

Marsden Newsletter Papa pānui rorohiko

Term 2 Week 5
28 May – 1 June 2018



2018 Term Dates

Term 2 Monday 30 April – Friday 6 July
Term 3 Monday 30 July – Friday 28 September
Term 4 Tuesday 16 October – Thursday 6 December

Virtue: Love

Life without love is like a tree without blossoms or fruit.
Khalil Gibran

Forthcoming Dates

All term dates and key dates are located on the Marsden School Calendar on [Marsden Whitby Calendar](#). Please check for your activities. The Calendar will be updated weekly prior to the Newsletter coming out. Where applicable Calendar entries will show the year groups they relate to. You can choose day, week or month views.

Forthcoming School Trips and Events

Monday 4 June/Rāhina 4 Pipiri

Queen's Birthday – school closed

Tuesday 5 June/Rātu 5 Pipiri

Staff Only Day – school closed

Whitby Parents' Focus Group 1 6pm-7pm, Music Room

Whitby Parents' Focus Group 2, 7pm-8pm, Music Room

Wednesday 6 June/Rāapa 6 Pipiri

Whitby Parents' Focus Group 3, 7.30am-8.30am, Music Room

Thursday 7 June/Rāpare 7 Pipiri

Whitby Information Evening for interested/prospective parents, 6.30pm, Music Room

Tuesday 19 June/Rātu 19 Pipiri

The Big Sing, Michael Fowler Centre, am

Friday 29 June/Rāmere 29 Pipiri

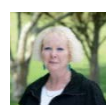
Amazing Race World Vision fundraiser, whole school, 1.10pm onwards

Friday 6 July/Rāmere 6 Hōngongoi

Term 2 ends

Message from the Director

I have just completed a four-week course on mindfulness and it was of great interest and benefit. One of the biggest advantages was being pushed to find a quiet time every day in which to focus on mindfulness practice and especially on the connection between mindfulness and the running commentary inside our heads that most of us experience throughout the waking day. It reminded me of the 11 Principles of Companionship- see www.centerforloss.com/trainings/#companionship Sometimes, as adults, we feel like we should have all the answers and be able to 'fix' every problem. This is not the case when applying the Companionship Principles. The important thing inherent in this approach is that you do not need to be responsible for finding someone else a way out, you just need to be *with* them. 'Companionship is about walking alongside; it is *not* about leading or being led...it is about having compassionate curiosity....not about you having expertise.' In this era of 24/7 connectedness and hyperactivity it is ever more crucial to find quiet in the day for those kinds of companion/mindfulness moments to occur. Times for families to sit together, eat together and, most importantly, *talk* together. Go outside, experience the wonders of creation, fly a kite, turn off all devices at least an hour before bedtime, do *not* have phones on overnight. We all know that this is what we *should* be doing but we have to make a conscious effort to make those actions a reality. As human beings we have a tendency to focus on the negative too, so I would encourage you all to deliberately "accentuate the positive/eliminate the negative/latch on to the affirmative" in everything you do. Make a start over this long weekend! And please remember that school is closed on Tuesday for staff professional development.



Anne Winnall

NCEA

NCEA fees - financial assistance

Information regarding this can be found [here](#). Applications need to be given in to the School Office for processing by the end of Term 2, Friday 7 July.

Careers Information

Please see our [Careers Information page](#) on Ultranet which is updated weekly for the latest details and the dates of the upcoming events. This week there is new information about an information afternoon on the Otago law degree for Years 12 and 13, a reminder about PIHMS experience weeks in the holidays and the Massey University Communication Experience day, which is now open to Year 12 as well as Year 13.

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION EVENINGS AND OPEN DAYS:

University of Canterbury Open Day is Thursday 12 July at the Ilam campus. More information can be found here <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/events/tours-and-events/open-days/>

University of Auckland Information Evenings are in Lower Hutt on Wednesday 13 June at the Dowse Art Museum and in Wellington on Thursday 9 August at Samuel Marsden Karori. To register follow this link <https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/study/study-options/undergraduate-study-options/information-for-parents/parent-seminars.html>

University of Auckland Open Day is Saturday 25 August. More information can be found here <https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/study/study-options/undergraduate-study-options/courses-and-careers-open-day.html>

Massey University, Palmerston North Open Day is Wednesday 1 August and Wellington Campus is Friday 31 August. More information can be found here <http://www.massey.ac.nz/>

BYOD and Laptop use

It is essential that all students have a charged laptop for use at school each day. If your son or daughter's computer/laptop is being repaired, or not able to be brought to school for any reason, parents need to provide a note for or email the relevant Tutor Teacher regarding this. Students should be bringing their charger to school as we have very limited facilities on site for charging during the day.

There are a few school laptops students can borrow for single periods, or in some cases the whole day, but these are *not* to be taken home. If you notice a school laptop has been inadvertently brought home it must be returned to school promptly. Students must be signing borrowed school computers in and out as they use them and we operate a high trust model with this.

