

# Newsletter

Friday, 25 June 2021 (Term 2, Week 8)



Tēnā koutou katoa, Whānau

I pray that you are staying warm and dry as Wellington lives up to its reputation as the windy capital.

In recent weeks, students have been exploring our Term 2 theme of **God is our Provider**. They have unpacked what being 'good stewards of God's creation' looks like through a sustainability lens.

Fun aspects of this learning have included the **Build & Play** project, where students make creations using wood offcuts, while also learning how to safely use hand tools. Additionally, the Junior Team have conducted a sustainability experiment to determine which items decompose and those that do not.

**Special Moments** from the past few weeks... *as you can see, we have been very busy at Maranatha!*



*World Vision Conference, Samoan Language Week, Dress-Up Day, Enviro Experiment, Cross-country, Tech Day & Build/Play*

Other learning activities have included **Kapa Haka** (link to the Lord's Prayer below), Samoan language week, cross country, the World Vision Youth Leaders Conference (for senior student councillors) as well as the popular dress-up day which raised \$200 for the David Tyler School in Uganda.

[The Lord's Prayer / Te Karakia O Te Atua \(Te Reo Māori & NZSL\) - CLICK HERE!](#)

*Special thanks to Mrs Silila Nickel (NZSL) & Tui & Kakariki Students (Singing)*

Thank you for taking the time to read this week's **Special Bulletins**.

The first bulletin provided you with an update on our Christian School Community of Learning (Kāhui Ako), our Health Curriculum consultation, as well as sharing an invitation to take part in an (optional) Allergy and Asthma Study.

The second bulletin was in response to the **COVID-19** situation in Wellington. Please ensure that you read all related updates from the school as we respond in accordance with the direction provided by the Ministry of Health. A reminder that anyone who is unwell (with a cough, cold or temperature) **must not** come to school. Anyone who becomes unwell at school will be sent home.

Finally, as the winter months take hold, parking space in the school grounds (especially at drop off and pick up times), will be at a premium. This can create many hazards for our students and whānau. Please carefully read the attached **Parking Policy** and follow this to keep the school safe for everyone.

**Looking Ahead...**

Our **Matariki Breakfast** is scheduled for the morning of **Tuesday 6 July** (*Pending Alert Level change*).

The groundworks (on the lower court), that were scheduled to commence in the school holidays have been delayed until next term. We will keep you informed via Special Bulletins as planning progresses.

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

In His love  
Steve Farrand  
Principal



**Colossians 3:23-24 (NIV)**

*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.*

## Coming Up...

Tuesday, 29 June	PTA Cross Country Day at school
Wednesday, 30 June	PTA Cross Country postponement date
Tuesday, 6 July	Matariki Breakfast 7 - 8.30am
	Assembly, Piwakawaka & Tui presenting
Wednesday, 7 July	Junior Dowse Trip
Friday, 9 July	Term 2 Ends
Monday, 26 July	Term 3 Begins
Friday, 30 July	Year 7 & 8 Technology Begins
Monday, 2 August	Cutoff date for Term 2, 2022 Enrolments
Tuesday, 31 August	Welcome Assembly
Friday, 1 October	Term 3 Ends

## Notices:

**A Friendly Reminder...** Maranatha Christian School has a **Uniform and Standard of Dress Code**. This is found in our parent handbook located on our school website or available in hard copy (by request) from the school office. Please click the link below to see our Parent Handbook 2021 (Updated May)

[MCS Parent Information Handbook \(Updated June\) – CLICK HERE!](#)

A uniform promotes a sense of belonging, unity and care for appearance.

**Please support the school** in ensuring that your child wears the correct uniform items and maintains a neat and tidy appearance. If you are unsure about uniform and standard of dress requirements, please discuss this with the Principal or School Office.

**Please note...** The requirement for boys hair to be short has now been changed to **'tidy'**.

Boys hair is still required to be presentable (tidy), out of the eyes, off the face and off the shirt collar, however, longer hair can now be styled with gelled, tied back with a band or clipped, as required. *To allow for the above change, hair ties and clips etc. are no longer gender specific.*

A reminder that jewellery is **not** permitted except for the wearing of small **plain studs** in ears by girls (silver or gold). *This is for Health & Safety reasons as sleeper rings and other earrings that dangle can get caught (in an active school environment) resulting in severely damaged ears!*

Also a reminder that non-uniform shoes (such as trainers) **can only** be worn for Physical Education or play and lunchtime physical activity. Uniform shoes **must** be worn at all other times with the exception of younger students who, at specific times, come to school in their PE gear at the teachers direction.

### Attendance Dues Reminder

Please pay your Term 1 and Term 2 Attendance Dues **urgently** into the MFB bank account: 03 0531 0320193 00  
If you have any questions regarding your account, please contact Jo McLeay on [finance@mfb.org.nz](mailto:finance@mfb.org.nz).

### Build and Play

The Build and Play Trailer has been on site for these past two weeks. The children have had a wonderful time in the basement during their Build and Play sessions. They have learnt some valuable skills and enjoyed using their creativity. Thank you to all the parents who have donated materials and their time to come and help out.





## New Students

Welcome to our new students, Reignius, David, Ella, Aaron, Rafael and Ariella who have joined us in Term 2. It is a pleasure to have you at Maranatha Christian School. What a blessing it was to celebrate you all at the welcome assembly, pray together and officially welcome you into the school community. We hope you and your families are feeling settled and at home here.



## Interzone Cross Country

Congratulations to all the students who made it through to the Interzone Cross Country. The children showed great participation and ran well. The Year 8 was a tough run. The boys were competing against children that were clearly training. It was a really good experience for them.



