get back up again. Get outside, get off your screens, reconnect with your communities and focus on the future and everything it holds.

Whilst this is important for our young people to consider, even some of us grown-ups could do with a bit of a reminder that it is time to get out there again and remember that there is more to life than QR codes, masks, hand sanitiser, daily updates etc...

We know we are not out of the woods entirely but if you look closely enough there is definitely some sunshine breaking through the trees...perhaps not so much today with all this rain, but you know what I mean.

Have a fantastic long weekend with friends and family and we look forward to an action packed second half of term 2.

Kyle Brewerton  
Principal

## YEAR 7 GIRLS FOOTBALL

The Year 7 girls football team saw some massive improvements in their soccer skills and confidence throughout the day playing at Seymour Park. They worked wonderfully as a team and had a great time together! It was great to see how they managed themselves throughout a very action packed day. They scored and saved some amazing goals.



Through their hard work and determination they finished first equal in their pool, eventually finishing 4th place in the whole tournament! They should be very proud of their efforts.

## YEAR 8 GIRLS FOOTBALL



The Year 8 girls football team headed into the competition at Seymour Park on Thursday May 26th with a fierce determination to win.

Their excellent teamwork and use of skills resulted in them winning their first few games and placing first in their pool in the morning.

Later that day, due to a draw with another team, they went into an incredibly tough penalty shootout.

Overall the girls played strategically and with a wonderful attitude, placing 3rd overall! They have made RI extremely proud.





## RI CYCLING

The RI cycling team had great success at the Auckland Secondary Schools Mountain Bike Race 1 on March 15 with a first place going to Cole Feringa and a second place awarded to Nova Taylor in their respective events.

Overall Remuera Intermediate bikers performed well with many riders completing the gruelling first loop within the allowed timeframe and also finishing the second loop of this tough race.

Team spirit was high and we wish to thank Head Coach Duncan and all of the parents and supporters.



## PINK SHIRT DAY 2022

RI celebrated Pink Shirt Day! 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.





## BLUES – BEST FOOT FORWARD CAMPAIGN

Members of The Blues and their coaching team recently came to RI to run some training and promote their Best Foot Forward campaign.

Best Foot Forward is a programme to gift recycled boots to youngsters who might otherwise miss out on playing sport.

Since the program began in 2017 more than 1000 pairs of boots have been gifted to young people in our region thanks to generous donations from our rugby community and the public.

One in five New Zealand children live in poverty and cost is the biggest barrier to children playing sport. We don't want youngsters to miss out on the joys of team sport because of financial reasons.

We are collecting pre-loved rugby and football boots on behalf of The Blues who then clean them up and pass them on to those in need. We have already collected over 3 bins full of boots and received 150 tickets to the recent Blues Vs Reds game. We're still collecting though and would love to take your donations of used boots in good condition – any size, any brand!



## ROOM 5 NEWS

Students of Room 5 worked on an Inquiry Project that led to a deeper understanding about elements, atoms, molecules and compounds. Later on, students researched about the atomic structure of a compound and created its model, using craft foam balls, toothpicks, and skewers.

We learned the differences between atoms, molecules and compounds  
Pahul Minhas Room 5.

Also, in celebration of Samoan Language Week, students of Room 5 did Samoan Art work activities.





## ROOM 27 - BIN LID PROJECT

The school purchased new classroom bins for this year however it soon became apparent that they were difficult to distinguish between landfill waste and recycling.

