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NEWSLETTER

21 November 2014

Principal's Report

Changes to Grade 10 2015

A parent meeting was held for Grade 9 parents and students to provide information about 2015. Due to changes to funding and with the introduction of the Work Studies curriculum, there will not be a TAPP class in 2015; rather all students will have access to work ready related curriculum. Work placements will still be available to students and information about these will be provided to students early in December. If you would like any more information about these changes please contact the school and ask to speak to myself or Graeme Cameron.

School Association

The final meeting of 2014 was held this week. A number of long serving members of the association will be retiring and I would like to thank them on behalf of Reece High School for their commitment and support. So a big thanks to Shane Lee (Chairperson) Sally Ling (Secretary and Treasurer), Tracey Connors, Susan Underwood and Nik Hizartzidis. As a result we will be looking for a number of new parent and staff members next year. More importantly we need to replace all office bearers. If you are interested in taking on a role with the school association in 2015 and would like to know what that involves please contact me. Next year the school association will be conducting a major review of our school uniform.

School Canteen

Our school canteen has been operating at a significant loss over the last 3 years. Throughout 2014 we have been endeavouring to offer a wider selection of items to students and staff but unfortunately this has not made an impact on the operations of the Canteen. Therefore after a discussion at the school association meeting on Monday night a decision was made to close the canteen at the end of this year and an investigation into the future operation of a canteen facility will be investigated in 2015

Stop Work meetings

As you may be aware, public sector unions including the AEU will be conducting a stop work meeting on Thursday November 27th 8.30 – 10.30. More information will be provided to parents about arrangements for this early next week.

Uniform Items

If you have any uniform items that you no longer need, especially Grade 10 students, all donations will be gratefully received at school. Although we do not run a second hand shop we do have occasions to support students who do not have access to school uniform items

Anne Stewart
Principal

Student Realising Potential Subjects 2015

On Wednesday students in Grades 7 and 8 received a letter confirming their Realising Potential choices for 2015. Parents are asked to return the confirmation slip in acknowledgement and confirmation of these choices.

Current year 9 students will receive their letters for confirmation once the Prefect Board for 2015 has been announced.

ROCK CHALLENGE

This year Reece had two entries (the maximum allowed) in the North-West Rock Challenge heats- one entry in The Rock section, the other in **Off The Rock** (acoustic) category. Our representatives were;

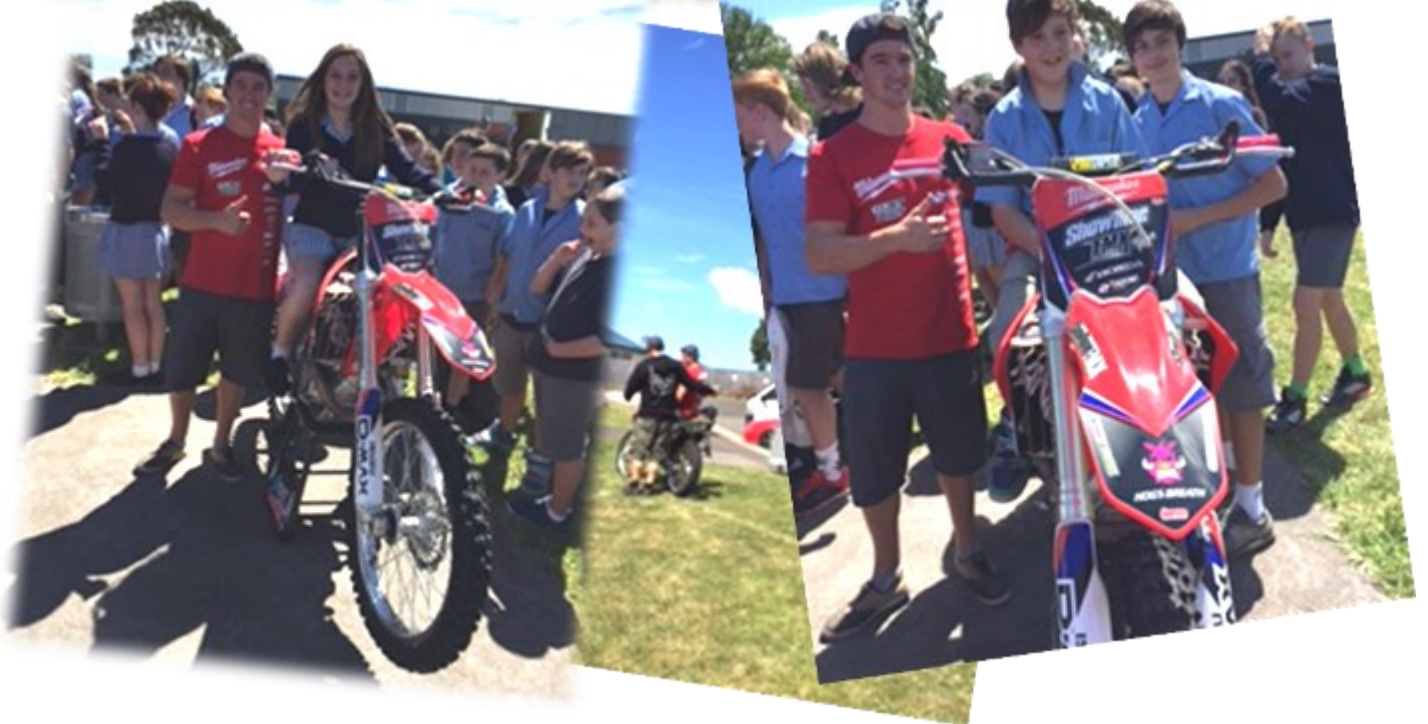
“Off The Rock” - Eliza Boon and Alex Triffett

“Rock” - *7 Days* made up of Alex Broos, Tahni Champion-Peakman, Brielle Daly, Harman-Jay Faulks-Franks, Zac Weeks

Both groups performed fantastically at the heats and really impressed the crowd and judges. *7 Days* were lucky enough to win the rock section and progress to the state final- a massive effort considering they had not been playing together as a group for very long.

