



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

**From the Principal’s Pen .....**  
Dear Parents and Caregivers

I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend the other week. As normal, we wait a long time for it to arrive and it passes in a flash. There is always so much I have planned for it, and just get started, then it’s back to work again.

It is that time of year again when the teachers are assessing and writing reports. To support this, the Ministry of Education allows each teacher, two days of classroom release in order to assess children in their class. Teachers do not use a single test, or a moment in time. They use their knowledge of your child’s progress in their books, their contribution in group work and conversations and discussions they have in class to produce an OTJ (Overall Teacher Judgement).

These two days, in other terms, are used for observing other teachers in our school, or other schools to see how they work and teach different areas of the curriculum. This is why your child might have shared with you that they have had a relief teacher in their class on a few days over the last couple of weeks. Your child’s Term 2 report will come home to you in Week 10, which enables the teacher to get the latest information about your child’s progress, skills they have and skill they need to develop to be the best they can be.

**Dogs on School Grounds**

Please remember, we have a policy that states ‘no dogs on school grounds’, as for some children and parents, dogs frighten them. It does not matter how big or small they are, or if they are on a lead, they can still frighten others.



**Minifair - Raising funds for the Year 5/6 bus for camp**

This week sees the second Minifair of the year. What an exciting time we had last time! We raised an amazing amount of money, due to your family’s support for the event. The minifair will be held this Wednesday, so please bring in a few dollars for your child to enjoy this fun occasion.

**Fabulous Book Fair**

What a wonderful week it was, The hum as children perused the books and the fun as they listened to different teachers sharing books with them. The character parade was great fun too - your innovative ideas, and despite the weather and a packed hall, it was enjoyed by all. We raised \$2,399.00 to spend on more books for the library. Thank you.

**Tabloid Sports**

Although cancelled on the original day (Wednesday) due to the extremely wet field, on Friday afternoon the field was usable and the children had great fun. It was led by Room 4 student leaders, who organized the younger children and supported them with the skills needed to take part. Listening to the noise, I can honestly say that it was enjoyed by all. Thank you to Mrs Beattie for organizing this great event and also to Room 4.

**Paid Union Meetings (PUM’s)**

Marlborough Primary School teachers who are members of NZEI Te Riu Roa will be attending a paid union meeting on either 22 or 24 June, with some attending in the morning and others in the afternoon. The purpose of these meetings is for teachers to discuss the priorities for the re-negotiation of their Collective Agreement in 2022. Issues being discussed, such as school staffing levels, directly impact on the education of your children. These meetings are a critical component of the negotiation process and it is the legal right of all members to attend a meeting and have their say.

**CALENDAR DATES**

- ◆ **Wednesday 16 June**  
Minifair
- ◆ **Friday 25 June**  
Kai Hui Ako Day  
Accord Day  
**School Closed for instruction**

**Term Dates**

**2021**

- Term 2**  
Monday 3 May to  
Friday 9 July
- Term 3**  
Monday 26 July to  
Friday 1 October
- Term 4**  
Monday 18 October  
to  
Monday 13 Dec.

While there will be some impact on the usual school programme that date, we have adjusted the programme to minimise disruption, and the school will remain open.

**Toys at School**

Could you please remind your children that bringing toys to school is not allowed. It leads to arguments and losses, as they get misplaced or let others borrow them, and in some cases say they can have them - implying only for a little while - but the new recipient assumes for ever. Some times they go missing as someone else wants to borrow them and they get lost in bags or dropped on the way home from school. Therefore, please leave them at home for playing with after school.



**Friends of the School Pie Fundraiser**

The collection of your pies on Friday of this week will be from the Wykeham Place sliding gate entrance to school. Thank you for supporting this Friends of the School in their continuing fundraising endeavours.

**Advance Notice**

There will be a **Teacher-Only Day on Friday 25 June**, where the school is not open for classroom instruction on this particular day. This day is one of the additional days that the Ministry of Education agreed on last year, that teachers could have in 2020, 2021 and 2022.

Have a great week everyone

**Sue Buckley**

**“Learning is at the heart of our journey together”**

**School Docs**

To view our school’s policies, head to the following website:  
[www.schooldocs.co.nz](http://www.schooldocs.co.nz)  
Login: Marlborough (lowercase)  
Password: primary (lower case)



**Skool Loop App**

Please be aware that we are no longer using the KiwiSchools app. Please download the Skool Loop app and register with your child’s class



