



REMUERA
INTERMEDIATE
SCHOOL
Reliability Integrity Service



APRIL 2019 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

NEW POLICIES SITE FOR REMUERA INTERMEDIATE

Our school has been working with SchoolDocs to create a website for our policies and procedures. We are excited to announce that the site is now live and available to our school community.

The school works on a subscription basis with SchoolDocs to maintain, update, and review our policies. SchoolDocs provides us with a comprehensive core set of policies which have been well researched and follow the Ministry of Education National Administration Guidelines. The policies and procedures are tailored to our school, and the school supplies specific information such as our charter, and procedures for behaviour management, reporting to parents, etc.

SchoolDocs updates, modifies, or creates policies in response to changes in legislation or Ministry guidelines, significant events, reviews/requests from schools, and regular reviewing from the SchoolDocs team. Our board of trustees has the opportunity to view changes/additions and comment on them before they are implemented. We will advise you when policies are up for review and how you can take part in the review.

We invite you to visit the site at <http://remint.schooldocs.co.nz/> (note that there's no "www"!). Our username is **remint** and password **ascot**.

EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE (ERO) VISIT

Next term ERO will be visiting Remuera Intermediate in week 4 to conduct their scheduled visit. These visits are a great opportunity for us as a school community to reflect on what is working well for us and to share opportunities for continued growth. At the conclusion of their visit we will receive a written report which we will share with our community in due course.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge everyone that makes RI the success that it is. We continue to receive fantastic support from you, our families and community. I have really appreciated working closely with a number of you this term as we refine some of our systems and processes across all aspects of school life. I continue to be impressed by your willingness to offer constructive and positive ways forward when things may not be as smooth as we would like.

I would also like to acknowledge the staff here at RI. Everyone on our team offers a great deal of time, commitment and energy to ensuring the young people who spend their days with us get the best possible experience. Everyone here contributes to making the culture of RI one of high standards, hard work, good fun and positive relationships.

As we break for the term 1 holidays I wish you and our staff a safe and happy holiday with friends and loved ones. We will see you all back here on Monday 29th April ready for another action packed term.

Kyle Brewerton
Principal

YEAR 7 CAMP

What a fantabulous camp Year 7 had this year! The rain on day one could not dull the spirits of our energetic students.

The days were busy, filled with challenging and exciting activities, with many of our students facing these head on with some awesome results. For both camps, the first night saw the inaugural Bring Me Challenge - this years winners were Groups 3 and 4!!

Our Camp Concert on the second night showcased the huge range of talent we have at RI. Camp 1 was wowed by Candy Floss - our guest presenter flown in from Australia, and Camp 2 were entertained by Trixie, Dixie and Pixie. We're not too sure where this trio came from, but we're glad they made it to camp.

All of this could not have been possible without the help of our camp parents!! From running the "Beast" dishwasher to sweeping the rec floor and cleaning bathrooms - we could not have done it without you. Did we mention the home baking - delicious!! We did not realise you could get so many different varieties of ginger crunch!

Well done Year 7 - you should be very proud of yourselves - because we are.



ROOM 15



YEAR 8 CAMP – ROOMS 21 & 22

Rooms 21 & 22 had an amazing three days away in sunny Mangawhai for their camp. Students thrived with the challenges they faced & learned important teamwork skills, they especially enjoyed the waterslide, playing in the water & cooking their own dinners. They would like to thank all the parents who went with them for making the camp such a success!



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AUCKLAND CRICKET CHAMPIONS 2019

We did it! Back to Back Champions! Our Girls Cricket team have been participating in the Active Shield Cup Cricket Competition over this past term. The team is made up of our Year 7 and Year 8 girls cricket players who have been tirelessly training week in, week out. Their dedication paid off when they took out the competition at Central Zones a few weeks ago and again in the ASC Championship final. After Belmont Intermediate set a formidable target, we were left to chase 147 runs to win off our 20 overs.

We did it in 15!

The whole team performed brilliantly across the park, especially in the field. Notable individual performances included Anika Todd and Christelle McGuire. Anika led the way with a 3 wicket bag, as well as finishing 71 not out with the bat, while Christelle battled through niggling injuries to collect 127 runs across the semifinal and final - without getting out.

We are really proud of not only this incredible result, but the way the team supported each other and all of their opponents. We can't wait to see these girls represent Auckland at Nationals later in the year - bring it on!



INTERZONE SWIMMING

The individual events were super tough competition. David Li made it into the 100m final, Addy Randall, Michael Zeng and Connor Steele looked great in their heats and the relay team came 2nd! Fabulous effort by each of them.



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POLYFEST 2019

This term in week 7 on a very hot summers day 32 students attended Polyfest 2019 at the Manukau Sports Bowl. Students had the opportunity to see some of the best school cultural groups perform and try different cultural foods. Throughout the day students visited different Pacific Island stages to watch various performances. The day was a success and some students have been inspired to join a cultural group for their future College.



