

Tena koutou katoa Maranatha Christian School Community,

As we reflect on the first half year, we thank God for His many blessings.

When I was walking around the playground during the lunchtime today, I asked a range of children from Juniors to Seniors what their highlights were. Some commented that they could not think of anything in particular, as everything was pretty good; others mentioned as highlights: National Young Leaders Day, science experiments and the science carnival, maths, instrumental performances, Missions & Ministries, Matariki and the pool party.

A lot of these activities have involved the help of parents and other volunteers. Thank you to all of you have been involved in a hands-on way with your child's education. It was good to see parents showing an interest in the senior syndicate science fair today. We look forward to seeing you early next term for parent teacher interviews and student-led conferences.

The second half of the year looks to be just as busy as the first. The whole school will "Take Action for Energy".

Some children will also be participating in the BP Technology Challenge. Have a look further on in the newsletter for the 'prepared challenge' that can be started immediately.

As a community we will also be planning the camp, scheduled for March 2012. Please read about this further on in the newsletter.

Ma te atua koe e ti aki,
Debbie Middleton

Proverbs 20:11

Even a child is known by his deeds, by whether
what he does is pure and right.



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Important Dates:

Thursday 7 July	Senior Science Fair until 4.00pm
Friday 8 July	Y7 &8 Technology
Friday 8 July	Missions & Ministries
Tuesday 12 July	Y7 Boostrix Immunisations
Tuesday 12 July	Welcome Assembly, 2.15-3.00pm
Thursday 14 July	Prayer meeting in the staff room 9.00am. All welcome
Friday 15 July	Y7 & 8 Technology
Friday 15 July	Mufti Day gold coin donation for World Vision 40hr Famine
Friday 15 July	Term ends 3.00pm
Wednesday 27 July	Reports emailed/posted home

Term 3

Monday 1 August onwards	School swimming, 10am-12noon
Monday 1 August	BoT Meeting, 7.00pm
Tuesday 2 August	ICAS English
Tuesday 2 August	Assembly, 2.15pm-3.00pm
Tues 2—Thu 4 August	Student-led conferences and Parent Teacher interviews
Thursday 4 August	Prayer meeting in the staff room 9.00am. All welcome
Friday 5 August	Yr7&8 Technology

World Vision 40hour Famine Fundraising

Well done to the Maranatha Christian School community. We are well on the way to reaching our goal of \$9,000. We have raised \$7,046 so far.

Colouring Competition for Years 1-4

The 40-hour famine group brings you a fundraising colouring competition! Simply download, print and colour in the right picture for your Year group. Bring your entry to school by Friday 8 July.

Entry costs \$2

The colouring competition was emailed to families on Monday.

Great prizes to be won: World Vision t-shirts and yummy Fairtrade chocolate.

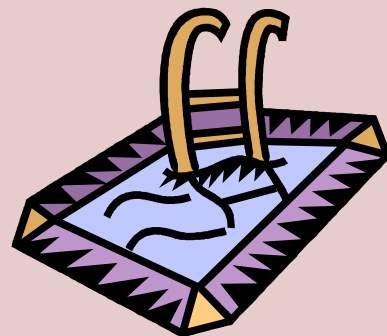
Carwash

The Helping Hands Mission & Ministries team is offering a carwash on Friday afternoon. You can make a donation to World Vision for getting your car washed!



Swimming (Term 3) 2011

The swimming programme for this year will take place daily during the first three weeks of term 3. Weeks 1 and 2 will be a continuation of the programme which started in term 4 of last year. Week 3 will be dedicated to the water safety programme.



Your child/ren has/have been placed into groups of approximately the same year, age and swimming level. Each child will swim for one half-hour session each day. You will be informed about which sessions will be allocated to which child/ren.

Sessions for Year 1-6 children will be at 10.00am, 10.30am and 11.00am. There will be a final session at 11.30am, just for year 7 and 8 (Monday – Thursday, as they will be at Technology on Fridays).

As the programme starts on day one of the term, please make sure that your child/ren arrive/s with (appropriate) togs under the uniforms to save time. Please remember to pack underwear. We prefer each child to have a cap and a pair of goggles. Girls who don't wear caps must have their hair tied back while in the pool. Don't forget your towels, and bring an extra bag to put your wet things in after getting changed. Also make sure you pack some extra lunch during this time. It is still winter, so dress warmly, especially after swimming. A warm hat would be a good idea.



