



Marfell In Action Newsletter Number 1

Week 1 Term 1 2017



Greetings, Kia ora, Talofa lava, Kia orana, Fakalofa lahi atu.



Coming Up

Swimming

Bring your togs and towel every day for swimming in Term 1



Monday 6 Feb Waitangi Day Observed

School is closed today



Thursday 9th Feb Road Crossing Training



Friday 10th February

School Lunches
recommence
\$2 each

Look out for an order form next week!



Monday 13th Feb

Fruit in Schools
recommence



Thursday 16th Feb Marfell Idol & Whanau Picnic (more Details to follow)



Tuesday 28th Feb 5pm Board of Trustees Meeting



Week 1 & 2
Virtue

Caring
Manaaki



WELCOME BACK!

Welcome to our new and returned families to Marfell. I hope that all were able to make the most of Christmas & New Year holiday break despite the inclement weather. We have had an excellent start our year with a powhiri to welcome all our new tamariki and their whanau and Ms Wendy Middleton, our new Lead Teacher and SENCO in Room 5. Thank you to our parents, whanau and guests who supported us especially Whaea Unity for leading our kapahaka roopu, Matua Don Harris for being our Whaea Korero and Whaea Mabel Pahau for stepping up to be Kai Karanga (caller) for our manuhiri (visitors).



Our children have settled quickly and calmly into their classes and are getting to know their new teachers and make new friends. Thank you to families who have set their children up for success by organising their stationery. We have almost all our children sorted with stationery which ensures they are off to a great start with their learning.

WELCOMING MS WENDY MIDDLETON

I am pleased to introduce our new staff member, Ms Wendy Middleton. She is our Lead Teacher for our ORS Unit and SENCO - Special Needs Coordinator. A mother of 2 adult children and grandmother of 3 year old twin boys and 18 month old girl, Nana duties, knitting, camping are her passions. Wendy has made the big shift to New Plymouth from Hawera, where she was the HOD Special Needs at the High School for the past 9 years. She is passionate about education and is looking forward to working with our tamariki.

STATIONERY & UNIFORM

Thanks to all our parents, families and whanau who have sorted stationery for their children - an excellent start! Mrs Gilmour has organised the best price for our stationery packs, thanks to Warehouse Stationery. Some parents have shared that they had priced their stationery at other suppliers but our pre-pack were definitely cheaper.

All uniform can be purchased through the office. We can again offer \$5 new polo shirts as a spare to our quality branded polo shirts.

FRIDAY SCHOOL LUNCHES!

We have a couple of fantastic mums that are on board to prepare & distribute healthy lunches for our children. Because of them, we are able to offer our children a healthy lunch every Friday for \$2. But they would appreciate some support so if you can share some time every Friday morning or alternate Friday we would love to hear from you. See Debbie at the office if you would like to be a part of this lunch team and coffee group. Friday Lunches start 10th February.

IN LINE HOCKEY SEASON

We are seeking new players for our FAST, FURIUOS AND FUN inline hockey team. Gear can be provided and training opportunities for beginners. Cost is \$15 per child. Games are usually every Thursday night at East End Skate Rink, starting in a couple of weeks . Expression of Interest letters will go home next week. Contact the office for more information.

YUMMY STICKERS

Being the summer fruit season, our school would appreciate it if our families would collect the yummy stickers found on Yummy brand fruit. We can receive free sports equipment from them. See the office if you would like a sticker sheet.

WHOLE SCHOOL MARAE NOHO

A notice will be coming home about our whole school Marae noho at Oakura Marae in week 9 this term.

Book this one in your calendars.

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING - SWPB4L

Our kura has been involved in a Ministry of Education initiative - PB4L school wide. This combined with our Virtues will help us to improve children’s wellbeing and increase educational achievement and address problem behaviour.

What is our PB4L Programme?



