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## JUNE 2019 NEWSLETTER

### RI ART WEEK



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## INTERZONE BOYS RUGBY U45

On Tue 25 June the U45 Boys rugby team travelled to Avondale to compete in the Auckland Interzone Rugby Championships to find out who was the best team in Auckland. There were 6 teams representing the winners of the 6 Auckland Zones, from the North Shore, to Counties Manukau.

In our first game we played West Auckland winners Henderson and had a great start beating them 27 - 0

Next we played Koru School representing South Auckland, they were tough but we won 17 - 0

In the third round we came up against Sommerville from East Auckland and came out winners 28 - 0

Then it was time to play the North Shore champions, Northcross Intermediate, who we thought would be tough opponents, the boys really stepped up and played a great game to keep them scoreless, winning 20 - 0

Our last game was against East Counties, if we won that game we would win the whole tournament. East Counties were our hardest game, by now the boys had played 90 minutes of hard, fast rugby and legs were tiring.

They were the only team to score against us but we managed to run out winners 30 - 12 and were then named the Auckland Champions for 2019! A representative from Auckland Rugby presented the team with the trophy and certificates at Monday morning assembly.

Our team: Hamish Chauval, Louis Butler, Tyler Campbell, Blake Ryburn, Troy Craddock, Kace Hipkins-Taimai, Milan Bardsley, Joel Chaplow, Lachlan McKenzie, Quinn Moss, George Barty, Tom Worn, Calum Bint, Matt Gaze, Eli McConnon, Cooper Peters, Hector de Mornac, Orlando Tamura, George Butler.



## CENTRAL ZONES BOYS HOCKEY

This year the Boys Hockey Central Zone competition was incredibly successful. The Year 7 and 8 team were very hard to beat and came out on top in their pool which put them in the semi-final. This was a tight game against Ponsonby, but the boys fought their way through and made their way into the Grand Final! The intense play off for first and second was looking even until the final few minutes when the other team scored. We ended up in second place in the comp, but because the winning team were playing with a mixed team, our boys were officially granted the position of competing at the Interzone competition. A very happy RI Hockey team at the end of the day!



## CENTRAL ZONES GIRLS HOCKEY

This year our RI team of 14 girls headed to the competition with a very optimistic outlook. They played incredibly well during the four games during the pool round, only being beaten once by one goal. By the time the fourth game had finished the girls were a tight team who were supportive of each other and their talent in the sport was shining! They played off for 5th and 6th against Ponsonby, drawing this game and ending up in 6th place due to the other team scoring more points in the pool round. The girls should be very proud of themselves and their achievement on the day!



## CENTRAL ZONES TABLE TENNIS

There was an amazing response to a call for table tennis players to represent our school at Central Zone tournament. We put together our teams of six girls and six boys, made up of two singles players and two pairs of doubles each. Then, it was off to the Auckland Table Tennis Stadium for a full day of play on the 20th June.

The range of player ability went from novice to national champions across eleven schools. It was a round robin format which gave each player a lot of games and chances to add to their skills. If not playing, we were called on to umpire. That increased our understanding of the rules too. Our players thought it was a great experience meeting other people as well as hanging out together playing a fun and challenging sport. We saw some amazing play, with some top-level rallies. Some of the best players at the tournament were in our team, so we were super proud to support them.

When play came through to the finals, RI had a finalist in the boy's singles and the boys' doubles. That's really impressive considering the high standard of players in the tournament. We think Keanu King deserves special mention as the second place in the singles. Also, congratulations to Jayden Cheung and Taishin Purdy for achieving second place in the doubles. The entire team played really well. After this day we are all even more keen to play more table tennis.



### Our Team

Front - Keanu King, Ruby Sutherland, Zahra Al-Ethary, Anika Todd, Taishin Purdy, Jayden Cheung, James Moh  
Back - Oliver Lu, Josh Aitkenhead, Anita Iese, Kayo Findsen, Emily Zhang

Absent due to injury - Gary Yuan

## ENVIRO SQUAD

Over the past 18 months, the Enviro Team have been hard at work on multiple projects around the school which will provide students with hands-on learning opportunities in regards to sustainability and food production.