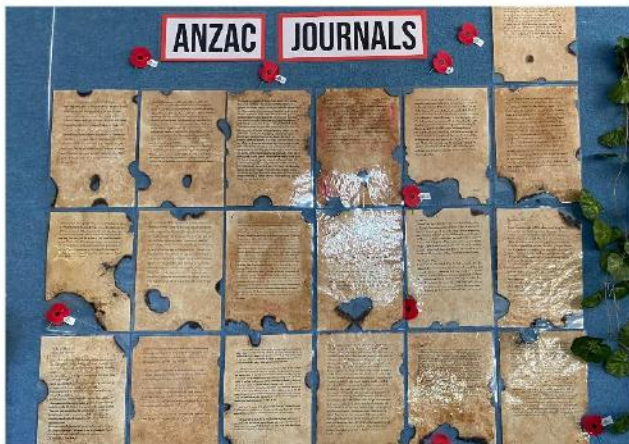
Mr Nicholls and a selection of students from Room 27 saw this as the perfect opportunity to offer service to RI and learn a few new practical skills along the way.

A design for each bin type was laser cut out of 3mm MDF and painted in easily identifiable colours. Students were taught how to paint, drill and rivet these designs to the new bin lids.



The result: Clearly labelled bins in classrooms throughout the school, and some very appreciative students and teachers. Learning a few new skills along the way was the icing on the cake for these Room 27 troopers! Mr Nicholls would like to thank the school for providing the materials and his class for their perseverance in seeing this project through.

## ROOM 2 – ANZAC JOURNALS



This term Room 2 did a deep dive into the experiences of the ANZAC soldiers in Gallipoli during World War 1.

We learned all about the awful conditions they were in, the food they ate, and what life was like living in the trenches.

We even read some of the actual journals written by the NZ soldiers.

All of this helped us to get into the mind of a soldier and write our own journal entries.



## SERVICE BADGES 2022

The Technology Monitors for 2022 were announced at the start of the term and they were presented with their service badges. These students have been working hard since the beginning of the year to learn the monitors job and prove their reliability and commitment to the role.

Their responsibilities include setting up the art room for the day and cleaning up afterwards, arranging art displays, installing and configuring software for DigiTech, sorting EV3 lego into trays, organising the multi materials room, cleaning and maintaining the tools and machinery, preparing for food lessons and cleaning of the foods room.

Congratulations and thank you.



## FOODS ROOM - DECONSTRUCTING THE BURGER

As part of the Y8 Foods programme students learnt to act like a Food Technologist. They were presented with the following scenario & brief and used their combined creativity to produce these innovative dishes - a pie burger, a football burger, a burger salad bowl and a burger nest. Styling and photography was also part of the learning.

Scenario: Everyone loves a good burger patty but it is boring to have burger meals too often.

Brief: With your team you will research a variety of ways to use the humble beef burger patty recipe to create an innovative recipe which will appeal to your team.





## MULTI MATERIALS

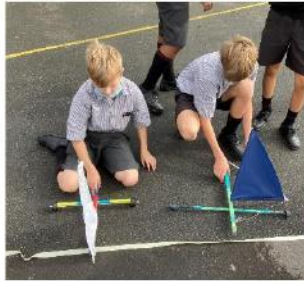


Year 8 students recently finished the Land Yacht Project and raced them across the school courts.

They recorded the distance travelled and the time it took, to work out the average speed of their vehicles.

Some travelled over 30 metres in the windy conditions.

Well done to all the students for completing such a challenging and complex task.



## PERFORMANCE MEDIA

The Year 8 classes have just finished their first cycle of specialist classes.

Here are some of the highlights of projects created by students who participated in the Performance Media option. Some of the projects they produced included an advertisement, an instructional video, a music video and a video of their choice.



## VISUAL ART

This keen group of Year 8 art students spent their lunchtimes in Term 1 creating some large wooden bugs to 'climb' our large tree by the basketball courts.

