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MARCH 2019 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

This week I am attending the Australian Future Schools Conference in Melbourne with members of our Senior Leadership Team. We have covered issues ranging from innovation and creativity in education to the importance of reconnecting students with the physical environment. Throughout these presentations, one theme has remained constant and that is the importance of developing the ability to work with others. The vast majority of current innovations and changes have come from collaborative efforts across multiple industries requiring a wide range of collective knowledge and skills to solve complex problems.

I am a firm believer in balance, new and old, traditional and contemporary, fast and slow, online and face to face. Whilst curriculum remains an important consideration, it is important that we consider what skills we can foster in the school environment that will enable our young people to be creative and ambitious as they shape the future. As you reflect on your own working life, what changes have occurred in the way you work even in the last 20 years. As I sit here writing this, I am tapping away on a piece of glass the size of a piece of paper in the corner of a convention centre sharing my reflections from the past two days. Next to me a young man is being interviewed for a job via a video conference on his laptop. Behind them two people are sharing their designs for a new apartment complex here in Melbourne using VR software to 'tour' the building.

There is no doubt our young people are walking into a world we can only begin to imagine. One presenter made a very relevant comment regarding this thought. Our current reality is a consequence of someone's imagination. The buildings, smart phones, the green spaces, paywave, the internet, and the list goes on. The future is not pre-written and we can't sit back and accept what we are being told about the future as a foregone conclusion...it will be written by these young people and will only be limited by their imagination and their willingness to effect change. Our job is to empower them to write the best possible future.

Kyle Brewerton
Principal

HANDS FOR HUMANITY – KIA KAHA CHRISTCHURCH

On Monday 18th March, after a thoughtful assembly about Friday's horrific events in Christchurch, students and teachers were invited to the art room at lunch time to create their own Hands for Humanity, which are now on display in the school. We discussed messages and words that would show support as well as reflect on who we are.



TAHUNA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL VISIT – BILLET OPPORTUNITY

Visit Date: Monday 20 May – Saturday 25 May

Each year Remuera Intermediate has a school exchange with Tahuna Intermediate in Dunedin. They visit us early in Term 2 and we return to visit Dunedin in August Term 3.

30 students and 3 teachers travel up from Dunedin and spend a week with us. This year they arrive on Monday 20 May and leave on Saturday 25 May.

To make this trip successful we need families to host a student from Dunedin for the week. This begins with collecting them and their luggage on Monday afternoon and hosting them in your home for the week.

On school days they come to school with their host students and have activities planned in and around Auckland.

If you would be able to host a student please [click here](#) to complete an application form. Students also have access to this through their school account.

Please email Tom Beckett tomb@remint.school.nz with your availability over the next two weeks and we can begin the selection process.

Please note, hosting a student does not give automatic entry to the Dunedin exchange in Term 3 but it is a factor that is taken into account.

JAPANESE EXCHANGE VISIT APPLICATION

As we head into an incredible 22 years of student exchanges with Befu Elementary School, students from our school once again have the opportunity to visit Japan later in the year. A group of approximately 30 Year 7 and 8 students will travel to Fukuoka (Auckland's sister-city) and visit Befu Elementary School, the sister-school of Remuera Intermediate.

We have developed an exchange programme where students from both countries are able to experience another culture and compare and share lifestyles, education, interests and customs.

This year's visit includes the following:

1. Remuera Intermediate students will visit Fukuoka from Monday 2nd to Wednesday 11th of September. The group will be accompanied by five adults, including the Principal, Assistant Principal and Teachers.
2. The students will be home-stayed for approximately 5 days. The remainder of the time they will be staying in hotels or travelling on overnight flights (10 days travel in total).
3. There will be some opportunity for students to attend Befu School classes. We also spend time on organised sightseeing and educational trips.
4. The cost for students will be approximately \$3,850 including airfares, taxes, insurance and local Japanese travel. Spending money (approximately \$300) is additional.

Students who are interested in participating in this trip should get an application form from Miss Gatfield or from our website. Applications need to be completed by Monday, March 25 and should be accompanied by a C.V. highlighting the applicant's interests and achievements.

