



OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

TERM 4 UPDATE

As always it feels like term 4 creeps up out of nowhere and suddenly arrives on our doorstep. Time is certainly an unusual beast. Unlike people it seems to speed up rather than slow down. With term 4 bringing some changes I would like to take this opportunity to ensure we maintain high expectations as we head toward the years end.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

As we head toward summer, term 4 is hats and sandals time.

SCHOOL SUN HAT

All students are expected to bring their RI hat to school particularly for morning tea, lunch and PE times. These hats are available at the uniform shop should you need a new one. Students are expected to have these hats on at all times when they are outside. Students not wearing a hat will be asked to make their way to the shaded area.

SANDALS

During the summer months children are able to wear sandals as a cooler option. On days that they have technology they will need to either wear or bring their winter leather shoes for safety reasons. The technology rooms present much greater risks of injury especially with the likes of sharp tools and knives.

GENERAL UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

School uniforms are an important part of our identify as members of the Remuera Intermediate community. All students are expected to present themselves neatly in full school uniform. For boys this includes ensuring shirts are tucked in and socks are kept up. If necessary garters may be used to stop these falling down all the time. For girls, plain white ankle socks are required when wearing shoes. All shoes should be kept clean and preferably polished with shoe polish as necessary. All students should make their way to and from school in full school uniform unless they are attending an early morning training in which case they may wear PE gear on their way to school. We have also noticed a recent increase in the amount of jewellery and even the occasional use of coloured hair dye. We appreciate your support in ensuring that these matters are dealt with at home.

NEW PE UNIFORM

From this week we are transitioning to a new PE top for both boys and girls. This new top is a more modern climatech fabric without a collar. This should help with washing and general wear. Sales of the new shirt have begun this term in preparation for year 7's starting next year. If you need to replace any PE tops you will need to buy the new one which has been priced the same as the old one.

Current year 7 students can wear the red top throughout the remainder of this year and next year as we transition. All students will be expected to be wearing the new top by 2020. Next year both the old and new tops will be acceptable.



MAINTAINING HIGH STANDARDS

As the end of the year draws closer there can be a temptation to let things slide somewhat. We would like to ask for your support in ensuring that your children understand the importance of continuing to remain focused right through to the end of the school year. This includes maintaining their academic standards whilst also continuing to behave appropriately as we have come to expect throughout the year.

AIMS GAMES 2018

This year, Remuera Intermediate sent one football team, one cheerleading team, and eleven individual athletes to the AIMS Games in Tauranga last month. All competitors had achieved at a very high level in their sporting codes in Auckland competitions throughout the year and thus were eligible for entry under our school's criteria.

As a school we finished 9th on the Medal table out of 103 schools. Here are some of the highlights:

BADMINTON

Ethan Chuang - 1st place Division 1 Year 7 Boys

Owen Wu - 1st place Division 2 Year 8 Boys

Jefferson Wu - Played Personal Best Year 8 Boys

Ethan Chuang and Owen Wu - 1st place Boys Doubles

Remuera Intermediate School - 1st team placing.

CROSS COUNTRY

Coen Anderson – 4th place Year 7 Boys

The Cross Country had 183 competitors including all the top runners from Auckland Interzones.

Nicola Hume – Achieved Personal Best

Nicola ran the 3km Cross Country race against 164 Year 7 Girls and placed 89th. It was the hardest race she had ever done, very fast and with 2 hurdles and an incredibly steep ascent.

She was excited to run against the best runners in the region and finishing below the median time was a great achievement!

MULTISPORT

Coen Anderson - 1st place

Multisport had 82 Year 7 competitors from all over New Zealand. It consisted of a 2.4km Run, a 3.8km Mountain Bike and a 1km Canoe. Coen was determined to get on the podium but he was a bit concerned as a lot of the competitors had very flash bikes and he had never done a mountain bike race. He gave his all to the run, coming in 1st and managed to maintain that lead throughout the race. He was incredibly surprised to win!

It took Coen 30 minutes and 10 seconds to complete the course and win Gold.

SWIMMING

Oliver Sargison - Silver in the 100 IM, 100 Fly, 200 IM and 200 Free and Bronze in the 100 Free.
3rd place overall on points.

Edward Joh - Progressed to the 13 year old boys' finals in all his events narrowly missing bronze in the 50 Freestyle.

Hannah Henson - Fought hard in her heats in the extremely competitive field of 12 year old girls, but unfortunately just missed the finals

GOLF

Daniel Freeman – 1st place. Gross result 304 shots

Robbie Turnbull – 3rd place. Gross result 305 shots

The golfers get to play on 4 great courses over 4 days. After 4 days of intense golf there was only 1 shot separating the top 3 players. The last round was nail biting going down to the last putt of the last hole on the last day!

Golf has many methods to find a winner when it's tied. In this case it was done on a hole countback.

INDIVIDUAL AEROBICS

Hayley Christini – 6th place

2018 is the first year AIMS has run individual Aerobics as a sport. It has always been just the Aerobics Performance Groups. They were hoping for at least 20 entries and they got 71 so it was a great start!

