



Newsletter No. 1

30th January 2019

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome back to school everyone and Happy New Year! 2019 is going to be great at MMS. We have lots of exciting things planned and we are very happy to have started our 4th class today. Yay!!

Welcome

We warmly welcome all our new students to MMS. Charlotte, Paige, Kaylin and Josephine have joined Karearea. You may remember Charlotte, her family moved to the South Island last year, and they have now returned to Wellington, so it is great to have them back. Welcome to Paige, Kaylin and Josephine's families, who are all new to the school, it is lovely to have you as part of our school community.

In Piwakawaka we welcome Amy, Lennox, Harry, Gus, Aurora and Lily. These students are all siblings of current students and we are sure they will have no problem settling into school life. Welcome to you all.

We also warmly welcome two new teachers. Whaea Sylvia is teaching in Piwakawaka and Whaea Evelyn is in Kiwi. Please go and introduce yourselves to them, they are very keen to get to know everyone. We are all looking forward to working together with our new students and teachers, it's great to have lots of new people to get to know.

We also have a new music teacher, welcome to Malu Jonas. Please see her details below and get in touch with her directly if you would like your child to have one to one music lessons - these will be taking place on Fridays. All payments for lessons will go directly to Malu.

Music Lessons

Piano, beginner guitar, recorder, flute, singing, music theory lessons available during school hours, by an experienced NZ registered and trained teacher.

Contact Malu Jonas on 027 845 3094, 04 905 8686, or jonasmalu9@gmail.com. Lessons may also be scheduled before or after school, if this is preferred.

Assembly

Our final assembly for 2018 was very well done. The year 8 students had a lovely farewell as did Matua Rory. It was great to hear reports from camp and hear the beautiful and unique singing from both Kiwi and Piwakawaka classes.

Awards went to:

- STAR Alfie
- Wildcat Evelyn and Daisy
- Homework Charlotte, Alex, Lars and Holly
- Otago Maths - Evelyn and Alex
- Athletics - Gus, Alex and Denny
- Debating - Evelyn, Charlotte, Leila, Jordis, Gus, James, Alex
- Peace Poster - Leila
- Gardens - Leila, Alex, Brooke, Jorja, Emma, Madi and Billie

We celebrated birthdays with: Henry L, Calyx, Ellie, Oliver C, Phoenix, Lucas H and Jack.

We welcomed Oliver R and Ellie

Thanks to all the people who helped and contributed to our sausage sizzle and also to all those who contributed to Rory's leaving gift, he was thrilled with his pounamu and asked me to thank you all. Thanks also to all the families who were so kind to the staff here at MMS and gave Christmas gifts and cards. This was much appreciated by everyone, it is lovely to feel appreciated! Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Our first assembly for 2019 will be on Friday 15th February at 2:30pm following a powhiri for our new students (term 4 2018/term 1 2019) and new staff. The powhiri will start at 2pm.

Building Project Update

Work has been continuing on this over the holiday break and we are still wanting to raise as much money for this project as we can.

We are also continuing working with the Ministry of Education on their requirements for this project.

School Focus

Our main focus for behavior will be **developing kind and respectful attitudes and encouraging mindfulness**. We will focus on this throughout the year in various ways and connect it to whatever learning topic is current. This term we will be looking in particular at **MINDFULNESS**. We will be reflecting on the positive things that happen to us each day, practising a grateful mindset and spending time taking notice of our environment. We will also spend some time learning about manners and how to get along with others peacefully, being mindful of those around us. This fits in well with the **Key Competency Relating To Others** which is our KC term focus.

This is our year plan for behavior focus areas. As explained above we will start with mindfulness.

MMS Focus Areas

Mindful

Attitude

Kind

Attitude

Respectful

Attitude

Our learning focus for the first two weeks will be around rules and responsibilities and the Treaty of Waitangi. We will also be running a lantern making workshop for all classes this Friday and lanterns will be on display at the Wellington Lantern Festival, with the chance that your child could win a lovely prize.