Shortlisted applicants will participate in a group interview and successful applicants will be notified by the end of term 1.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES INFORMATION EVENING

We will be calling for nominations for our Board of Trustees Election taking place on Wednesday 29 May 2019.

If you are interested in finding out more about what being on a Board involves, please feel free to attend the Board of Trustees meeting at school on Tuesday 7 May at 7:30pm.

Please confirm your attendance via email to officemgr@remint.school.nz by Tuesday 30 April.

WATERWISE

Our Year 8 classes have been having a wonderful time at Waterwise. They've taken advantage of the opportunity to try kayaking, windsurfing, paddle boarding and sailing. They've seen sunshine and a little rain but that hasn't dampened their spirits. Everyone has worked as a team when needed, following instructions and even helping those that fell out of their kayak or sailing boat!



Room 21's visit to the Orakei Basin for Waterwise was very eventful. After a long wait for the bus, we were finally on board and after a quick ride of singing and laughter, we arrived, very ready to get on the water! The sun was shining and the wind was calm, which actually wasn't that helpful for the sailing crew! Throughout the day we got to kayak, paddle board, sail and windsurf. There were challenging times of the day, staying upright on a paddle board is a little tricky. The windsurfing was also a challenge for some of us, but we all gave it a go and had a fun (but tiring) day. A highlight of the day was working together and encouraging each other when times were tough.



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RI SWIMMING SPORTS

Our Swimming Sports took place on Wednesday 27th February at Dio School pool.



CENTRAL ZONES SWIMMING

On the 6th of March, 23 students from our school went to Diocesan School for the Central Zones Swimming Champs. Everyone started off extremely well, with lots of people coming 1st in their heat and making the finals. The first few events were the 50m freestyle, 50m backstroke and the 50m breaststroke.

Finals Results

- Year 8 Boys 50m Relay - Remuera Intermediate 1st
- Year 8 Boys 100m Freestyle - David Li 2nd
- Year 8 Boys 50m Butterfly - Addy Randall 2nd
- Year 8 Boys 50m Breaststroke - Michael Zeng 3rd
- Year 8 Boys 50m Freestyle - Michael Zeng 3rd



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CENTRAL ZONES GIRLS TENNIS

This year Hannah Hawksbee, Kayo Findsen and Micayla Isaacs represented Remuera Intermediate at the Central Zone Tennis Competition. The games were tough but they had a great time and had the opportunity to meet and play against some amazing girls from a variety of schools. It was a long day but they battled on. They encouraged each other and enjoyed the opportunity to be a team against other schools.

Hannah played in the singles draw and Kayo and Micayla played in the doubles draw. Hannah's competition was tough but she used the opportunity to practice her skills and to learn new skills and came 6th equal. Kayo and Micayla managed to be placed 3rd which made them very happy. The girls gained a lot from the experience and are ready for their future battles on the tennis courts!



CENTRAL ZONES BOYS TENNIS

The boys that represented Remuera Intermediate at Central Zone Tennis were:
Year 7 - Filip Milivojevic, Zac Fussel, Matthew Davidson
Year 8 - Matiu Knowles, Robby Turnbull, Kaira Inoue.

Our boys absolutely smashed it! They worked hard, played some great tennis and demonstrated great sportsmanship. It was great to see them encourage each other. We left the day very tired and sweaty but happy with our results.

Year 7 boys double wiped out the competition and came first! Our Year 8 boys doubles followed their lead and did the same. Matiu, our Year 8 single, came second but showed amazing skills and perseverance. Filip had some of the toughest opponents but worked hard, showed us what he was made of and came fourth. Overall an amazing day, and the boys should be very proud of themselves.



CENTRAL ZONES GIRLS SOFTBALL



On Thursday 28 February eleven excited Year 8 Girls participated in the 2019 Central Zones Softball Championships held at May Road War Memorial Park. The team played in Pool A of the competition, playing 4 pool games, 1 semi-final game and 1 final placing game

Overall, our team came 6th, a commendable result! Our team played with great spirit and sportsmanship and enjoyed their first competition together.