Hayley was up against girls who had competed in the Worlds in Phoenix earlier this year so she is so happy with her placing!



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FOOTBALL

Our football boys finished 7th out of 64 teams.

Multiple times over the week the teachers were told how impressed other parents were with how our boys played the game and by the sportmanship that was shown.



CHEERLEADING

The Cheer Team performed the best routine they've done this year scoring a huge 95.2 and winning the Silver medal behind Orewa College who scored 95.4. The rest of the 12 teams they were up against scored significantly lower with quite a jump down to 3rd place and lower.

We are delighted as they had been working so hard and on the day everything just clicked!





RI Boys Breakfast 2018

Date: Tuesday 30 October

Time: 7:00 – 8:00 am

Venue: RI School Hall



With Special Guest Speaker:

John Burton who has helped pioneer the Coffee Industry in NZ since 1980.



**Tickets go on sale:
School Foyer 8am
Tuesday 23 October**

**Cost: \$10.00
per caregiver & son**



Music Showcase

A night to experience the musical groups of RI in 2018



RI Advanced String Orchestra

RI Symphony Orchestra

Small Chamber Groups: Piano Duets

Flute Trio

String Quintet

Piano Quintet

Rock Bands



Thursday 25 October

6:30 - 8:30pm

RI School Hall

Gold Coin Donation Please

GIRLS BREAKFAST

On Tuesday 18th September both Year 7 and Year 8 Girls enjoyed breakfast at the school with their female caregivers!

They were joined by special guest speaker Angela Barnett, Pretty Smart - Breaking Beauty Stereotypes for Teens.



SCIENCE EXTENSION TRIPS

Last term the science extension group undertook 2 fieldtrips.

The first was to the Photon Factory @ Auckland University. The Photon Factory is a laser research and product development laboratory within the Physics Department. Students received a tour of the facility and question and answer session with researchers.

More recently, the science extension group were also lucky enough to visit Thermo Fisher Scientific in Penrose. Here they were again treated to a site tour, this time including a gowning up experience for working in a biological clean-room. They were also presented with temperature data loggers to take home to monitor temperature over a number of months.

Remuera Intermediate would like to express their thanks to both the Photon Factory and Thermo Fisher for accommodating and inspiring these budding young scientists.



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TECHNOLOGY SHOWCASE

On Thursday 13th September the Technology Showcase took place in our school hall.

Students and their parents were able to see some of the work our students have been involved in so far this year. It was a great opportunity for our Year 7 students to see what the Year 8's get up to and hopefully it gave them more information on which to base their option choices for next year. It was also the perfect chance for our students to showcase all the hard work they have put into their technology classes this year!

At RI we pride ourselves on challenging students and our technology classes provide a medium to challenge them in ways unlike any other subject. Technology is a very 'hands on' subject and provides opportunities for all students to achieve success. It also allows some 'life skills' to be incorporated into our programmes.

The point of difference an Intermediate School has, is its' specialist classes. At RI we have a very strong team of teachers who constantly strive to ensure the programmes they present to our students are the best on offer.

Our Tech team encourage the students to be critical thinkers and innovative in what they are designing.

Displays from Bio Tech, Soft Materials, Food Tech and Hard Materials were amazing. Students in each of these areas were able to show and tell visitors about the work they have been doing and products created.

Our guest speaker was Laura Smith - Spatial Designer. She trained in Fine Arts, film and prop design and runs a successful business in spatial design. Laura totally captivated the audience with her presentation of the design journey of one of her projects involving a local cafe.



WILLIAM PIKE – WAIPU CAVES

The William Pike challenge award saw the students head up to Waipu Caves for their next outdoor challenge. This adventure was exploring the Waipu caves and also Rock climbing and abseiling. The caves are a very exciting and challenging cave system, which is full of tight squeezes, rivers, incredibly dark spaces and of course glow worms! This is one of the most challenging and confronting trips for the students, as being in the depths of the caves is a very new and difficult environment. The students had to push themselves in situations that they weren't comfortable in, like crawling along on their belly through very small spaces. The second part of the trip involved the students learning about the correct way to rock climb in an outdoor setting and to overcome heights to abseil down large rock walls. An incredible trip with a lot of learning and challenges on offer.



THE PASSION PROJECT

These are a few of the 50 students working on 'The Passion Project', an idea created by Kate Shellekens, an ex pupil and now head girl of Selwyn College. She wanted to bring together students thoughts about what they were passionate about, painted on a tile. There are several secondary and intermediate schools involved so a huge undertaking for Kate who will be grouting hundreds of the tiles onto panels to present in an exhibition.



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RI CYCLING CLUB UPDATE

The recent school holidays saw a number of our riders compete at National and Regional levels.

For the first time in the history of Schools Cycling the National School Road Championships were held in Christchurch during the first weekend of the school holidays. The event comprised 3 races; a road race, criterium and team time trial. All six riders - Jonny Barclay, Finn Houghton, Richie Wood, Tegan Feringa, Charlotte Wood and Alex Clark, put forward their best efforts.

