

# Newsletter

Monday, 4 April (Term 1, Week 10)



Tēnā koutou katoa, Whānau

As Term 1 draws to an end, we head towards Easter; a time to reflect on Christ's victory over death and the significance of this for His people (the cornerstone of our faith).

I would (once again) like to thank the school community for supporting Maranatha throughout this pandemic, remaining united in Christ (who is our constant) in these changeable times.

## Colossians 1:17 (NIV)

*"He is before all things, and in him all things hold together."*

Our records suggest that Maranatha is over the worst of the wave with 83% of students at school today (up from 48% a few weeks ago) with all seven classrooms now open for on-site learning. While we give thanks for those who have recovered and have returned to school, we continue to pray for those who are unwell.

## Special Moments from recent weeks...



*Paper Dart Challenge, Art Robots, Physical Activity Staff Workshop, Enviro & Prayer Groups*

It is hard to remember what a "normal" school term looks like. The calendar has looked empty this term due to the cancellation of trips and with the absence of whole school and community events. When asked what staff were looking forward to (during our recent online Christian Schools' conference) the answer was simply to 're-connect, in person, with our community'.

While COVID has required us to frequently adjust our planning, staff have retained as much routine as possible for students both in the 'online' and 'in-class' spaces. I would like to acknowledge their mahi (work) and that of our parents and whānau who have assisted with home learning. I would also like to recognise one of our unsung heroes, Mrs Susanna Gilfillan. In addition to her numerous regular duties, Susanna works tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that school devices are functional, set up and available to those who need them. Ngā mihi nui ki a koe (thank you so much).

## Looking Ahead...

A reminder that I have been awarded a **Study & Refreshment Sabbatical** from the Ministry of Education for Term 2 this year. Mrs Lexia Copp will be Acting Principal during this time, Mrs Jasmyn Schmidt will be Acting Deputy Principal and Mrs Myrrh Parlane will cover teaching Kotare class. I will certainly miss seeing everyone at Maranatha next term and I look forward to returning to the role of Principal in Term 3.

Finally, students are preparing for a special **ANZAC Day Service** to be held (outdoors) at school next **Tuesday 12 April** at 2.00pm. Parents & Whānau are welcome to join us for this event. Please look out for further details this week.

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

Ngā Mihi & Blessings,  
Steve Farrand  
Principal



## John 3:16 (NIV)

*"For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

## Coming Up...

Wednesday, 6 April	Year 7 & 8 Immunisations
Thursday, 7 April	BoT Meeting
Tuesday, 12 April	ANZAC Day Service (Held at MCS – Parents & Whanau welcome)
Wednesday, 13 April	Fun Day (organised by the student council)
Thursday, 14 April	Last day of Term 1
Monday, 2 May	Term 2 begins
Monday, 2 May – Friday, 13 May	Bee Healthy Dental Van on site (See notice in Newsletter)
Monday, 9 May	Cut-off date for Term 1, 2023 enrolments

## Notices:

### Term Dates for 2022

Term 1 – Thursday, 3 February – Thursday, 14 April  
Term 2 – Monday, 2 May – Friday, 8 July  
Term 3 – Monday, 25 July – Friday, 30 September  
Term 4 – Monday, 17 October – Friday, 16 December

### Reminders

- Please send your children to school with their drink bottle, the water fountains are turned off during Red Level.
- Please do not park in the bus parking area when you are dropping off or collecting your children to/from school
- Please give way to vehicles coming down Hill Road, slow down and carefully look before turning into the school driveway. There are often people walking or cycling around the corner and it is scary for them or dangerous if we are not driving slowly and checking before turning. Thank you for helping us keep the streets around the school safe.

### Lost Property

The lost property box (located on the deck outside the library) is overflowing with items. Please get your children to check for any lost uniforms.

### Procedure Review Term 1, 2022

As you may be aware, the MCS Board of Trustees (BOT) has a responsibility to ensure the regular review of school policies that guide the day to day management and operation of the school.

The BOT values the voice of the community in this process and provides the access links and instructions to the school's SchoolDocs website as part of the review process. All Term 1 scheduled documents are open to review by all but those of particular interest to Parents (P) are: **Visitors**, **School Closure**, **Earthquakes**

Please take a few minutes to look at it and enter any comments. This closes at the end of Term 1, 2022. We will include the log in instructions with the email this newsletter will be sent out in.

## Welcome to the Maranatha School Community

We would love to extend a big welcome to all new students and their families that have joined us at Maranatha in the middle of this term. Hannah, Michelle, Asher, Judah and Hudson, it has been a rocky start with class closed and some of you having to isolate. Whether you have been at school or connecting into the class from home we hope you and your families have felt welcome and are settling into school.



### FREE Dental Checks! Maranatha Christian School

The Bee Healthy Dental Mobile will be parked at your school in term two from 2nd to 13th May, 2022. Once seen, your child will be given a completion certificate which will inform you of what happens next.

Please search your child's school bag for one of the following:

- Your child requires no further appointments this year
- Your child needs an appointment at your local Dental hub for further care.

Your local Hub clinic is: **Naenae Dental Hub**

If you have pre-school aged children please call us to arrange an appointment for their annual dental checkup at the Dental Hub.

To book or reschedule your appointment, or update your contact details, please call **0800 TALK TEETH (825 583)**



Private Bag 31907 Lower Hutt  
www.beehealthy.org.nz | 0800 TALK TEETH (825 583)



## Battle Hill Re-enactment

There was a Battle Hill re-enactment performed by some of the students in the senior school this afternoon. It was very informative.



