

Newsletter

**Rāmere 11 Whiringa-ā-rangi 2022 / Friday 11 November 2022
(Term 4, Week 4)**



Tēnā koutou katoa, Maranatha Whānau

This term started with an exciting visit from Harold the Giraffe and educator, Andrea from Life Education Trust. While I was recovering from COVID during the first week of term, Harold stepped in to help run the school from my office, which was a fun surprise.

For the first time in two years, we are able to run our Mission and Ministry programme. It is so heart-warming to see students, staff and family/whānau enjoying working together. Being creative, and sharing God's Word, His Love and message of hope is a treasured and practical expression of our motto – Serve by Love, Love to Serve.

This programme represents the Māori concept of whanaungatanga – developing strong, meaningful and authentic relationships between children and families/whānau. My sincere thanks to the Maranatha Christian School community (both current and past), who blesses us by generously volunteering their time and talents to support our school programmes.

Special Moments from recent weeks...



"Principal" Harold, Fun Day, Impi the "Duty Dog", Cultural Dances, David Tyler (Uganda) & M&M's

During our first ERO visit, Christine (our Evaluation Partner), was very encouraged by what she saw in classrooms and heard during conversations with staff and students. The highlights for Christine were the worship and prayer time in the morning and the hospitality that she was shown, experiencing our L.I.F.E values in action. While online work commences with Christine this term, we look forward to her next visit to Maranatha in Term 1, 2023.

Last Saturday, the Leadership Team, Board of Trustees and Maranatha Foundation Board met to continue working through the process of determining Maranatha's policies on legislation related to human sexuality and identity. Further information is contained in the Operoo form "Health Summary Statement" sent out yesterday.

Looking Ahead...

Please save the date Tuesday 06 December for our Celebration Evening (Prize Giving) at Hope Centre. This is a significant event in our school calendar as we come together for the first time in two years to celebrate the great things that God has done at Maranatha Christian School in 2022. We will also enjoy student performances and acknowledge those who have achieved excellence throughout the year.

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

Ngā mihi & blessings,
Steve Farrand
Principal/Tumuaki



Luke 1:30-32 (NIV)

But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favour with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David."

Schedule for Next Week

Tuesday, 15 November	Junior Trip to Catchpool Valley
Thursday, 17 November	Year 7 & 8 Technology
Friday, 18 November	Missions and Ministries
	Lunch Online (Sushi)

Coming Up...

Wednesday, 23 November	Welcome Assembly (2 - 3:30pm)
Thursday, 24 November	Year 7 & 8 Technology
Tuesday, 29 November	Additional Year 7 & 8 Technology
	Interzone Athletics (winners of Central Zone)
	Year 8 Graduation Dessert Evening (6.30 - 9pm)
Thursday, 1 December	Year 7 & 8 Technology
	Year 6 & 7 Leavers afternoon tea (2:30 – 3:30pm)
Tuesday, 6 December	Celebration Practice (9am – lunch time)
	Celebration Evening (6 - 7:30pm)
Thursday, 8 December	Final Year 7 & 8 Technology
Friday, 9 December	Final Missions and Ministries
Wednesday, 14 December	Fun Day
Thursday, 15 December	Certificate Assembly
Friday, 16 December	Last day of Term 4 (school finishes and buses leave at 12:30pm)

Notices:

Cups/Trophies

Please return all Cups/Trophies from the 2021 Prizegiving to the school office in preparation for this year's Celebration Evening.

Term Dates for 2023

Term 1: Wednesday, 1 February – Thursday, 6 April

Term 2: Monday, 24 April – Friday, 30 June

Term 3: Monday, 17 July – Friday, 22 September

Term 4: Monday, 9 October – Friday, 15 December

Enrolment cut off dates

For a child who turns 5 between:
22 August 2023 – 13 November 2023
14 November 2023 – 11 March 2024

Cut-off date to receive applications by:
13 February 2023
1 May 2023

Welcome New Students



Welcome to our new students Rebekah, Milla, and Leon who join us this term. We hope you have settled in well in the Kiwi Burrow!

Athletics

We had Central zone athletics on Tuesday. Congratulations to all those who competed this week, and who qualify for Interzone. Well done!
A HUGE thanks to the parents who helped on the day.



Congratulations!

Levi and Amelia worked really hard this year on their different dance genres and participated in a variety of dance exams the last three days of term 3.



Amelia (completed 3 exams and 5 medal dances)
Ballet Grade 4 = Honours with Distinction
Contemporary level One = High Honours
Stretch leap & spin = Excellent

Levi (competing in 2 exams and 4 medal dances)
Contemporary level One = Honours
Stretch leap & spin = Strong