

Newsletter

Friday, 8 July (Term 2, Week 10)



Kia ora koutou,

Here we are at the end of term 2, halfway through the school year, and there is a lot to thank God for.

- Our times of fellowship at the fish and chip evening, Matariki breakfast and Mission Obstacle afternoon.
- Being able to be out and about in our community at the cross country events, the junior gymnastics day, the Student Council GRIP conference, the junior trip to Petone and the Senior trip to Upper Hutt and Lower Hutt. Wherever we go, we always get feedback on how lovely our students are, how polite and well-behaved. Our students are living the school values of Love, Integrity, Faith and Excellence and it shows!
- The generous parents who gave of their time to ensure all our trips could go ahead, build and play could happen, there was an ice cream for everyone after the obstacle course and extra support was given in the library.
- All our classes have been open for learning all term! (And I think we are all feeling the effects of actually completing a full term!)

Next term we will be trying a couple of new things:

1. Welcome Assembly will be on a Wednesday. This will enable the teachers to spend time with the new families instead of rushing off to a staff meeting.
2. If children have raincoats and a change of footwear, they can play outside on a wet lunchtime. Often the third term is marked with lots of rain and the children get rather cooped up inside. Playing outside helps to settle the niggles, provide fresh air and a chance to get rid of some pent up energy.

Thank you for the support and encouragement you have given me this term. Next term Steve is back in the Principal's office, refreshed from his sabbatical. May you all enjoy the holidays and come back to the new term refreshed also.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore.

Ngā mihi nui
Lexia Copp
Acting Principal



He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these..." Mark 10:14

Coming Up...

Monday, 25 July	First day of Term 3
Thursday, 28 July	Year 7 & 8 Technology begins
Monday, 1 August	Cut-off date for Term 2, 2022 Enrolments
Wednesday, 7 September	
- Friday, 9 September	Year 4-6 Camp (El Rancho)
Monday, 19	
-Thursday, 29 September	School Swimming

Notices:

Term Dates for 2022

Term 3: Monday, 25 July – Friday, 30 September
Term 4: Monday, 17 October – Friday, 16 December

2022 Staff only days

Tuesday, 25 October

Enrolment Cut-off dates

For a child who turns 5 between:

7 March 23 – 29 May 23
30 May 23 - 21 Aug 23
22 August 23 – 13 November 23

Cut-off date to receive applications by:

1 August 2022
25 October 2022
13 February 2023

Welcome New Students

Welcome to our new students, Bjorn Wierenga, Nirelya Gideon, Abrie Celliers and Jaco Celliers who have joined us in the second half of Term 2. We hope you have settled in well!



It was a blessing to celebrate with all our Term 2 starters at the Welcome Assembly, to pray together and officially welcome you and your families into the school community.



GRIP Leadership Conference

A few weeks ago, a group of Student Councillors were invited to a GRIP conference. If you are wondering what GRIP stands for, it is:

Generosity
Responsibility
Integrity
People

While we were at the conference, we learnt how to step up in integrity and leadership. One of the ways we learnt to grow in our initiative was to use the STEP process:

Show what is right
Tell the truth
Encourage others to do what is right
Persist if you are criticised.

We also played some games, to help us learn how to work as a team with other students from different schools. They gave us lots of quotes and ideas to use and one of the quotes was, "Leaders look for opportunities to do things better than they have ever done before." The hosts also taught us to exemplify our school values.

Overall, we think the conference was very useful and fun for all the students who attended.



Cross Country



Congratulations to all the students who made it through to the Interzone Cross Country! We are so proud of all your efforts! Selena placed 9th in the Year 6 girls race and made it through to the Regional Cross-Country event!

