



REMUERA  
INTERMEDIATE  
SCHOOL  
Reliability Integrity Service



## FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

#### HAPPY NEW YEAR AND WELCOME

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to Remuera Intermediate. For those of you returning to RI, welcome back. We have had a great few weeks getting settled into new classes and getting acquainted with peers and teachers.

Here at RI our mission statement as shown below plays a major role in guiding our decision making.

*Remuera Intermediate School will provide a rigorous and enriching education in an environment that supports the unique social, emotional and academic needs of emerging adolescents. The aim of this education is to develop resilient, compassionate and responsible members of a global community.*

As you can see, our aim is to cater to the unique needs of this age whilst maintaining a strong focus on academic growth and achievement. To achieve this aim Remuera Intermediate has built a solid reputation for being a school that encourages strong relationships with everyone involved in your child's learning including families, staff and the wider community.

We consistently encourage students to get involved in the many opportunities on offer here at Remuera Intermediate whether it is in the art studio, on the stage, on the sports field or in one of the many academic enrichment and extension programmes. We believe that this is a time in one's life when we start figuring out who we are and where our passions lie. It is these early experiences that may begin to set us on a future path of success.

We encourage you to take every opportunity to get involved in your child's journey. We enjoy the support and involvement of an active PTA and an experienced Board of Trustees. Our doors are always open and we look forward to partnering with you as your child embarks on another successful year.

**Kyle Brewerton**  
Principal

#### YOU AND YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER

*The most important relationship with your child after your own is the one between your child and their teacher.*

**Don't be a Stranger** – take a moment to introduce yourself to your child's teacher, and stay in contact.

**Learning doesn't stop at 3.00 pm** – support the teacher by encouraging your child to talk about the school day and what they are studying.

**Keep your child organised** – check newsletters, notices, reminders, alerts etc. Encourage your child to have a timetable displayed so they know when PE gear is needed and when they have specialist classes.



**Teachers are on your side so give them support** – some parents go into ‘attack mode’ when their child complains about a teacher. Try to get the full story by contacting the teacher in a positive way, and working together on the situation.

**Let your child make mistakes** – teachers want students who try hard and not all students are going to get all work correct all the time. Support your child but don’t put too much pressure on them to be perfect. Our greatest lessons often come from the mistakes we make.

**If the teacher is doing a good job let them know** – working with a large group of young people is highly demanding. It’s incredibly uplifting and appreciated when someone takes the time to say thank you.

## HOME AND SCHOOL EMAIL COMMUNICATION

These days the use of email allows us to communicate more efficiently. To ensure we all (staff, students, parents and the wider community) find that email continues to be a productive form of communication, we have developed school guidelines around its use. Thank you for working with us in following these guidelines.

### E-Mail Guidelines

Decide if you are sending this email for the purposes of information giving or some other reason. Organisation of events, meeting requests and information giving are the best use of email as a form of communication.

Try to keep emails brief and include a clear subject line as a header so people can identify swiftly if it is relevant to them.

Make sure that it is clear in your email what the purpose of the email is - do you require specific action or is the email for information only?

Avoid using email for complaining or venting - this is not an appropriate use of the medium. If you have a sensitive issue or challenging situation, please do not hesitate to make a time to speak to your child’s teacher or one of our school leaders in person.

Avoid using email as an excuse to avoid personal contact. A simple ‘rule of thumb’ is to ask yourself if you would say what you have written to face to face.

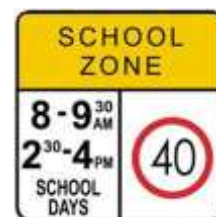
### Parents to Staff E-Mail

If you have any concerns about your child you need to contact your child’s classroom teacher to make a time to meet to discuss your concerns. This can be done via email. Please inform your child’s teacher of your concerns before the meeting to support a positive outcome.

Please do not expect a reply from a teacher immediately as our expectation is that they will be working with children during the school day. Teachers will reply to emails within three working days.

## ROAD SAFETY

The school has safety rules that our staff strictly enforce, particularly at the end of the school day. We are very aware of the dangers the students face crossing the road at the Ascot Ave/Greenlane lights, and there are concerns about the traffic congestion along both Ascot Ave and St Vincents Ave. We expect parents to support our Safety Rules:



- Parents should not call out to their children to run across the road at points that we consider extremely dangerous.
- PARENTS ARE NOT TO DRIVE INTO THE SCHOOL or block driveways to pick up or drop off students unless authorised.
- Students should use the crossing at Ascot Ave/Greenlane Rd to cross, not the crossing on Greenlane Road close to St Vincents Ave.

We do our best to ensure your children leave our school safely. We appeal for parent cooperation. During school hours if children have arranged to leave the school, they **must** be picked up from the school office and signed out.

