

Newsletter

Friday, 16 April 2021 (Term 1, Week 11)



Tēnā koutou katoa

He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.

Matthew 28:6 (NIV)

I pray that you all had a wonderful Easter with family and friends. This time last year, I reflected on the simple, yet powerful, words often seen inscribed on Christian posters... "I asked Jesus, 'How much do you love me?' Jesus replied, 'This much,' and stretched his arms out on the cross and died." The ultimate sacrifice from an all-powerful God... and here's the thing, *He died for you and me!*

This year, I have been reflecting on the resurrection, the cornerstone of our faith, and all of the overwhelming evidence that supports the resurrection as absolute truth. You see, God doesn't expect us to have blind faith, we are encouraged to receive the word with readiness and search the scriptures for truth, as the Bereans did in Acts. God leaves nothing to chance, the evidence of our faith is all around us and it's okay to seek it out and to be thankful.

As Term 1 comes to a close, it is time also to reflect on the wonderful learning opportunities that have occurred at Maranatha Christian School. From Stations of the Cross, baking, ANZAC Day lessons, learning about our respective cultural identities and NZ History, to all of the staff attending a collaboration day with other Christian Schools in our Kāhui Ako (Lower North Island Christian Community of Learning)... *there has been a lot to be thankful for!*

Special Moments from past weeks...



MCS Stations of the Cross & The 'Big Day Out' Christian Schools' Collaboration Day

Looking Ahead...

Upcoming events in Term 2 include...

- Special Christian Character Review conducted by the Maranatha Foundation Board (MFB) – Please refer to the Operoo Survey that opens today.
- NZACS (Christian Schools) Sports Day for Senior Students in Palmerston North.
- Learning Conferences – Goal Setting (Students/ Teachers/Parents)
- Human Development & Relationships Information Evening
- School Charter (Planning the next 5 years) preparation for Community Consultation

Further information on the above will be sent home in Term 2.

Kia pai tō rā whakatā (Have a fantastic weekend).

In His love
Steve Farrand
Principal.



Coming Up...

Sunday, 25 April	Anzac Day
Monday, 3 May	First Day of Term 2
Monday, 10 May	Special Assembly for Kara
Friday, 14 May	Cut off date for enrolments in Term 1, 2022
Monday, 17 May - Wednesday, 19 May	Learning Conferences
Friday, 21 May	NZACS (Senior) Sports Day
Thursday, 27 May	BoT Meeting
Monday, 14 June	Build and Play Trailer Arrives (for two weeks)
Tuesday, 15 June	Welcome Assembly
Friday, 9 July	Term 2 Ends

Notices:

Message from the BoT

The BoT met earlier this week at the tail end of what has been a very busy term 1! We are very thankful that this term has not been disrupted by COVID-19, and that most events have been able to go ahead as planned.

A few weeks ago the Year 6-8 students went on a school camp to Forest Lakes, and reports back have been that all attendees thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A special thank you to the staff and parents that went along to the camp and helped make it such an enjoyable experience.

The stations of the Cross event went really well, what a privilege we have to remember and celebrate Easter and the death and resurrection of Jesus, and what a blessing it is that our staff and children could share the story with their families at school.

We are pleased to share that the school has received several compliments regarding the behaviour of Maranatha students. At the recent Junior Sports day, some of the organisers commented on how well behaved the Maranatha students were. The Music Bus tutor commented on how focussed and attentive his Maranatha students were. And finally, the Dental Van dental nurses also mentioned how well behaved the children were and how much they love coming to Maranatha. It is so encouraging to see our children living out the values of Love, Integrity, Faith and Excellence and being Christ's light in the community.

The Maranatha Foundation Board recently appointed Jo McLeay as the new MFB chairperson after Rob Stentiford stepped down. Our congratulations to Jo on her new position and our thanks to Rob for his year's of service on the MFB. Rob has since been appointed as a trustee on the BoT, and we welcome him back to the board table in the role of parent trustee. We'd also like to mention that in December last year Nadine Kilmister, one of our very long-standing BoT members, finished on the BoT. We would like to thank Nadine for the huge amount of time and effort that she has put in during her stretch on the BoT. The school has been blessed by the Kilminster family over the year and we pray that God blesses them as they move on from Maranatha.

The MFB is planning a special character review, which will begin in Term 2. This will be followed by the BoT entering into community consultation on our new strategic plan that will come into effect from 2022. You will receive more information on both these reviews in Term 2.

Finally, a big thank you to all the staff for their hard work in what has been a full-on 11 weeks. We hope you all enjoy a very well deserved break.

ANZAC Day Civic Ceremony Invitation

When: Sunday 25th April, 9.45am

Where: Outside the Lower Hutt Library War Memorial

Head Student Councillors Zekaryah and Bella will join with Mrs Parlane and Mr Farrand to represent Maranatha Christian School for the ANZAC Day Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Lower Hutt Lower Hutt Cenotaph on Sunday 25th April. Members of our school community are most welcome to attend this public service.

