

## Term 1 Week 2

Monday 5 February 2018



“Te Ako i te Ora” - “Learning through Living”

From the Principal's Pen .....

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Marlborough Primary, and a huge WELCOME to all of our new families. I hope that you all enjoyed the Christmas break and are ready for our new year of learning.

### Organisation

Welcome also to our new staff who are all in the Junior Team. Mrs Megan Shoebridge (Rm 12) who is returning to our school after a number of years; Mrs Pri Leathart (Rm 11) and Mrs Esther Pratt (Rm 10).

Mrs Anna Hildesley is working alongside Mrs Tiplady in Room 16, as Mrs Tiplady won the position of Across School Leader within our Kaipatiki Community of Learners (COL). Mrs Tiplady will be out of her class on a Thursday and Friday each week, but will work closely with Mrs Hildesley. Room 16 is part of the Senior team and will be at the senior assemblies on a Friday at 10:45am.

### Team Formation and Organisation

Rooms 2, 3, 4 and 16 form the Senior Team; Rooms 1, 13, 14 and 15 form the Middle Team, and Rooms 5,7,8,10,11 and 12 form the Junior team.

Tomorrow, Tuesday 6 February is **Waitangi Day and the school will be closed** for the day and will re-open on Wednesday at 8:45am.

The children have settled into their new classes and it is exciting to see them as they catch up with friends as well as making new friends. There is a buzz of excitement around the school as they explore and try out new things. Even though we have 290+ pupils to start the year, it has been quiet during lesson times.

### School Uniform

I must say that it was wonderful to see the children returning in their full school uniform. Thank you to all who have ensured that their child/ren had their correct uniform on, as the children like to wear it with pride. They looked wonderful and were proud of being part of our community of learners.

Please remember to label all items of uniform and swimming gear, as children so easily take things off and then forget to collect or search for their missing items.

### Swimming Pool

With the hot weather last week it was great to be able to open the pool on Thursday for swimming for this term. Please remember to label towels, togs and goggles, as well as school clothing (including underwear) as children never seem to recognise their own!

### Library

The students will start this week to bring home book from the library: 2 per child in the juniors, and 3 per child in the middle and senior classes. Please ensure that they have a bag (plastic bag, book bag etc) to bring library books to and from school. In this way, it will help to protect the books for longer. The library is open for after school reading/sharing, on a Wednesday afternoon from 3:00—3:30pm, for children to visit with their parents or caregiver. Books can be returned or new ones issued at this time also.

Look!

Tuesday 6 February

Waitangi Day  
School is closed

Tuesday 13 February

'Meet the Teacher'  
evening  
6:00pm in the hall

Wednesday 28  
February

New Entrant Parent  
Meeting

2018

### Term Dates

#### Term 1

Wednesday 31 January  
to Friday 13 April

#### Easter Break

Friday 30 March to  
Tuesday 3 April

#### Term 2

Monday 29 April  
to Friday 6 July

#### Term 3

Monday 23 July  
To Friday 28 September

#### Term 4

Monday 15 October  
To Friday 14 December

### Lost Property

We had an amazing amount of lost property left in classes over the holidays. We have put this out but still have quite a few items remaining. Please check the trolley in the hall to see if you can find clothing your child has lost. Thank you.

### Signs and Symbols

I realise that around the school we have different symbols in our signage and the significance of it will be lost for everyone unless we share it with all of our community on a regular basis. Therefore, I will start to give you its history and significance.

The special 'M' of Marlborough is significant as it symbolises an adult nurturing a child. We all help and support all our children at Marlborough Primary School.



### Road Crew

Thank you to those special student leaders, who have already started the term with their parents/teachers to ensure that we come to school and leave school safely, especially during the busiest part of the year. We encourage you to walk into school particularly along Wykeham Place to help alleviate some of the traffic congestion. Thank you.

### Dates for your Diary .....

Tuesday 13 February	Meet the Teacher at 6:00pm
Friday 16 February	Junior and Middle combined assembly at 9:10am
Wednesday 28 February	New Entrant Parent Meeting at 6:00pm in Room 7
Friday 9 March	Junior and Senior combined assembly at 9:10am
Tuesday 13 March	Class Photos
Wednesday 14 March	Minifair—organised by Senior team
Tuesday 20 March	School 'A-Thon'
Wednesday 21 March	Celebration of Learning at 3:15—5:30pm
Friday 23 March	Middle and Senior combined assembly at 10:45am

### Assembly Times:

Juniors - Friday at 9:05\*  
Middles - Friday at 12:00\*  
Seniors - Friday at 10:50am\*

\*These times are for single-team assemblies. Combined assemblies are as stated above.

### Notices included with this newsletter .....

Included with this newsletter are notices regarding: **School Donations, Flexibuzz (school communication app) and Archers Rd Sushi.** Please make sure you get these.

Have a great week everyone.

Sue Buckley

'Learning is at the heart of our journey together'

### Sports Information

Welcome to an exciting year for sports here at Marlborough. The Shore to Shore Fun Run. This will take place on Sunday 8 April. It is a fun event for the whole family and a chance to gain sporting equipment for our school. You can sign up online, and anyone can enter. Fees are greatly reduced if you enter a part of our school. There is both a timed, and non-timed event. Check out all the information and sign up at: <http://shoretoshore.co.nz/>

### Miniball

This will be starting up later this term. Students from Year 2-6 may join a team. Games are played on Tuesdays at the North Shore Events Centre and also at AUT Akoranga Campus. More details soon.

### Netball

This runs during terms 2 and 3. This is open for boys and girls in Years 1-6. More details at a later date.