The team was Miko Maejima-Ngamoki, Zahra Alethary, Anungoo Bayarsaikhan, Mia-Rose Johnson, Leela Baker, Anika Todd, Kayo Findsen, Dayton Afakasi, Anita Iese, Aislin McKinnon and Sammie Barclay.



CENTRAL ZONES BOYS SOFTBALL

Year 7 Team

Toby Browne, Charlie Parsonson, Kace Hipkins-Taimai, Max Randall, Jesse Chandra, Jasman Nagra, Quinn Moss, Jayden Gosling, Oscar Li. The Year 7 team started with a bang only drawing their first game due to time running out and they went on to win their next game. After some tough games against Ponsonby (loss) and St Peters (draw 3-3), they were unlucky to miss the finals, placing 3rd in their pool. They went on to finish 7th overall.

All in all it was an excellent day and the team represented RI with absolute pride and enthusiasm.



Year 8 Team

James Coster, Eli McConnon, Gisha Rathnayaka, Austin Marsters, Connor Steele, Pawan Kharel, Ethan Mann, Cohen Raddock, Boston Krone.

Coming 9th out of 10 teams in their Year 7 year, this new-look team were hoping for a very different result in 2019. The team was exceptionally well balanced, solid all round. They began strongly, winning some close outings against tough opposition. However, the fickle nature of a softball tournament run by the clock instead of innings completed was the downfall of this team's dream of C/Z glory, finishing 3rd in their pool due only to time constraints.

This saw the team miss out on competing in the semi-finals, instead settling for the next best place, 5th after defeating a St Peters team by so many runs that the scorekeepers ran out of paper and left before the game had even finished! Our team was exceptionally positive and enthusiastic, as well as being rather comedic and were very proud of the enormous improvement from 2018.

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CENTRAL ZONES BOYS CRICKET

We had another great game on Friday 15 March against Sacred Heart winning by 4 runs - 96 to 100. A lot of the boys knew each other so there was plenty of friendly banter during the game and a photo was taken of the two teams together at the end. The second photo is of the RI team at St Kent's before the game. Our next match is against Kowhai Intermediate on Thursday 21 March at RI.



COLLEGE RIFLES TOUCH COMPETITION

College Rifles Touch Rugby team Side Steppers has 5 boys from RI Year 7 – Blake Ryburn, Tyler Campbell, Milan Bardsley, Troy Craddock and Quinn Moss.

After being undefeated all season with only 3 tries scored against them, they recently won their Touch Competition.

They have now played together for 4 years and are clearly an amazingly skilled team for their age!



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AUCKLAND SCHOOLS MOUNTAIN BIKING CHAMPS

On Sunday 3rd March a bunch of RI riders competed in Cyco 2019 Auckland Schools MTB Champs held at Riverhead. It was a very big, once a year event. Every school was there, RI, Grammar, Sacred Heart and more. There were many races. Most of RI racers were Year 7s, but there were some Year 8s. The first race RI competed in was the under 13, 10km race. You had to do two laps. It was a cross country race, uphill, downhill and flat. There was very rough terrain. It took about 30 minutes for one lap. After that race, there was relays. In the relays you had to be in a group of 3. The relay took about 5 minutes per lap. Everyone from RI made it onto the podium. It was a very great day and the RI cyclists had a very fun day.

Hunter Barrow (Year 7 Rider)

The Results

U13 Boys Cross Country

Jonny Barclay 1st and Finn Houghton 3rd

U15 Girls Cross Country

Alex Clark 3rd

Intermediate Schools Boys Relay

Jonny Barclay, Josh Foster and Finn Houghton 1st

Toby Browne, Kyle Paris and Hunter Barrow 3rd

U16 Mixed Schools Relay

Alex Clark, Tegan Feringa and Maia Barclay 2nd

Hamish Fehl, Robert Turnbull and a boy from St Peters called Cieran came 3rd



PTA PICNIC 2019

We had a great turnout for the PTA Picnic on March 6th. It was a lovely balmy evening and the food trucks did a roaring trade, Mr Whippy's queue being a particularly long one! The tug of war was a highlight with the Year 7s winning over the Year 8s and the girls winning over the boys, while lots of parents have expressed how much they enjoyed being able to chat to their child's teacher in an informal environment. Lots of people helped on the night and to them the PTA extends a warm thank you! In particular, thanks to Countdown Greenlane for their generous donation of all the sausages, drinks and cupcakes, especially Lindsay Cook and her team for being so open to our suggestions and so giving of their time. But the PTA picnic wouldn't be the same without Shirley Aro and her family running the sausage sizzle. For five years they have contributed their time and expertise in turning out sausage after sausage to the hungry hordes on their specially designed BBQ. Thank you Shirley. Overall, it was a very successful night raising a profit of \$1,700.