Festival Days

When: Friday, 22nd February (5pm-12am);

Saturday, February 23rd (12pm-12am)

Where: Lower Cuba Street and surrounding areas

Year 8 Students

Our Year 8 students this year are Alex, Gus, Michael and James. They will be fantastic leaders and role models in the school. They may be able to help you if you need assistance at any time around the school.

Stationery/Mathletics

Thanks to those who have been so prompt with their stationery orders. It is great to get started in our new books. Some items may not be required depending on usage from 2018, please check with your child's teacher if you have queries. All stationery is available at school for purchase.

Mathletics will be up and running for 2019 by next week. If you are not sure about signing in or user/passwords – please contact your child's teacher so your child can access this fantastic resource from home.

Logging

Behind the back school boundary a logging operation is about to start. Over the holidays they have been cutting a track to the trees and they will start bringing the trees down and out on the driveway beside the school over the next few weeks. This operation will most likely continue into term 2. While this is going on, care will need to be taken around the driveway at the north of the school front fence. Please ensure you are with your children when they go out the gate and that you are checking the driveway carefully. We have asked that no trucks are moving during pick up and drop off times and while the bus is on the road, but caution is still advised. This is quite a small operation and we don't expect a lot of truck movement, possibly up to three loads per day on one truck, however please make sure you are taking care on the roads and when you are coming in and out of school. The contractor is going to try and advise me of the times the trucks are likely to be on the road, so as soon as I know that I will let you know. If you have any concerns, please let me know immediately.

Year 7 & 8 Technology Classes

Technology classes for Year 7 & 8 students start on Friday 22nd February. Please ensure your child has long hair tied back and closed in shoes. Students need their morning tea with them. Students in Karori may go straight there in the morning for a 9am start. All sessions are in the morning from 9am till 12:15pm.

Dates for sessions this term:

Friday 22nd February

Friday 8th March

Friday 15th March

Friday 22nd March

Friday 29th March

Friday 5th April

Friday 12th April

Students from Makara take the school bus to Karori after the last drop off here at school. The community van brings them back to school at lunch time. However we have too many students to fit in the van this term and will need a parent volunteer each week to bring some students back (2 or 3) They get picked up at 12:15pm from Karori West School.

If you can help with this, please send back the date/s you can do and we will put you on the roster.

If your child is away for tech classes, please let us know as this may mean we don't need a volunteer that day.

Fencing

For the next six weeks we will have our fencing contractor, Dion Smith, working around the school to replace the entire boundary fence. This may cause some inconvenience at times. He is going to do his best to work on the bits of fence that will have the most impact when we are not here (e.g. weekends). If you could give him plenty of space and ask your children to keep away from the areas where he is working we would all appreciate it. He will do his best to ensure everyone is kept safe and will need our support and consideration.

Head Lice

Head lice are often a problem at school this term, please keep up those regular checks and treat and clear before returning to school if anything is found. Students cannot attend school with living head lice. Thanks.

Thanks

During the holidays we have had people watering the garden, doing weeding and clearing and generally looking after things. Thanks to Liz and John Dickson for helping in a multitude of ways during the holidays. Thanks to William Beard for cutting up the fire wood for us and thanks to those who offered to do this. Thanks so much to all those people who helped, you are awesome.

School Hay

Many thanks to John Easter who worked over the hot summer break cutting, turning and baling our hay from around the bike track area. The hay has been sold and all profits are going toward the school building project.

Twilight Market

On Friday 22nd February we are having a Twilight Market from 4-8pm. If you are keen to help with this, please come along this Friday at 2pm for a Home and School (Fundraising) meeting where we will be organising what needs to be done. We need your help!

Funds raised will go towards our aim of getting more much needed space in the school.

Swimming Pool

Thanks to all our fantastic pool volunteers who have worked all holidays to ensure the pool is up and running as it should be. You are doing a great job!