## **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.

## **CYBERSAFETY and RESPONSIBLE USE**

All students have access to ICT to support learning. They have their own Remuera Intermediate email and login to our network. All students are required to sign a responsible use agreement prior to accessing ICT here at school.

All computers are protected against inappropriate websites and the school has its own internal audit procedure to monitor website use. On rare occasions, we become aware of student conflict taking place outside of school through social media. Parents are encouraged to regularly check on how their children are using the Internet and in particular Social Media outside of school hours.



## **MOBILE TELEPHONES**

Mobile phones are **NOT** permitted to be used at school. We ask that you actively **discourage** your child from bringing his/her phone to school. However, should your child need to bring a phone for after-school use, the phone must be turned off when entering the school site and we strongly recommend that it is handed to the class teacher for safekeeping throughout the day. The school will take no responsibility for any phone brought to school.

## **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 toward more online communication and sharing of student records.

## **SCHOOL WEBSITE**

Our website is constantly being updated with upcoming events and news. Most questions we are asked have the answer in the A to Z section of our website. Please take advantage of this fantastic resource [www.remint.school.nz](http://www.remint.school.nz)

## MEET THE TEACHER EVENING – THURSDAY 21 FEBRUARY

Parents and caregivers are invited to meet their child's teacher.

Programme - School Hall

6:30pm Principal's Welcome

Board of Trustees Address

6:50pm Introduction of Staff

7:00pm Meet the Teachers in their classrooms

Parents are also invited to visit the Specialist Rooms

**Please note:** *This evening is designed for you to meet the staff and for teachers to outline expectations for the year. Should you wish to discuss matters specific to your child, please make an appointment with the teacher at a time that works for all.*

## PTA FAMILY PICNIC

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All parents, extended family and students are invited to  
our annual PTA Picnic

**Wednesday 6 March**  
**5.30pm-7.00pm**  
**School Field**

- Bring your rug, sun umbrella, picnic dinner and beverages.
- A wide variety of Food vendors will be on site with food to purchase
- The PTA will run a Sausage Sizzle, come and meet this friendly, hardworking group
- A great opportunity to meet the classmates, parents, teachers and management.

**We look forward to meeting you all**

*Please note children attending the event are the responsibility of their caregivers.*

(In the event of cancellation, notification will be placed on our website and announced to the students during the day)

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## THE SOCIAL CHANGENCY

We want **YOU** To join  
The **SOCIAL CHANGENCY**

If you are an R1 student who wants to make a change for good in the world, come along to the Multimedia Room @  
**12:15 Friday** - every week  
Anyone is welcome!

Our group is focused on creating awareness of some big issues that affect us all.  
Check us out:  
[thesocialchgency@blogspot.co.nz](mailto:thesocialchgency@blogspot.co.nz)



## I THINK THEREFORE I AM

Term 1 this year sees our Year 7's investigating ways that we can set ourselves up for success. The unit is called 'I Think Therefore I Am' and the creative students from Rooms 5, 6 and 7 came up with a way to design a poster. Looks like they are off to a fantastic start with a little help from the school drone and Mr Brewerton!



## NETBALL MEETING

Parents of any students interested in playing Girls Netball this year are required to attend a meeting on Wednesday 27th February at 7pm in the School Hall.

Information regarding trials, teams and games will be explained at this meeting.

IMPORTANT DATES			
19 February	PTA Meeting BOT Meeting	01-05 April 08-12 April	Year 7 Camps Year 8 Camps
21 February	Meet the Teacher Evening	09 April	PTA Meeting
4 March	Photolife Class Photos	12 April	Term 1 Ends
6 March	PTA Picnic	29 April	Term 2 Starts
12 March	PTA AGM		
13 March	Year 7 Camp Meeting		
26 March	Bot Meeting		
29 March	Awards Assembly		

(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

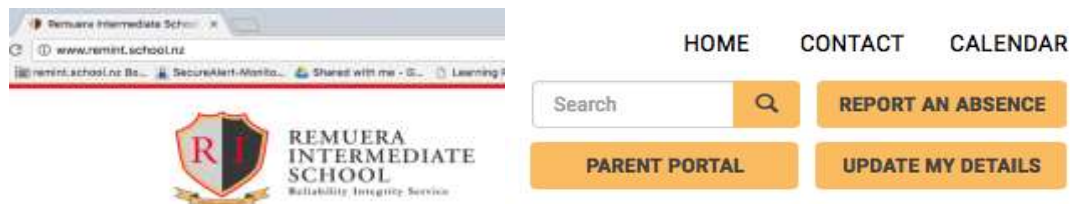
### EARLY TEXT NOTIFICATION

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](http://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/>