Paul Viljoen (Sports co-ordinator)

Netball update:

We've had some fantastic wins on Saturdays. Great team spirit and support on the side lines from the dedicated parents and players who continue to cheer and provide encouragement even when the weather hasn't been too kind. If you have a spare Saturday and you think your daughter might be interested in playing next year come down and watch the team. We will be playing on court 3 at 10.55am at the Taita Netball courts.



Blessings, Julz

School Camp 2012

We have a pencilled booking for the whole of the El Rancho complex from 12-16 March 2012. We have until September to confirm this booking. The likely cost for children staying 5 days and 4 nights is about \$100. We anticipate that parents will be able to do some fundraising over the rest of the year to help subsidise things such as activities, transport and to help families with three or more children attending.

We are very interested in hearing from parents and caregivers if you are able to help organise the camp, supervise at camp or fundraise. We would also be interested in hearing your views on other aspects of the camp such as the length of time. Please contact the school office in the next month with your feedback and offers of assistance.



A Tool for Sharing the Gospel

Testimonies to Inspire by Myan Subrayan

This book is available for \$8

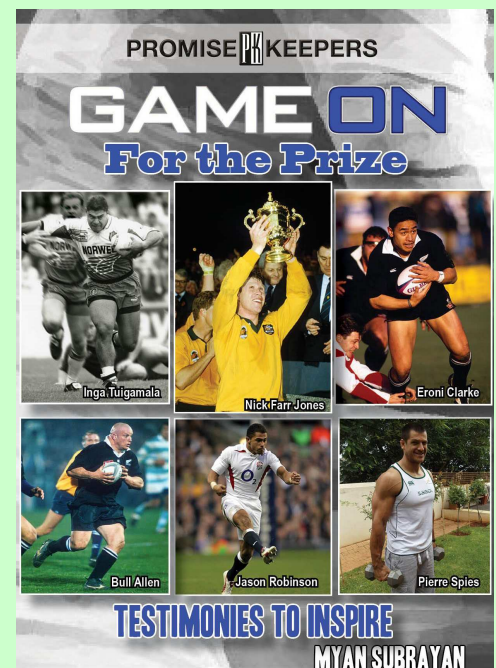
It has the testimonies of:

- former All Blacks Bull Allen, Eroni Clarke and Inga Tuigamala
- former England captain Jason Robinson
- former Wallabies captain Nick Farr Jones, and
- current Springbok Pierre Spies.

It covers key areas pertinent for everyone :

- Dangers of alcohol consumption,
- Staying pure and avoiding sex before marriage,
- Obeying God's Word,
- The difference made by following God, as opposed to living in the world,
- Overcoming peer pressure,
- Living out your faith despite what others may say

Contact the office if you are interested in ordering a copy.



Missions & Ministries

These are some of the groups that have been running this term:

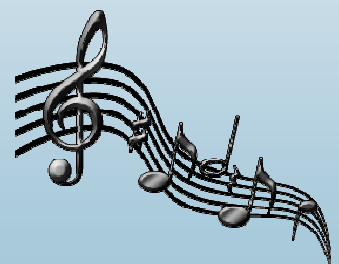
Instrumental group — Singing — Craft — Famine Organisers — School Garden — Helping Hands — Baking — Making connections with the elderly — Dance — Drama



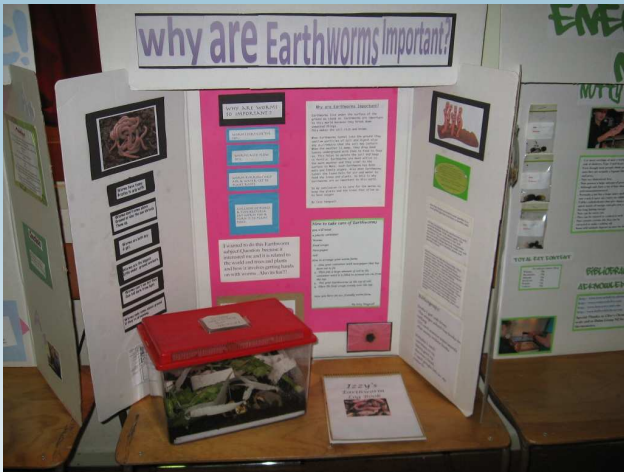
Please come to the Concert on
Friday 8 July 2011,
1.30-3.00pm