RI Team Time Trial Teams results: Girls Team - 6th – TTT

Boys Team 10th – TTT

Excellent performances and lots of fun on a beautiful day!



The Yunca Junior Tour of Southland, regarded as one of Australasia's leading Junior Road Tours, was held on the 6-8 October. Jonny Barclay and Alex Clark competed in this event with very commendable results:

Jonny - 1st ITT - 3rd Kermesse - 1st Gorge Road - 3rd Gorge Road Mini - 3rd Crit. - 1st Grove-Bush Springhills – 2nd Overall GC

Alex - 13th ITT - 11th Kermesse - 12th Gorge Road - 12th Gorge Road Mini - 9th Crit. - 11th Grove-Bush Springhills - 11th Overall GC



During the final weekend of the holidays the South Island School MTB Championships were held in extreme weather conditions of rain, snow, hail and a little sunshine. These conditions did not deter Alex Clark whose performances in all races was outstanding (although the title and medal only goes to South Island riders).

Alex's results - 1st Enduro - 2nd Downhill (1st NI DH) - 1st XC - 1st Overall



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AIMS FOOTBALL RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

Winners were:

Countdown Gift Hamper - Fiona (from Mt Albert)

Gift Basket of food items - Trish O

Kathmandu Gift Basket - Amberley Ah Chee

Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all who supported the raffle.

KEEPING SAFE IN THE DIGITAL WORLD

Last term we were lucky to have Detective Kate Smith return to our school to talk to our Year 7s about Keeping Safe in the Digital World. Kate's talk leaves our students with a range of strong messages, including:

Everything you post becomes public information.

Unless they are your friends and you have met them you DON'T know who you are talking to on the internet.

If you see something that you are not comfortable with, tell an adult.

Keep your details private, things like your address, birthdate and phone numbers.

Always ask for help.

If you have any questions surrounding cyber safety take a look at this website or contact us:

<https://www.netsafe.org.nz/online-safety-for-parents/>



BRIDGE CLUB

On the final day of last term, members of the school Bridge Club travelled to Hamilton with Mrs Clydesdale and Mr Rasmussen to take part in a national competition playing against other intermediate pupils, high school pupils and university students. It was a great day with some very intense moments. Justin Chao of Room 1 received a major prize, his team won the day's event on handicap.



SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

At the end of last term, members of the strings section of the school orchestra attended a rehearsal of the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra at the Auckland town hall. It was great to see a professional orchestra being put through their paces before a big concert. The guest violinist was fantastic and the concert received rave reviews at the sell-out performance that night.



GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

On Thursday 20th September, the RI girls volleyball team made their way to the Central Zone Volleyball Competition at the North Shore Events Centre. We had spent most of term 3 practising both during lunch and after school so the girls felt ready and were excited to put all our hard work onto the courts. We arrived on the day to find a strong group of 12 teams ready to battle it out. The game plan was simple. Remember the basics, play hard and have as much fun as possible. Out of the 10 girls that went on the day all of them played in every game. Volleyball allows you to substitute as many times as you want and we took full advantage of this.

With the rotation of all 10 girls, we were able to keep our energy high and our focus on the game all day. This led to the girls doing spectacularly in pool play, we ended up winning 4 games and losing 1. Every single game was close with the girls stepping up and working as a team, constantly talking and encouraging each other. With a strong performance in pool play we made it to the semis. We unfortunately lost and were then playing for 3rd. We came up against Ponsonby Intermediate, a team that had been playing well all day and were not going to be an easy game. The girls played amazingly and came out victorious with an impressive outcome of third place.

Team members were: Alyssa Kemp, Caitlyn Taumata, Fesui Tagaloa, Eva Lavrent, Faith Evalu, Emily Cosham, Holly Lightbourne, Felicity Thompson, Jessie Barclay, Te Kahurangi Whata.



IMPORTANT DATES

22 October	Labour Day	8 November	Arts Awards Evening
23 October	Board of Trustees Meeting	13 November	PTA Meeting
25 October	Music Showcase	15 November	Orientation Evening
30 October	Boys Breakfast	20 November	Board of Trustees Meeting
31 October	Athletics Day	20 November	William Pike Graduation Evening
		29 November	Sports Awards Dinner
4 December	Board of Trustees Meeting		
13 December	School Prizegiving		
14 December	Term 4 Ends		

(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

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 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.

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REPORT AN ABSENCE

PARENT PORTAL

UPDATE MY DETAILS

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 towards more online communication and sharing of student records.

PARENT PORTAL

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

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our website is constantly being updated with upcoming events and news. Most of the 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

PARKING

Please do not park in the school grounds when picking up your children. Parking is available on Ascot Ave or St Vincent Avenue. We have had complaints from the neighbours around our school regarding parents parking across their driveways when picking up students from school. Please do not park and wait across any driveways in the vicinity of the school. Also, please do not park and wait at Ascot Mercy Hospital Carpark to pick up your children.

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