

Marsden Newsletter Papa pānui rorohiko

Term 2 Week 2
7 - 11 May 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: Teamwork

Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things, but just look what they can do when they stick together.

Vesta M Kelly

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

Wednesday 16 May/Rāapa 16 Haratua

House Drama, 1.10pm, gym, all welcome

Thursday 17 May/Rāpere 17 Haratua

Careers Information Evening, 7-8.30pm, Marsden Karori

Friday 18 May/Rāmere 18 Haratua

Pink Shirt Day – mufti day in aid of anti-bullying awareness

Cross Country, pm, all students.

Saturday 26 May/Rāhina 26 Haratua

Y7 & Y9 2019 Academic Excellence Scholarship Examinations, 1-3.15pm approx.

Wednesday 30 May/Rāapa 30 Haratua

Junior Chapel, 1.15pm, St Mary's, Whitby

Monday 4 June/Rāhina 4 Pipiri

Queen's Birthday – school closed

Tuesday 5 June/Rātu 5 Pipiri

Staff Only Day – school closed

Thursday 7 June/Rāpare 7 Pipiri

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

Friday 29 June/Rāmere 29 Pipiri

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

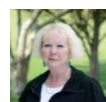
Friday 6 July/Rāmere 6 Hōngongoi

Term 2 ends

Message from the Director

The Winter sports season is well and truly underway and it is gratifying to see so many of our students playing a sport, taking part in debating or singing in the choir. It is exactly this kind of extra commitment and service that is rated so highly by tertiary institutions and employers. For current and future school leavers it is not enough to have just attended school and gained good grades. It is crucial to have experienced working as a team, building resilience and learning about commitment. These are vital life lessons and the sooner our young people start gaining this kind of experience the better. We remain of course hugely grateful to the staff and parents who assist in coaching, managing and running the extra-curricular opportunities. Thank you for all you do.

A very special assembly this week, beginning with the Crosses of Remembrance Service, which highlights the stories of men related to our students who fought in The Great War. Always a very moving and sobering event. This was followed by guest speaker, Erwan Le Lanne. A world-class ice climber, BASE jumper and climber, Erwan bought a boat and set out on "A 4-year adventure around the world to unexplored regions of the planet, only accessible by sea." Taking only five people at a time on the Maewan, the adventure became just as much about the environment, climate and the communities making their lives in the most remote parts of the world, as it was about extreme sports. He showed us some of his incredible film footage and spoke with great passion about the responsibility we have to repair the damage already done to our planet and to secure its future. Check out the Maewan – Adventure Base Facebook page for more information and incredible footage of the world, as most of us will never see it!



Anne Winnall

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.

Internal Moderation of Internally Assessed Work for NCEA

All internally assessed standards for NCEA have to go through a rigorous 'in school' moderation process. Once the work has been submitted by students the work is marked by their teacher and some samples are selected for another teacher to mark. The outcome of this is discussed and a final grade is established; if required the rest of the work will be remarked. The other teacher that looks at this work is usually a teacher from our Karori campus, or a teacher from another school if there is not a teacher at Karori able to do the moderation. This process could take up to **one month** to complete. If it is going to be longer than this, students will be advised. When this process is completed students will then be given their grades. Students do have the opportunity to have their work remarked if they feel it deserves a different grade. If, after the work has been re-marked, they are still not happy with the outcome there is an appeals process. The form for this can be found in the Student Assessment Handbook, given to all students earlier this term.

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 the school career information evening on 17 May, GO2OU scholarships for students interested in studying humanities and a Massey University Communication experience day.

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION EVENINGS AND OPEN DAYS:

University of Canterbury | Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha (UC) invites students and their families to attend its Wellington Information Evening on Tuesday 29 May. The evening starts at 6pm at Westpac Stadium, [105 Waterloo Quay, Wellington](#)

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 Otago Information Evening is on Thursday 24 May at the Deloitte Lounge, Westpac Stadium from 7:30pm – 9:45pm

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>

University of Waikato Open Day is Friday 18 May. More information can be found here <http://www.waikato.ac.nz/events/openday/>

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/>

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.

Lift Your Game workshops

These will now start next week – Year 12 Thursday 17 May and Year 11 Friday 18 May. They will cover Growth Mindset, time management, and strategies and techniques for improving grades. There are still spaces available on this workshop so please email me sharron.morgan@marsdenwhitby.school.nz if you would like your son/daughter to attend.

Hutt STEMM Festival

This is on again and there are two Women in Tech breakfast talks on in May. The cost is \$14 per person and it is an early start but well worth it. I would like to take any girls interested in going along to either of these talks.

- Closing the Gender Gap in ICT Careers, Wednesday 16 May 7-8.30am.
- The impact of Technology on the Future of Work, Wednesday 23 May 7-8.30am.

If your daughter is interested in attending, please email me sharron.morgan@marsdenwhitby.school.nz. The full programme offered can be found here <http://www.huttstemm.nz/2018-hutt-stemm-festival-calendar/>. There are some interesting things happening.

Gifted and Talented Programme

Tournament of Minds

Tournament of Minds is an inter-school problem-solving event for students. Students work together in mixed year group teams of seven over a six-week period in Term 3 to develop their critical thinking skills to solve an open-ended challenge in the areas of Language Literature, Engineering Maths, Social Science and Science Technology. The solution must be a dramatised presentation to a panel of judges and an audience (including family and friends) on Tournament Day. There will be a meeting this term to discuss the requirements of this tournament. It is open to students from Year 7-10.

We also love to hear about any other opportunities that are available for our students. Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss the needs of your child.

Mrs Keenan megan.keenan@marsdenwhitby.school.nz

Kiwi Competitions Year 7-10 English, Mathematics, Science

This year all students in **Years 7-10** will be sitting the Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science competitions for intermediate and secondary schools. These competitions are written by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students and are based on the New Zealand curriculum. They are administered by the Centre for Evaluation and Monitoring (CEM) which is a not-for-profit Centre at the University of Canterbury. The cost for entry is approximately \$10 for each competition and these costs will be disbursed to your account. These online competitions will take place in the last 3 weeks of Term 2.

Due to the cost of these competitions we would like to give you the opportunity to withdraw your son/daughter if you wish to do so. A letter has been emailed home with more details as well as being attached to this update. If you have any questions please contact Mrs Keenan at megan.keenan@marsdenwhitby.school.nz.

Sports

Netball

Marsden Blue lost 16-7 against Tawa College. POD was Melissa Thomson.

Marsden Red lost 14-26 to Aotea College.

Marsden White lost to Tawa College.

Marsden Green lost to Paremata but played with an excellent positive attitude. POD was the whole team!

Basketball

Marsden Whitby senior basketballers lost 45-17 against Silverstream 4.

Marsden Whitby junior basketballers played very well this week against Adventure, eventually going down 21-8. POD was Nathan Exley who scored 4 points.

Football

A confident start to the season with a 6-1 win over Newlands College.

Hockey

3 May - Won 5-2 against Wellington High. POD was Vanessa Hirschmann.

10 May - Won 8-0, with Ethan Mackay scoring three goals and Sam Sexton, five. POD awarded jointly to Katy Bell and Megan Evans.

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

Student News

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