# Public Notices:

**OPEN HOME FOUNDATION**  
Foster Parents Needed  
A Christian Community Response

**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**  
A weekend, a week or longer term.

Find out more about foster care with Open Home Foundation

CONTACT: Leanne Singh  
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www.ohf.org.nz or check us out on Facebook

**PETONE RUGBY CLUB**  
EST. 1885  
KIA KAKANA KIA KAIKAI

*Play Junior Rugby with us!*

**NURSERY GRADE TO YEAR 7/8**

For all new players -  
Pre-register online for 2022 at [petonerugby.com](http://petonerugby.com)  
(Returning players - Re-register by following the link sent to you via email)

**3 DAY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

**GAME PROGRAMMING**

Create graphical 3D computer games. Learn techniques needed to move on to computer game programming using software like Unity, Godot and Unreal Engine.

Students must have a Laptop, a Chromecast cannot be used.

Dates: Wednesday 27 - Friday 29 April 2022  
Time: 9:00am - 4:00pm  
Venue: Whitty College Gate  
Cost: \$200  
Age: +10 years

Register at [whittycollegegate.school.nz/holiday-programmes](http://whittycollegegate.school.nz/holiday-programmes)

**KIDS LOUNGE**  
SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

**APR 2022**  
School Holiday Programme Hutt & Petone

<b>MON 24<sup>th</sup> Apr</b> EASTER MONDAY CLOSED	<b>TUES 18<sup>th</sup> Apr</b> JUNGLERAMA	<b>WED 20<sup>th</sup> Apr</b> MOVIES SONIC 2	<b>THUR 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr</b> SWIMMING STOKES VALLEY	<b>FRI 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr</b> WALTER NASH & FISH N CHIPS
<b>MON 25<sup>th</sup> Apr</b> EASTER MONDAY	<b>TUES 19<sup>th</sup> Apr</b> SWIMMING FOUR POOL	<b>WED 21<sup>st</sup> Apr</b> IMMUTABLES UNZIPS & SALVAGE SIZLE	<b>THUR 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr</b> LASER FORCE	<b>FRI 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr</b> THE KID'S LOUNGE MOVIE SCREEN AND CAMPUS STORIES

CONTACT VAI 0223554434  
EMAIL [vai@thekidslounge.co.nz](mailto:vai@thekidslounge.co.nz)  
**OSCAR APPROVED**

As well as the main activities for the day, there are arts and crafts, board games, table tennis, safety mats for indoor games and games with prizes. Timetable may be subject to change. \$50.00 per child per day (payment arrangements may be available. Terms & Conditions apply). Includes GST, morning and afternoon tea and all outings. We open at Hutt site 6.45am and close at 6.00pm & Petone site 7.00am and close at 6.00pm.

CALL VAI 0223554434 OR EMAIL [vai@thekidslounge.co.nz](mailto:vai@thekidslounge.co.nz)

**Goodtime**  
MUSIC ACADEMY

**JOIN OUR ACTION PACKED APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

EVERY DAY IS JAM-PACKED WITH FUN!! CREATE ART, PLAY EPIC GAMES, MAKE VIDEOS, DANCE, SING, PLAY MUSIC AND MAKE LOADS OF NEW FRIENDS!  
No musical experience required.

**SECOND WEEK OF THE HOLIDAYS**

TUESDAY 26 APRIL  
WEDNESDAY 27 APRIL  
THURSDAY 28 APRIL  
FRIDAY 29 APRIL

POP CORN MACHINES!  
BASKETBALL SHOOTOUTS!  
ARCADE GAME BATTLES!  
AIR HOCKEY!  
FOOSBALL!

FULL DAY: \$70 9.00AM - 4.00PM  
LATE FINISH: \$10 4.00PM - 9.00PM  
EARLY START: \$10 8.00AM - 9.00AM

[WWW.GOODTIMEMUSICACADEMY.CO.NZ/HOLIDAY-PROGRAMME](http://WWW.GOODTIMEMUSICACADEMY.CO.NZ/HOLIDAY-PROGRAMME)

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Multi-Sport Holiday Programme with Kelly Sports. The sports that we will be playing these School Holidays are Cricket, Ripa Rugby, Hockey, Soccer, Netball and All Ball Day.

We also have two awesome Trip Days planned:

- Wednesday 20th April: Ice Skating
- Wednesday 27th April: Movies and Maidstone Max Park

To enrol the kids, head over to our website:

[www.kellysports.co.nz/lower-hutt](http://www.kellysports.co.nz/lower-hutt)

**APRIL 15th - 18th**  
**Ngā Manu**  
NATURE RESERVE

**Easter Celebration**

Visit our Easter Zone  
Hunt for Easter Rocks to win a chocolate egg  
10 Winner Egg prizes each day!

04 2934131 74 Ngā Manu Reserve Road, Waikanae

## Brain Play – Lower Hutt

Brain Play runs online science & technology classes for students ages 5 - 13, of any experience level. Join us for afternoon sessions, all term long, covering coding, robotics, 3D printing, and science topics. Free trials & online open days are available for you to meet our team & learn more about our topics. See <https://www.brainplay.co.nz/courses> for info on days & times, and click "Enrol" once you're ready to book. We also run one off events to the themes of Minecraft, Roblox, 3D Printing & Girls Only workshops! Click "events" on our website to learn more