



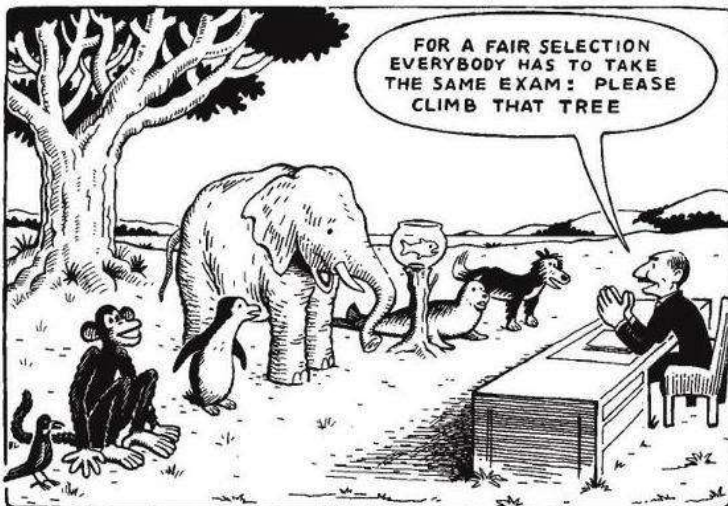
AUGUST 2019 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Last week I had the privilege of spending a few days with fellow principals hearing from numerous speakers sharing successes, challenges, frustrations and opportunities. This year we had a number of speakers, from outside of the education world, sharing their perspectives from the business sector about current innovations, challenges and possible future developments. Hearing from these people certainly encourages us to think carefully about what our young people are learning in schools today and how this might serve them in years to come. As one speaker pointed out, the future is merely the manifestation of someone's imagination. Another speaker took this point further and challenged our current approach and suggested we aim for a model where education is shaping the future rather than the future, as predicated by business and government, shaping education.

This certainly makes sense when we consider that we cannot accurately predict the future. We only need to think back 20 years and consider how the world has changed in ways we never imagined. In an effort to provide an education that serves our young people well, we need a balanced approach. All too often education is a world of this or that. Mondays Herald is a great example. The front page contained a story about how the current approach to reading has failed too many young people and we must go back to phonics to fix this. What we really need are teachers who are passionate, well-educated and well-trained who can respond to the needs in front of them.

There is no 'one size fits all'. Education must be responsive, flexible, creative and suited to the strengths and challenges of those it serves. Success in reading, writing and maths, whilst very important, will not alone serve our young people as they shape their future. These areas remain important and we must continue to ensure young people succeed in these areas, whilst also building skills and knowledge in other areas that will serve them in an uncertain world. The ability to understand, consider and work through complex problems alongside peers with a variety of perspectives and skills will be incredibly important. Already some businesses are conceding that they are more concerned with problem solving, creativity, communication and work ethic than institutional knowledge. Information, processes and operating systems can be taught however without these other attributes they are of little use.



This year we have redesigned our curriculum to bring all these elements together. By creating units of study that require our young people to research, gather, interpret and communicate ideas and information, they are required to hone their core curriculum skills whilst also gaining a broader understanding of the world and their place in it. We are also providing greater opportunities to work with others and to research related topics that hold particular interest. This brings greater depth of understanding and rigor to the issues at hand, whilst also providing the right environment to foster and develop the skills that will hopefully enable them to shape an amazing future for us all.

CENTRAL ZONE BOYS BASKETBALL 2019

Central Zone Basketball is traditionally a very difficult competition to progress from with 16 teams competing for 1 spot at Interzones, every game is vital. After much practise and a great showing in the Term 2 local competitions, the RI Raptors team were hopeful of making the finals at C/Z. Immediately, we started at full throttle, coming out of the gates fast with an onslaught of quick buckets. This continued through pool play with convincing wins against both Waikowhai A and Marcellin College.



Progressing through to playoffs, our team had to persevere through tight, physical contests to make it through to the final against Ponsonby Intermediate. However, from the opening tip (won by Gisha), the ball moved immediately to George, then Blake, where he pulled up from outside the arc to land a 'nothing-but-net' 3-pointer, opening the scoring within 10 seconds. Soon backed up by a swift lay-up from Timote, the early 5 point buffer was enough to keep us in front throughout, before pulling away in the later stages.

A championship effort rewarded with 1st Place and a spot at the Interzone competition. What a team!

CENTRAL ZONE GIRLS BASKETBALL 2019

This year the CZ Girls Basketball Team brought a strong energetic attitude throughout their 9 games. We managed to arrive at our first game only minutes before the match in which the girls fought hard to defeat St.Cuthberts. Next up was Mt. Roskill, who really challenged us with their aggression. However, our team came out on top with their non-stop commitment and determination. I was so impressed with the new found confidence the girls gained while carrying the ball down the court and hitting nothing but net!

BALLIN!

