

Newsletter

Friday, 4 March (Term 1, Week 5)



Tēnā koutou katoa

I pray that you all are all safe and well as we navigate the current COVID wave that is sweeping across our nation.

I would like to take the opportunity to **thank** the school community for supporting Maranatha throughout the pandemic, for remaining united in Christ and focussing on the needs of our young people, during this time of so much unrest. My thanks also to our Board of Trustees and the Maranatha Foundation Board, for their prayerful and wise governance and support of the staff and leadership team in these uncertain times.

While operating with reduced staff and student numbers in recent weeks, it has been great to see so many smiling faces as teachers work to create environments of routine normality for students. My thanks to our teachers for achieving this as well as providing hybrid learning; where students learn at school and also from home. Ngā mihi nui ki a koe (thank you).



Holiday Building Works

Kiwi Class Treaty

Junior Culture Day

Peer Mediator Training

To those families that are unwell with COVID at this time, we are praying for healing for you.

Isaiah 41:10 *“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”*

Please refer to the attached **“Testing Positive for COVID-19”** document that contains guidance for families at this time.

Looking ahead...

Next week we welcome Mrs Robyn Rae into the Tui class. Robyn will teach Mondays and Tuesdays in Tui and then be on call to assist with relieve teaching in junior classes, when required.

I have been awarded a **Study & Refreshment Sabbatical** from the Ministry of Education for Term 2 this year. Unless this is delayed due to COVID, Mrs Lexia Copp will be Acting Principal during this time with Mrs Jasmyn Schmidt as acting Deputy Principal. Mrs Myrrh Parlane will cover teaching in the Korate class during this time. I will share further details once known.

Finally, please keep an eye out for **Special Bulletins** that will keep you informed of our COVID response at Maranatha Christian School. I pray that as the situation settles, these necessary communications will become less frequent.

Have a calm, safe and blessed weekend ahead.

Kia pai tō rā whakatā.

In His love
Steve Farrand
Principal



goodbye

Message from the BoT:

Kia ora koutou

On Thursday last week the Maranatha Christian School Board of Trustees met to discuss the upcoming year and the needs of the school throughout this term. As you can imagine, the Board members have had a few additional meetings already this year due to the ever-changing conditions with Covid-19. None of us had any idea how long this would impact our lives when Covid first emerged in 2019, over two years ago. Much has changed over that time including the strategies, regulations and mandates to deal with the virus, the strong unity and then extreme division of our country's community and now the expectation and normalisation of a community spread of omicron.

Despite all that has happened, all that has changed and changed again, despite all of the challenges and pressures we have faced, we have remained blessed by our God who has honoured our community's faithfulness. To see our community choosing; love over hate; unity over division and trust over fear has been a humbling experience and an amazing demonstration of our Christian faith. The outworking of this, as a point of difference to the world, shows that freedom is available through all circumstances. This is an amazing and God honouring witness to our faith.

We thank you so much for your ongoing support for the school and being part of the response to circumstances, government rules and decisions that nobody wanted or asked for. We thank you for your ongoing contributions to the school that have allowed us to keep the deficits to our finances contained, while still being able to provide benefits such as free stationary and additional resources. We thank you for your prayers and blessings! We ask that you join us in thanking the Principal, teachers, staff and helpers for all of the long hours and tireless efforts to keep the school up and running with as much routine as possible!

As we look toward the next phase of the covid response, we understand that for the first time we may experience a wide spread of the virus within our school community and that many will see this emerge in their wider networks. We understand that the response feels significantly different as we are all expected to be vigilant about symptoms but contract tracing in the community is less prominent.

We pray a blessing over this community, that each will be filled with the Holy Spirit and feel the love, peace, security and comfort only found in the arms of our Heavenly Father. We pray for a blessing of spiritual, physical, and emotional protection over this community and speak against fear, division, worry and sickness. We pray that our actions, responses will be in worship and honouring our God.

May the Lord bless you and protect you.

May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord show you his favour and give you his peace.'

