



What's happening at Marfell?

Week 1 Term 3 2022



Kia ora, Talofa lava, Kia orana, Fakalofa lahi atu, Mabuhay, Saludos para ti, Bula vinaka, Aubovan
Welcome back to all our whanau and a huge welcome to new whanau. Term 3 already! It has been wonderful to see children arriving at school keen to learn and looking so smart in their school uniform. A big welcome back to Catherine Steenson and Annette Kettle who have returned from their absences fresh and very happy to be back with their classes.

Mellowpuff Trust

The Mellowpuff Trust in partnership with the Forsyth Barr have made a generous donation towards the Senior Camp happening at the end of this term. We are so humbled by their generosity and hope that Terry from the Trust and Neil from the Forsyth Barr can visit camp and see what a difference their donation has made to our children.



Aotearoa Gaming Trust

The Aotearoa Gaming Trust have awarded the school with a grant to purchase some beautiful alphabet mats for our junior classes. These look absolutely fantastic and really make the rooms POP! They have also made a further contribution for two carpentry sets. These should arrive in August. Without these trusts we would not be able to provide the resources that we have for our children so thank you to all!



Up Coming Events

Mondays - Basketball

Fridays - Violin with Wellington

Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th August

He Ara Hou - Parent teacher hui.

Please contact the office to make your appointment time for the He Ara Hou hui. We would like to meet with all families and caregivers during this time.

DEVON INTERMEDIATE ENROLLMENTS

To all parents and whanau who have children who will be attending Devon Intermediate as year 7 students in 2023 please complete your enrollment forms and give them into us at the school office. We will send them through to Devon for you. Devon need to know who they are expecting next year so it is important that these forms are into us asap.

Flu Vaccinations

Extended flu vaccinations to 3-12 year olds

- Children aged 3-12 years and people with serious mental health or addiction needs now eligible for free flu dose – **these will be available from 1 July.**
- Free flu shots are already available for everyone over the age of 65 and those at risk of becoming seriously ill or who have underlying conditions.

Flu Vaccinations are available from the COVID vaccination hubs and also from many pharmacies.

Great Achievements



Condrike Cassidy-Nuku and Adedas Casey-Bunyan spent fuel break in the library learning about the Solar System. It is wonderful to see them using their time so productively.

Welcome to...

Marfell Community School welcomes Kawiti Owen and Ksea Wanakore. Kawiti is year 5 and has joined us from Fitzroy School. Ksea is a year 2 and has come from Westown School. Welcome, we are very happy to have you here!



General Reminders

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform each day. This is important to the identity of the school.

If your phone number or address has changed recently please let the school office know.

Camp notices and payments need to be made to the school office please.

Attendance is becoming an issue for several children. Your child needs to attend school daily.

CONCERNING OUR CHILDREN ... Part 9

Why is reading important for children

Schools continually emphasise the importance of reading daily for children. This is why.

1. Cognitive development

Children acquire a deep understanding of their world and receive background knowledge. This helps them make sense of what they see, hear, and read, which aids their cognitive development.

2. Better vocabulary

Reading at an early age not only helps children learn new words and new ways to express themselves, but it also improves their grammar and teaches new concepts.

3. Enhanced empathy

Reading allows children to understand various emotions. This helps in their emotional and social development since they learn to associate their feelings with words and find a way to express themselves better. Books showcase various characters and perspectives which allows children to be more empathetic. The cause and effect concept in stories helps develop their analytical skills.

4. Bonding between parent and child

Reading time is a beautiful ritual that allows parents and children to connect and unwind. Children love to hear stories from parents while parents find it relaxing to be in a space of fantasy and wonder. Stories trigger conversations and questions that help a child learn and express. Not only is this ritual enjoyable but it also triggers a positive association in a child's mind.

5. Sparks curiosity

Only a curious mind attempts to learn. Stories are an insight into parts of the world that are yet unknown to children. A variety of topics present possibilities to children and intrigues them. A book on famous artists, butterflies across the world or the universe may inspire children to explore further and learn more. It also allows children to learn about different cultures and people.

6. Develops concentration

Regular and consistent reading helps to improve children's concentration abilities. As they sit still and listen for long periods, it builds patience that benefits them at school.

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