

Term 1 Week 5 Monday 24 February 2020

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



From the Principal's Pen

The term is moving along at a fast pace and it is good to see the children settling back into school and their new classes, and to see all the new children starting school for the first time. It does not seem possible that we have 408 children at our school, as when they are all in class, there is no sound at all, as they work away, but when the morning tea and lunch bells ring, the difference is amazing! Excited voices, exuberant play activities—it's all happening. Well done to all those students who are working so diligently, either alone, or in groups.

Sporting events are starting, with the Touch Rugby and Miniball notices having already been sent out, and many children registered for these out-of-school activities. It is always good to hear how they are all doing, displaying sportsmanship and of the friends they make on and off the court/field, from game to game. Thank you Mrs Bettie, for all your work in getting this organized.

Thank you to all those parents and children who have already returned their blue form to update the contact information for their child/ren here at school. It was very surprising to see how many people had moved, taken out their land-line and changed their mobile phone number, doctors or emergency contact details. Mrs Watts is now working through this process and updating our electronic records. Anyone that has not yet returned the 'BLUE FORM', please do so as soon as possible.

This week sees the **FAMILY FUN NIGHT** run by FOS (Friends of the School). See you all **this Friday** (28 February) on the school field, from **4:30-6:30pm**. Come along, meet other children, parents, and enjoy yourself. There will be desserts, sausage sizzle, raffles and other things to each drink too. Bring your chairs, picnic blankets and relax with friends, other parents also our teachers.

Swimming

To see so many children coming back from the pool with smiles on their faces as they have enjoyed the break from other lessons to enjoy time in the pool is wonderful, but it is also disappointing to see those students who are not swimming, as they have forgotten to bring their togs.

We understand if a child is sick and cannot swim, - just let the teachers know, but everyone else should be swimming and learning how to be safe in the Water.

Little Library

Marlborough Primary now has its own Little Library. You will find it located on the wooden fence next to the clothing bins, near Room 1. The idea of a Little Library is to increase enjoyment of reading and spread literacy through the community. Take a book to enjoy at home and replace it with one that you're no longer reading. Please only leave quality second-hand **children's books** and help us keep the library in great condition.

Year 5/6 Bible-in-Schools

We apologize for not linking the information regarding the details of this specific programme, but as in previous years, the information booklet is available from the Deputy Principal of the senior school.

Communication - if you have a concern

- ◆ In the first instance, please see the class teacher;
- ◆ If you need more advice, then see the Deputy Principal - (Mrs Warner in charge of Junior Years 0-2, and Mrs Wotton in charge of Years 3-6)
- ◆ If you still have concerns, then please book an appointment to see the Principal, by phoning the Office. Thank you.

CALENDAR DATES



Wednesday 26 February

- ◆ New Entrant Parent Meeting
6:00pm in Room 7

Thursday 27 February

- ◆ Board of Trustees Meeting
7:00pm in Boardroom

Friday 28 February

- ◆ Photolife Class Photos

Friday 13 March

- ◆ Whole-school Triathlon

Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 March

- ◆ 3-Way Conferences
3:15pm to 7:15pm

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Term 1

Thursday 30 January to
Thursday 9 April

Term 2

Tuesday 28 April to
Friday 3 July

Term 3

Monday 20 July to
Friday 25 September

Term 4

Monday 12 October to
Friday 11 December

Principal's Awards

Lennan S. for his Touch Rugby writing;
Saiah B. for his Touch Rugby writing.

Parking / Drop Off

Please be considerate of our neighbours in all the surrounding roads - in particular Lingfield Street, as this is a through route to the main roads. Park and drop off with care. Do not block resident's driveways or park near the crossing areas whilst you drop off your children, as it can be dangerous to children and it also inconveniences the residents. When dropping off your child, please let them out of the car **ON THE FOOTPATH SIDE, and NOT ONTO THE ROADSIDE**. Our neighbours care about our children and our school and we rely on them to do so.

Bikes in the School Grounds

Please do not ride your bike through the school, as we all know, children are unpredictable and you could end up being hurt, as well as the child. Please abide by our school's 'Wheels Policy' which can be found on our School Docs website (see below for the information)



Sushi Delivery

Sushi is available for delivery on Wednesday of each week. Order forms are available from the Office. They must be filled out, correct money enclosed and returned to the Office on a Tuesday by 12noon.

School Docs

Our school policies are available for you to look at and become familiar with, on the following website: 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)

Pick up time at the close of the school day

As the students are still working until 2:55pm, please do not sit outside the classrooms, as this interrupts the key learning time. You are always able to sit by the hall, away from the classrooms, and this causes less disruption for your child, and a lesser chance of them missing key information. If you can arrive at 2:50pm, that would be early enough.

Photolife Class Photos

On Friday of this week, Photolife will be here to take class photos. Please ensure that your child is in full, CLEAN, school uniform - including footwear.

School app. - Kiwi Schools

This is a digital system that allows you to receive newsletters, as well as your being able to record your child's absence. It also allows us to notify you of events that only concern your child's class or team. Please sign up to this by:

- ⇒ Go to the app store, search for Kiwi Schools, install the app, search for Marlborough Primary School and then you will be asked to 'subscribe'; OR
- ⇒ Go to our Marlborough Primary School website homepage, scroll down to 'Community Connect' and click on the icon for 'Get the Marlborough Primary Mobile app'. Simple as!

Have a great week.

Sue Buckley

'Learning is at the heart of our journey together'

