

Term 2 Week 8

Tuesday 2 June 2020

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



From the Principal's Pen

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We are living in interesting times aren't we? But here at school we are all (staff, students and parents) adjusting to the new normal life at school. Thank you all for the support you have given by following the drop-off and pick-up gates routines. It certainly makes for a smoother start to school for teachers as they can meet their students in class and give them the morning attention they require. It is wonderful to see the independence the 'Kiss and wave' scheme has given to children as they take responsibility to walk into school alone or with their friends. At the end of the day, the independent senior walkers leaving at 2:55 enables us to clear the gates in readiness for the younger children leaving. Well done to you all, and thank you for helping us maintain a safe school for everyone.

A few reminders as we are getting more students back as of today:

- School gates open at 8:30am for student entry to school. No access prior to this time.
- School gates open for children at 3:00pm - please collect your child promptly.
- Parents meet children outside the gates that they have said they will wait at.
- Any one parent requiring access to the school site MUST sign in at the office and hand sanitize.
- Remember to send with your child a named drinks bottle as the water fountains are not in use.

If your child forgets to bring something to school - you need to go to the office via Wykeham Place, hand sanitize, sign in and the forgotten item will be delivered to the classroom. Please DO NOT go to the classroom.

Walk into Wykeham

What a change in a week! In the first week of Level 2 it was wonderful to see children walking into Wykeham Place, and the knock-on effect of less cars entering. This week as we (the staff) have been on gate duties, we have certainly been aware of the increase in the number of cars. Can we please try to keep the number of cars coming into Wykeham Place to a minimum, as it means the road crossings are safer for all as we encourage the/ your children to walk to meet you after school.

Our Neighbours

Please, DO NOT park in our neighbor's driveways or across their driveway while your child exits or enters your car on pick up/drop off. There is always more parking if you park in Lingfield Street or Marlborough Park and walk into school by the nearest gate. We rely on the goodwill of our neighbours at pick-up and drop-off times. We do not want to abuse the support they provide by being inconsiderate with parking.

Advance Notice - Teacher-Only Day

On Friday 26 June there will be a Teacher-Only day, where the school is not open for instruction. This day is one of the additional days that the Ministry of Education agreed last year that teachers could have in 2020. We have decided to use it to conduct our 3-Way Conferences which were cancelled in March due to COVID-19. The teachers will be at school throughout the day from 8:00am until 4:00pm, so that your child, with teacher support will be able to share and celebrate their learning with you. We will send out more details and the booking form later.

CALENDAR DATES

- Friday 26 June**
- Teacher-Only Day
 - 3-Way Conferences
8:00am—4:00pm

2020

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

On a different note, what an amazing place our school is! Even through the stresses of learning at home, our students have returned full of enthusiasm and eagerness to share what they have been doing and ready for the next challenge.

I have seen children's work, whether in classes, online, or read to me. We have some very capable and creative students and it is my pleasure to be their Principal.

Uniform

Please support us by making sure your child wears the correct school uniform to school. It makes belonging to our school so important. The uniform is available at 'The Warehouse' In Glenfield Mall.



School Donations Scheme - Ministry of Education

State and State-Integrated decile 1-7 schools can now choose to opt-in to the donation scheme for the 2021 school year. In 2020 we opted into the Ministry of Education scheme which meant we did not seek school donations from our school community for 2020. Our Board of Trustees wish to continue with this approach/scheme and seek from our school community any feedback from those who do not wish the Government to pay their school donation contribution.

Could you please send any feedback to: principal@marlboroughprimary.school.nz by Friday 5 June.

Absences

If your child is going to be away from school, for any reason, could you please let the Office know, either through our website, or by phoning the Office on 481 0365. If you use classdojo, and the teacher happens to be away sick or on a course, the information will not get through to the Office, or to the relief teacher who is in that class for the day.

Principal's Award

Hayden B. for his creative 'Baby Gruffalo' writing.

Have a great week everyone.

Sue Buckley

'Learning is at the heart of our journey together'

Newspapers required

If you have any old newspapers at home, which you do not require, please send them to school with your child, who can then drop them into the office. Thank you.

