

Term 1 Week 3 Monday 10 February 2020

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



From the Principal's Pen

A huge WELCOME to our 45 new students and their families that have started at our school so far in 2020, and also to our families and students that are returning this year. We hope that you had an enjoyable holiday.

Thank you all for your understanding with the concerns around the coronavirus, As normal we put the safety of our students first and have advised what to do and whilst at school we maintain and encourage frequent handwashing. If your child is feeling unwell, keep them at home as we have a very small sickbay for them to wait in, which is only monitored by the Office Manager.

The classrooms are all up and running, though some are awaiting new supplies and refitting of blinds etc, but the air conditioning in each class/building means that we can keep our students cooler in these extreme conditions. Please ensure that your child has a drink bottle at school, as even though we have water fountains, having a water bottle in class causes less disruption to their learning and is also handy when doing sport.

Term One Inquiry

Week One saw the whole school meeting together for two short periods in the afternoon to celebrate 'Belonging' and being part of our school. We celebrated by sharing a Kapa Haka dance led by the Kapa Group of 2019, and then we all joined in with some Jump Jam dance led by the Senior School students. The following day we all completed a paper chain - where every child decorated an individualised 'link' in the chain to show we are all unique, but part of our school. We then placed the big chain in the hall. This is all part of the school-wide inquiry focus on 'Belonging' - whether as part of our school, our family, a club, a sports team—we all belong.

Sunhats

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

Swimming Pool

The pool is now open and being used. Please ensure you child has swimmingTogs and towels at school daily, and that they are all named. We already have some swimming items in the lost property!



Library Books

Could you please look through your bookcases at home and see whether you have any school library books? This does not refer to the ones that were in Rooms 1-6 and could/would have been lost during the asbestos clearance.

Updating of Personal Information

We need to ensure that our information and contact details are up to date on our system. To help with this, we are sending home the information sheet that we have for each child. Could you please check it, make any changes on it and return it to the class teacher as soon as possible.

If all the details are correct, please place a tick ✓ in the box indicated, and return it to school.

School Hours

The school opens at 8:30am for students to enter their classrooms. Before this time, teachers are preparing work and are not available. Please ensure that your child is not here before 8:30am. Also, please collect your child at the end of the day at 3:00pm, and leave the school site by the time the 3:10pm bell rings. This then allows us to identify any children who have not been collected.

CALENDAR DATES



- Monday 10 February**
 - ◆ FOS Meeting
7:00pm in staffroom
- Wednesday 26 February**
 - ◆ Board of Trustees Meeting
7pm in Board Room
 - ◆ New Entrant Parent Meeting
6:00pm in Room 7
- Friday 28 February**
 - ◆ Photolife Class Photos
- Friday 13 March**
 - ◆ Whole-school Triathlon
- Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 March**
 - ◆ 3-Way Conferences
3:15pm to 7:15pm

2020

- Term 1**
Thursday 30 January to
Thursday 9 April
- Term 2**
Tuesday 28 April to
Friday 3 July
- Term 3**
Monday 20 July to
Friday 25 September
- Term 4**
Monday 12 October to
Friday 11 December

Personal Items at School

Please remind your child that all toys are kept at home, as well as personal belongings (unless these are on the school stationery list). This stops the problem of having lost 'expensive' Items



Sushi Delivery

Sushi is available for delivery on Wednesday of each week. Order forms are available from the Office. They must be filled out, correct money enclosed and returned to the Office on a Tuesday by 12noon.

School Docs

Our school policies are available for you to look at and become familiar with, on the following website: www.schooldocs.co.nz

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

Marlborough (lower case)

password is: primary (lower case)

School app. - Kiwi Schools

This is a digital system that allows you to receive newsletters, as well as you being able to record your child's absence. It also allows us to notify you of events that only concern your child's class or team.

Please sign up to this by:

- ⇒ Go to the app store, search for Kiwi Schools, install the app, search for Marlborough Primary School and then you will be asked to 'subscribe'; OR
- ⇒ Go to our Marlborough Primary School website homepage, scroll down to 'Community Connect' and click on the icon for 'Get the Marlborough Primary Mobile app'. Simple as!

Year 1 Spelling Cards

These are now in stock and available for purchase from the School Office at \$5 for both cards.

Chairbags and Bookbags

These are no longer purchased through the school office. The Warehouse and other stationery suppliers will stock these.

Scholastic Books

Order forms will be coming home this week. Orders will need to be back at school by Friday 21 February. Thanks.

Kelly Sports - After School Sports Programme —Thursdays

This weekly programme gives children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm for sports and the life skills that such involvement brings - giving them confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future.

This is for children in Year 0-6. Sessions start at 3:05pm and finish at 4:05pm \$98.00 for 8 sessions. See the flyer coming home today.

Have a great week.

Sue Buckley

'Learning is at the heart of our journey together'