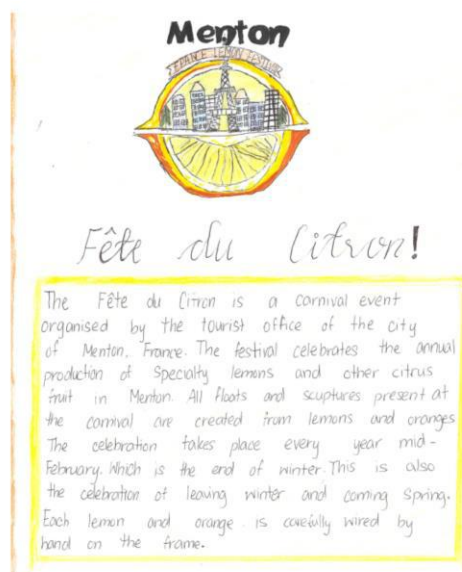
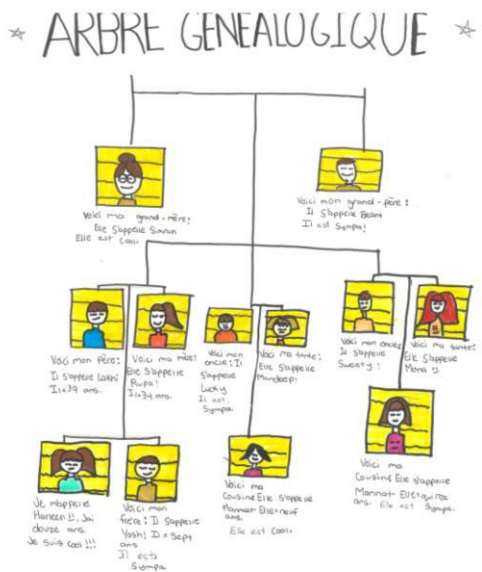


## FRENCH

Year 8s from Cycle 1 French recently completed French Cultural Projects.

Each of the four syndicates did research into different festivals held each year all over France.

Some students also completed family trees in French as part of their studies about family and their own family genealogy.





## ESOL – A YEAR 7 FOCUS

Tucked away at the back of the library is our ESOL room. Around 45 students receive small group lessons to enrich their proficiency with our English language. It's a busy place with opportunities to focus on listening, speaking, writing and reading. Many activities are based on the Year 7 and Year 8 Social Studies or Science topics to provide support for their classroom lessons.



Last term Year 7's focused on speaking English and developing a growth mindset. We created puppets to help with this, and set up our own ESOL radio station where we conducted interviews.

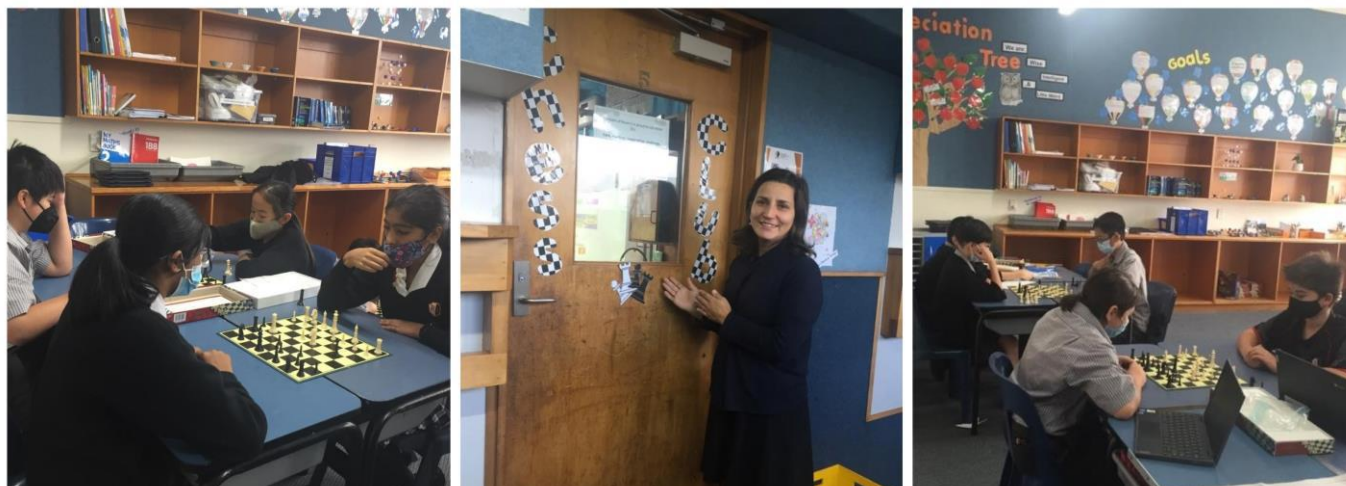
This Term we are supporting the Year 7 Science unit “From Surviving to Thriving” by creating our own habitat for cottage garden seeds. These were sown in egg shells donated by food tech students and are flourishing with the aid of regular (and not so regular!) watering, sunlight and ‘glasshouses’ made of plastic bags.



