

Term 1 Week 1

Monday 4 February 2019



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

From the Principal’s Pen

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to all our parents and families and also to all new children and their families. I trust you all had an enjoyable holiday, spending time with your family and friends. I look forward to meeting you and getting to know you and your child/ren as the year progresses.

Welcome to Marlborough Primary School and the first newsletter of the year. For some it is an ongoing journey and for others we welcome you to our school community.

The teachers have already been in and have been preparing for a new year of learning. They have spent one day at a professional development day at the Kaipatiki Community of Learning Conference and one day at school preparing for 2019.

School Organisation

We welcome our new Deputy Principal (Mrs Deanne Wotton in Room 3) who is in charge of the senior school students (Years 3-6).

This year we have 2 Teams:

- The Junior Team (Rooms 5,6,7,8,10,11,12) under the leadership of Mrs Dian Warner, and
- The Senior Team (Rooms 1,2,3,4,13,14,15 and 16) under the leadership of Mrs Deanne Wotton.

Newsletter

This year we are making some changes with regards to communicating with our school community. Newsletters will go out in Weeks 1,3,5,7 and 9 by paper copy, on our website and on Flexibuzz (app)

Assemblies

These will be held **fortnightly** (every 2 weeks) on a **Friday morning** in Weeks 2,4,6,8 and 10. Junior Assembly will be at 9:05am and the Senior Assembly at 10:45am.

Waitangi Day - Wednesday 6 February

This is our ‘NZ Day’ and observes the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi in 1840. School will be closed for the day and will re-open on Thursday at 8:55am.

TravelWise

Remember to look out for children crossing roads and if possible, please drop children off at Archers Rd, Chartwell Ave, or Lingfield Street. Thanks in anticipation.

Hats

All children need to wear sunhats in Terms 1 and 4. If they have forgotten them, they will have to remain under the shaded areas during break times, so they are protected from the sun. Teachers will remind them of this, as well as encouraging them to wear sunscreen.

Swimming

This will start as soon as possible and class teachers will let the children know which days they will be swimming. Please ensure all towels and swimming togs are named and in a bag. It is expected that ALL children will swim to improve their water confidence and swimming abilities, but if for any reason your child is not able to swim for a lesson, please let the teacher know by letter, through class dojo or email.

Look!



Wednesday 6 February

Waitangi Day
School is closed

Monday 11 February

FOS Meeting
7:00pm in Board Room.

Wednesday 13 February

Board of Trustees
Meeting
7:00pm

2019

Term 1

Monday 4 February
To
Friday 12 April

Term 2

Monday 29 April
To
Friday 5 July

Term 3

Monday 22 July
To
Friday 27 September

Term 4

Monday 14 October
To
(tbc)

Library

The library is open every Wednesday after school from 3:00pm—3:30pm (as of Week 2) for children to enjoy and share books with their parents, caregivers or grandparents. Come along and enjoy this special time.

Flexibuzz

This is an App. that you can download which enables us to communicate with you with newsletters, Notices etc. You can also contact us to advise of an absence. It also allows us to notify you of events that are specific to your child’s class or team.

Please sign up to this by:

- Search for “Flexibuzz” in the App store; or on the website: web.flexibuzz.com, and sign up.
- Connect to us - Marlborough Primary School, by using the ‘search’ icon
- Select your group - click on the ‘add’ icon and select the class/team that your child is in
- Get started by clicking the ‘Home’ icon to view our recent posts.

For further information or assistance visit: www.flexibuzz.com

A reminder to current users: Please update your child’s new classroom number.

Whooping Cough

Auckland Regional Public Health Service expects the spike in the number of whooping cough cases to continue, after 28 school in Auckland were affected last term. Whooping cough is a highly infectious disease, and can cause serious illness in young children.

- Vaccination is free and offers the best protection against this disease. Please check with your doctor if you are unsure of your child’s vaccination history.
- If your child has symptoms of whooping cough, please keep them home from school. They should be seen by a GP.
- Whooping cough starts like a cold, with a runny nose, cough and fever, and is spread by coughing.
- After 7-10 days, the cough becomes more severe and prolonged coughing spasms occur, that may end with a whoop, dry retching or vomiting.
- Students with suspected whooping cough are excluded from school, and this is disruptive to their learning and often parents’ work schedules.
- If you or your children are experiencing symptoms or you would like more information, visit your doctor or call Healthline for advice on 0800 611 116.

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** (lower case) and the password is: primary (lower case)

Sue Buckley

‘Learning is at the heart of our journey together’

Ezlunch - new supplier to add to the list! - Pita Pit

This year you will be able to order pitas and salads through ezlunch, making it easy for you to order a fabulous fresh lunch, available on a FRIDAY as of this week.

To get started with ezlunch, to view the menus, and open an account, visit:

www.ezlunch.co.nz

Please note: Pita pit lunches are only available to our school on a Friday. Monday/Tuesdays and Thursdays have the regular menu available.



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