

Marsden Newsletter Papa pānui rorohiko

Term 2 Week 3
14 - 18 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: Creativity

Creativity is putting your imagination to work, and it's produced the most extraordinary results in human culture.

Ken Robinson

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

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

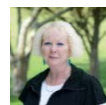
Amazing Race World Vision fundraiser, whole school, 1.10pm onwards

Friday 6 July/Rāmere 6 Hōngongoi

Term 2 ends

Message from the Director

Please read this message from Narelle Umbers and take the opportunity to sign up for one of our forthcoming Focus Groups. This is a very exciting time for Marsden Whitby and we would like input from as many of our community as possible!



Anne Winnall

A message from the Principal, Narelle Umbers

We are about to enter an exciting time for the Marsden Schools' community as our Board of Management embarks on a strategic planning journey over the next few months. The refreshed strategy which will result from this process will represent Marsden Whitby's plan for the immediate future (2019 – 2021) and outline the areas we will focus on as a school. Strategy matters enormously to me and to our Boards. We are aware that we need to have a high degree of intentionality in everything that we do because we are responsible for ensuring that the young adults in our care have access to incredible educational opportunities that will allow them to live up to their potential. We are also the current stewards of this wonderful school and in this role we need to ensure that Marsden Whitby will hold its place as a leader in education in New Zealand well into the future.

Every organisation is capable of continuous improvement and needs to plan for this. Without a clear plan or strategy, even the best school can drift. To me, strategy is just as much about what you choose *not* to do, as it is about what you choose to do. But a strategy can only have high impact if it is more than just a document ... there needs to be ownership and impact of the chosen set of actions across the school. Everyone, from board members to teachers to community partners needs to understand the strategy and be able to talk about how their work relates to it. Decision-making at every level of the school also needs to be aligned to the strategy.

To help ensure that we create this kind of high impact strategy, we will be running a series of focus groups to allow the various stakeholder groups within our school community to have input into our strategic planning process. There will be opportunities for students, staff, parents and our various school organisations to participate in these structured sessions, which will be run by an external facilitator from Tuesday 5 June through to Saturday 9 June. These sessions will provide us with the opportunity to listen to the views of our community on our future direction.

I would like to invite you, the members of our parent community, to participate in this process by signing up for one of the parent focus groups. Whitby focus groups will take place in Room 5, the Music Room on

- Tuesday 5 June 6pm
- Tuesday 5 June 7pm
- Wednesday 6 June 7.30am

To register for one of these sessions please email Lorraine.rose@marsdenwhitby.school.nz stating day and time of the group you wish to join.

I hope that you will take up this opportunity to contribute to this important process.

Narelle Umbers

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.

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 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>

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.

Hutt STEMM Festival

This is on again and the second Women in Tech breakfast talk is on next week. 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 this talk.

- 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.

Y11 and 12 Attitude Presentation – Monday 14 May 2018

Y11 & 12 Whitby students attended a fantastic presentation by Tony from Attitude NZ. He spoke to Y11 students about how happy your life is depending on your attitude and about making good choices and finding your strengths and passions. Tony stressed the importance of being involved in a variety of things. He likened life to chapters in a book. Some chapters are not always fun and dandy but you can always finish that chapter, open a new one and move on. He asked our students to think about what would be the title of their book or autobiography.



Y12 students had Tony talk to them about aspects of healthy relationships, the dangers of pornography, personal boundaries and tips on forming respectful and truthful relationships in our lives. He discussed the importance of communicating with people in real life not always in the 'online world' and the fact that mirror neurons in our brain pick up the social clues in people and make us more connected.



Our students really enjoyed his presentations. Year 9 & 10 will get to hear him later in the year. Ka mau te wehi! *Miss Morrison*

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.

Debating

The Premier A debating team won their limited preparation debate against Tawa College A team at Queen Margaret College on Tuesday evening. The general topic given was the environment. Our team successfully negated the moot, "This House believes New Zealand should concentrate on addressing the effects of climate change in New Zealand rather than helping to prevent on the international stage." The debate was lively, well informed and very entertaining. The team is to be congratulated on an amazing effort this season so far. Of note is the fact that Callum Walker is still a Year 11 student when most students at Prem A are in Year 12 or 13.