Working Bee

Liz Rose has organised a working bee for Friday 16 February, after school from 3pm on, to clear around our newly planted native trees in the stream area. Please come along with gardening equipment and sturdy footwear so you can help out with this job. Many thanks.

Waitangi Day

Next Wednesday 6th February is Waitangi Day and is a holiday! Enjoy.

Litter Project

On Thursday 14th February Karearea is taking part in a very exciting initiative as follows.

The Litter Project is a three-year programme led by Sustainable Coastlines that aims to create a grass roots solution to beach litter in Aotearoa. Working in collaboration with the Ministry for the Environment, Statistics New Zealand and the Department of Conservation, we have developed a national beach litter survey methodology based on the United Nations Environment Programme survey methodology that will enable us to build an accurate picture of the beach litter problem in Aotearoa. By working to a United Nations Environment Program methodology, the data will be collected at the highest standard of scientific rigour, allowing it to be used for national, regional and international reporting, including progress against UN Sustainable Development Goals. What this will look like on the 14th is 3-4 hours including a classroom session, a field trip to the beach survey site and an audit of the litter collected.

If you are keen to help out with this, we will need volunteers for help with the beach clean up – getting to and from the beach and helping with a group at the beach. We will be leaving school for the beach at 10.15am and returning by lunchtime. Please use the form below if you can help. Postponement day is Friday 15th.

ERO Visit

On the last week of school last year, we were informed that on the week beginning 25th February we have a visit from ERO – Education Review Office. They come every few years to check that the school is meeting goals and running well. We will have a powhiri for them at 10am on Monday 25th February, followed by morning tea. You are most welcome to come along for this if you would like to welcome them to MMS. Please bring a plate.

School Dates

February

1 st	Lantern Making Workshops at school
1 st	Twilight Fair Meeting 2pm
6 th	Waitangi Day
13 th	BoT Meeting
14 th	Litter Project Beach Clean Up (Karearea)
15 th	Powhiri 2pm Assembly 2:30pm
16 th	Bike track opening 2pm
22 nd	First Tech
22 nd	Twilight Fair 4-8pm
25 th	ERO visit Powhiri at 2pm

March

1 st	Triathlon @ 1:45 Sausage Sizzle
5 & 6	Goal Setting Meetings
15 th	Assembly 2:30

April

12 th	Assembly 1:30 & Sausage Sizzle
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Community News

Disclaimer in reference to advertisements. MMS cannot guarantee these providers in any way and take no responsibility for what they provide.

PARENT DROP-IN-CENTRE:

Re-starting Monday 11th February 2019

You are invited to come and meet with other parents over a cuppa on school days
Monday mornings any time between 9:00am and 11:30am in St. Anselm's Union Church Lounge, at 30 Makara Road. Pre-schoolers welcome - lots of toys and indoor space to play!

Drama Club

Drama Club - After school Speech & Drama classes for children. I have small classes of approximately 5-7 students and all classes are grouped by similar age. Solo/group drama examinations are available for children of all ages. Please check the online class times for more details. Enrol your child at www.dramaclub.co.nz, or email Bridie at bridie@dramaclub.co.nz. Alternatively you can contact Bridie on 021 054 2593

RAROA MUSIC CENTRE FOR 2019

Raroa Music Centre offers Saturday morning group music lessons for primary school children at low cost. We still have availability for students in music basics, choir, recorder, ukulele, cello, clarinet, flute, drums, and orchestra. To enrol for 2019 visit our website at www.raroamusic.org.nz and enrol online. Enrolments close 9 February 2019.

Technology at KWNS – Fridays – Years 7 & 8

I am able to help with transport back to MMS, leaving Karori West school at 12.15pm on Fridays as per the dates in the newsletter above.

Name: Date/s able to help:.....

Karearea Beach Clean Up – Litter Project – Thursday 14 February

I am able to help with transport/and or supervision on the Beach trip, leaving school at 10.15am and returning to school for lunchtime.

Name : No of seats avail;