



Marfell Community School

What's happening at Marfell?

Week 4 Term 1 2022



Kia ora, Talofa lava, Kia orana, Fakalofa lahi atu, Mabuhay, Saludos para ti, Bula vinaka, Welcome to Term 1, 2022! An excellent start to the year with the tamariki engaged in learning and school. The pool has been in high use in this hot weather and the sunshine has been much enjoyed. It has also been wonderful to see the sports being played on the field. Long may this last!

The Senior School Courts...

Thanks to a large grant from NZCT supported by the Taranaki trust we have been able to get our main courts turfed. This looks amazing and will be a great facility for the tamariki. This job will be completed this week with the addition of hopscotch and four square areas. We feel very blessed to have this facility as the turf provides a safer surface with less impact when playing sports.



Welcome to...

We have been very lucky to gain Shivantha Perera to our team. Shivantha is working in Room 2 as support staff. He is highly trained, loves maths and is a very talented cricketer having played overseas and represented at a high level. Please feel free to introduce yourself if you see him around.



Start of Year Information

Hats

Please check with your child that they have a hat. Hats are compulsory in Terms 1 and 4 and are vital for protecting faces from the sun. If your child does not have a hat please contact the office for purchase details.

Stationery

There are only a limited number of children without stationery at present. Stationery is vital for learning. Please contact the office to make arrangements if you have not been able to purchase stationery yet.

Attendance

School attendance is even more important now that our world is so changing. An education gives children options for their future and is the way forward for them. Without an education what does the future look like? Ensure your child attends school daily and makes the most of this opportunity.

Masks

In 2020 we had a group of people come into school and made masks with the children which was lots of fun. In 2021 a wonderful team worked from home and made over 150 masks which went to students in the school. This year this amazing team of people have given about 500 masks to the school which have been given out to students, parents and people in our Marfell School community. Thankyou to Lorna Fawkner, Eileen Kiffin, Pete Tillard, Carol and to Marion Beamish who donated fabric.

(Photos above - Even one of our old students have benefitted!)

Up Coming Events

Whanau Picnic / Meet the Teacher

Unfortunately we have not been able to have the usual whanau picnic and meet the teacher this year due to the red traffic light restrictions. So we have made some wonderful short clips introducing the teachers and this will be uploaded to Facebook in the upcoming week.

Tuesday 1 March to Tuesday 8 March

Dental Bus on Site

The dental bus will be on site for this period. Please make sure that all appointments are kept as it is very difficult to get a replacement time due to staff shortages.

Friday 11 March

Teacher Only Day

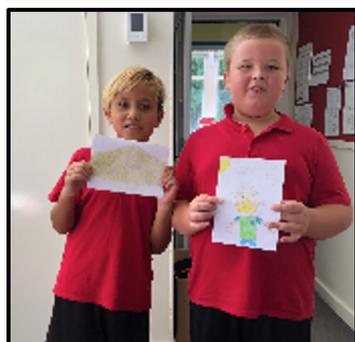
School will be closed for instruction for all children on this day due to staff professional development. Please ensure you have made alternative arrangements for your children.

Friday 25 March

Photo Life Photos

Individual and class photos taken. Please make sure all children are at school this day all shiny and beautiful for photos.

Great Achievements



Room 3 have been hard at work this week. Deekyn, Brooklyn, Tristan and Arlee have all done some amazing writing.

GRAVE CONCERNS

We are getting many children arriving at school tired and very grumpy which is resulting in intolerance and fights. They are not ready or able to learn. Primary school children require 10-12 hours a night of sleep. Any less is not enough for your child to be a happy, healthy learner. Please ensure that they get enough sleep by going to bed at a sensible time.

*Further to this concern, is that children are using screens as a tool for falling asleep. This is **not** conducive to a good nights sleep. Research shows that children need to have an hour screen free time before bed as otherwise eyesight is damaged and the brain is not resting in sleep and is therefore not developing properly. Please take screens off children 1 hour before bedtime.*

Lastly and very concerning is that children are on screens unsupervised. They are watching content that is not appropriate for anyone's eyes, let alone children and they are also watching movies designed for adults and NOT children. They bring the ideas from these into their lives resulting in inappropriate behaviours and attitudes. Parents need to monitor what children watch and have parental locks on content. This is an important responsibility as a parent and it is vital for your child's development that it is done.

Addressing these three concerns will ensure you have a happier and healthier child who has a greater chance for being a well adjusted adult.

Certificates and MANA points



These children have started the year with a hiss and a roar! They are the first children to earn 10 MANA points. Congratulations to Brooklyn Harrington, Eli Mackay, Edison Elliot-Nicholas and Ivy-Jade Vedder. What an amazing achievement!



Today, Arlee Barnes, Leyana Hunia, Steevie Wenzlick, Andrena Niwa, Tristan Green, Vincent Tako, Peyton Vedder, Peyton-Rose Wetini also reached 10 points!

Check out Facebook for more updates!



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