Number 6:24-26

Ngā mihi and blessings

Rohan Wong (BoT Chair) & Jo McLeay (MFB Chair)

Coming Up...

Friday, 11 March	Sushi (through Lunchonline)
Tuesday, 22 March	Welcome Assembly (via zoom)
Friday, 1 April	Staff Only Day (school closed)
Thursday, 7 April	BoT Meeting
Thursday, 14 April	Last day of Term 1
Monday, 2 May	Term 2 begins
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

- Term 4 – Summer uniforms. **No Sunhat = No outside play**, so please remind your children to bring their sunhats.
- 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.

Scholastic Book Club Term 1

We will not be sending home Issue 1 or Issue 2 (when available) however the Brochures can be viewed on line <http://www.scholastic.co.nz/schools/book-club> or you can request a paper copy from the school library (susannag@maranatha.school.nz). Issue 1 can be order now.

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 so far this year. Michael, Brian, Mikayla, Zeanelle, Nehemaia, Theo, Aezha, Levi and Avidan we hope you and your families have felt welcome and are settling into school. We look forward to praying with you all at our Welcome Assembly in a few weeks.



Public Notices:



Goodtime Music Academy teaches at Maranatha School and is taking enrolments for 2022 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!

Hutt United Hockey Club welcomes new & returning players! Come play hockey!

All welcome to our pre-season JUNIOR HOCKEY HUIHUINGA taster evenings! Just turn up!

To manage numbers we're running *one Wednesday evening session per age group*:

- 23rd March (Year 7/8) taster AND TRIALS at Maidstone turf, Upper Hutt, 6-7pm
- 30 March (Yr 5/6) taster at Fraser Park turf, Avalon, 6-7.30pm
- 6th April (Year 3/4) taster at Fraser Park turf, Avalon, 6-7.30pm.

Hockey is great for kids! Improve coordination and balance, teamwork, determination and fitness. Basic kit is just a stick, shinpads, trainers and mouthguard (the club has some sticks to spare).

All are welcome. Registrations for the 2022 season are now open:

<https://airtable.com/shrFMPwd0saimSL7w>

All welcome also at our Club Day, from 10.30am March 12th at the National Hockey Stadium. P1 Men's game 11am, junior hockey fun 30 min session starts 12.15pm, then P1 Women's game after.

For more information see <https://www.huttunitedhockeyclub.co.nz/juniors> or email us huttunitedhockeyjuniors@gmail.com.

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Highly qualified teachers

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we're back!

Major Minors
Children's Choir

Sunday 13 Feb

Looking forward to a big year - our 10th Birthday.
First rehearsal for 2022 is at 3pm on Sunday 13 Feb.

New members welcome!
The Spot, cnr Fergusson Drive & Milton Street, Upper Hutt.
majorminors.org.nz
<https://www.facebook.com/ChoirMM/>

NEXT CHAPTER PARENTING
Offering
The PARENT SURVIVAL KIT
PARENTING COURSE

- Do you find yourself yelling at your child more often than laughing with your child?
- Do you feel you have lost touch with your child?
- Do you feel frustrated and find yourself saying the same things over and over again with no result?

TOPICS COVERED

COMMUNICATION	CHOICES/CONSEQUENCES	COMPLIANCE
EMPATHY	SIBLING RIVALRY	TEENAGERS AND BOUNDARIES
SETTING LIMITS	PAUSE	TIME IN
PERSONALITY TYPES	PRaise VS ENCOURAGEMENT	ARE YOU DOING TOO MUCH
		QUALITY TIME

IDEAL FOR GROUPS, INDIVIDUALS OR A BUNCH OF FRIENDS

Via **zoom**

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Covid protocols apply, and our teachers also offer zoom or live-streaming lessons as appropriate.

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For enquiries please contact Peter: email address whiskinfamily@xtra.co.nz
Or Helen 021 157 3892

The first 2022 Tots to Teens digi-magazine: <https://issue2202.totstoteens.co.nz>