A big thank you to the parents for their support through this process, particularly those who were able to help with transport to the state final.





Robbie Maddison Visit

Recently Reece high students were lucky enough to get the opportunity to meet freestyle motocross champion, Robbie Maddison.

Robbie Maddison is a world record holder and multiple world champion and is regarded as one of the greatest freestyle motocross riders of all time.

Students had the chance to meet, listen to and ask questions. Robbie also had his bike with him which students were able to sit on for a photo and see a small demo from him.

Levies/Stationery Collection and Uniform Sales 2015

The following days and times will apply for levy payments and stationery collection (including students who have been approved for student assistance).

Levy Payments/Uniform Sales – cash, Bpay, Service Tas, cheque, or eftpos

Monday	19th January	12.00 pm - 6.00 pm
Tuesday	20th January	10.00 am - 2.00 pm
Wednesday	21st January	7.30 am - 11.30 am

Student Assistance Scheme Stationery Collection/Uniform Sales – cash, cheque or eftpos

As the Department of Education is inundated with late STAS applications/declarations, which delays the processing/approval and information to schools, it has been necessary to organise a later date for collection of stationery for those who have applied for STAS.

Thursday	22nd January	12.00 pm - 6.00 pm
Friday	23rd January	10.00 am - 2.00 pm

Levies

\$375.00 per student

A pre-pack of stationery will be given to each student.

Uniform Shop Sales

Uniform Sales - Buy Now at 2014 prices!

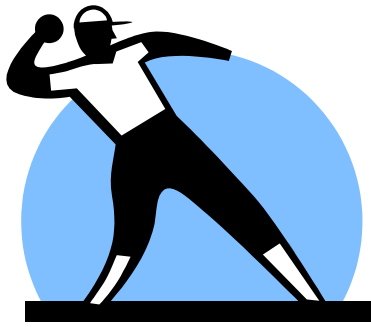
Avoid the rush and the price rise, be prepared for 2015!

Call into the school office

Monday – Friday: 8.30 am – 4.30 pm

Current 2014 prices are listed below. Prices expected to increase for 2015

Dress – Summer	\$60	Jacket – with logo (navy)	\$70	Pants – long (grey-boys)	\$20
Skirt – Winter	\$60	Jumpers – woollen (navy)	\$70	Sport Pant – with logo (navy)	\$30
Shirt – short sleeve (blue)	\$15	Sport Short – with logo (navy)	\$25		
Sport Top – short sleeve	\$30	Shorts – cargo (grey-boys)	\$25		
Pants – long (navy-girls)	\$30				



REECE HIGH ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2014

**Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th November
Two full days of fun and excitement!!!**

Parents Welcome



Crescendo Choir

Are you interested in becoming a member of Crescendo Choir in 2015?

AUDITIONS

Crescendo is now taking expressions of interest and appointment times for audition. Please email Elizabeth Sandman at: ree.crescendochoir@education.tas.gov.au and include student's name, school and grade in 2015 when requesting an audition.

Please note: students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian at their audition.

Splash Devonport Aquatic and Leisure Centre

Christmas Holiday Fun is all wrapped up at Splash!!

Splash Devonport Aquatic and Leisure Centre has a fantastic offer for students who enrol in our Learn to Swim Program prior to Christmas.

Every new enrolment will receive a FREE pair of goggles, a swim cap and 3 Waterslides sessions.

Our Splash Swim School follows the Royal Life Swim and Survive Program.

Lessons are held from 6 months of age through to adults with our qualified Swim Teachers.

Students receive 1 half an hour swim lesson per week and have FREE access to the pools during opening hours – Perfect for the summer holidays

Call now for a free trial on 6423 3007.



The Woodbridge School Marine Discovery Centre

is opening the doors to the Public

Sunday 23rd of November 10am — 2pm

Jetty Road Woodbridge

**Here is your opportunity to wander through the Centre at your own pace
and view the displays and aquaria.**

Look forward to seeing you!

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THIRD AND FINAL ROUND OF IMMUNISATIONS

For grade 7 and 9 students will be held on Wednesday 3rd December between 10.40 and 12.20.

Student Assistance

All who applied for and were approved for STAS 2014 will receive a letter from the Department of Education, advising that:

you have been approved for STAS 2015

OR

there are insufficient income details to make an assessment and it will be necessary to complete and submit a STAS form for 2015

If you applied for STAS in 2014 and were refused, or, if you think you may be eligible in 2015 then please collect a form from the Reece High School office (available from mid November), or download from the Department of Education website.

CALENDAR DATES TO REMEMBER 2014

25 th & 26 th November	Athletics Carnival
28 th November	Devonport Show Day
2 nd December	Grade 6 Orientation Day
2 nd December	Don College Day - Grade 10 students attend Don College
3 rd December	Immunisations for Grade 7 and 9
15 th December	School Picnic / Walkathon
16 th December	Grade 7 - 9 Final Assembly
17 th December	Grade 10 Final Assembly and Celebration Dinner

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