

Newsletter

Saturday, 20 March 2021 (Term 1, Week 7)

Tēnā koutou katoa, Whānau

Recently, there has been plenty of activity at Maranatha Christian School, with more to come.

This term, we have elected our Student Council for 2021. I would like to acknowledge all students who put themselves forward during the election campaign and congratulate those who were successful in being elected to the council.

For those not elected, they are not to be discouraged and were reminded that God responds to our prayers in three ways (using a traffic light analogy)...

Green light "Yes"
Amber light "Not yet"
Red light "No"... but that's not the end of it! Red also means that God has something else for them instead that He will reveal in time.

This week, Year 6-8 students enjoyed four days of fun and learning at Forest Lakes Camp while Year 5 students enjoyed being the "big kids on the block" at Maranatha.

My thanks to the Year 6-8 students for bringing great attitudes to the camp and embracing all aspects of the programme. My thanks also to the staff and parent leaders who gave up their time to provide this amazing experience for our learners.

During the week, God placed on my heart that we can "overcome all things in His strength". This became a theme for the week with students giving thanks to God for what they had overcome. For some, this was the longest time that they had been away from home, for others, the longest that they had been out of contact with their parents, and for many, the longest that they had been without technology... *which they survived!*

Special Moments from the recent Year 6 – 8 Camp...



Looking Ahead...

We now turn our focus towards Easter, towards Christ's victory over death and the significance of this for His people. In addition, students will prepare for a special **Stations of the Cross** day to be held at school on **Wednesday 31 March**.

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

In His love
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...

Monday, 22 March	Bee Healthy Dental Van on site all week
Tuesday, 23 March	Welcome Assembly
Friday, 26 March	PTA Sushi Monster lunches available through Luncheonline
Wednesday, 31 March	Stations of the Cross
Thursday, 1 April	Staff Only Day (School Closed)
Friday, 2 April	Good Friday (School Closed)
Monday, 5 April	Easter Monday (School Closed)
Tuesday, 6 April	Easter Tuesday (School Closed)
Thursday, 8 April	Enviro Group Clothing & Book Sale (raising funds for David Tyler School)
	ASB St Johns First Aid course for Kotare Class
Friday, 9 April	PTA Sushi Monster lunches available through Luncheonline
Tuesday, 13 April	BoT Meeting
Friday, 16 April	PTA Pita Pit lunches available through Luncheonline
	Last Day of Term 1
Monday, 3 May	First Day of Term 2

Notices:

Board of Trustees Casual Vacancy

A casual vacancy has occurred on the Board of Trustees for an elected parent representative. The board has decided to fill the vacancy by appointment. If ten percent or more of the eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held. Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the board to hold a by-election should write by 13 April 2021 to:

Rohan Wong (Chairperson), Board of Trustees
Maranatha Christian School
P O Box 30438, Lower Hutt 5010

Welcome to New Students at Maranatha

A big Welcome to Ethan, Kris, Marcus, Sienna & Samuel! We pray you and your families settle in quickly and feel part of the Maranatha community quickly.



Reminder – Enviro Group Sale

The Enviro Group are planning a second-hand clothes and books sale. We are asking families to donate good quality second-hand children's clothes or books to the school. We will then sell these for \$0.50 or \$1.00 with all proceeds going to support [David Tyler School in Uganda](#).

This is a great way to reduce, reuse and recycle things we no longer need or use and to help others at the same time. Please have a look at home with your children for any suitable children's clothes or books to donate and bring them to school over the next two weeks. Donations can be brought to Kakariki class before or after school. The Enviro Group will then sort them and organise a date for our big sale.