## CHESS CLUB

After five busy weeks of school the Chess Club resumed this term. Students of Year 7 and 8 classes attend the club every Monday to Thursday after lunch eating. The sessions have been full so far!

If you are interested and are prepared to commit to coming for upcoming sessions, please stop by Room 5. We all welcome you to our club!







## We're a TaxGift school!

Remuera Intermediate has partnered with TaxGift, helping you gift the tax rebate on your school donation back to us.

By TaxGifting, you make a real difference to our school. Your \$520 donation is amplified by a further \$233 without you paying anything further!

### Here's how:

As a New Zealand taxpayer you can claim back 33% of your school donation, but if you choose to gift that refund to us, TaxGift will help turn it into even more.



[Click here](#) to TaxGift. It takes less than a minute to sign up, costs you nothing (we pay TaxGift a small fee for this service) and you won't need to do anything further. TaxGift will make your donation grow – it's the easiest fundraising ever!

## LOST PROPERTY

We have been encouraging our students to ensure that all items belonging to them are labelled. Many students have been able to have their lost items dropped back to their classes because they have been clearly labeled.

This photo is the lost property that was left around the school at the end of term 1. None of the items in the photo were labelled, so we were unable to return them.

Please take a moment to check that your child has their school items clearly labelled, in doing so we will be helping reduce waste and perhaps save the cost of replacing mislaid items.

Thank you for your support with this.





## 2023 ENROLMENTS

If you have a Year 6 student who will be coming to RI in 2023, we encourage you to start the enrolment process early to ensure we are well prepared for the coming year.

You can now apply online by clicking this [link](#).

If you have a query regarding the enrolment process, please contact Ms Amy McGowan at [enrolments@remint.school.nz](mailto:enrolments@remint.school.nz)

### Important dates for 2023 Enrolment

In Zone/Out of Zone Applications Open	Monday 9 May 2022
In Zone Applications Due Back	Wednesday 7 September 2022
Out of Zone Applications Close	Wednesday 7 September 2022, 3:30pm – no exceptions
Out of Zone Ballot	Wednesday 14 September 2022

## 2023 ENROLMENTS FOR COLLEGES

College	Enrolments Open
Auckland Girls Grammar School	(Open Day on Tuesday 21 June 2022 at 9:30am and 6:30pm)
Auckland Grammar School	Wednesday 15 June 2022
Epsom Girls Grammar School	Monday 13 June 2022
Glendowie College	Monday 30 May 2022 (Parents' Information Evening on Tuesday 28 June at 7:00pm)
One Tree Hill College	Monday 30 May 2022 (Open Day on Tuesday 21 June 2022 at 9:00am)
Selwyn College	Monday 23 May 2022 (Open Evening on Thursday 28 July 2022 at 6:45pm )



## IMPORTANT DATES

03 June	Teacher Only Day	24 June	Matariki
06 June	Queens Birthday	01 July	Mid Year Reports
07 June	Science Roadshow	05 July	BOT Meeting
14 June	PTA Meeting	08 July	Term 2 Ends
16 June	Mufti Day	25 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.edgelearning.co.nz/>

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