PARENT /TEACHER INTERVIEWS - TERM 2 2019

We will be conducting Parent/Teacher interviews during the week of Monday 6 – Thursday 9 May.

Please take the opportunity to meet with your child’s teacher to discuss their progress to date.

Access to interview bookings will be online via schoolinterviews.co.nz. We will send an event code for the website along with further details on Monday of Week 1.

The duration of the interviews will be 10 minutes with our booking system allowing a few minutes transition time between interviews.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE PARENT ELECTIONS 2019

Nominations are invited for the election of six parent representatives to the board of trustees. We are introducing a staggered election for the first time so therefore each candidate will be nominated for either an 18 month or 3 year term.

Nomination forms are being sent by post on Friday 12 April to all eligible candidates. You can put your name forward as a candidate or nominate someone else as a candidate. Note: If you are on the school role and eligible to vote, you can nominate yourself and do not require a seconder.

Complete the nomination form including the necessary signatures and candidates contact details and post or hand deliver to:

The Returning Officer, Remuera intermediate School, 55 Ascot Avenue, Remuera, Auckland 1050.

Nominations close at 12 noon on Wednesday 15 May 2019.

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POLYSCHOLARS ARE FLYING!

The Polyscholars group, taken by head of science Alaric Nicholls, have been flying into fair test investigations late in Term 1. They set out to see how far a paper plane could fly and to investigate the effect of systematically adding weight to the nose of the planes. We were learning about independent, dependent and controlled variables as part of the Scientific Method.



ICAS 2019

ICAS has undergone some changes for 2019.

Firstly, they are all to be sat later in the year. Dates as per the table below and published on the ICAS website.

Secondly, the tests have gone digital - no more paper tests.

Remuera Intermediate will again offer ICAS to those parents and students who would like to participate on a user pays basis.

Notification about how to register will be available later in the year.



SUBJECT	SITTING DATES
ICAS Digital Technologies	Tuesday 3 September 2019
ICAS Science	Thursday 5 September 2019
ICAS Writing*	Tuesday 10 September 2019
ICAS Spelling Bee	Thursday 12 September 2019
ICAS English	Tuesday 17 September 2019
ICAS Mathematics	Thursday 19 September 2019

CODING NZ

In today's world, it's essential for young people to learn how to create software not just consume it. Coding NZ's classes empower students with the technology tools they need and help give them the best chance at being successful in our increasingly digital age. Signups are open now at codingnz.com/signup



THE WAY TO SUCCESS

WHO
Remuera Intermediate students in years 7 and 8.

WHAT
Fun and interactive high level coding course learning how to create program technology.

WHEN & WHERE
Term 2, 2019
School room to be confirmed
Mondays 3.10 PM to 4.10 PM

COMPUTER/MOBILE CODING
Our classes will help develop your young person's brain by teaching them advanced coding skills like how to make a computer/mobile/tablet website or application. We also include robots! Young people have an amazing capacity for learning and introducing them to technology coding while they're young will help set them up for success in our increasingly digital world. Your child will learn to not only passively consume technology, but to create technology so that they can be an active part of the digital era.

APPLY NOW (Limited Spaces Available)
To give your child the opportunity to learn how to program technology apply now at codingnz.com/signup



PUBLIC OPEN DAY 2019

SUNDAY 19 MAY 12PM - 4PM

Auckland Grammar School welcomes Old Boys, current families, supporters and members of the wider community to join us for guided tours, musical entertainment and a Food Fair to celebrate our 150th year. Don't miss this opportunity to visit and explore our unique campus.

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2020 ENROLMENTS

In Zone/Out of Zone Enrolments Open	Monday 6 May 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Forms will be available from this date on the school website, via post or in person from the school officeApplications can be received via email, post or via the officeAny applications not completed correctly or missing documents, will not be processed and will be returned to parents
Public Open Day	Wednesday 12 June 2019 8:45am – 10:20am Tours to commence from Ascot Avenue Foyer
In Zone Application Due Back	Wednesday 4 September 2019
Out of Zone Application Closes	Wednesday 4 September 2019 at 3:30pm – no exceptions
Out of Zone Ballot	Wednesday 11 September 2019 Results emailed and posted by Thursday 12 September 2019
Acceptances OZ Ballot	Friday 27 September 2019 at 3:30pm - no exceptions otherwise place will go to next on the list
Orientation Evening	Thursday 14 November 2019

IMPORTANT DATES

12 April	Term 1 Ends	31 May	Teacher Only Day
29 April	Term 2 Starts	18 June	PTA Meeting
30 April	Aspiring Trustees Workshop	28 June	Awards Assembly
7 May	Board of Trustees Meeting	5 July	Term 2 Ends
14 May	PTA Meeting	22 July	Term 3 Starts
20 May	Board of Trustees Election		

(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.



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/>