



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

From the Principal’s Pen

Dear Parents and Caregivers

What a topsy turvy world we are living in!
 I hope that you were all able to take the opportunity to get in the lovely weather and enjoy the long weekend that we had last week.
 I know I did even though we had only just returned to school.
 It does not seem possible that we only have 30 teaching days left for this year. It sounds frightening when it is put that way, therefore lots of learning and fun to be had in that time.

We are trying to fit everything in so our children all have the best experiences and time at school, hence all the activities being planned to make a difference. The pool is now ready to go. We have waited for the temperature to become constant and we can now all start swimming! It will be a highlight for some. It is so tempting when looking into the pool area - but so cold to swim in, but as it is now ready, you can now send along those togs, towels, goggles etc, and please remember to name everything!

It is amazing how many clothes children can lose and never remember bringing them to school, so when on display, they do not look for them, as they don't think they belong to them.

Athletics

The children are running, jumping and throwing in preparation for the big day - the fun is clear to see and hear, but also the encouragement they give each other as they attempt to jump over the high jump bar. Children will need to wear a hat.

Hats

The lovely weather means that it is a compulsory HAT wearing Term. Please remember to send your child's hat back to school as they will need to wear them whenever they are outside during this term. If your child does not have a hat at school, they will have to play under a shade area. This is for protection from the harsh sun rays that are dangerous to children and their skin.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child always has a named water bottle at school. Yes, we do have water fountains that are open for use, but not every child uses them correctly and they in fact, place their mouth over the spout. Children can fill their own bottles up from the water fountains during the day.

Tummy Bug

There seems to be a sickness 'bug' that is going around, so for everyone's safety, if your child has vomited **they must not return to school until 24 hours have gone by since they last vomited.** Hopefully, this will stop the bug spreading to others.

FOS Raffle

Friends of the School are organizing an 'End of Year' gifts Hamper fundraiser. If you are able to donate a gift item (chocolate, biscuits, snacks, bottle of drink, beauty product) please drop it off to the donation box, situated in the Office. Please do this by Friday 13 November. Thank you.

FOS Read-a-thon

Thank you to all the families who completed the Read-a-thon and sponsored the children. We raised just over \$2,500.00. The money raised will go towards STEAM equipment for the school.

CALENDAR DATES

- **Tuesday 10th to Friday 13th November**
Year 5/6 EOTC
- **Wednesday 11 November**
New Entrant Parent Meeting
6:00pm in Room 19
- **Tuesday 17 November**
Year 2 Visit
Little Shoal Bay
- **Wednesday 18 November**
Senior Sports Day
- **Wednesday 18 November**
FOS Ice block day
- **Friday 27 November**
FOS Donut day
- **Friday 4 December**
9:05am
Year 0-2 Prizegiving
11:00am
Year 3-5 Prizegiving
- **Monday 7 December**
Year 6 Graduation/
Prizegiving and Disco
at Glenfield Intermediate School

Term Dates

2020

Term 4
Monday 12 October to
Friday 11 December

2021

Term 1
Tuesday 2 February

Diwali Celebrations here at School

Diwali, Festival of Lights is a significant time for Hindus all over the world and this year it will start on Wednesday 12 November and go through until Monday 16 November.

We will be celebrating Diwali at Marlborough School on Monday 9 November (next week). We will hold a 'mufti day' on Monday, and children and staff are encouraged to wear bright colours/cultural costumes that are significant to their own culture.



Principal's Awards

Andrew H., for his wonderful reading and completion of the Reading recovery programme
 Jason O., for his wonderful reading and completion of the Reading Recovery programme
 Michael B., for his wonderful reading and completion of the Reading Recovery programme

New Enrolments at Marlborough School

If you have a 'nearly 5 year-old' or know of someone who does, please make contact with the Office and we will give you the necessary enrolment information. This will help us with planning classes and teachers for 2021. Thank you.

Have a great week everyone

Sue Buckley

“Learning is at the heart of our journey together”

