



## Remuera Intermediate School

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### NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2008

## 2008 - A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

As the school year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the school community for their support throughout the year. Students at RI have had a very successful year, with outstanding achievements in academic, sporting and cultural activities. The school culture continues to be strong in developing positive attitudes and competitive spirits.

I trust that your child has had an enjoyable year.

Best wishes for the festive season.

**Janet Exon**  
Principal



## ENVIROSCHOOLS AWARDS

The Auckland Regional Council has awarded Remuera Intermediate School a Bronze Enviroschools Award to recognise our achievements in working towards becoming sustainable, not only in our school environment but also in the wider community.

Congratulations to teachers Monique Russell and Chelsea Andrews, the Environmental Committee of 2008, and students of Room 19, for all the effort they have put into environmental issues.

## CAROL SERVICE AND PRESENT DONATIONS



The school's Carol Service will be held on the evening of **Tuesday 9 December** at school.

Each year we ask students to donate presents to the Auckland City Mission. These are then distributed to needy children throughout Auckland. Presents need not be new, but need to be in good condition, gift wrapped and labelled to show suitability for boy/girl and age group. This is just one way that we can show service and 'giving'.

The Christmas tree is in the foyer now. We would love a large number of presents for the City Mission by Carol Service Night.

## PRIZEGIVING



The Annual Prizegiving and Year 8 Graduation are to be at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Parnell, on **Thursday 18 December, commencing at 7.00 pm.**

The Prizegiving recognises those students who have achieved excellence throughout their time at Remuera Intermediate School.

All Year 8 students are required to attend the event along with those Year 7 students who will be receiving Awards. The occasion also serves to farewell the Year 8 students who will receive a Graduation Certificate.

Students must wear school uniform, and parents are responsible for arranging transport to and from event.

All parents are welcome to attend.

## UNIFORM STANDARDS

Parents are reminded that this school has strict uniform standards, and teachers insist on students wearing correct clothing. At this time of year we make it very clear to all students that the school uniform standards are important and need to be maintained until the end of the last day of the school year.

Writing on school uniforms, including hats, is not acceptable, even on the last day of school. We ask parents to support us in ensuring that students take responsibility for maintaining high uniform standards inside and outside the school.

A reminder also that cameras and i-pods should not be brought to school. Students should not take photos while at school.

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## AMAZING KNOWLEDGEATHON TOTAL

Students have raised over \$40,000 in this year's Knowledgeathon. This is an amazing effort, and we thank you all for your support. The school relies on locally raised funds to enable it to provide the programmes that it does.

Well done students, community and Mr Rasmussen who has encouraged everyone to get involved.

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## END OF YEAR TRIPS

On 15 or 16 December many classes will be out of the school on end of year trips.

These are 'extra' activities and are planned to celebrate class achievements and co-operation. Unless clearly stated on information sheets, students wear their school uniform to and from school, then change into PE uniform for trips.

Mobile phones and electronic equipment should not be taken on trips - we ask for your support in enforcing this.



## BUSES ON LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

The school bus 056 leaving from St Vincent Ave after school will leave on the last day at **2.10 pm**. Any other buses are beyond our control and you must check with the bus provider for the times. Please contact MAXX for this information.

## THANK YOU YEAR 8 STUDENTS

We wish our Year 8 students every success at secondary school next year.

At this school we rely on Year 8 students to be positive role models, to take leadership opportunities, and to strive for excellence in all areas. This year our Year 8s have been a wonderful group of young people - we thank them for their contributions towards making RI a great place to be.

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## SCHOOL DONATIONS/CONTRIBUTIONS

As our school year comes to a close, I take this opportunity to thank all families who have supported the school with School Contributions/donations. School donation funding supports the many extras the school provides in specialised and progressive teaching programmes. Thank you - without the extra funding, these programmes would not be possible.

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## SECONDHAND UNIFORMS

The PTA runs a secondhand uniform shop with all proceeds going to the school. If you wish to donate clean, tidy items of uniform, these can be placed in the school foyer on 22 December or from 19 January onwards. This is an excellent way to support the school.

The PTA will hold a Secondhand Uniform Sale on **Wednesday 28 January from 8 am to 12 noon** in the school hall.

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## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT HOMESTAY OPPORTUNITIES

Remuera Intermediate School will continue to have International Students next year. These are students who do not qualify for free education in New Zealand. Remuera Intermediate does not arrange accommodation for these students. From time to time we are asked by Ministry of Education approved agents to identify families who would like to homestay such students.

If you are interested in being a homestay family (with financial reward), please contact Mr Robert Rasmussen at RI (phone 522 9890). Your name can then be forwarded to agents who will contact you.

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## THANKS TO SHELL GREENLANE SERVICE STATION

The school wishes to thank Shell Greenlane Service Station for the use of their trailer for Athletics Day.

**School ends on Friday 19 December at 2.00 pm.  
The 2009 School Year begins on Monday 2 February.**