

Marsden Newsletter Papa pānui rorohiko

Term 1 Week 6
5 - 9 March 2018



2018 Term Dates

Term 1 Wednesday 31 January – Friday 13 April
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 of Learning

Stay positive and happy. Work hard and don't give up hope. Be open to criticism and keep learning. Surround yourself with happy, warm and genuine people.

Tena Desae

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

Tuesday 13 March/Rātū 13 Poutū-te-rangi

Information Evening for anyone interested in Marsden Whitby for their child, 6.30pm, Music Room

Thursday 15 and Friday 16 March/ Rāpere 15 & Rāmere 16 Poutū-te-rangi

William Pike overnight, Battle Hill

Saturday 17, from 3pm/Sunday 18 March, concludes 9am/Rāhoroi 17-Rātapu 18 Poutū-te-rangi

Relay For Life

Tuesday 20 March/ Rātū 20 Poutū-te-rangi

Marsden Whitby Parents' Association AGM, 7pm, Staffroom

Thursday 22 March/Rāpare 22 Poutū-te-rangi

Swimming Sports

Friday 23 March/Rāmere 23 Poutū-te-rangi

School in Action Day, 10am-2pm

Tuesday 27 March/ Rātū 27 Poutū-te-rangi

Y9 Pukeahu/National War Memorial trip

Wednesday 28 March/Rāapa 28 Poutū-te-rangi

Junior Parent Teacher Interviews, 4.00-7.30pm

Friday 30 March/Rāmere 30 Poutū-te-rangi

Good Friday – School Closed

Monday 2 April & Tuesday 3 April/Rāhina 2 & Rātū 3 Paenga-whāwhā

Easter Break – School Closed

Thursday 5 April/Rāpare 5 Paenga-whāwhā

Senior Parent Teacher Interviews, 4.00-7.30pm

Paremata Regeneration Project Y7 & 8

Friday 6 April/Rāmere 6 Paenga-whāwhā

Paremata Regeneration Project Y10

Message from the Director

Due to the rapid progression of Term 1, and a lack of rehearsal time, we have shifted our House Drama event into Term 2. Watch this space!

On Thursday 15 March, our Y8s will be involved in an overnight experience at Battle Hill, as part of the William Pike Challenge Award. Mr Hardy would be very grateful for any supplies of firewood you can provide and any parents available to assist with transport (or even join the group on their overnight). If you can help with any or all of these things please contact him on Adrian.hardy@marsdenwhitby.school.nz or call 04 234 1070 ext 705.

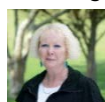
Next Tuesday 13 March, I am holding an Information Evening at 6.30pm, in the Music Room at school, for anyone who is interested in knowing more about Marsden Whitby. If you know of someone who might be interested in coming along, regardless of where they live, please encourage them to do so!

Our Year 13 students and the Student Leadership team will be commissioned into their leadership roles at assembly next week at 1.10pm, Wednesday 14 March. This is a very special occasion and parents of Y13 students, and of the Student Leadership Team, are very welcome to attend and stay for afternoon tea immediately afterwards.

Our annual Swimming Sports will be held at Coastlands Aquatic Centre, 175 Rimu Road, Paraparaumu, Thursday 22 March, from 9.45am to 2.30pm. **Information is attached. There is plenty of room for parents who are able to come along and watch!**

On Friday 23 March we will be holding our first School in Action Day, from 10am to 2pm. This gives prospective parents and students a chance to come and have a look around, to see our facilities and meet our staff and students. Please invite your friends, neighbours and anyone you think might be interested in Marsden Whitby.

Junior Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Wednesday 28 March and Senior Parent Teacher Interviews on Thursday 5 April. Sessions will be run from 4.00pm – 6.00pm and from 6.30pm – 7.30pm. Further information, including booking details, will be sent out nearer the time.



Anne Winnall

Monday 9 April/Rāhina 9 Paenga-whāwhā

Paremata Regeneration Project Y9

Friday 13 April/Rāmere 13 Paenga-whāwhā

Term 1 ends

Career Information Evening 2018 – Karori Campus

Every year we hold a career information evening at the Karori campus for Year 10 to 13 students from Whitby and Karori. This year I surveyed the senior students to ask if there were any particular career areas that interested them. Their answers included science research, biomedical science, music, art, photography, classics, project management, international business, genetics, astronomy and veterinary science. If you think you may be able to share your knowledge of careers in any of these areas, or if you know of anyone whom you think may be able to help, please contact susan.binns@marsden.school.nz. I would also love to hear from anyone who would like to take part, or has suggestions about speakers in other fields. The evening will be on 17 May from 7.00pm-8.30pm, at Marsden Karori.

ICAS Competitions 2018 – entries due Friday, March 16th

This year students in **Years 7-13** will be offered the opportunity to enter in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) for English, Science, Mathematics, Digital Technologies, Writing and for Year 7 and 8 Spelling. The cost for entry is approximately \$10.00 for each competition except for Writing which is \$21.00 and these costs will be disbursed to your account.