From the Library - NZ Bible Month

Every July the NZ Bible Society celebrates Bible Month and this year the theme is 'The Bible is Hope'. They have produced a downloadable 31 Day Calendar of Hope for July (<https://manna.nz/the-bible-is-hope/#>). As part of our display in the school library we have a section for the children to put their favourite scripture. We would love to add some verses in languages represented in the school. If your child/ren or family would like to forward a verse either when your children returns or by email (library@maranatha.school.nz) it would be appreciated. We love to celebrate our unity of faith within our ethnic diversity.



Mission Obstacle

The Mission Obstacle whānau challenge was all about running, exploring physical activity, teamwork, supporting each other and having a go. It was great to see the children so enthusiastic, pushing themselves to overcome the challenges, encouraging each other and having fun!



Congratulations

Congratulations to Caden for his Gold Medal in the Yellow Stripe boy's competition for patterns at the Wellington Regionals Taekwondo competition. Well done Caden!

Congratulations to MJ and his team for winning the 2022 Wellington Filipino Intercity Basketball Tournament earlier this term!



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!

Tots to Teens Magazine

Link to the latest Tots to Teens digi-magazine is <https://issue2207.totstoteens.co.nz/>

Wonderplay

Wonderplay has arrived in Lower Hutt. Wonderplay uses imaginative play to educate young people through award-winning drama classes. Focuses include camaraderie, interdependence, communication and leadership, and having an awesome, silly time.

Classes afterschool on Mondays at Epuni Hall for 4-13 year olds; 3.30pm (New Wonders 5-8 yrs), 4.15pm (Star Players 9-12yrs); and incredible teen training company, Wellington Young Actors for 12-18yr olds (5.15-6.15pm). Register for term three today and take part in our annual production! www.wonderplay.co.nz, www.wellingtonyoungactors.com.

OPEN HOME FOUNDATION
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www.ohf.org.nz or check us out on Facebook

What's happening at Ngā Manu Nature Reserve?

Children's Art & Nature Day with Harriet Bright – 12 July 2022 10am – 3pm

This workshop is strictly limited to 15 students between the ages of 7-12 years of age. Children will need a packed lunch, drink and weather appropriate clothes including raincoat and gumboots.

Price: Friends of Ngā Manu members \$55; Non-members \$60

Golden Kiwi Egg Hunt – 9 – 24 July 2022 10am – 5pm

Find the locations of 8 Golden Kiwi Eggs hidden in the reserve and answer the questions to enter our weekly draw to win a Friends of Nga Manu Family Membership (valued at \$100 and valid for 12 months). Existing members will have an additional 12 months added to their membership.

We will also be running two eel talks every day during the school holidays; one at 11am, the other at 2pm. The talks are free, but if you want to feed the eels it will be \$2 per person. Tokens can be purchased at the Visitor Centre.

For more information about these events and others, [check out our website](#).

Little Dribblers Football Club for Kids 1-7 years - NEW TERM!



SAT, 9 JUL-10 JUL
Little Dribblers Football Club - Have a go day! 5 Venues to choose from!

Have a Go for FREE THIS WEEKEND or join a team now for the new season starting on the 24th July. Fees start from \$75/term



Mad for Marshmallows!



Free marshmallows to toast on the fire at Staglands these school holidays!

Researchers at Massey University are studying how the natural environment affects health in **children**. The aim of the study is to find out if exposure to greater plant biodiversity may protect against several health conditions including, asthma and allergies.

If your child is **6-11years old**, the research team would be grateful if you would consider taking part. For this study we need all children - including those who do and those who do not have asthma and allergies.

The study involves completing a questionnaire and your child taking part in a breathing and an allergy test. A smaller number of selected participants will be invited to take part in a second phase of the study, which would involve some further health tests.

To take part in the research, please contact the study team by text (text YES, your name, and your child's name and school to: **021 819 745**), or **return the consent forms** in the invitation pack, which will be sent to you.

If you, or anyone you know would like any further information about the study please click this [link](#), or contact the research team:

Email: asthma@massey.ac.nz
Phone: 0508 ASTHMA (278 462)
Text (SMS): 021 819 745