Thanks for your support
Enviro Group

Important Reminder

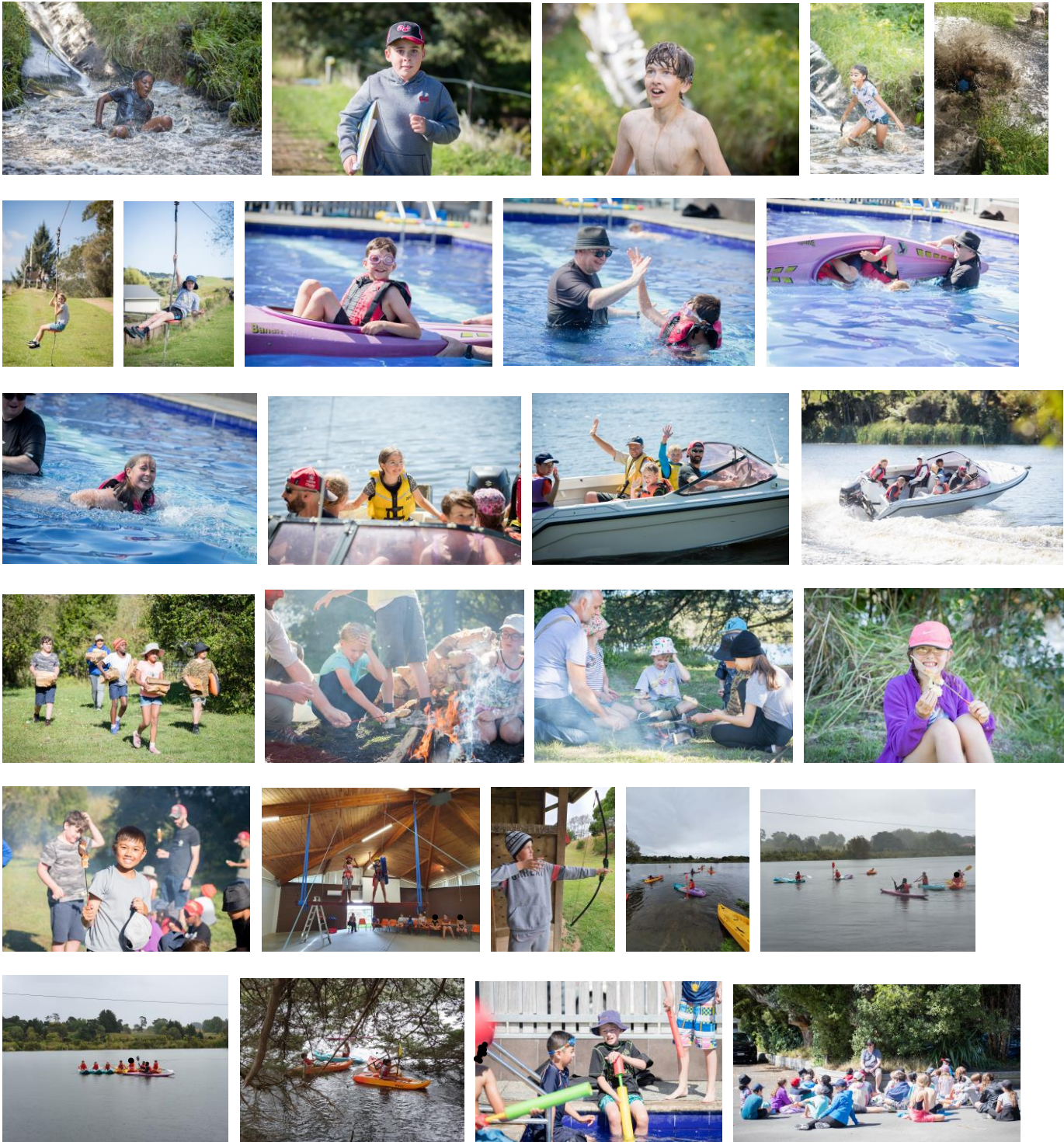
Parking: Please ensure that the bus park is kept clear at all times. In the afternoons, please follow the direction of the Traffic Wardens as to where to park and remember to never drive up the driveway to the office unless directed by a Traffic Warden or you have to pick up a sick child, or have to drop off/pick up large items.

Many parents have been driving up the driveway to drop off children in the mornings and parking up the driveway on the court for pick up in the afternoon. This has been allowed on a circumstantial basis by the office for **special cases only** however many parents are deciding to take it upon themselves and follow suit. For the safety of our students please follow the parking wardens instructions and do not park on the court outside the office block.

In the warmer months you may be directed by the traffic wardens to park on the grass. Please ensure you do not park past the tree at the end of the footpath.

Year 6-8 Camp

This week the year 6-8 students were away at Forest Lakes Camp. What a fantastic time for growing closer to each other, building relationships, and being challenged to step out of comfort zones. The students had many opportunities to build confidence and challenge themselves which they bravely accepted. Below are a few more photos from the week. A big thank you to Sarah Hamilton for travelling all that way to beautifully capture some of the awesome experiences.



Public Notices:



Ray White

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!



Elements Nature Based Play Are you looking to give your children a different experience next school

holiday's? Have your children active & imaginative amongst nature. Think huts, trees, creeks, tools, arts n crafts, time and space. Elements has a great mix of planned experiences and play throughout our programmes. For the April School holidays Elements are offering 'Creative Work/shop' Mon 19, Tues 20, Wed 21st at Belmont regional park & 'Going Wild' Tues 27 & Wed 28 28 April in Pinehaven.

See our website <https://www.elementsnature.co.nz/> or facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/elementsprogrammes/> to see what we get up to. Bookings are through

<https://elements.aimyplus.com>.

For more info email elementsprogrammes@gmail.com.

NZ Fire Volleyball

With volleyball participation in New Zealand skyrocketing kids of all ages are looking for more opportunities to play. NZ Fire Volleyball has many opportunities coming up for all ages to play more. Please forward this to your students who might be interested. Our next camp for years 7-10 is in just 1 week on 20-March so sign up quickly to ensure you will have a spot. Just follow the links below for more information and to sign up to the events for you. If you feel you are confident in your skills, feel free to "play up" an age group for more of a challenge.

Years 4-6

27 April - 1-Day School Holidays Camp - <https://forms.gle/2E2JcsGQ4PEA4v3k8>

Years 7-8

20 March - Saturday 1-Day Camp - <https://forms.gle/VHa6hQ5dy6xUsKwc9>

28 April - School Holidays 1-Day Camp - <https://forms.gle/dwimLsagrQxQ1Yy5>

15 May-3 July - 8-Week Saturday Club League - <https://forms.gle/oi7zVoSjDN2p3xW8>

Term 1 Adventure Holiday Programme

Are you a budding adventurer? Always wanted to give rock climbing or kayaking a go? Come and join us at Fergs Adventure Club this school holidays! Our Holiday Programme has options for Climbing on our indoor rock walls and SUPing, Kayaking, or Sea Kayaking. The Programme is designed for 8-17 year olds. We run our programme from Monday-Friday, with both weeks of the school holidays available. From 10am to 12pm, 8-11 year olds will join us for our Kayaking session and the 12-17 year olds will Stand up Paddleboard through Wellington Harbour. As an exciting addition, 14 year olds and over will have the opportunity to Sea Kayak! At 12:30pm our Rock Climbing session begins and kids get the chance to learn on our big Top Rope walls and our bouldering area until the end of our session at 2:15pm. Learn from our qualified, experienced instructors in a fun environment filled with adventure! If you have any questions or would like to register for our programme, please contact Hope at Saleswn@fergskayaks.co.nz.

Goodtime Music Academy is taking enrolments for 2021 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!