There will be dance, music,
drama and afternoon tea

All are welcome to attend



Senior Science Fair



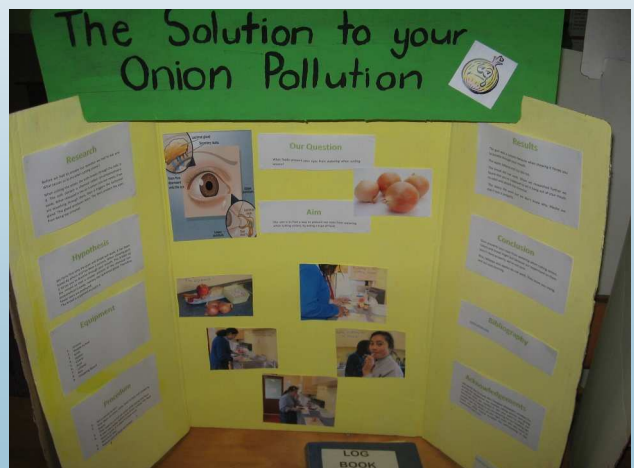
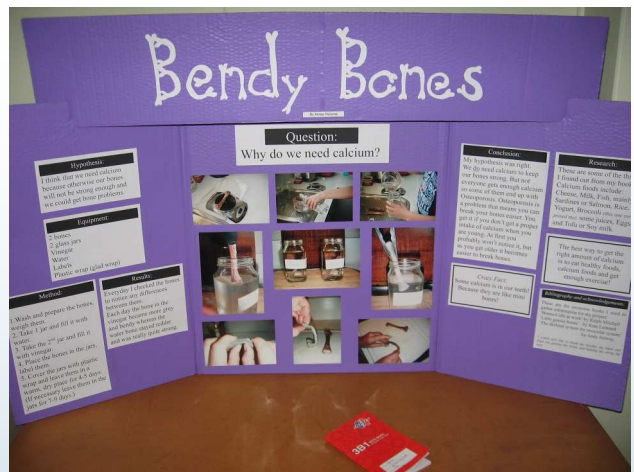
Today I went to School at Maranatha
 And what a sight I saw
 A scientific display of children's works
 Laid out on the gym floor

So exquisitely arranged they were
 with illustrations grand,
 I thought "my, with young scientists
 such as these, our future is in hand"

Thinking skills and arguments
 Of scientific thought
 They sure had teachers
 Of high standard,
 Through whom they were so blest

Just one visit and brief looking
 Could show you what was cooking!

*Poem by Mrs Athalie Chapman,
 Founding Principal*



Yr 3&4, Yr 5&6 and Yr7&8 ‘Prepared challenge’ (please bring with you on the day)

Ginger Beer Challenge

With the active participation of all the members of your team, your task is to brew and bottle a six pack of Ginger Beer. The bottles should be **plastic 330ml – 500ml** or similar, and sealed or capped efficiently. The bottles will be labeled and promoted with your own graphics or design, given a product name and made to look attractive and marketable. The six bottles must fit neatly into a firmly constructed cardboard carry case (that you have designed yourselves), capable of being moved easily and safely.

Materials:

All materials are to be sourced locally with the assistance of team members. Please note that the bottles have to be plastic. **No glass bottles allowed.**

Recipes

Recipes for Ginger Beer vary enormously. You need to do some research on the best recipe for your team. Look in school journals, cookery books on brewing ginger beer and the internet for a huge range of options. Try: <http://www.suzy.co.nz/suzysworld/Factpage.asp?FactSheet=95>

Portfolio

Each entry on the day is to be accompanied by a printed portfolio which must contain the following information:

Team members names and the tasks they undertook in the Ginger Beer product

Ginger beer recipe and an outline of the production process

An A4 size piece of paper or card advertising poster to promote your product.

Your portfolio needs to be attractively presented and finished to a high standard.

Judging

Judges will assess your entry on the day looking at the visual impact and functionality of the carry case as well as the uniformity of your six bottles of Ginger Beer, including bottle size and labeling. The portfolio will be assessed on the criteria outline above. A bottle from your six-pack will be opened at random and evaluated by the judges. Criteria will include taste, clarity, and the effervescence of your ginger beer (bubbles) as well as its potential market appeal.

Be very careful transporting the bottles to the event – we don’t want them exploding inside the hall!

It will be judged on:

Portfolio - team members names and tasks	Portfolio - recipe and production process	Portfolio - promo poster	Bottling - professional looking?	Label - quality and appeal?	Carry case - design and practicality	Taste and effervescence	Clarity	Total Points
1 to 5 points	1 to 10	1 to 20	1 to 5	1 to 10	1 to 20	1 to 20	1 to 10	100

Please ensure you make the ginger beer under the supervision of your teacher or another adult.