



Marfell In Action Newsletter Number 2

Week 3 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



Reminder

We have Fruit & Milk in School every day!



Thursday 23rd Feb

Marfell Whanau Picnic

Tuesday 28th Feb

5pm Board of Trustees Meeting



Thursday 2nd March

Inline Hockey Starts (Game time TBA)



February Birthday wishes go out to:

Çairo, Lexus-Ray, Jaxon, Kaiā, Lochi, Aaron,



We wish you all fabulous celebrations this month!



**Week 3 & 4
Virtue**



**Respect
Manākitanga**

We have very quickly come to the end of Week three of an eleven week term. Our tamariki have settled quickly into routine and learning. With all of our new enrolments, our class sizes are bigger than we would like them to be, however at other schools this is the norm. Because we value and promote small class sizes at Marfell I will be requesting of the Board at our next meeting additional funding to employ an extra teacher. If this is successful, there will be some changes for our tamariki. In particular for Rooms 1, 3 and 8. Will keep you all informed.

ROAD SAFETY WITH CONSTABLE TONY BROWNRIGG

Thanks to Constable Brownrigg our School Community Officer for taking all of our classes for a safe walking practical around our community. It is sad to witness many of our tamariki risk their lives because they just run across the road without any thought of looking both ways first. I also see parents risking their children's lives because they park across the road from the school and their child just runs across the road to them. I have even seen parents walk across a road without looking themselves, just up from a pedestrian crossing, with child following some distance behind!

Auē whanau!

As parents we are responsible for keeping our precious tamariki safe by putting them first! It is a parents job to be the positive role model to our tamariki and show them the right way to do things, like crossing the road. Something to think about.

MARFELL WHANAU PICNIC

I guess it was a good call to postpone our Whanau picnic yesterday as the rain came. We are all good for making it happen next week 23 February - same time same place! I've booked a summers day, so we should be sweet.

We will be conducting a school self review, so be in the draw for a voucher if you complete the school survey during the picnic.

POLICY AND PROCEDURE REVIEW

Thanks to our board trustee Barry Greenbrook for undertaking the huge job of aligning and updating our school policies and procedures. This is a necessary task to ensure our practices comply with the changes to the Vulnerable Children's Act and the Health and Safety Act. We are currently working on NAG 5 - Health and Safety. I will endeavour to promote relevant policies and procedures in the newsletter as they are completed. Parents are always welcome to request copies or read through our policy folders at school if you are interested.

SUN SMART SCHOOL

Being a Sun Smart school means that during Terms 1 & 4 the wearing of full brimmed sun smart hats is compulsory. School bucket hats are available from the office for \$16.00.



AWE SWIMMING PROGRAMME

Thanks again to Blair Haase Aquatic Centre Programmes Coordinator for including our Year 5 & 6 tamariki in Room 1 to attend the AWE, 4 day swimming programme.

A bus will transport Room 1 to and from the Aquatic Centre next Tuesday 21st to Friday 24th February, 12:30 to 2:30pm. Thanks to AWE for sponsoring the programme and bus.

IN LINE HOCKEY SEASON

Yay! We have a team! Gear will be distributed next week with practise opportunities for beginners. Cost is \$15 per child. Our 1st game will be on Thursday 2nd March at East End Skate Rink. A notice will go home with game time and information, when known.

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.

RISING ACHIEVERS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMME

Our After School Care Programme will be starting next week. 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

Class Certificates

Shilah Bunyan, Damyon West, Room 1, Elle-Ay Capper, Nevaeh Berry, Gezelle Bunyan, Room 3
Cairo Doran, Logan Clark, Rooms 4/5, Daz Wharewaka, Thea Altar, Jade Kelly, Elisha Maddox, Room 8

Duffy Books

Chelsea Price, Room 1, Alkatraz Nuku, Room 3, Thea Altar, Room 8, Datura Sylva-Tait, Room 6

Marfell kids are tough - we swim even if it rains - which it has done, a lot this wet summer!



Community Notices

* **West Coast Youth Theatre DRAMA Classes!** 7-10yrs, Wednesdays 3.45pm-4.45pm

@ Rumpus Room / Term One starts Feb 8th 2017. To enquire or enrol Email: westcoasttheatre@gmail.com

* **Western Suburbs Rugby League Gala Day**

Saturday 25th February from 10-3pm (Ngamotu Domain, Pioneer Road)

* **SPCA Open Day** is on Sunday 26th February 2017 from 10am - 2pm. 75 Colson Road, New Plymouth.

Gold coin donation entry - Lots of fun for the whole family!

* **Woodleigh Junior Football Club Information Evening** – Wednesday 1 March 7 pm, Sutherland Park, all new and returning players 4 to 18 years. Look forward to seeing you all there. Contact Rachel 022 0881972 or woodleighjfc@hotmail.com or LIKE us on Facebook Woodleigh Junior Football Club WJFC.

