



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

**From the Principal’s Pen .....**

Dear Parents and Caregivers

What a turbulent world we are living in. Change is our constant normal as we are trying to plan for all our Term 4 events and occasions with nothing set yet. We have managed to find a venue for our Year 6 graduation and disco, so one event is secured. Our other end-of-year Prizegivings for Years 0-5 will be weather dependent and we are at the present time unsure of the format, as we work through all eventualities. As soon as we have more details, we will let you know.

We have nearly all of our children back at school, which is great to see and hear. Thank you to those parents who have kept their child/ren off school if they have been feeling unwell, or are coughing, sneezing etc. It has greatly enhanced everyone’s peace of mind—teachers, teacher aides and children. This time around, the children are more aware of what is happening in the world and the effects of COVID, therefore they are also managing their own situation at school and are quite vigilant if someone is not feeling 100% well.

**Maori Language Week**

We plan to celebrate with a moment in time - weather permitting, where all the children will sing a song in Te Reo which they have been practicing in class, in their team, and the Kapa Haka will perform for the whole school. Thank you to Mrs Allen for all her hard work and organization for the Maori Language week resources.



**School Opening Times**

The school gates open for entry to the school grounds at 8:30am and close at the end of the day at about 3:15pm, when the children have left the premises. The normal school hours are from 8:30am, when the teachers are in classes, lessons start at 9:00am and finish at 3:00pm in the afternoon, with an hour for lunch. Please do not send your child to school prior to 8:30am.

If you need to enter the school grounds in-between these times, you will need to come to the Office and sign in, as at present we have a regulated site, which means for everyone’s safety we have to know who is on our site. Please do not go to the classrooms and drop off items your child might have forgotten - take them to the Office and we will take them to your child. This is for everyone’s safety.

**Please remember, if you enter the school grounds you need to QR code at the Office, and in addition, if you enter a building then you need to hand sanitise and sign in on that building’s register.**

**School Uniform**

It is great to see how smart our children look in their school uniform, but as the days are becoming a bit warmer, children take items off and forget where they have left it, or another helpful person moves it, or takes it to where they think it belongs.

Please ensure that your child’s clothing is named clearly - check after washing as the ink fades quickly. If your child has been fortunate enough to have been gifted some clothing for school, please remove the previous owner’s name, as it is hard to return with xxxxxx pupil’s name, or un-named clothing.

We have tried to return many items and have had walk-through’s of the property found around the school, but children do not recognize shoes that are theirs, or coats or jumpers. In fact, they are very dismissive - “no, that’s not mine. I have mine at home”. Please check with your children and remind them of lost items to look for.

**CALENDAR DATES**

⇒ **School Cross Country** will be re-scheduled

⇒ **Wednesday 14 October**  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
7:00pm in Board Room (if at Level 1)

New Entrant Parent Meeting  
6:30pm in Rm 19/20 (Hall)

⇒ **Monday 26 October**  
Labour Day  
No school on this day

⇒ **Tuesday 27 October**  
Teacher-Only Day  
No school on this day

⇒ **Friday 13 November**  
Photolife Individual Photos

⇒ **Monday 9 November to Friday 13 Nov.**  
Year 5/6 EOTC

**Term Dates**

**2020**

**Term 3**  
Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September

**Term 4**  
Monday 12 October to Friday 11 December

**2021**

**Term 1**  
Tuesday 2 February

**FOS Calendar, Diary, and Cards Fundraiser**

The children have been very busy creating some wonderful art work for this year’s fundraiser. Some have completed them, and some are still in the process. Order forms were sent home last Friday, and on-line ordering starts as of today (Monday 14 September) and will finish on Wednesday 23 September. You can also choose to upload a favourite photo in place of artwork if you wish to do so. Further information about this is on the order form. These make fantastic Christmas gifts for family and friends, especially those who may be overseas. Reminder: Online payments only. The payment details are on the order forms.

Thanks for supporting Friends of the School (FOS) for STEAM equipment.

**School Cross Country**

It seems a long time ago when we started to train for this annual event and the majority of children have been training hard and consistently. Some have been reluctant, but all have managed in some form to train whether it be walking around the school grounds or the course, or running as fast as they can to beat their previous time. We are hoping to have the final event in Week 10 (next week) regardless of Covid Levels, so that children have some normality in their life and their expectations are met. It might be, depending on the COVID level announcement that the event will be run with no parents on the school grounds, but watching from the road outside. We cannot make that decision until we hear what the levels are, and can plan accordingly.

**Touch Rugby**

Touch will (all going well) be starting in Term 4. Dates of games to be confirmed. The games are played at Kaipatiki Park on Wednesday afternoons. Before teams are organised, we need to ensure we have coaches for every team entered. Too many times we set up teams and then have no-one to coach them. This is less than ideal. The job is very rewarding, and practices can be held prior to the games, it this makes it easier. We will need coaches for Years 1/2, 3/4 and 5/6. Please contact Mrs Beattie (Rm 4) [lillianb@marlboroughprimary.school.nz](mailto:lillianb@marlboroughprimary.school.nz) if you are able to help, or have any questions.

**2021 Enrolment Information - Wairau Intermediate School**

**Open Week** - Due to the lockdown, our Open Days and Evening had to be postponed. We will now hold an Open Week from Monday 21 September through to Friday 25 September between 9.00am and 3.00pm. Parents and caregivers are welcome to come along and have a guided tour through the school at any time during these hours. It will not be necessary to book an appointment time.

**Year 6 Transition Day** - students from non-contributing primary schools who are interested in attending Wairau Intermediate next year are welcome to come along on Wednesday 28 October to experience a full day in the classrooms. If you would like your child to have this opportunity, please phone the Wairau Intermediate School Office on 410 7805 and this can be organised.

**Merit Certificate Recipients**

Room 1	Kimoon P., Siwon H.	Room 11	Clementine W., Keane M.
Room 2	Miah C., Peal S.	Room 12	Toa S., Emma Z.
Room 3	Daleena H., Naethan C.	Room 13	Amelia K., Jayden L.
Room 4	Ethan Mc., Hannah P.	Room 14	Jehee J., James R.
Room 5	Ella Q., Eivin C.	Room 15	Chloe K., Edith E.
Room 6	Somang H., Marley B.	Room 16	Ashleigh J., Peter J.
Room 7	Jack B., Kenzie M.	Room 17	Emily F., Yuhi Z.
Room 8	Arisu H., Justin T.	Room 18	Sofia B., Arian M., Luka H., Khejil L.
Room 9	Isla H., Leona C.	Room 19/20	Matthew X., Anjali D.
Room 10	Larry L., Rhion K.		

**Scholastic Book Orders**

Orders close on Wednesday of this week. Hopefully the books will arrive in time for the holidays.