Tui Class

This week Tui class has been busy learning about Anzac Day with a particular focus on different animals and the roles they played during World War 1 as well as the significance of Dawn Parades. One person we learnt about was Richard Henderson, the NZ stretcher bearer and his donkey who helped care for and carry the wounded at Anzac Cove. We know that Anzac stands for Australia & New Zealand Army Corps and that Anzac Day is commemorated on the 25th April here in NZ and around the world. We found out that Gallipoli is in Turkey and that it took a long time to sail from here to there. A highlight of the week was making Anzac Biscuits and designing up packaging to take them home in to share with our whanau.



Lest we forget

Ode of Remembrance -

E kore rātou e kaumātuatia
Pēnei i a tātou kua mahue nei
E kore hoki rātou e ngoikore
Ahakoa pehea i ngā āhuratanga o te wā
I te hekenga atu o te rā
Tae noa ki te aranga mai i te ata
Ka maumahara tonu tātou ki a rātou
Ka maumahara tonu tātou ki a rātou.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
We will remember them
We will remember them.

Reminder SEVERE/LIFE THREATENING FOOD ALLERGY

We have children with severe and life threatening allergies to nuts attending Maranatha Christian School. If these children come into contact with nuts or nut products, touch nut residue left on surfaces or even are in close contact with people who have the smell of nuts on their breath, they could have a life threatening allergic reaction. The school needs to take every practical precaution to avoid such reactions and to keep these children safe.

Parents / Caregivers are asked to:

- Ensure that children do not bring peanuts, peanut butter, muesli bars, cashew nuts and Nutella sandwiches and other foods containing nuts to school.
- Ensure that children who have consumed nut containing food items before coming to school (such as Peanut Butter) brush their teeth and wash their hands thoroughly before they leave home.

We realise that many food products state on their packaging "may contain traces of peanuts or nuts". Provided that nuts are not an 'actual ingredient' then there is no problem with your child bringing these food items to school. Thank you for your continued awareness and assistance to keep our environment nut free.

PTA Fundraising Message

Experience more these school holidays with an Entertainment Membership. Purchase your Membership today and help to support our amazing school. When you sign up today, you'll also receive a bonus \$10 or \$20 Gift Card with your Entertainment Membership purchase!

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LIMITED TIME OFFER

JB Hi-Fi

Kotare's First Aid Session

On Thursday 8th of April Kotare had a visit from St John's who taught various first aid skills.



Compliments

We wanted to share some encouragement and let you all know that in the office we regularly receive word about how well behaved our children are from external sources.

This week the Music Bus tutor let us know he was very impressed with how focused and attentive the students were. Last week we were informed by a teacher that the children were complimented at the Fundamental Ball Skills day. The week before last, the Dental Van ladies were also going on about how well behaved the children were and how much they love coming up to Maranatha.

L.I.F.E. values are often observed in your children and appreciated/commented on by the wider community. So, be assured whanau, you are doing a great job.

Public Notices:



Thinking of Selling? Talk to Tony!

Tony Pitiroi has been gifting \$250 from every house he sells to Maranatha over the past four years – we are truly blessed to have received these gifts. Please give Tony a call on 021 562 564 if you are considering selling. Thank you Tony!



Capital Basketball will be running a programme next term at Chilton St James. The programme is open to all girls from years 1-8 across Lower Hutt. Attached in the poster with more information.

When: Tuesday's in Term 2, starting 11 May

Where: Chilton St James, 124 Waterloo Road, Lower Hutt

Times: Year 1 – 4: 3:30pm – 4:15pm, Year 5 – 8: 4:15pm – 5:20pm

Cost: \$30pp

Register via email: adenney@chilton.school.nz

Goodtime Music Academy is taking enrolments for 2021 in-school music lessons now. If you want your child to be a part of these award winning music lessons, and may not want to commit to taking your child anywhere after school, then in-school lessons may be the solution for you. Learn in a group setting, and choose between Drums, Guitar, Keyboard, Ukulele. Or try their 'Intro to Music' course. Please visit www.goodtimemusicacademy.co.nz/learn-at-school to enrol and enquire. You can also call them on 04 568 2237. Spaces are limited so get in quick!

LOOKING TO JOIN DRAMA CLASSES?

Kids 4 Drama classes teach clear communication, vocal techniques, and the art of improvisation, mime, character portrayal and general performance and public speaking skills. These lessons are wrapped up in a unique framework that promises loads of fun and are an excellent confidence-building tool. We offer introductory and advanced classes, and teach juniors from 5 to teens up to 19. To be sent an information pack or to free trial one of our community classes, please email Becca at kids4dramawellington@gmail.com

Total Touch April Holiday Programme

Looking for a fun holiday programme for the kids where they will learn a thing or two?

Join us at the Total Touch Holiday Programme.

9am-3pm, 19-22 April

Petone Recreation Grounds

Come for 1, 2, 3 or all 4 days, learn skills specific for touch and skills transferable to other sports and life.

A wonderful way to create new friendships, learn about teamwork and improve self-confidence, the Total Touch Holiday Programme has it all!

Just \$30 a day of \$99 for all 4 days.

Register here- <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/135534>

