



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

From the Principal’s Pen

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The term is moving along at a fast pace and it is good to see the children settling back into school and their new classes, and to see new children starting school for the very first time

We have a full term organized - the senior children have been sitting their P.A.T tests. This formal type of testing is called Progressive Achievement Tests 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. Depending on their age, the tests they sat were: Listening, Maths, Reading Vocabulary and Reading Comprehension.

The junior teachers have been looking at their children’s Reading ability and the associated skills required to be a successful reader.

This week we have the **Family Fun Night** organized by FOS (Friends of the School).

See you this **Friday** (8 March) on the school field, from 5:00-7:00pm. Come along— meet other children, parents and enjoy yourself. There will be desserts, sausage sizzle, raffles and other things to eat and drink too. Bring your chairs, picnic blankets, and relax with friends and other parents.

There will be an opportunity to **meet with our current Board of Trustees members** on Friday night too. Find out what the role of a Board Member entails, and whether this is something you would like to be involved in. **ELECTIONS** for the new board are on **7 June** Watch this space for more information on how to put yourself forward as a candidate.

Communicating with School Management - if you have a concern:

- ◆ Please see the class teacher first
- ◆ If you need more advice, please see:
 - The Deputy Principals : Mrs Warner in charge of the Juniors (Years 0-2); or Mrs Wotton in charge of the Seniors (Years 3-6.)
- ◆ If you still have concerns, then please book an appointment to see the the Principal, through the Office Manager (481 0365)

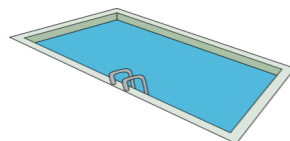
Sports

Keep an eye out for sports notices. **Miniball registration has now closed.** A big THANK YOU to those parents who got both the forms and registration fee back on time.

I know that **Netball** is currently being organized, so remember to send back the registration forms when advised, to ensure your child has a place and a team to play in.

Swimming

It is so wonderful to see children coming back from the pool with smiles on their faces, as they have enjoyed the break from other lessons to spend some time in the pool. BUT, it is disappointing to see some students not swimming because they have forgotten their swimming gear. We understand if a child is sick and cannot participate—but let the teacher know, by sending a note or an email. For others, they should be swimming and learning how to be safe in the water.



Look!

Friday 8 March
FOS Family Fun Night
5:00-7:00pm

Tuesday 12 March
Photolife Class Photos

Wednesday 13 March
Board of Trustees Meeting
7:00pm at school

New Entrant Parents Meeting
6:00pm in Room 7

Wednesday 20 and Thursday 21 March
3-Way Conferences
3:00—7:30pm

Friday 22 March
FOS Iceblock Day

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
Wednesday 18 Dec.

Second-hand Uniform Sale

We will be holding a second-hand uniform sale on **Thursday 14 March at 2:45pm in the school hall.**

Payments can be made by cash only. Items will range in price from \$5—\$15, so come prepared. We will not be holding any items of clothing aside, in advance of the sale.



Assemblies

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

Principal’s Award

Jordan S., for his fantastic, informative BIO Poem. Well done!



Class Photos

These are being taken by Photolife on **Tuesday 12 March.** Please ensure your child is in full, **correct** uniform - including correct footwear.

School-wide Triathlon

This fun event is being held on **Wednesday 13 March** (next week). Information will be coming home this week, outlining times, events etc. Everyone is invited to come along and support the children.

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.

Have a nice week everyone.

Sue Buckley

‘Learning is at the heart of our journey together’



Scholastic Book Orders

Orders should be back at school by **tomorrow (Tuesday).**

Mobile Phones and Fundraising

If you have any old mobile phones at home that you no longer use or they do not work, could you please put it in the labelled box in the school reception area. We send them off to be recycled and earn money to add to our fundraising. Thank you.

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. Ezlunch is available Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri each week.



order online, delivered to your school
ezlunch.co.nz



Archers Road Sushi—lunches delivered on Wednesday

Order forms can be picked up from the table in the Office area. Orders need to be handed in to the class teacher by Tuesday morning 10:45am, or you can drop it in to Archers Rd Sushi at 165 Archers Rd, by 3:30pm Tuesday.