Congratulations Selena for placing 10<sup>th</sup> in the Year 5 Girls race and Elisha for placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Year 5 Boys race. Well done for making it through to the Regional Cross-Country event. Unfortunately due to the recent Covid 19 level change this event has been cancelled. We are so proud of your achievement and effort!

## Congratulations Jessica and Kris on your recent swimming achievements

Jessica has been promoted to from "Pirates" to "Transformers" at Fulton Swim School. At this advanced level, students are working towards perfecting freestyle and backstroke swim for 20 meters. We would like to thank God for the strength and skills He has given Jessica. And kudos to Jessica for her dedication and effort in everything she does.



Kris was recently promoted to the next level of his swimming class at Fulton.



## 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!



We have two action packed weeks planned for the children these School Holidays. Our sports this term include:

- Rippa Rugby
- Dodgeball
- Volleyball
- Hockey
- Cricket
- Netball
- Soccer
- Games Day

We also have two awesome trip days planned. On Wednesday 14th July we are off to Wellington Indoor Sports for Tenpin Bowling, Jumperama, Junglerama. And on Wednesday 21st July we are off to Monterey Cinema, and after we are stopping in to Maidstone Max Park for a play. Available Sessions

- HP - Early One (8:00am to 9:00am)
- HP - Morning Half Day (9:00am to 12:30pm)
- HP - Full Day (9:00am to 4:00pm)
- HP - Afternoon Half Day (12:30pm to 4:00pm)
- HP - Late One (4:00pm to 5:30pm)

Please also note our refund policy:

- Parents/caregivers are required to give 2 working days notice to receive a refund.
- NO refund will be issued for children that are removed from the programme for disruptive behaviour.
- Children that are away sick will only receive a refund if a medical certificate is received by Kelly Sports

The holidays are coming up fast, so make sure you head over to our website [www.kellysports.co.nz/lower-hutt](http://www.kellysports.co.nz/lower-hutt) to find out more and to enrol the children today.

### KIDS DOMAIN

#### JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

*COME JOIN ALL THE OTHER INTERMEDIATE AGED CHILDREN!!*

Trips to Laserforce, Movies, Swimming, Cooking lessons, Fun Lab plus other activities  
WIN DAILY AND WEEKLY PRIZES!!

#### LIMITED PLACEMENTS

- Earlybird Deal Half Day \$42.00 (8.30am to 3.30pm) or Full Day \$49.00 (7.30am to 5.30pm)
- Payment Plan options
- Work & Income Subsidies
- Cater for 5 years to 14 year

To book or find out more, please visit our

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Experience what life is like at Whitby Collegiate at Experience Day where your child will spend a day in class with our friendly staff & students.

Dates: Friday 25 June or Friday 2 July  
Time: 8:45am - 3:15pm

If you're interested in your child attending on either of the available dates, please register on our website [here](#) or give us a call on 04 234 1070.

If you would like to tour our school, please register your interest [here](#) or telephone the above number.

We'd be delighted to show you our school and tell you more in person.

2022 Scholarships are available. To find out more, please visit our website [here](#).

### Writing and Drawing Workshops

Write Like an Author and Draw Like an Artist are back!

Our popular school holiday writing and art camps are returning to Raroa Intermediate.

"Write like an Author" is an internationally acclaimed writing course that teaches young writers the skills and techniques that professional authors use to create their stories. During the camp, each participant will develop and write an original creative story under the guidance of well-known author and writing coach **Maria Gill**.

"Draw Like an Artist" is our concurrent illustration course that teaches young artists the skills and techniques that professional illustrators use. The presenter is **Fifi Colston**.

Our websites are [www.writelikeanauthor.com](http://www.writelikeanauthor.com) and [www.drawlikeanartist.com](http://www.drawlikeanartist.com).

The camps will be held at **Raroa Intermediate** during the school holidays, starting on **Monday, July 12, 2021** and running until **Wednesday, July 14, 2021**.

The writing camp is ideal for young people who have a dream of becoming a published author or anyone who wants to improve their writing skills. The illustration camp offers the same opportunity to young artists.

**Artrageous July Holiday Adventure: 12 – 23 July 2021** » [Programme](#) [BOOK ARTRAGEOUS JULY](#)

Aimed at children aged 5–10 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 \$79 and after care 3:00pm–5.30pm \$15**

**Olderageous July Creative Exploration: 12 – 23 July 2021** » [Programme](#) [BOOK OLDERAGEOUS JULY](#)

Our BIG KIDS programme is aimed at children aged 10–14 years. Providing them with a space, focused adult attention and loads of resources. This programme is tailored to draw out older children's interest in creating and using their imagination and creativity in a hilariously fun atmosphere. **Bookings essential. [BOOK NOW!](#)**

**Venue: Art rooms, Block D, Wellington High School, Taranaki St, Mt Cook, Wellington**

**8.30am–3:00pm \$79 and after care 3:00pm–5.30pm \$15**

**July Holiday Netball Sessions**

Fit in more Netball these school holidays and work on core Netball skills with our experienced coaches.

Most players attend all three sessions, but you can choose one or two if you prefer.  
Held indoors at the Water Nash Centre. Registration required.  
New and returning players are welcome!

**Tues 13, Wed 14, Thurs 15  
July 2021**

**Year 6-8**  
9am to 2pm. \$150 for three days, or \$60 per day

**Year 3-5**  
9am to noon. \$100 for three days, or \$40 per day

We guarantee you will make new friends and have loads of FUN!

**Netball Hutt Valley**  
Register online: [www.netballhuttvalley.co.nz](http://www.netballhuttvalley.co.nz)