



L'Archipel

Grandir Ensemble dans la Diversité

NEWSLETTER

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What's Happened?

Safari School Production

We are now entering the exciting phase when everything needs to come together: the songs, the choreography, the learning of the lines for each scene, the costumes...in a word, the drama!

In Ruma 12



The first whole school rehearsal took place in the hall and was fantastic. The opening and ending songs are perfectly known by all children across the school and it's a pleasure to hear.

Cross Country Seniors - Grey Lynn Park

L'Archipel children did extremely well with a long list of them being selected for the Inner City Cross Country taking place this Thursday! They have made l'Archipel very proud.



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Our winners and their placement:

8 year olds

Girls –Mathilda (1st), Saoirse (7th), Manon (8th)

Boys -Riley (1st), Charles (2d), Robin (3rd), Antoine (5th), Joshua (8th)

9 year olds

Girls -Maia (4th), Siaan (5th), Elise (7th), Sophie (8th)

Boys -Arthur (5th), Gaspard (8th)

10/11 year olds

Girls -Margot (3rd), Jeanne (4th), Anais (6th), Emma (7th)

Boys -Philippe (6th)

Junior School Cross Country

Junior children went for a little run around the school 'as their cross country' and then participated in a range of activities.



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L' Archipel's Parent Meeting

Last Thursday 25th May the termly Parent meeting took place to talk about our classroom programmes and school events. Amongst subjects specific to each class, here are the other points of discussion that can be of interest:

- **New Caledonian Students:** Richmond Road School is still seeking hosting families to welcome James Cook school students from 15th Aug to 28th Aug. All students are under 10 years-old.
- **Gmail at school:** Emma Tolmie, our new Deputy Principal introduced the parents to the new measures set up by the school surrounding the use of Google accounts by year 3 to 6 students.

With Gmail at school, students can create documents, share them with the teacher, receive comments, collaborate, work from home.

These accounts have a format similar to the staff's accounts (@richmondroad.school.nz). In case of abusing comments, keywords are automatically audited in the children's mailboxes. If found, the mail is intercepted and sent to Emma's computer who will then act accordingly.

Also to be noted, Google+ is not accessible to students (restricted by law under 13).



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Visit of French Politician Florian Boheme

On Friday, Richmond Road school was visited by Florian Boheme, Socialist candidate for the legislative elections representing the French community living overseas.

Our children sang the Marseillaise perfectly then asked questions to know more about him.
Emilie: "Qu'est- ce que c'est ton travail ?"
Florian de Bohème: "Je fais de la politique. Cela veut dire que je travaille pour les gens".



What is happening?

Ruma 11 - New tools for learning

In Ruma 11, this week has seen the introduction of new tools for learning (and fun).

Sunshine Classics

In English, all children have now received their account details for *Sunshine Classics*. They can access online reading and audio books. This app is particularly interesting to develop fluency: children can listen and develop the right tempo when they read. They can also ask for a specific pronunciation when they are unable to decrypt properly a word. *Sunshine Classics* is accessible from home.

Seesaw

All year 4 and a few year 3 are now trying to use Seesaw to record their best work. Some of them should be available to parents to see very soon. We will then start to expand the use of Seesaw for the whole classroom.

Ruma 10 - Our Stories

Writing is the preferred subject for many of the children in our class. Last week we read a story about a little monkey, curious about life, asking all animals from the jungle the same big question:

"What is happiness?"

The children attentively listened to their answers and laughing at monkey's falling attempts to enjoy the same happiness as them: Gigi la girafe loved tasty, juicy leaves from the top of the big trees, Vanille-Choco le zebre loved making others laugh.



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School Assembly Certificate Recipients

Vesna's Home Group: Isabelle for 'a great start of school and her interest and excellent participation at mathematics'.

Beatrice's Home Group: Prosper for "his good standard of work and more active involvement in class" and **Caitlin-Lily** for "her great kindness and consistently producing high quality work in all areas".

Florence's Home Group: Gaspard for "being always so positive in class and for his readiness to learn." and **Arthur** for "all the very nice things he has done in the last weeks and for being so considerate of his schoolmates - fantastic attitude!".



Short Notices

Some children are often forgetting their **book bags (Ruma 10 and 11) and their Cahier de Liaison (Ruma 11)** - it is important to bring them back to school **every day** so that all can take part in the regular class activities. Also a reminder that the **Poem book** for the juniors need to be back to school after the week-end.

Please visit **our blog** to see your children's work and don't hesitate to post comments:

<http://bienvenuealarchipel.blogspot.co.nz>

National Young Leaders Day 2017 –

Last Thursday, eight RRS students from all ropu went to a very special conference on Leadership. Students were selected based on school values: respect, inclusion, achievement and resilience. The two students from l'Archipel that earned the privilege to attend were **Jeanne** and **Louis**.

Congratulations Jeanne and Louis!

Events To Come

Wk.5 - Thursday 1 June: Inner City Cross Country at Grey Lynn Park

Wk.6 - Thursday 8 June: R12 trip to l'Etoile du Nord to meet with Ania's class – TBC

Wk.7 - Last week to have the School Production Costumes ready

Wk.8 - Thursday 22 June, 11.30am-12.30am: RRS Speech Competition.

Wk.9 - Tuesday 27 June and Wednesday 28 June, at the Mercury Theatre will be our School Production "Safari"

Community Matariki Celebration Monday 3rd July 7:00 to 8:30am

Kia ora Talofa lava Bonjour

Coming up on Monday July 3rd is our annual Matariki Celebration. This year we will be gathering on the bottom courts from 7:00am in time for sunrise at 7:30. We will start with a Karakia and signing. Then look for the Matariki star cluster. Kai will be shared in the hall from 7:45. This will be provided and you are also welcome to contribute.

As this is a community event all are welcome. Mai katoa.



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Matariki, as well as welcoming the New Year, has been a time to acknowledge Tupuna, the ancestors who have gone before us. Some Māori did this by flying kites as it was a way of connecting with the spiritual world. Some kites were enormous and very beautiful like the one shown below.



During the rest of the day tamariki across all of our rōpu will be involved in learning activities that have a Matariki focus. These learning activities will include making Matariki kites, korowai (Māori cloaks) and Matariki stories. You are welcome to join the classes during the day. This may be for 20 minutes or 2 hours. We are flexible.

Follow this link to learn more about Matariki.

<https://nzhistory.govt.nz/classroom/matariki-maori-new-year>

The link below is an invitation to this event. Please indicate your intention to participate and numbers attending. Mai katoa (all welcome).

<https://goo.gl/ytT566>



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