Marfell Vision - School Whakatauki

Tama Tu Tama Ora
Happy Healthy Learners



Marfell Core Values

Respect - *Manakitanga*
Learning Reciprocity - *Ako*
Tolerance - *Ngawari*
Caring - *Awhina*



Marfell MANA - School Rules

Respect each other - *Manakitanga*
Learn and do - *Ako*
Show tolerance - *Ngawari*
Care for each other - *Awhina*



Rewards and Consequences

MANA Vouchers
MANA Certificates & MANA badges
Celebrate with parents
Students of Excellence Honours Board
The BIG MANA outing - 100 points
Class rewards system
Safe, self disciplined, happy learners

Marfell MANA
Class management strategies
Incident reports
Time out and Choices Programme
Counselling and Skills Programmes
Restorative practice
Report & analyse data

Tama Tu Tama Ora - Happy Healthy Learners



SCHOOL HOURS

The automated bell will signal the following:

8:00	<i>Breakfast Club Programme in hall</i>
8:30	<i>children permitted to enter buildings</i>
9:00	<i>class begins</i>
11:00	<i>1st fuel – eating</i>
11:35	<i>get ready for class bell</i>
11:40	<i>end of 1st fuel</i>
1:15	<i>2nd fuel – eating</i>
1:50	<i>get ready for class bell</i>
1:55	<i>end of 2nd fuel</i>
3:00	<i>class ends</i>
3:10	<i>playground cleared.</i>

Children do not need to be at school before 8am.

ABSENTEEISM / ATTENDANCE

For safety and attendance reasons, it is important that parents and teachers know where children are. Please let us know if your child is not going to be attending school, by:

- 1.Phone - 751 0553 - office*
- 2.Text - 027751 0551 or 027251 0553*
- 3.Email - admin@marfell.school.nz*
- 4.In person - class teacher or office*
- 5.Letter or note to class teacher or office*

We believe attendance & academic go hand in hand. Learning and behavioural concerns often have underlying issues of transience, late arrival and poor attendance at school. Having children at school, on time every day, is the only way we can support and turn around their educational outcomes. The truancy service will be engaged to do a home visit from day one of non attendance if:

- 1.there has been no contact by the parent or caregiver*
- 2.the school is unable to make contact with the parent or caregiver.*

SUN SMART SCHOOL

Being a Sun Smart school means that during Terms 1 & 4 the wearing of full brimmed sun smart hats is compulsory. Children who have no hat will be excluded from play and be expected to sit in a shade area until they have a hat. Peaked sun visors and baseball caps are not Sun Smart as there is limited protection to ears and neck. School bucket hats are available from the office for \$16.00.

RISING ACHIEVERS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMME

Our After School Care Programme will be in it's fourth successful year, made possible by Marfell Community Trust. We will hopefully be starting in a couple of weeks. This programme is about community working together to raise achievement of the whole child in a sustained positive way. Entry to the programme is by referral by social service agencies, lawyers, or teachers. Lastly by parents if there are places available. Rising Achievers is dependent on volunteers to support the tamariki with their home learning and fun activities. We need volunteers in order to have more children on the programme as we often have a waiting list. Please contact the office if you are keen to give your time for 1 or 2 days to such a positive programme – 3 to 4:30pm Monday to Friday. See the office for a brochure or more information.

*Nga mihi nui te whanau
Janet Wilson
Principal*



Community Notices

Take a Kid Fishing Competition

*Sunday 12th February 8am-1pm, in association with Blue Light
Register on the day from 7.30am at New Plymouth Sportfishing & Underwater Club.
Bring a rod, bait supplied, with prize giving at 1pm. Free sausage sizzle.*

Western Suburbs Rugby League Club Muster

*Sunday 12th February from 11-1pm at our clubrooms (Ngamotu Domain, Pioneer Road)
In addition our Gala day is on 25th February from 10-3pm*

*Thanks to Whaea Angela, Mr Baker and these tamariki for creating
these fabulous totem poles.
Tumeke!*



Save The Date!
Thursday 16th Feb, 5-7pm
Marfell Idol & Whanau Picnic