Last week three Junior certificate teams experienced for the first time what it means to be in a limited preparation debate. The general topic we were given was children and the moot given after school on the day, allowing only 30 minutes preparation time prior to the start of the debate, was "We should ban advertising aimed at children". Junior Cert team A lost to Tawa but this was a very close debate and our speakers all performed exceptionally well, especially Cassandra Mansfield, demonstrating significant personal growth as debaters this season. Teams 2 and 3 won; Team 2 by default by Tawa College and Team 3 was very successful against Kapiti College.



All our debaters deserve a big pat on the back!

Sports

Netball

Seniors

Marsden Blue won 23-1 over Mana. Catriona Mackay-Freeman was POD.

Marsden Red won 24-9 against Aotea.

Marsden White lost to Mana 29-6

Juniors

Marsden Green won 6-5 against Discovery School. POD was Antonia Reynolds.

Marsden Blue lost to Discovery 9-4. POD was Ruby Scott.



Marsden Whitby Red players had a fabulous day at the CSW Netball Premier Tournament at the ASB Centre on Thursday. It was a big event, playing games back to back with only a few minutes in between each one. We were in Pool A playing the more experienced Premium 1 players but we fought hard and gave them a good run for their money. The team never gave up once and played their hearts out throughout the day. It was a great experience; we learnt a lot and can be proud of our Marsden Red team. Well done girls! Thank you Teresa Julian for umpiring, Danielle Leslie for score benching, Sue Payne for all the support and special mention to Maddie's Grandparents who supported the entire tournament.



Basketball

Seniors

Lost 82-63 to Heretaunga. POD Was Bailey Quinlan.

Juniors

Won 13-8 against Adventure. Jake Kemp-Milham was POD, scoring 6 points.

Football

Won against Aotea 7-3. POD last week was Mawgan Bailey and this week, Blake Paynter.

Hockey

Last week Marsden Whitby won 8-0, with Sam Sexton scoring five goals and Ethan Mackay, three. Player of the Day was awarded jointly to Katy Bell and Meg Evans.

This week we played Scots College and won 4-1. Scorers were James Carrington and Hunter Robinson – one goal apiece and Ethan Mackay two goals and POD.

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](#).

Refugee Resettlement

NZ Red Cross and the Anglican and Catholic Dioceses of Wellington are collecting household goods for a Red Cross Refugee family coming to Wellington. This time it's a family of three with a fifteen year old son.

People can put their name down next to an item and drop it off at the school or church office. Please click on the link to donate. Items are required by 15 June. Thank you.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1prKfyVON6lDjDW7kCKeIiCxWBIE1JIC6DNmtjAa-xn0/edit?usp=sharing>

Volunteer for the Heart Foundation at the Gazeley Volkswagon Wellington Marathon 2018

The Heart Foundation is the official charity partner for the Wellington Marathon again for 2018. As part of this partnership we provide volunteers to work at the event, to raise money for the Heart Foundation Wellington Branch. We would love to have you join our volunteer team for this event. For 2018 we have the following opportunities:

Sunday 24 June: Bag Packing, Westpac Stadium

We will be packing the goodies bags given to all runners at the finish line

Shift 1: 9.00am – 1.00pm

Shift 2: 9.30am – 1.30pm

Saturday 30 June: Race Registration, Gazeley Volkswagon, Kent Terrace, Wellington

We will be registering all runners ahead of race day and handing out numbers. This role requires a high level of concentration and accuracy!

Full Day: 8.30am – 6.00pm includes lunch provided

Half Day: 8.30am – 1.30pm

Half Day: 1.00pm – 6.00pm

Sunday 1 July: Event Day, Westpac Stadium

Jobs are a mixture of working in the recovery area (handing out drinks/fruit etc after the finish line, general support etc) and bag check area

Shift 1: 6.00am – 12.00pm

Shift 2: 7.00am – 1.00pm

Shift 3: 8.00am – 2.00pm

Shift 4: 9.00am – 3.00pm

For more information and to sign up go to www.heartfoundation.org.nz/wellington-marathon