Despite some questionable officiating, the girls fought hard through blood and sweat (especially Jessica who fractured her finger) all day long and we ended up playing Mt. Roskill for 7th place. This game was a real nail biter, with constant back and forth baskets. However, our girls persevered once again and pulled off a win by only one basket, that placed us 7th out of 16 teams! It was an amazing day to watch a group of talented, athletic and genuine girls work together to defeat some very skilled teams!



CROSS COUNTRY 2019

Wednesday 14 August saw our school cross country races. The top 8 placings for each gender and year level make up the Central Zone Cross Country team running on Wednesday 28 August at Waiatarua Reserve. Placings 9 and 10 will act as reserves.

The results are as follows:

	Year 7 Girls		Year 7 Boys		Year 8 Girls		Year 8 Boys	
	Name	Room	Name	Room	Name	Room	Name	Room
1	Nina Brown	11	Quinn Moss	17	Kayo Findsen	3	Alex Wilkins	23
2	Jessica Hong	15	Stuart Holmes	7	Leila Daniels	27	Ethan Chuang	28
3	Ayline Helgen	14	Luke Fowler	16	Rhianna Beard	26	Robert Fitzpatrick	3
4	Isla Pengelly	10	Callum Monk	6	Kimora Iakopo	2	Callum Rae	25
5	Nina Taylor	6	James Magnusson	14	Leela Baker	22	Hector De Mornac	21
6	Lucy Haydon	8	Zach Lambert	7	Sophie Barton	3	Jonny Barclay	25
7	Mary Malkova	16	Ethan Lee	9	Mischa Romans	23	George Butler	27
8	Anais Khellaf	13	Jay Bourke	7	Anja White	27	Xander McLachlan	25
9 (reserve)	Maneet Kaur	13	Marlon Baylis	17	Abby Lash	25	Conner Steele	25
10 (reserve)	Estelle Hamill	10	Liam van Daalen	16	Zahra AlEthary	19	Riley Gallagher	22



CENTRAL ZONE BOYS NETBALL



On Friday 2 August, 21 boys headed to Windmill Courts to compete in the Central Zone Boys Netball competition.

It was a great, exciting and nail-biting day that saw the Year 7 Boys team place 2nd after losing a close game to Waikowhai by 1 point.

The Year 8 Boys placed 1st overall after going up against some tough competition.

Both teams will be heading to the Interzone Netball competition on Wednesday 21 August.

CENTRAL ZONE GIRLS NETBALL



It had been a week of rain and hail but come Friday 9 August the weather had cleared (well sort of!) The day was filled with mixed results, with the Year 7 Girls finishing in 5th place and the Year 8 Girls in 9th place. Interestingly, the games the girls lost were by only one or two goals, which was an outstanding effort. Everyone showed fantastic skills and even better sportsmanship. Even though we didn't get the results we were after, we went home knowing that we only lost to the teams which came 1st and 2nd by a mere one or two goals - what a feeling!

STARBURST PERFORMANCE – INTERNETIONAL SHOWCASE

Starburst members have been together since August 2018 when they were Year 7's to present as Year 8's.

After a year of fun, working hard and practicing, the Starburst group (23 students) created an original production for our school. Behind the curtains we sat locking eyes and smiling nervously. Final deep breaths were exhaled as our RI AI (Artificial Intelligence Teacher) spoke to us for the first time.

Our show, "International Showcase" was about a typical Year 8 class that were set a project by their RI AI to create a presentation showcasing the culture, dance, music, food, languages etc of a chosen country. They are told to have a wide coverage of the globe without too many from any one continent. The students work hard and finish their projects just in time to present. In glorious national costumes the students danced to a mix of traditional and modern music. The countries investigated were: Puerto Rico, Colombia, Italy, Egypt, Japan, South Korea, India, Vietnam, Ireland, Fiji, Niue and Nigeria. Of course, we also sang a beloved Kiwi song at the end to represent our home - Aotearoa by Stan Walker complete with poi and haka.

While our group had to disband, we were still really excited and happy that our show went well and we had an audience of well over 100 people to watch our original production. Starburst in 2019 was a fantastic, multicultural success!



VODAFONE WARRIORS VISIT

On Monday 12 August we had David Fusitu'a and Karl Lawton from the Vodafone Warriors come in and do some skills and drills with a few selected Year 7 students.

Everyone had a great time with the players and enjoyed the memorable experience.



FUTSAL PIZZA FUNDRAISER

A big thank you to all the teachers and parents who supported our Pizza Fundraiser on Monday 5 August! Our AIMS Futsal Team made \$380 after outgoings so they were pleased with result!

They are doing another pizza fundraiser on Monday 2 September selling directly from the hall for \$2 per slice! No orders this time, first come first served basis. They will also be selling bagged lollies. Bring cash!!

SCIENCE ROADSHOW 2019

On Wednesday June 31st and Thursday August 1st Remuera Intermediate School hosted the Science Roadshow. This travelling interactive science extravaganza came complete with 2 informative yet entertaining shows, as well as a raft of new interactive displays through which students were able to explore a wide range of science concepts. Twelve Year 8 student demonstrators, comprised of science monitors and Science Extension members, assisted the Science Roadshow staff by explaining the various exhibits that were set up around the school hall. Whether it was the giant student-engulfing bubble, the bed of nails, the ride on gyroscope or any of the many other interactive exhibits, fun and learning was had by teachers and students alike!



