



# Marfell In Action Newsletter Number 1

## Week 1 Term 1 2018



*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



#### Waitangi Weekend

**Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th February**  
School is closed



#### Friday 9th February

School Lunches recommence  
\$3 each



Look out for an order form next week!



#### Monday 12th Feb

Fruit in Schools recommence



#### Tuesday 20th Feb

5.30pm Board of Trustees Meeting



#### See the office for:

New phone number  
New address  
Stationery  
Uniform  
Friday Lunch Orders



**Week 1 & 2**  
**Virtue**



**Respect**  
**Manaakitanga**

### 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 with the amazing weather. We have had a super start our year with a powhiri to welcome all our new tamariki and their whanau and Mr Samuel Knox, our new Year 5 & 6 teacher in Room 1. We also officially welcomed Mrs Annette Kettle who filled in for us last year in Room 2. She has now made herself at home in Room 7. 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 Whae Korero.

Our children have settled quickly and calmly into their classes and some 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 most of our children sorted with stationery which ensures they are off to a great start with their learning.



### WELCOMING MR SAMUEL KNOX

I am pleased to introduce our new staff member, Mr Sam Knox. He is our Year 5 & 6 teacher in Room 1. Born and bred in Palmerston North, Sam comes to us from Highlands Intermediate, and is excited about the adventure ahead of him at Marfell. "I chose to come to Marfell because I've worked with the Marfell Community before and I really enjoyed being part of the community here. I also think I will gain a lot from working beside the dedicated and passionate staff at Marfell."

Enthusiastic about reading, cricket, golf, music and fitness, Sam really enjoys teaching and getting to know, and be a part of our community, and looks forward to meeting and catching up with our whanau.

### STATIONERY & UNIFORM

Thanks to all our parents, families and whanau who have sorted stationery for their children - a great 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 \$6 new polo shirts as a spare to our quality branded polo shirts.

### FRIDAY SCHOOL LUNCHES!

Because of a couple of our fantastic mums, we are able to prepare & distribute healthy lunches for our children every Friday. 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 9th February. Talking to a parent and past pupil, she remembers Friday lunches being \$2, 20 years ago! So unfortunately lunches will now be \$3 per child. This will allow us to afford more menu options.

### 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. PB4L combined with our Virtues helps us to improve children's wellbeing and increase educational achievement and address problem behaviour.

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

#### MARFELL AFTER SCHOOL MUSIC CLASSES

Thanks to Mrs Steenson who is organising for our school to be able to offer guitar lessons, because we know we have some very capable and creative students that would love to learn guitar and ukulele . We are very fortunate to have Mrs Steenson, an experienced teacher, offering lessons and bringing out the talents in these students. We are wanting some pre-loved guitars to be kept at school for our students to learn and practice on. If you have a guitar in good condition that you would be prepared to donate to the school please drop off or contact the school office.

#### TAKE A KID FISHING COMPETITION

Sunday 11th February 8am-1pm, in association with Blue Light. Register on the day from 8am at New Plymouth Sportfishing & Underwater Club. Bring a rod, bait supplied, with prize giving at 1pm. Free sausage sizzle.

### 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

Marfell MANA

Class management strategies

Incident reports



## **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>1<sup>st</sup> fuel – eating</i>
11:35	<i>get ready for class bell</i>
11:40	<i>end of 1<sup>st</sup> fuel</i>
1:15	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> fuel – eating</i>
1:50	<i>get ready for class bell</i>
1:55	<i>end of 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 fifth successful year, made possible by Marfell Community Trust and our Co-ordinator Kuvarji. We will be starting Monday 12 February. 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*



## 2018 STAFFING AND ORGANISATION

Principal      Mrs. Janet Wilson                      Deputy Principal      Ms. Kealy Warren  
 Secretary      Mrs. Debbie Gilmour                      Property Manager      Mr. Ian Baker

Mr. Samuel Knox	Ms. Kealy Warren	Mrs Annette Kettle	Miss. Kirstie O'Neil	Ms. Jane Rona	Ms. Wendy Middleton	Mrs Carol Watson
Room 1	Room 3	Room 7	Room 8	Room 6	Rooms 4 & 5	Room 4
Teacher	D.P. Team Leader	Teacher	Teacher	Teacher	SENCO Specialist Needs Teacher	Specialist Needs Teacher
Years 5 & 6	Years 4 - 5	Years 2 - 3	Years 1 - 2	Years 0 - 1	Years 0 - 8	Years 0 - 8

Mrs. Marian Biggs	Mrs. Catherine Steenson	Mrs. Angela Kehely	Mrs. Jenny Tippett	Ms. Angela Pearson	Ms Niki Shewry	Whaea Unity Wara
ORS Release Teacher	Schoolwide Release Teacher	Library & Resource Manager	Resource Teacher Learning & Behaviour	Resource Teacher Learning & Behaviour	Support Worker in Schools	Kapahaka Tutor

Support Staff      Mrs Julie Barczak      Mrs Jocelyn Jones      Ms Kelli Dudley  
                          Ms Donna Cameron      Mrs Nina Sutton      Mrs Pierrette Sollberger  
                          Jane Sarsfield      Mr Solomon Tohu      Ms Silvia Inia

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chairperson      Mr Ray Tucker      Principal      Mrs. Janet Wilson  
 Secretary & Treasurer Mrs. Debbie Gilmour      Staff Representative      Mrs Wendy Middleton  
 Tony Nicholas      Mr. Don Harris      Mr. Peter Baker      Mr. Barry Greenbrook

### 2018 TERM DATES

Term 1      Wednesday 31 January to Friday 13 April      94 half days  
 Term 2      Monday 30 April to Friday 6 July      96 half days  
 Term 3      Monday 23 July to Friday 28 September      100 half days  
 Term 4      Monday 15 October to Wednesday 19 December      94 half days  
                          Wednesday 19 December, Children go home at 12noon  
Total: 384 half days