

Term 2 Week 6

Tuesday 5 June 2018



"Te Ako i te Ora" - "Learning through Living"

From the Principal's Pen

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I hope that over the long weekend you all managed to have some time where you were not being soaked by the awful weather we experienced. For most of the teachers, they were into report writing, having mainly completed the in-school testing. Some very pleasing results are coming through.

I had the privilege of attending the senior assembly on Friday, and was able to celebrate with the senior children as they received their monitorial badges for work they had volunteered for. Librarians, Road Crew, Peer Mediators and our Student Council members who help with the organization of events in the school. All of the students are working very hard to ensure that all other students are well supported. Thanks to you all. It always amazes me, how many of our students volunteer for many positions and others just let the opportunity of leadership pass them by.

PUM Meetings

The name always makes me do a double-take, but it stands for **Paid Union Meetings** for teachers. You may be aware of the nationwide crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers. While there are many more children coming into the school system, there are not enough new teachers being trained. Urgent and significant changes are needed to ensure that the teaching profession can attract the people it needs and to ensure class sizes do not start to increase.

On **Tuesday 19 June**, the teachers from Marlborough School will be attending an NZEI Te Riu Roa paid union meeting regarding the Kua Tae Te Wa - It's Time campaign aims to free teachers to teach and Principals to lead, by getting the additional support and staff that schools need. The meetings will allow our teachers to discuss how the Ministry of Education has responded to changes that the union is seeking.

Most of our teaching staff are members of NZEI and are legally entitled to attend this meeting. **The teachers will be leaving school Tuesday 19 June to attend their paid union meeting which starts at 2:00pm.**

I strongly encourage parents to **make arrangements to pick their children up from school by 1:30pm (end of lunch time) on Tuesday 19 June.** If you are unable to pick your child up at that time, please advise us so that your child can be supervised until 3:00pm.

I appreciate that this creates some inconvenience for families. However, I encourage you to support your teachers as they strive to achieve the changes which will safeguard quality education for all children and ensure we make Teaching an attractive profession for graduates.

A separate form will be coming home on Thursday for you to indicate how your child will be looked after, collected or who they will be going home with. It will help with planning for the afternoon. Thank you.

Spare Clothing

With the change in weather, it has led to the closing of the field, and grassy areas around the school, as they have become water-logged. All the playing and climbing equipment surfaces get wet too, and this has meant the need for a change of clothing for some of our students. Can you please ensure, regardless of your child's age, that they have a spare set of clothes at school (it does not have to be uniform) for those unforeseen accidents that do happen when playing. Thank you.

Look!



Tuesday 12 June
FOS Meeting

Wednesday 13 June
Whole school Tabloid
Sports

Board of Trustees
Meeting
7:00pm in Board Room

Friday 15 June
Combined snr/jnr
assembly

Wednesday 20 June
Minifair



**Wednesday 27 and
Thursday 28 June**
3-Way Conferences

2018

Term Dates

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

Weekly Merit Certificates

Room 1 Dylan Qi., Chase P-C.
Room 3 Shania L., Jasmine P.
Room 5 Matilda C., Peter J.
Room 7 Zoe J., Chloe K.
Room 10 Vanessa J., Saila W.
Room 12 Jenny L., Amelia S.
Room 14 Lily T., Hunter M.
Room 16 Henry N., Victoria Q.

Room 2 ZhengYu Z., Nate C.
Room 4 Shyamal P., Isla M.
Room 6 Liyana A., Deandre L.
Room 8 Adam L., Khushi P.
Room 11 Isaac W., Sydney W.
Room 13 Ryan S., Nazeeha F.
Room 15 Mia L., Isaac B.

Principal's Award:

Brody G., for his independent Hippo writing.



Nerf Wars Report

On Friday 1 June the seniors had their Nerf War at lunchtime. Students had to bring their Nerf guns and bullets (all named) to school in order to participate. The Student Council organized them into 2 teams (Red Team and Blue Team) and they had to 'shoot' each other in order to 'capture' the opposing team's flag.

If you got 'shot' you had to go back to your team's flag area, touch it then resume play. The war ended in a tie. On the Thursday at the Middle team's war, Meleseini thought it might be a good idea for everyone to target the Student Council members! Fun was had by everyone, and we can't wait to see the Juniors in action this Thursday.
by Jacob Freestone ('Shot' Student Council Member)

Have a great week everyone.

Sue Buckley

'Learning is at the heart of our journey together'

Miniball

Meteors	v	No games this week
Bullets	v	No games this week
Flames	v	No games this week



If you have, or know of anyone who has a child turning 5 years of age this year, enrolment forms are available from the Office. Our school is not zoned, so we accept enrolments from all areas.

Early enrolment is advised, as we need to plan for teachers, classrooms etc.

Year 5 and 6 Bike Testing

Tomorrow (Wednesday) the Community Police Officer will be here at school to test the roadworthiness of bikes and helmets for those students intending to ride to school. Please ensure you bring your bike and helmet to school.

Sickness

If your child has vomited, or had diarrhoea, they cannot attend school for at least 24 hours after their last 'episode'. This will help to avoid other children becoming ill. If your child attends Kids Klub, please be aware that their policy states a 48 hour stand down from attending their programme.

Old Mobile Phones

Rummage around for those unwanted mobile phones to donate to Sustainable coastlines Mobile Phone Appeal.

Each year at least 8 million tonnes of plastic ends up in our oceans. The equivalent of a full garbage truck every minute! With "Beat Plastic Pollution" as the theme for this year's 'World environment Day' we ask for your support by bringing into school any unwanted mobile phones you may have and dropping them into the collection box located at the Office. Phones collected help raise funds for Sustainable Coastlines - a multi award winning NZ Charity run by a small team of hard working staff and volunteers. Our school also benefits by gaining valuable rewards from the Mobile Phones we collect.

