

Term 1 Week 6

Monday 5 March 2018



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

From the Principal's Pen

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Last week saw the Senior students celebrate Chinese New Year with a rotation of crafts and activities amongst the four senior classes, as well as sharing a lunch together. Many shared the uniqueness, value and enthusiasm for joining in and celebrating a different culture, and our Chinese Language Assistants came along to join in as well. Thank you to everyone who participated and did their very best to make the occasion very special.

PAT's (Progressive Achievement Tests)

Last week and this week see the Year 3-6 children take their first formal assessments. Depending on their age, they will take different tests and also different subjects. This formal type of testing is called PAT, and from this we can see how your child/ren are performing amongst all the other children in New Zealand for that age range. The teachers then look closely at the individual results data and identify the specific areas your child found difficult and plan a programme to address this.

This Friday 9 March is the Family Fun Night, running from 5:00—7:00pm, situated by Room 15.

Come along and meet other parents and children, enjoy a social and fun event in the safety of our school grounds. There is a barbecue, desserts, raffles etc for you and your family to enjoy. Mix and mingle with staff and other families as well as enjoying sausages, and desserts, washed down of course by a cold drink!

There will be plenty of sports equipment to play with too.

Bring your chairs, picnic blankets and relax with friends and other parents.

Signs and Symbols around the School

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L)

You will have seen or heard from our students about MPS.

We have made this very easy for our children to understand. The principle of the programme is based around Respect.

Respect Myself

Respect People

Respect Surroundings

The signs around the school detail our expectations of that area— the Sandpit, walkways etc. The teachers and students meet weekly to discuss what the specific focus is and the children explain to others what it looks like in a positive way. The teachers teach our expectations of behavior in different places within our school - swimming pool, entering class, moving to a new location on school grounds.

Post National Standards

Just to reassure you, even though we now do not have the National Standards to grade your children against, we have always had very high expectations of what we believe a child should be able to achieve.

Exciting News - Congratulations!

Zoram S. has been selected to represent Samoa in the International Tag Football Inc, at the Junior Oceania Cup Tournament. Congratulations Zoram. What an exciting opportunity, and best of luck!

Principal's Awards

Chase P-C for completing all his Math work - computer, game, working with his Teacher. What a star!

Look!

Tuesday 6 March
FOS Meeting @ 7:00pm
in staffroom.
All welcome

Thursday 8 March
FOS Ice block day

Friday 9 March
Family Fun Night

Tuesday 13 March
Class Photos

Thursday 15 March
Literacy Show -
'The Rhyme Rocket'

Wednesday 21 March
Celebration of Learning
3:00—5:30pm

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Term Dates

Term 1

Wednesday 31 January
to Friday 13 April

Easter Break

Friday 30 March to
Tuesday 3 April

Term 2

Monday 30 April
to Friday 6 July

Term 3

Monday 23 July
To Friday 28 September

Term 4

Monday 15 October
To Friday 14 December

Enrolments

Do you know of someone who is turning 5 years of age this year?

Can you please ask them to see Mrs Watts in the office to register their child/ren. This is very helpful for us when we are planning for the next class and teacher.

Winter Netball

A notice went home last week, with those children who expressed an interest in playing this year.

Please read the information and fill out the form and **return to Mrs Williamson in Room 14 by Friday of this week**. Late confirmation to Mrs Williamson may result in your child not being able to play on the selected day.

Miniball

A reminder that Miniball fees are due to be paid now. Send your money in a named, sealed envelope to the office.

Weekly Merit Certificates

Room 1	Liam B., Lorraine L.	Room 2	Jessica C., Jamie M.
Room 3	Room 3 Boys, Room 3 Girls	Room 4	Jacob F., Ella P-C
Room 5	Harish K., Tanav., Mikayla M., Jeff G.		
Room 7	Chloe K.	Room 8	Khushi P., Adam L.
Room 10	Julia O., Ethan B.,	Room 11	Ethan N. Sydney W.
Room 12	Keya G., Havana T.	Room 13	Harrison B., Giverly M
Room 14	Aahan E.R., Andrew K.	Room 15	Mansirat B., Mia L.
Room 16	Steven F., Jordan D.		

Dates for your Diary

Friday 9 March	Junior and Senior combined assembly at 9:10am
Friday 9 March	Family Fun Night
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

Have a great week everyone.

Sue Buckley

'Learning is at the heart of our journey together'

School Family Fun Night

On Friday of this week we are holding our Family Fun Night. There will be a sausage sizzle and a drinks stall - but we need your help! Please contact **Sarah on 021 288 8550** if you are able to help out at the following times, or at a time that suits you : 5:00pm, 6:00pm, 6:30pm, 7:00pm.

'The Rhyme Rocket'

This is an interactive literacy show, that will be on at our school on 15 March. The show promotes rhyming and poetry and is aimed at primary aged children. It involves a lot of rhymes, sketches and silliness! The cost to attend is included in the full payment of the school donation, or if you have set up an AP with your bank. If this has not yet been paid, there will be a cost of **\$5 per pupil**. Please send this along to school in a named, sealed envelope.

Shore to Shore Fun Run - Sunday 8 April

Please remember to enter online. A great family event and provides an opportunity for our school to receive some sports equipment.

School Docs

Our school policies are easy to access at:

www.schooldocs.co.nz

Type in our school name to get to the login page, and log in with:

marlborough (in lower case), and the password is: **primary** (in lower case)