

Dear Maranatha Christian School Community,  
Tena koutou katoa,

We have some changes occurring at school. Firstly, Michael Smith has stepped down as chairperson of the Maranatha Board of Trustees. The school has been blessed with his leadership for over 5 years. He brought much experience to the role, especially in the areas of finance and diplomacy. Due to heavy work commitments, he is unable to continue in this role, however, he will stay on the board as a trustee, so we will not lose his advice and guidance.

We welcome Sandy Bhawan as the new chairperson. Sandy brings new talents to the role, including experience in strategic planning and other governance roles. We look forward to the energy that Sandy brings to this position.

Our grateful thanks go to Michael, Sandy and the trustees for their able governance of the school.

Jill Wordsworth has resigned as part time teacher after 10 years of involvement with the school. Her family is moving to the Canterbury region, so she will be with us only until the end of term 1. We also extend our condolences to her and her family as her father passed away yesterday. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family as they grieve a loved grandfather and father, and also as they prepare to move closer to where their extended family live.

Ma te Atua tatou e tiaki  
God bless you all  
Debbie Middleton



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connecting

**Theme for 2011:  
"God is Love"**

**Term 1: "He wants us to be united and forgiving"  
Please pray that the characteristics of a loving, united &  
forgiving community will be embedded within the  
Maranatha Christian School culture.**

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## Mark your calendar:

24 March	Touch rugby—Fraser Park
28 March	BoT meeting, 7 p.m.
29 March	School Assembly
30 March	Western Zone Swimming, 10.30 a.m.
30 March	Science and Technology Challenge
31 March	Touch rugby—Fraser Park
31 March	9 a.m. Prayer meeting in staffroom
31 March	Touch rugby
5 April	Kelly Sport Clinic
6 April	Room 1 visit Retirement Village
6 April	Interzone swimming 9.30 a.m.
7 April	9 a.m. Prayer meeting in staffroom
12 April	Welcome Assembly 2 p.m.
14 April	9 a.m. Prayer meeting in staffroom
15 April	Term ends School closes 3.00 p.m.



**Important notice for end of term 1: The Christchurch NZACS Conference has been cancelled, due to the earthquake. The school will now close on Friday 15 April and not on Thursday.**

## Maranatha Christian School current Board of Trustee members:

Sandy Bhawan	Chairperson
Debbie Middleton	Principal
Andrew Reinders	Treasurer
Liz Horn	Secretary
Michael Smith	Parent representative
Ben Johnson	Parent Representative
Ina Botha	MFB representative
Greg Kemp	MFB representative
Mark Swanepoel	MFB representative

**We thank the Lord for the hard work and commitment from the members of both our boards, the BoT as well as the MFB.**

## ICT at Maranatha— Information Evening

**Monday 11 April - 7.30**

- Discuss recent Parent survey on ICT @ school
- Show you how Google Docs works
- Show you how e-asttle works
- Show you how My Portfolio works
- Outline the plan for student ownership of computers



**Hope to see you there!**

## **We welcome all our new families at Maranatha Christian School.**

We will again, like last year, display and publish photos of new families who have joined the school community.

Mrs. Teena Koshy kindly agreed to assist us with this process, so if you are a new family, you will be contacted by her in the next few days.

There will also be a special Assembly for the new students and their families on 12 April. The pastors of the families have also been invited and will be praying a blessing over the students.

Term 1 new students are:

Joy and Eliana Avia, Matthew Gordon, Abe and Jack Fletcher, Issey and Hugo Tengvall, Chanique van Rensburg, Sara and William Buttenshaw, Brayden Carr, Kyla Engelbrecht, Milan Harper, Ava Kilmister, Josiah and Ethan LaPlanche, La-Shakarn Lolo, Cheryl and Samuel Rioga, Jack Sherwin and Conor Smith, Evangeline George.

### **Students from Room 1 enjoying their morning tea:**



**The Jorgensen family participated in a Bush Cycle Tour. Sarah and Amy finished a 15km bike ride and mum and dad did the 60km Christie Stone Company relay, as part of the Tui Mangatainoka Bush Cycle Tour. Well done!**

## Capital E trip:



### Children's writing

On Friday, Room three went to see Secret Chamber and The Whale's Tale at Capital E. My favourite was The Whale's Tale because Joseph got to go into the whale and he got to move the eyes. Then he pulled all of the rubbish out and found the broken heart.

Joshua Page (Yr 2)

Last Friday the class went to Capital E with Room 1 and 2. We went to two shows, one was called The Secret Chamber and the other one was The Whale's Tale.

In The Whale's Tale the whale's heart was broken and Doctor Walrus was trying to make him better.

My favourite part was when Doctor Walrus kept on whacking the person who owned the whale. My other favourite part was when there were three people who had hats with fake krill on them and they walked into the whale's mouth as food and then they came out as pooh and their hats were gone.

Rebecca Reinders (Yr 3)

On Friday we went to Capital E to see Secret Chamber. There were four people in the show, two with a violin, one with a cello, and one with a bass. They all played a song and the song was sad and made the Chinese lady playing the violin cry.

They played a song called The Secret Chamber and that was my favourite song. I had the best day ever. I loved it.

Joseph Letoa (Yr 3)

## Sports Notices:

### Touch

Maranatha have two teams taking part in the junior touch competition this term. The year 5/6 mixed team and the year 7/8 mixed team are both doing well. The year 7/8 team is currently in third place. Both teams play two games today, and the finals will be played next week. Thank you to Mr Harper who is giving up his time on Wednesdays to coach these teams. The teams are really benefiting from this. Please go and support your children on Thursday next week at Fraser Park.

### Swimming

Some year 4, 5 and 6 pupils are taking part in the Western Zone swimming competition next week Friday. Thank you also to Mrs Smith, Mrs Jorgensen, and Mr Pronk for helping me with transport and sorting out our teams over the past two weeks. If any parents would like to go and support them at Naenae pool it would be much appreciated.

Paul Viljoen



## Administration:

### Sibling enrolments 2012:


Please submit your sibling enrolments for 2012, as we are in the process of establishing the roll for next year. An application form can be downloaded from the website, alternatively, you can request a form from the office.

### International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

We will again participate in these competitions this year. Entry forms with details on will be sent out next week.

ICAS SITTING DATES	
Computer Skills	Tuesday 24 May
Science	Wednesday 8 June
Spelling	Tuesday 21 June
Writing	Tuesday 21 June
English	Tuesday 2 August
Mathematics	Tuesday 16 August

Enter online for 2011 ICAS at: [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au)



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### Lost property:

Joshua Cohen lost his jersey. Please check your child's label, as it is marked with his name.

## New Garden:

Room 7 had a busy week last week. They planted the plants in the front garden of the new administration block and did a great job. Thank you Mr Middleton, who is currently the reliever in Room 7, for giving them instructions and assisting them. You all did a fine job!

