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## SEPTEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

# No act of kindness. no matter how small, is ever wasted.

- Aesop

Recently we have been discussing the idea of understanding and empathy here at RI. In a world where fear and conflict are being debated in the media and by global politics we must remind ourselves that these children are our future leaders. As such we believe it is our duty to provide our students the opportunity to explore their role in creating a positive future for all.

At assembly recently I spoke to the children about the idea that as people we each have our own values and beliefs. These may stem from family, traditions, religion, nationality to name a few. Conflict often comes about when we assume others actions are driven by the same values and beliefs as our own and as such

we can misinterpret the intention behind another person's actions. The simple act of asking what was meant by something or asking 'Why did you do that?' can build understanding and strengthen relationships.

It is the diversity of our community that presents some challenges but it can also be the source of great innovation and creativity. In a global society it is important to help young people collaborate with others in a way that this creativity and innovation can be encouraged to help develop solutions for some of the increasingly complex issues ahead. At a recent World Economic Forum this changing landscape is illustrated by the anticipated skills required for future employment. Perhaps if kindness was number one the others would be a whole lot easier to achieve.

## Top 10 skills

#### in 2020

- Complex Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Creativity
  People Management
- Coordinating with Others Emotional Intelligence
- Judgment and Decision Making
- Service Orientation
- Negotiation Cognitive Flexibility

#### in 2015

- Complex Problem Solving
- Coordinating with Others People Management
- Critical Thinking
- Negotiation
- Quality Control
- Service Orientation Judgment and Decision Making
- Active Listening
- Creativity







## Mt Ruapehu NIPS Ski Competition

Congratulations to our participating skiers. It was a brilliant sunny day and the Remuera Intermediate Team of 6 boys and 4 girls had a great time, showed great sportsmanship. There were 150 boys and 120 girls from 68 teams all over the North Island competing.

The A team came in 13th place overall: Matthew Barclay – 8th place William Cotter - 24th place Thomas Clark – 62<sup>nd</sup> place Braden Jones – 80th place Connor Underwood – 97th place





The B Team came in 44th place overall: Mikayla Harvey – 61st place Phoebe Cotter – 70th place Ella Ewing – 90th place Tianlina Lu – 97th place Jack Woodfield - 134th place



#### Sensational Samosas!!

The RI cheerleading team are off to compete in the Gold Coast in November and we are selling samosas help us get there. Veg/Chicken/Lamb/Butter Chicken \$18-\$20 bag of 10.

Orders due by Friday 16th September to <a href="maisrunciman@yahoo.co.nz">msrunciman@yahoo.co.nz</a>.

Delivery Week 1, Term 4. Don't miss out! Last chance for 2016

### **Central Zones Cross Country**

On a glorious spring day, 31 August 2016, our 32 strong team of runners competed in the Central Zones Cross Country Championships at Waiatarua Reserve. The course was 3,000m for the Year 7 runners and 3,500m for the Year 8 runners, over long grass, mud patches, puddles, metal and uneven ground.

#### **RI School Team Results**

Year 7 Girls Team – tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> place Year 7 Boys Team – 2<sup>nd</sup> place Year 8 Girls Team – 3<sup>rd</sup> place Year 8 Boys – 3<sup>rd</sup> place These 5 individual runners will compete at the Auckland Interzone Cross Country Championships in Huapai:

Amelia Angus Thomas Holmes Daniel Flanagan

James Dyer Zac Cabling



#### **RI Badminton**

The extremely popular RI Badminton Training Programme is now in its 9th year and is held in the hall on a Tuesday or Friday after school. Our popular coach, Riga Oud is an old boy of our school who is the NZ U15, U17, U19, U23 Champion. He teaches us all the tricks he knows, so one day we may be as good as him!



### **Change in Personal Details**

Please be reminded that if you change your email, phone number or address to advise us asap so we can also keep our records up to date.



#### **RI Water Polo**

What a fabulous finish to the regular school Water Polo season! Congratulations to the awesome results for the night.

## **Central Year 7/8 Competition**

RI GOLD - 3RD Placing RI BLACK - 1ST Placing

### Eastern Year 7/8 Competition

RI RED - 1ST Placing

We are so proud of our kids and how they represented our school with grace and awesome sportsmanship.





#### Japan Exchange

Last Monday morning 30 young RI students set off to Fukuoka to visit our sister school Befu Elementary and to experience life in Japan for 10 days. We welcome them back to school on Thursday.



#### **Annual Music Showcase**

Thank you to everyone for making the recent Music Showcase such a success. There were Singers, Orchestra, Strings, Brass, Woodwind and Rock Bands!

Mrs Kearney would like to give special thanks and acknowledgement to Dr Thomson, Miss Faulkner, Mrs Gordon and Mr Peters for their excellent work and support in our music department.

Also special thanks to Mr Van Mulbregt and Mr Rasmussen for their behind the scenes support. Thanks to Mrs Kearney for her organisation of the evening.



### **Boys Netball**

Two teams recently represented Remuera Intermediate at Auckland Champs for BoysNetball. It was a great day with some Amazing athleticism. Our Year 7 Boys Team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall and the Year 8 Boys team finished 4th.

Awesome achievement by both teams.



#### **Important Dates**

Sept 13 – PTA Meeting 7.30pm

Sept 15 – Technology Evening 6.30pm

Sept 20 – Girls Breakfast 7-8am

Sept 20 – BOT Meeting 7.30pm

Sept 23 – Term 3 Ends

Oct 10 - Term 4 Starts