CUPCAKE DAY

On August 6th we took part in the SPCA's National Fundraiser 'Cupcake Day' to bake a difference for the lives of thousands of injured, abused, sick and lost animals across New Zealand. Students and parents baked cupcakes which were then sold at school. From this we raised an amazing \$1,750 dollars which was a great total to donate to the SPCA.

A very big thank you to everyone who took part and a special mention to Zara Kelsey and Samara Riley who were the driving force behind this Cupcake Day at RI.





RI Boys Breakfast 2019

Date: Thursday 29 August

Time: 7:00 – 8:00am

Venue: RI School Hall



Special Guest Speaker: DJ Forbes
Olympian
Commonwealth Games Gold Medal
Former NZ Rugby Union Player
Captain of the All Blacks Seven



Cost: \$10 per
Caregiver and Son

Ticket Sales Open:
Tuesday 13 August
School Foyer 8am

VIRTUALATHON – PTA FUNDRAISER

We are hoping to raise enough to purchase a class set of Virtual Reality Headsets with access to a library of pre-installed 360 degree videos and images. RI is bringing VR to our classrooms, enabling our children to interact in virtual worlds. This is an exciting resource that will further enhance our student's learning and engagement.

Each RI student has been given a questionnaire with answers and a sponsorship/donation form.

We hope that with your support and encouragement, students will get involved and support their community.

Our students will be participating in the question and answer session on Thursday 5th September. We hope that students and families will get behind this Virtual-A-Thon, have fun learning the questions and enjoy the experience of supporting the future development of Remuera Intermediate. This is a great opportunity for students to contribute to their community. Thank you for your support and enjoy the new conversation starters at the dinner table!



IMMIGRATION SIMULATION

This term Year 7's theme is : It's a Big Wide World; Leave Nothing but Footprints.

We are looking into why humans move around the world and the impact that this can have from a range of perspectives. The Year 7 teachers wanted our students to be immersed in a situation that was unfamiliar and not what they had expected on the first day of the term. We planned an activity that we hoped would introduce the unit in a memorable and exciting way.

After our first assembly of Term 3 we asked all Year 7 students to remain in the hall. Then we opened up the RI Immigration Centre. With the help of some enthusiastic Year 8's, each student passed through a series of border patrols and once they cleared customs, were assigned to a new country (classroom) for the morning. Some found themselves with new teachers, new friends situated in new classrooms.

This was a rich experience for our students and throughout the day our conversations and follow up activities were insightful and thought provoking. Year 7's have started the unit in an enthusiastic manner and we look forward to building the momentum across the term!



2020 ENROLMENTS

If you have a Year 6 student who will be coming to RI in 2020, we encourage you to contact the school about starting the enrolment process early to ensure we are well prepared for the coming year.

The enrolment form is available on the school website or at the office. If you have a query regarding the enrolment process please contact Ms Margaret Khoong at enrolments@remint.school.nz

IMPORTANT DATES

In Zone/Out of Zone Applications Open	Monday 6 May 2019 - Forms are available on the school website/office - Applications can be received via email, post or the office - Any applications that are not completed correctly or are missing documents will be rejected and returned to parents
In Zone Applications Due Back	Wednesday 4 September 2019
Out of Zone Applications Close	Wednesday 4 September 2019 at 3:30pm – no exceptions
Out of Zone Ballot	Wednesday 11 September 2019

IMPORTANT NOTICE

RI OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR 2020

The Board of Trustees of Remuera Intermediate School wish to advise that the school will not be taking any Year 8 Out of Zone applications for 2020.

The Board of Trustees will limit the number of Out of Zone places for Year 7 Priority 6 students in the ballot to 120 for 2020.

The closing date for Out of Zone applications is Wednesday 4 September 2019 at 3:30pm. No late applications will be accepted.

The school office hours are Monday to Friday 8:00am - 3:30pm.

If you wish to enrol your child as an In Zone student, it would be appreciated if you could get these applications to us by Wednesday 4 September 2019 to ensure appropriate class sizes and staffing can be established for next year.

Enrolment forms can be collected from the school office or downloaded from our website www.remint.school.nz

COLLEGE 2020 ENROLMENT DEADLINES FOR OUT OF ZONE APPLICATIONS

Application Deadline - Wednesday 4 September 2019

Ballot - Wednesday 11 September 2019 at the following colleges:

Auckland Grammar School
Epsom Girls Grammar School
Glendowie College
One Tree Hill College
Selwyn College

IMPORTANT DATES

18-26 August	Dunedin Trip	19 September	Girls Breakfast
27 August	BOT Meeting	20 September	Awards Assembly
29 August	Boys Breakfast	23 September	BOT Meeting
02-11 September	Japan Trip	25 September	Music Showcase
10 September	PTA Meeting	27 September	Term 3 Ends
		14 October	Term 4 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 8:30am 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/>