

Newsletter

Friday, 28 August 2020 (Term 3, Week 6)

Tēnā koutou katoa



**MARANATHA
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

What a roller coaster this year continues to be. Facing a new day, embracing tomorrow, waiting to see what happens next, is always a challenge.

I was reading a devotional recently (Truth Matters), which described the challenge before Joshua, upon the death of Moses, which required a renewed faith in God and His powerful promises. Joshua must have felt overwhelmed with the memory of a great leader behind him, a frightened nation around him, an implacable enemy before him and self-doubt within him.

However, into this challenging context, God spoke a word of encouragement.

In Joshua 1:5 God says,

"No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Given the promise that God would not let him down, Joshua was able to take up the challenge and forge a new future. How encouraging it is for us that even amid a global pandemic, God abides, God is changeless and eternal, sure and steady and that our God provides!

We continue to navigate each week of Term 3 in accordance with National Alert Level conditions. School staff are working hard to ensure that students experience school with as little disruption to regular routine as possible. The Junior Team have been busy working on their inquiry, 'What does a Godly leader look like?', while the Senior Team have been busy preparing for their performance, "Come Inside." Additionally, our Missions & Ministry programme is running each Friday in preparation for honouring grandparents/kaumātua (significant elders in the family) at our end-of-term event.



Mission & Ministry Work Groups – Fun, Fellowship & Blessings

Looking ahead...

On **Thursday 17 September**, we plan to hold our special **Grandparent/Kaumātua Day** with the Senior Team Performances of **Come Inside** scheduled the following week on **Wednesday 23 and Thursday 24 September**, in the school hall. More information about these events will be sent home after 6 September, when the government will update us on our COVID-19 Alert Level.

Please note, both of the events above will remain '**Subject to Confirmation**' until COVID Alert Levels are known. We will be unable to proceed if we remain at Level 2.

Have a blessed weekend.

He hōnore, he korōria ki te Atua (Honour and Glory to God).

In His love

Steve Farrand

Principal

Proverbs 27:17 (NIV)

Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.

He waka eke noa

A canoe which we are all in together.

Coming Up...

Thursday, 3 September	Onesie Day - Please note date correction BOT Meeting
Friday, 4 September	Missions and Ministries
Tuesday, 8 September	Assembly, Kotare and Ruru presenting
Friday, 11 September	Newsletter
Tuesday, 15 September	Missions and Ministries Extra Yr 7-8 Technology session
Wednesday, 16 September	Missions and Ministries Road Safety/Wheels Day
Thursday, 17 September	Grandparents Day (Morning)
Tuesday, 22 September -	"Come Inside' Performances
Thursday, 24 September	
Friday, 25 September	Last day of Term 3

Term dates for 2020

Term 1	4 February - 27 March
Term 2	15 April - 3 July
Term 3	20 July – 25 September
Term 4	12 October – 16 December

Enrolment Cut-off dates:

For a child who turns 5 between:

15 March 21 - 6 June 21
7 June 21 - 29 August 21
30 August 21 - 21 November 21
22 November 21 - 13 March 22

Cut Off date to receive applications by:

31 July 2020
23 October 2020
12 February 2021
14 May 2021

Notices:

Term 3 Theme: "God is Our Leader"

Lunchonline

Please check that your child/children's class is correct on the Lunchonline site. We had some great looking sushi arrive today but many of the children's classrooms were not correct.

Notices:

Scholastic Bookclub

The latest Bookclub brochure was sent home last Friday. Just a reminder that orders close next **Tuesday 1 September**. If you forget to order on time, late orders can be made but occasionally popular items are sold out. Any queries to susannag@maranatha.school.nz

Uniform & Standard of Dress

Maranatha Christian School is a uniform school. We believe that wearing a uniform promotes a sense of belonging, unity and care for appearance. All clothing should be clean, neat, and tidy and named clearly.

Students are to wear the correct uniform items and maintains a neat and tidy uniform appearance. Uniform is to be worn as detailed on the Uniform Graphics below.

If you are unsure about uniform and standard of dress requirements, please discuss these with the Principal or School Office.

Special Notes

Summer sandals may be worn in Terms 1 and 4, must be black but should not be a type of jandal. Closed shoes may be worn all year round. These must be all black leather-type lace-up, buckle-up or velcro traditional school shoes with black laces, rounded toe and with no ornaments.

