Term 3 Week 4 Tuesday 17 August 2021

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

From the Principal's Pen ……

Dear Parents and Caregivers

The term has started well, and all the children are actively involved in their learning. It is great to be back and see the enthusiasm with which the children are settling to their learning. They are embracing the new challenges set with them and are applying diligence as they work. As normal, some children need more encouragement and support to achieve their best, but we are all working with them for this to occur.

Puberty

Last night the parents of Year 5 and 6 students attended a Puberty meeting in Room 2, to hear from the 'Nest' provider, who delivers the programme in school. It was well attended and allowed parents to ask questions, prior to their children taking part in the programme the next day.

Library

The Library has lots of new books, as the books generated from the Book Fair have been catalogued, covered and are now ready for reading! After speaking to Mrs Wotton, she told me that as soon as she puts any new books out on display, they are being booked out by the children. This is great news, and proves how popular reading is at our school, and the value of beautiful books with current interest titles.

Parent and Caregiver Responsibilities

As you are all aware, (as advertised in the newsletter) all our school's policies are on Schooldocs, where you are able to view and comment on any of them that are up for review. Please see the website and login details on the next page of this newsletter. There are policies about Health and Safety, Parent Help, Raising a Concern, Making a Complaint, and Visitors to Our School Site, and that includes parents on site after 9:10am and before 2:45pm.
Our school should be a safe place for our students, staff, parents and families - we all need to model good behaviour in all circumstances. As parents/caregivers, we want our children to know what is right, and what is wrong, and having loud challenging conversations and displaying inappropriate behaviour or actions is not permitted. It frightens and scares our children in their safe place (our school and its grounds), and also places other parents in difficult and uncomfortable positions.
If you have concerns, then address them in the right way, with the parties concerned, and in the right place (NOT ON SCHOOL GROUNDS), or follow the Complaints Policy procedures.

Sports

Sport has started in earnest and the children are relishing the fun and collaboration it brings. Thank you to the coaches and managers who give their time and weekly commitment to train and organise our students in their chosen sporting code. We cannot do it without you. Cluster sport has started for this term, and we kicked off with Rippa Rugby!

Rippa Rugby Report:

"On Thursday 12 August, five teams of children from Year 3-6 went to the Rippa Tournament. It was tiring as we all played 4 games. They were really fun as well as being good for our health. We played well as a team and our team work improved as we got to now each other better. The field was soft and silky and easy to run on. We won most games which was awesome. We can't wait until the next tournament". By J. Holland

CALENDAR DATES ⇩

⇒ **Monday 16 August**
'Positive Puberty Plus' programme
Parent Information afternoon (1 hr)
3:30pm in Room 2

⇒ **Tuesday 17 August**
'Positive Puberty Plus' programme for Yr 5/6 students

Parent "Open Evening' Glenfield Intermediate
6:30pm—8:00pm

⇒ **Monday 23 August**
9:00am-2:45pm
Yr 6 students transition visit to GIS

⇒ **Wed 25 August**
New Entrant Parent Meeting 6:00pm in Room 7

BOT Meeting
7:00pm in Board Room

⇒ **Friday 27 August**
FOS Donut Day

⇒ **Wednesday 1 Sept**
Year 5/6 Mini Fair

Term Dates

2021

Term 3
Monday 26 July to Friday 1 October

Term 4
Monday 18 October

Intermediate Schools

Next week our current Year 6 students will visit Glenfield Intermediate School for the day, to see the different opportunities that are offered, and to explore a new setting. I know that when these visits to the Intermediates start, it is a time of change that will be occurring at our school in the not-too-distant future, as the Year 6 children grapple with their plans for 2022, including which schools their friends are going to. An interesting time for our parents as they make these decisions with their children for 2022.
Remember, if you are in Year 6 the bus leaves for the Intermediate at 9:05 sharp, so be on time and in correct uniform and shoes.

Tonight, please remember that there is an Open Evening for the Year 6 students and their families at Glenfield Intermediate, starting at 6:30pm in their school hall.

2021—2022 New Enrolments

We are currently working on the staffing for the remainder of 2021 and would appreciate if you could let us know if you have a child/children intending to start with us before the end of this year, or have a child who will be starting here in 2022.
Enrolment forms are available on our website or from the foyer in admin block. Please be aware that we now have an Enrolment scheme, which means that if you do not live in our school zone, you will need to apply for an Out-of-Zone Enrolment place. There are specific timeframes for Out-of-Zone enrolments that you have to apply within - ask the Office Manager for details or you can look on our website.

School Uniform

Please remember that we have a school uniform that we are proud of, and expect everyone to wear it with pride. Please make sure that all items are named, - just incase they get mislaid (that way items can be returned to their rightful owner).

Picking Up from School On Time

*Please ensure you are on time to collect your child/ren from school at **3:00pm.** After this time the teachers are involved in meetings, planning and organization for the next day. If you are running late, please phone the Office and we can let your child know, so they won't worry.*

Sick Children

If your child has a vomiting bug, please keep them away from school until at least 24 hours after the last vomiting episode. This bug spreads very quickly through out the school. Thank you.
With the increase in the number of colds, coughs, sniffles etc, please keep your sick child at home, where it is warm and dry, in order for them to recover fully, as at school we have no facilities to deal with sick children.
The sickbay tends to be used for instant remedies (ice packs, plasters etc) and a place where children wait for quick collection by their parents.
If your child is unwell over night, please phone the office to report their absence for the day. Thank you.

Accord Day

The next Accord Day, (when teachers will be in school for Professional Development, and the school will not be open for instruction), is on Friday 24 September.

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
Login: Marlborough (lowercase)
Password: primary (lower case)