WILLIAM PIKE CHALLENGE 2019 – TRIP 1

The William Pike Challenge is under way already! Wasting no time at all, the Challenge Group for 2019 were straight into the thick of it in Week 2.

While the day initially seemed to be nothing but brilliant sunshine, the weather had much more in store for our trip to Puhoi. After a morning of team building and preparation by the river, we dropped into the water on our kayaks ready for action. The first challenge of the year? To kayak from Puhoi all the way down the river to Wenderholm.

As we progressed down the river, it became clear that while the sun was beaming down happily upon us, the wind had other ideas. Blowing directly at us with increasing strength as the river widened, the group really had to persevere through fatigue and hunger to eventually make it successfully to our final destination.

We're already looking forward to our next outdoor challenge - bring it on!



BEST FOOT FORWARD

Best Foot Forward is a programme to gift recycled boots to youngsters who might otherwise miss out on playing sport.

One in three New Zealand children live in poverty and cost is the biggest barrier to children playing sport. We don't want youngsters to miss out on the joys of team sport because of financial reasons. We are collecting pre-loved rugby and football boots on behalf of The Blues who then clean them up and pass them on to those in need.

Best Foot Forward also reaches out to young people to encourage them to strive to be their best and never give up on their goals.

We would love to take your donations of used boots in good condition – any size, any brand. There is a collection bin outside Mr Beckett's office until the end of term.

The Blues and volunteers from BNZ will spruce up the boots with special blue laces, bag them up and visit pre-registered clubs and schools to pass them on to those in need.

Thanks for your support.



YEAR 7 CAMPS

Camp # 1: April 1st - 3rd Rooms 8, 9, 10,15,16,17,18

Camp # 2: April 3rd - 5th Rooms 5, 6, 7, 11,12,13,14

Reminder that payment date is Friday 22nd March.

Parking will be restricted in St Vincents Avenue on Monday 1st, Wednesday 3rd and Friday 5th due to space being required for the buses.

Students are required to arrive at school before 8.15am on their camp departure day. Luggage should be taken to the hall upon arrival, students should then make their way to class.

We return from Camp Adair at approximately 2.20 pm and families are able to collect their children from the hall at this time.

All personal medications must be brought to school in a clearly labelled container and handed into the First Aid centre upon arrival at Camp Adair. Please ensure that all items taken to camp are labelled.

Should you have any questions, please contact your class teacher or Megan McGaw.

OPEN MORNING AT EGGS – TUESDAY 9 APRIL

Epsom Girls Grammar School would like to invite prospective students and their parents to an Open Morning on Tuesday 9 April 2019. There will be guided tours at 8.45am and 10.45am. The tours are designed to show the school at work, so you will have the opportunity to observe what happens on an ordinary school day. To minimise disruption to their learning programme, we ask that students from Remuera Intermediate School attend the 8.45am session.

To register, please follow this link [EGGS Open Morning](#) or go to their website <http://www.eggs.school.nz>
If you have any questions please contact the Enrolment Manager, Mrs Wendy Smith via phone 970 6710 or email enrolments@eggs.school.nz



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 office• Applications can be received via email, post or via the office• Any applications not completed correctly or missing documents, will not be processed and will be returned to parents
Public Open Day	Wednesday 12 June 2019 9:00am – 11:30am (With morning tea break from 10:20am - 10:40am) 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

25-29 March	Year 8 Camps	08-12 April	Year 8 Camps
26 March	Bot Meeting	09 April	PTA Meeting
29 March	Awards Assembly	12 April	Term 1 Ends
01-05 April	Year 7 Camps	29 April	Term 2 Starts

(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/>

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