

# Newsletter

Friday, 22 May 2020

Tēnā koutou katoa



Welcome back to Maranatha Christian School... *it's Term 2, but not as we know it!*

I would like to say **thank you** to all of our parents and whānau who have been so supportive, during lockdown. You have journeyed with us as we rapidly implemented pandemic safety plans, created a distance learning model, ensured that devices and connectivity were available to those in need and provided a safe bubble environment for those who required this during Level 3.

During this time, you were managing a rapidly changing situation, dealing with your own work pressures, filtering through high volumes of information and keeping your whānau safe, **all the while** supporting your child/ren with their home learning... *I salute you all.*

I would also acknowledge our school governors, the Maranatha Foundation Board (MFB) and our Board of Trustees (BoT) for their prayerful oversight and support during these unprecedented times. I would like to specifically thank our BoT COVID-19 Sub-committee, who met with me regularly to discuss and finalise safety planning and processes as the national COVID levels changed.

It has been a wonderful experience to witness God's people unite, uphold each other in prayer, help each other in practical ways where possible and apply the Kiwi "Number 8 Fencing Wire" approach to problem solving during this time.



*The war on COVID-19 may not be over, but New Zealand is certainly winning the battles!*

**Special Moments** this week included seeing the excitement on the students' faces as they reconnected with their friends, and seeing levels of anxiety (including that of the adults') melt away as we quickly settled into new routines and worked together to keep Maranatha Christian School a safe place for everyone. Additionally, the Senior Playground maintenance project is now complete and students are enjoying this play space returned to its full function.

Finally, today the MFB surprised students with a "welcome back to school" treat of a small pack of chippies or popcorn and an apple. Students loved this surprise, with one 5-year-old in the Kiwi class reporting that, **"it is the best day of my life!"** My thanks to the MBF for this blessing.

## Looking Ahead...

Due to COVID-19, we have **cancelled** our upcoming **Staff Only Day** scheduled for Tuesday 2 June, as well as our **Wearable Arts Evening** that was scheduled for Tuesday 23 June.

My apology for any inconvenience caused.

**Learning Conferences will be scheduled** for the end of this term, with both on-site and online meeting options available. More information about Learning Conferences and changes to our Mid-Year Reporting (due to lockdown) will be shared with you soon.

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

In His love  
Steve Farrand  
Principal



goodbye

### 2 Timothy 1:7 (NIV)

"For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline."

## Coming Up...

Thursday, 28 May – BOT Meeting 7pm

Friday, 29 May – Friday Flyer

Monday, 1 June – Queens Birthday – Public Holiday School Closed

Tuesday, 2 June – **Teachers only day - Cancelled**

Tuesday, 23 June – Wearable Arts Evening - Cancelled



### Welcome to our new students who have started with us during Term 2.

Zephyr, Lucie, Ariel and Eleanor have joined the Kiwi Burrow.

Welcome to Ruru class Ryan.

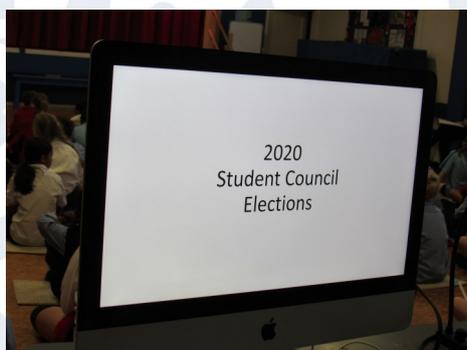
Kakariki welcomes Liam.

We hope you and your families have felt welcomed and are meeting lots of new friends.



Please note our usual Welcome Assembly won't be happening in Term 2 because of Covid-19 number restrictions. We will be welcoming all Term 2 starters in Term 3 along with the Term 3 starters.

### Speeches for Student Council took place earlier this week.



## Notices:

Mulch is available from school for a koha – please bring your trailer or own containers. This needs to be collected while the field is still dry enough to be driven on. Please contact the office to confirm collection and arrange a time that the children will not be on the field!



Due to Covid-19 restrictions, our Wearable Arts evening, planned for 23 June has had to be cancelled.

There will also be NO teachers only day on the Tuesday after Queen's Birthday weekend as previously scheduled.

## Do you have a Nescafe Dolce Gusto Machine at home?



At school we clean out the pods and send them away for recycling. If you would like to help the environment and recycle your pods, please clean them out, dry them and stack them in a bag as shown and place them in the box on the deck outside Kakariki class.

If we collect enough pods we can raise money for the enviro-group and their projects at school. For more information, check out:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=3&v=d8jJO\\_Kckel&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=3&v=d8jJO_Kckel&feature=emb_logo)

<https://www.terracycle.com/en-NZ/brigades/capsulebrigade-nz>

Any questions, email [jasmyns@maranatha.school.nz](mailto:jasmyns@maranatha.school.nz)

Public notices:

Fulton Swim School is located at 24 Lane Street Upper Hutt. It is a private indoor heated facility that has small teaching groups and a structured program that encourages improvement, fun and safety while learning the life skill of swimming.