Any time a student does not have a laptop to use they will need to bring paper and pens to class so that they can still participate in all classes as normal.

Enrolments for 2019 and beyond

Enrolments for our 2019 year are now well underway. Any current Marsden Whitby families with younger siblings, who you wish to enrol at Marsden Whitby in 2019 or beyond, please contact Lorraine Rose in the School Office to let her know - lorraine.rose@marsdenwhitby.school.nz or by telephoning (04) 234 1070 ext 710.

If you know of any families who are interested in Marsden Whitby, please feel free to pass on Lorraine's contact details.

Amazing success for our short film-makers this week at the Roxy5!

This week the Samuel Marsden short film "Unreachable Love" produced by Wildskink Films, was very successful at the Roxy5 Short Film Competition. This annual competition showcases the potential of short films created by young people in the Wellington region. The films this year had to be under 5 minutes long and include three elements: a star, a piece of string and the dialogue "Kia ora". Samuel Marsden Whitby's entry, "Unreachable Love", was based on a screenplay written and directed by Thomas Morum-Kelly. Tommy was assisted by Mawgan Bailey; the music soundtrack was by Roman Avery and.... drumroll please... our film won one of the top three prizes; the People's Choice Award. Congratulations to Tommy and his crew on your amazing success!

House Debating Competition this week

The annual House Debating competition got off the ground this week. This was the senior competition, which is open to debaters from Year 9. A separate competition will follow for Year 7 and 8 later in the year. In Round 1 debating the moot "This House believes people should be interviewed for jobs in a way that does not reveal gender, ethnicity or age" was first affirmed by Adventure against Endeavour and in the second debate later in the week, was affirmed by Discovery against Resolution. The winners this week were Endeavour and Discovery, who will now meet each other in the Final on June 13th. Prior to that Adventure and Resolution will debate against each other to decide 3rd place. The moot for Round 2 next week will be: "This House believes we should extend the rights of personhood to certain highly evolved animals."



Sports

Netball

Seniors

Marsden Blue beat Mana 16-13, POD was Catriona Mackay-Freeman.
Marsden Red went down 33-19 but fought hard.

Juniors

Won against Plimmerton, 5-3 and PODs were Anais Robbins and Fraser Collard.

Basketball

Seniors

Won 27-25 with a final second pressured basket from POD Ilyas Rosslan.

Juniors

30/5 Marsden 5-26 Plimmerton,
POD Tianyi Mathur.
23/5 Marsden 6-25 Papakowhai,
POD Josh Morris

Football

Lost 5-1 to Silverstream, top of the pool, in a hard-fought game. POD was Stephen Jamieson.



Hockey

Last week the team won their grading semi-final 2-1, POD was Hunter Robinson. This week it was an absolute nail-biter of a game with a final seconds equaliser from Wellington High edging the game into strokes to decide the winner! Marsden Whitby triumphed 3-0 in this and therefore the game was ours! Congratulations to POD Jackson Miles for his incredible goal-keeping and coolness under pressure!



Academy Conferences Gifted and Talented Study Day for Year 8-10 Students

This year junior secondary students in the Wellington Region will have the opportunity to attend this study day held at Scots College on Monday August 6. The day is designed to help students to improve their thinking skills, begin to be able to identify what is fundamental from what is trivial and think systematically and rigorously about relevant modern day issues. The theme is "Justice, Truth, Beauty and Mathematics". The guest speaker this year is Dr Andrew Pinsent who is Research Director of the Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion at Oxford University. The cost of the day is \$45. We would transport students to and from Scots College. If you would like your son or daughter to attend this study day, please contact me by Friday 22 June. Megan.keenan@marsdenwhitby.school.nz

Youth Scriptwriting Competition

NZ Writers College is calling for submissions from creative Kiwis aged between 15 and 20 for its inaugural Youth Scriptwriting Competition, closing 31 July 2018. Talented young writers are challenged to produce an engaging and relevant 60-second script on the highly topical theme of affirmative sexual consent – 'Yes Means Yes'. As a leading online writing school in New Zealand since 2008, NZ Writers College is offering this free educational opportunity for young writers to harness multiple skills. Full competition rules and guidelines can be found on the [college website](#). All queries can be emailed to Nichola Meyer at Nichola@nzwriterscollege.co.nz Please also see the attached flyer

Donations for a family in need

A house fire in Ascot Park has caused a recently arrived refugee family to lose a large number of possessions. If you have any spare items of warm clothing or any basic necessities - such as pots, pans, crockery, cutlery, bathroom stuff etc. - that you would be willing to donate, please bring them in to the School Office. Thank You - *Kian Knight Year 13*.

Student News

Our student achievements, school activities and pictures are found on our news page at [Marsden Whitby News & Events](#).

Community News

Tawa Recreation Centre's July School Holiday Programme is now open for registrations. Please see the attached flyer for information.