Our first project was to create a school vegetable garden where we could



provide the Food Technology Room with fresh produce harvested right from the garden. What was once an unused dirt bank has now been turned into a fully functioning vegetable garden. We are now into our second year with the garden and the students have taken up the opportunity to learn how to grow, harvest, and prepare fresh produce.

Most recently we have welcomed four new ladies to Remuera Intermediate. These chickens have taken up home in a nice quiet spot around the back of our school in the Fruit Orchard. The Enviro Squad has been learning how to take care of the chickens and the Food Technology Room has been enjoying their daily fresh eggs. These chickens add another cog to our understanding of the food cycle and sustainability.

The Enviro Students have done an outstanding job with their efforts to create and maintain the Enviro spaces around the school.

## TREES FOR SURVIVAL

Trees for Survival is an environmental education programme which involves students from RI and around New Zealand growing and planting native trees to restore natural habitats and improve stream flow, water quality and increase biodiversity. This year we nurtured over 800 native plants from seedlings to healthy saplings ready to be planted out in the Hunua's.

Planting day, Thursday 20th June, was a beautiful clear day. We returned to our 2018 host, Bruce Frizell's farm. Not only did we plant all 800 of our plants but we also got to see how well last years plants were doing. It was a productive and fun day. We would like to thank Lynda, our Auckland City Council liaison, for all her support during the year and on planting day. We would also like to thank Auckland Rotary, particularly Ray, Chris and Dan and New World Remuera for their support and sponsorship. We look forward to nurturing our next lot of natives and continuing the Trees for Survival programme.



## WILLIAM PIKE CHALLENGE UPDATE

It's been another exciting and adventurous term with the William Pike Challenge Award group of 2019.

Earlier in Term 2, we packed everything we needed on our backs and hiked into the wilderness of the Hunua Ranges for the night. However, rather than sleep in tents and cook using regular household utensils, we used our resourcefulness to get us through. The students built bivouacs using rope and tarpaulins and cooked their meat and vegetables using an open fire. They learned weaving, navigation and fire building skills during this challenging yet rewarding escapade - and have a few cuts and scrapes to show for it!

Following this trip, we journeyed out to Woodhill to take on the downhill mountain biking trails. A very foggy, chilly morning soon felt much warmer as our groups pedalled their way up the hills before swerving and flying back down the tracks. Though everyone had varying levels of mountain biking experience, our guides worked innovatively to challenge us all.

Now we look forward to diving underground and under waves on our next trips this year - Caving and Surfing. We can't wait!



## SCHOOL SOCIAL 2019



## POLYSCHOLARS UNIVERSITY TRIP

During Terms 1 and 2 the Maori and Pasifika Science Enrichment group (POLYSCHOLARS) met on Friday mornings with Mr Nicholls in the Science Lab. The students enjoyed a range of exciting experiments and investigations that focused on engaging students in Science and improving fair test investigation skills.

On Friday 14th June Mr Nicholls and the Polyscholars crew were lucky enough to spend the morning in the Anthropology Department at the University of Auckland. The students got to learn about colonisation of the Pacific through an engaging board game designed and constructed by Anthropology staff and graduate students, re-assemble broken pottery replicating the work of archaeologists and learn about human and pre-human skeletons.

Fun and learning was had by all. This amazing group of Polyscholars will go on to do great things in science!



## STARBURST SHOWCASE



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## RI CHEERLEADERS SAMOSA FUNDRAISING

Please help the RI Cheerleaders Samosa Fundraising for 2019 by buying delectable samosas!

Proceeds will help support travel to compete in the Nationals later in the year.

Orders and payment need to be received by Tuesday 23rd July 2019.

Any queries please contact Graham on 027 443 8615.

To order please click on the following [link](#)

## 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](mailto:enrolments@remint.school.nz)

### Important dates for 2020 Enrolment

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 4pm – no exceptions
Out of Zone Ballot	Wednesday 11 September 2019

### IMPORTANT DATES

5 July	Term 2 Ends	8 August	Starburst Showcase
22 July	Term 3 Starts	13 August	PTA Meeting
30 July	BOT Meeting	27 August	BOT Meeting
31 July	Science Roadshow		

(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/>