

## Term 4 Week 3

Tuesday 29 October 2019



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

### From the Principal's Pen .....

I hope that you were all able to take the opportunity of the lovely weather, and managed to get outside and enjoy the long weekend. I know I did, even though we had only just returned to school from the holidays. It does not seem possible that we only have 37 teaching days left for this year. It sounds frightening when it is put that way, therefore lots of learning and fun still to be had in that time.

Last Thursday we had the Choir heading out to one of their last full rehearsals Before the APPA Music Festival at the Auckland Town Hall, being held on Tuesday 12 November at 7:00pm.

### School Donations 2020

You may be aware that the Government has talked about the proposed scheme of funding the school donation of \$150.00 per pupil to those schools who have a Decile rating between 1-7, and the schools then not asking families for the donation. We have consulted with the other schools in our COL (Community of Learning) and the Primary Schools and Intermediate are opting into the scheme for 2020.

The ability to opt-in is renewed on a yearly basis. Our Board of Trustees met last week to discuss this further, and have decided that for 2020, we will also opt-in to the Government scheme and therefore, no school donations will be requested from our school community for 2020.

### Travel Safety around School

We are trying to work with Auckland Transport to improve the access to our school via roads - but when they look at the records that they have, they do not have any near-misses recorded. As part of our road safety plan, we inform the Police about any road infringements that we see (parking across pathways, and driveways, on yellow lines etc). Therefore, if you see a near-miss with a car on any of our approaches into school, could you please email the details through to the school office (office@marlboroughprimary.school.nz) or to myself (principal@marlboroughprimary.school.nz). I am hoping this will provide the evidence that highlights our concerns regarding traffic congestion. Thank you.

### Term 4 Topics are as follows:

Years 0-2      Weeks 1-5      Fire Safety  
                    Weeks 5 onward      Summer Safety continues

Years 3-4      Life and Living

Years 5-6      Arts - Designing and Developing

Sports focus for the term is Athletic skills and swimming/water safety (when the pool is open)

### International Food Fair

It is with great reluctance and sadness that this year we will have to cancel this fun event due to the unprecedented disruptions to our school site. As normal, we wish to have the school at its best, and with the closing of the classrooms, and the plastic wrappings etc, this will not showcase the wonderful school that we have, but will give a negative impression.

Therefore, we have postponed it for this term, and will combine it with the Friends of the School Family Fun Night at the end of February 2020. Thank you to those who have already volunteered your time, and we will be asking for your support in February.

### CALENDAR DATES

**Friday 1 November**  
Whole school Disco

**Monday 4 November**  
Choir and Kapa Haka  
Perform at the '60's Up'  
group at Glenfield  
Community Centre  
1:45—2:45pm

**Sunday 17 November**  
Santa Parade

**Thursday 21  
November**  
Athletics Day

**Tuesday 26  
November**  
Cluster Athletics

**Wednesday 27  
November**  
Board of Trustees  
Meeting  
7:00pm

NE Parent Meeting  
6:00pm in Room 7

⇒ **Friday 13 December**  
Years 0-2 Prizegiving  
9:15am

Years 3-5 Prizegiving  
11:00am

⇒ **Monday 16  
December**  
Year 6 Graduation  
6:00pm  
followed by Disco until  
9:00pm

**Wednesday 18  
December**  
Last day of term

### 2020

**Term 1**  
Thursday 30 January to  
Thursday 9 April

**Term 2**  
Tuesday 28 April to  
Friday 3 July

### Sunhats

Please remember to send your child's hat to school as they will need to wear a hat 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.

### School Website and new School App.

Please look at our new website. It has new features and more information and links. Our new School App. is up and running and you can access it by following the link, or going to the App store and downloading the **Kiwischools app**. Open the app and search for Marlborough Primary School. You will then be asked to 'subscribe'. Do this and 'subscribe to all'.

<http://onelink.to/sb8tvm>

### School Docs

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

### Principal's Awards

Alexis BW—for her creative scary octopus story. (you can read it below)

Have a great week!

**Sue Buckley**

**'Learning is at the heart of our journey together'**

### 'Octopus'

On a wicked night as the water level rose up, an octopus slithered up in the creepy sink, and I saw the cuddly octopus. I thought the octopus was creepy, but it was cute. It had a hat and it had big warm glassy eyes with a cuddly smile. I want to hug it with love.