



Marfell Community School

What's happening at Marfell?

Week 6 Term 1 2022



Kia ora, Talofa lava, Kia orana, Fakalofa lahi atu, Mabuhay, Saludos para ti, Bula vinaka, Aubovan

Wow what an extraordinary and unprecedented start to this year! We have certainly noticed a huge change at school in the levels of need and behaviours, of not just our tamariki but also our whānau and our staff. Meanwhile, anxiety levels were rising in communities as were daily cases of COVID.

The Senior School Courts...Part 2!



Thanks to the fundraising efforts for the Waitangi Camp last year - that sadly, did not go ahead due to Covid - we now have new basketball hoops installed on our new turf. Our old 'short' basketball goals will be re-installed at our junior court. We will also get a new hoop and backboard for our Pungarehu basketball goal. Thanks also to Eddie Straathof for installing our new hoops.

Reminders to Parents...

Contacting Parents Families & Whānau

As a rule most of our whānau are easily contactable, and most have been really supportive and understanding of the expectations on schools to send children home when displaying cold symptoms or an upset tummy. Sadly some of our whānau are impossible to contact as they have multiple contact details, or they have changed their contact but failed to update us at school. This becomes a serious issue, and time consuming when there is an emergency, or a need to communicate with a caregiver. When non-contact becomes an ongoing issue, this becomes neglect.

Feel free to email or text our office your current cell phone, email, emergency contacts on 0277510551, 06 7510553 or admin@marfell.school.nz

Hats

Hats are still compulsory in Term 1 and are vital for protecting faces from the sun. Please check with your child that they have a hat. If your child does not have a hat you can purchase a new bucket hat for \$16.

Our Marfell Uniform

Our uniform became a non-negotiable part of our culture - 'kaupapa' - the way we do things, since 2007. Our uniform represents our identity, our sense of belonging and pride in who we are and where we come from. When enrolling your child at Marfell, you have agreed to support our kaupapa and school uniform policy, and ensure your child attends school wearing their correct and clean uniform daily. If you have any questions about our uniform, we are always here to help, with a solution. All new and used uniform can be purchased from the office.

Welcome to...

We have an amazing catering team working in our hall kitchen to prepare the yummy free lunches, enjoyed by our tamariki everyday. The Kai Ora, Kai Ako initiative is managed by our Lead Caterer Irene Chu, and her catering assistants Rhondelle Sweete and Tyreece Corrigan-Tuhaka. Irene & Rhondelle both have children attending Marfell. Tyreece is a past pupil at Marfell, so it's great to have him back as an adult.



Up Coming Events

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.

Monday 14 March

Taranaki Anniversary Day

School closed.

Wednesday 16 March - 1pm

Children go home at 1pm for He Ara Hou whānau teacher phone conversations.

Thursday 17 March

From 3pm He Ara Hou whānau teacher phone conversations.

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



**Poetry in perfection from 5 year olds
Ava, Clara and Mya in Ruma Ono.**



**Pest Free Taranaki Experts, Kiera, Raven
& Keiliaah in Ruma Kotahi.
We are now 1 rat and 1 mouse less!**

GRAVE CONCERNS ... Part 2

Last week we talked about our tamariki needing:

1. 10-12 hours a night of sleep to be a happy, healthy learner.
2. No screens 1 hour before bedtime.
3. Parental supervision of screen content. Our concern is that children are exposed to R18 content.

Parenting Styles according to Nigel Latta, New Zealand Psychologist and Author.

There are four parenting styles that researchers have looked at from around the world, in hundreds of studies, of many thousands of families:

1. *Authoritarian parenting: lots of rules and little warmth.*
2. *Permissive parenting: lots of warmth and little rules.*
3. *Neglectful parenting: little warmth and little rules.*
4. *Authoritative parenting: both warmth and rules.*

Would anyone reading this be surprised that the unequivocal results from decades of research from all over the world show it's number 4 – authoritative parenting, with its mixture of warmth and affection balanced with rules and boundaries – which is by far the most beneficial for children? Probably not.

The other three styles all have negative outcomes for kids. Rules by themselves, or warmth with no rules, or an absence of warmth and an absence of rules, simply don't work.

Children need boundaries and rules to help them navigate their way through what is at times a buzzy and confusing old world, and they need warmth, encouragement and support to help them learn the crucially important skills the boundaries are teaching them.

Ultimately our real job as parents isn't to control their behaviour. It's to help our kids understand how to navigate through the complex social world we live in, and how to manage their own thoughts and feelings.

Certificates and MANA points.

10 MANA Points Certificates - Santy Ferro Pieres, Trinity Martin, Cliff Awa, Loccelyn Marsh, Hazel O'Regan, Zeke Rogers, Luna Somers, Riley Weston, Thom Lander, Ella Mackay, Azalea McDonald, Keiliaah La'Raye Nicholls, Avan Powell-Cameron, Keira Prentice, Piripi Tioko, Peyton Vedder, Bella Watson, Sophia Gardner, Vincent Tako, Taylor Thomson, Raven Urlich, Aaliyah Bunyan, Bryher Cameron, Locky Collinson, Kaylah Corp, Estefy Ferro Pires, Paris Julian, Bobby Lander, Shaolin Tako-Tui, Mythias Taikato, Maia Vedder,

20 MANA Points Certificate - Santy Ferro Pires, Teiya Walker

What an amazing achievement!

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