During Terms 1 & 4 (summer), school hats must be worn by students when outside.

Girls' hair is to be out of the eyes, off the face, and tied back if longer than shoulder length.

Hair ties, ribbons, clips and headbands for girls must be plain in style and colour (navy blue, red, white, brown or black).

Boys' hair is to be short, out of the eyes, off the face and off the shirt collar.

Hairstyles that include shaved markings and artificial colourings are not permitted.

If hair extensions/braids/weaves are used by girls, these are to be a natural hair colour.

Jewellery is not permitted except for the wearing of small plain studs in ears by girls (silver or gold).

Wrist watches are permitted.

Makeup is not permitted; this includes nail polish.

Students are required to bring a note from a parent/caregiver if they are for any reason unable to wear, or be provided with, the correct uniform.



Notices:

Onesie Day

Onesie Day is Wellington Free Ambulance's annual appeal to raise money and help keep our emergency ambulance service free to everyone who needs us. It celebrates being the only emergency ambulance service for Greater Wellington and Wairarapa and the only ones in New Zealand who are free.

They answer 107,000 calls for help and respond to 58,000 incidents every year. They look after 1 in 10 of your friends and family, ensuring we provide the best possible care to all those who need them.

Onesie Day encourages you to get involved by wearing a onesie, raising money and helping support your emergency ambulance service.

As a school we have decided to take part in Onesie day (optional) on the 3rd of September. If your child would like to participate please send them to school in a Onesie with a donation for the Wellington Free Ambulance.

Term 3 Policy Review

The BOT values the voice of the community in this process and the SchoolDocs system allows us to run an online review of policy involving the whole school community.

The access links and instructions to the school's SchoolDocs website are in the attached document. The Board of Trustees (BOT) scheduled policy review for this term is Learning Support.

Please take a few minutes to look at them and enter any comments.

We look forward to your input.

Welcome New Students

We would like to Welcome Xavier to Kotare Class and Ottolie, Tobin, James and Rosie to the Kiwi burrow.

We hope you have all settled into school and feel welcome.



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.terracycle.com/en-NZ/brigades/capsulebrigade-nz>

Any questions, email jasmyns@maranatha.school.nz

Public Notices:

Rocha Cleaning Services

Contact Maria on

P: 027 924 5775

E: Rochacleaningservices07@gmail.com



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!



Artrageous Holiday Adventure: 28 Sep – 9 Oct 2020

ARTRAGEOUS KIDS

Aimed at children aged 5-12 years. Our classes provide a space for all children to explore at their own pace; chaotic or careful, gingerly or with gusto, tiptoeing or tromping. Our aim is to draw out their creativity, not stuff things in! Bookings essential. [BOOK NOW!](#)

Venue: Poneke Dojo, Prince of Wales Park, Salisbury Tce, Mt Cook, Wellington

8.30am–3:00pm \$69 and after care 3:00pm-5.15pm \$15



Wellington Phoenix Holiday Programme is back for October!

The Wellington Phoenix FC are hosting a 2-day training programme during the upcoming October school holidays. This is your child's opportunity to play their favourite sport, show off all the skills they have been working on during the season and make new friends!

Monday 5 – Tuesday 6 October 2020, 9am – 3pm | Fraser Park Sportsville, Lower Hutt

Suitable for ages 7-12 and all physical impairments & abilities

Prices (for a 2-day programme)

- Full Members \$120
- Complementary Members & Non-Members \$150

What's Included in the two day programme:

- Coaching from New Zealand Licensed Coaches
- Official Phoenix branded apparel
- Skills, drills and loads of fun!

Register now on our website:

<https://www.wellingtonphoenix.com/holiday-programmes-1>



Street Appeal

Friday 11th September

We need collectors in
Lower Hutt, Porirua
& Wellington!

 compassion te pūaroha
soup kitchen

Ahoy
there sailors!
Junior Learn to Sail
Heretaunga Boating Club (Petone)

Junior learn to sail course:

Tues 29th September Huia Pool 7-8pm
Fri 2nd & Sat 3rd October 9am-3pm Petone beach

Course details: www.sailhbc.org.nz
Contact: Instruction@sailhbc.org.nz