The Digital Technologies competition takes place on Tuesday 8th May, Science on Tuesday 29 May, English on Tuesday 31 July, Spelling on Wednesday 13 June, Writing on Thursday 14 June, Mathematics on Tuesday 14 August. A letter regarding this is attached to this update. A reminder that entries need to be returned to the School Office by Friday 16 March. Any questions please contact Mrs Keenan megan.keenan@marsdenwhitby.school.nz

University of Otago Junior Maths Competition

This is a competition run by the University of Otago Maths Department and is open to students from Year 9 – 11 and the cost is \$6. There is more information and previous competitions available on their website, <https://www.maths.otago.ac.nz/jmc/>. If your child is interested in entering this competition please complete the form attached to this Update and return to the school office by Friday 16th March. If you have any questions regarding this competition please contact Mrs Keenan megan.keenan@marsdenwhitby.school.nz

Paremata Regeneration Project

This year we will continue our service to the community through the Paremata Regeneration Project. For parents new to the school, this project, in conjunction with the Department of Conservation, focuses on regenerating the land to the seaward side of Paremata Railway Station to return it to its original flora and fauna. We are now in our seventh year. The school's aim is to provide a consistent and ongoing contribution to the community where the students develop a sense of achievement, which comes from a regular commitment over an extended period of time. We would also welcome any parents who would like to get involved. Please see the letter attached for more information.

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 UMAT preparation for those students considering medical degrees, an information evening for students interested in applying for sports scholarships to the USA, and WelTec Petone's open day.

Gifted and Talented Programme

Wherever possible students are supported within their classes with extension programmes. In addition to a range of extra-curricular activities, students are given the opportunity to participate in the following:

Kids Lit Quiz
Kiwi Science, Maths and English competition
ICAS competitions
Epro8
Robocup
Science Crest Awards
Spelling Bee
Essay and Speech Competitions
Tournament of Minds
Model United Nations
Commonwealth Head of Government Youth
Innovative Young Minds
Royal Society events

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

Debating Club

The Marsden Whitby Debating Club has got off to a flying start. I am delighted to report that, for the first time in the history of the school, we have grown to five teams competing in the Wellington Speaking Union competition with a Senior Premier A team, a Senior Premier B team and three Junior Certificate teams. This is "punching above our weight" quite significantly. I am indebted to the senior students, Stephen and Qiyun, for their help coaching, and adjudicating, as well as to Mr Powell and Mrs Schraader for their help managing and transporting our students to their "away" debates.

Last Tuesday evening the Senior Premier A team so narrowly lost their debate to St Marys. The debate, which was hosted by Wellington College, was on the moot, ***"This house would release inmates from jail solely on the basis of their rehabilitation, and not upon the completion of a predetermined prison sentence."*** and we were affirming. The team performed exceptionally well, proving without a doubt they were up to the standards expected at this most advanced level of secondary school debating. Next week the Junior Certificate teams and the Senior Premier B team debate so watch this space for the latest on our Debating Club successes.

Mrs Balasingam

Sports

Futsal



Hockey

On March 1 Marsden Whitby played AC sticks (Aotea College). It was a great game and we won 12-9. We were all very tired after Athletics Day and, unfortunately, lost our goalie due to injury, but even after all of this we tried our very best and succeeded. *Vanessa Hirschmann*

Western Zone Athletics

So proud of our amazing Athletes at Western Zone Athletics at Newtown Park. It was wet, wet, wet but they were wonderful and had some great results.

Miss Morrison



Relay for Life Car Wash Fundraiser this Saturday

Marsden Whitby students will be doing a car wash to raise funds for Relay for Life, this Saturday from 2pm, at St Mary's Church Whitby!! While you're there, grab yourself a sausage while you wait! All funds go to The Cancer Society.



Student News

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

Community News

The 18th annual Photo Competition run by the Guardians of Pāuatahanui Inlet (GOPI) is now under way. To encourage young photographers to enter the competition, a free photography workshop is being offered on Sunday 11 March with a possible postponement day on 18 March. The workshop is open to anyone under the age of 18. It will be taught by Destina Munro, photojournalism tutor at Whitireia and former president of the Kapiti Camera Club.

The workshop begins with an illustrated indoor session, followed by a visit to the Pāuatahanui Wildlife Reserve, finishing with a one on one look at the photos taken in the reserve. All the participants need to bring is a camera they are familiar with, a bottle of water and appropriate clothes (it can be muddy in the reserve).

We will gather at Pāuatahanui Wildlife Reserve cottage at 4.30pm. The workshop lasts about three hours.

Registration is essential. You will find the registration form on the website www.gopi.org.nz. Should you need to contact a member of the GOPI committee, phone [04 233 9391](tel:042339391) or [027 3440068](tel:0273440068), or emailpauainlet@gmail.com For practical reasons, participation numbers will to be limited to 20.

Tawa Recreation Centre April School Holiday Programme

Registrations for our April School Holiday Programme are now open. We have an exciting line up where your child will try something new or enjoy their favourites. Don't forget we provide before care starting at 7.45am as well. We are an OSCAR approved programme.

Go to <https://wellington.govt.nz/recreation/stuff-for-kids/school-holidays> and register.

Wellington Ruby Junior Registrations are now open



Wellington Curtain Bank are now open for the season, offering free lined curtains to low-income homes. More information is available here: <https://sustaintrust.org.nz/pages/free-curtains>