



Newsletter No. 2

12th February 2019

Dear Parents/Caregivers

We are into week three already. The time is flying by. The students have settled into school very well and are getting used to the routines of school life again. Each teacher has sent home a class newsletter with more details of their class programmes and further specific information for you. We hope you found this helpful.

Welcome

Welcome to Harry who has just started school this week in Piwakawaka class. His sister Olivia is in Kiwi class. Lovely to have you here with us Harry!!

Meet the Teacher

We will be having a meet the teacher afternoon next Tuesday from 3:10pm. Each teacher has a time slot where they will meet with parents of students in their class and go through some basics around the support they would like from home and general class routines and answer any general questions you might have. Teachers are doing this at different times so that parents with children in multiple classes can get to them all.

Sylvia – Piwakawaka (NE/Year 1)	3:10 – 3:30
Will - Tui (Year 1 & 2)	3:30 – 3:50
Evelyn – Kiwi (Year 3 & 4)	3:50 – 4:10
Katrina - Karearea (Year 5 to 8)	4:10 – 4:30

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 first assembly for 2019 will be this Friday 15th February at 2:30pm following a powhiri for our new students, families (term 4 2018/term 1 2019) and new staff. The powhiri will start at 2pm. If your child was new to the school this year or in term 4 last year they will be welcomed along with our new teachers. New families are invited to come along and be welcomed also.

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

Lanterns

On the first Friday back the students all made lanterns for the Wellington Lantern Festival. You will be able to see your child's lantern on display on Dixon Street during the festival and then they will be returned to them at school. You can also vote for your favourite lantern by going on line. The winner of this competition gets a fantastic trip to China! If you don't want your child in the competition, please let us know by Wednesday this week.

For full event details and to vote for your favourite lantern, visit: www.wellingtonnightmarket.co.nz

Festival Days

Sat 23 Feb 2019, 5:00pm–12:00am

Sun 24 Feb 2019, 12:00pm–12:00am

Where: Lower Cuba Street and surrounding areas

Cricket Tournament

Karearea are sending two teams to the Western Zone Cricket Tournament at Karori Park on Tuesday 26 February (postponement 28 Feb). We will need to leave school at 9.00am and will be back by 3pm. We will need cars for transport and at least 1 parent to stay for the day. Please let Katrina know asap if you can help.

Cooking Groups

Thanks to Anna and Sophie who have taken cooking groups this term, making yummy creations with zucchini from the garden. If you are keen to take a small group for cooking, please let us know.

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.

Logging Trucks

The logging trucks should be starting over the next week. We have asked them not to be on the road at our peak times, (8:15 – 9:15am and 2:45-3:45pm) but please be aware that they are operating and take care both on the road and around the driveway.

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 Feb
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. Pam (Jorja's Grandmother) has volunteered to bring back the students that won't fit in the van.

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

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.

Emergency Contact Details

Please check that our emergency contact details are correct for you, **PLEASE SEND THEM BACK WITH ANY CHANGES MADE OR A TICK TO MARK THAT THEY ARE ALL CORRECT. THANK YOU**

Board Meeting

We have our first board meeting tomorrow at 5:30.

Lucky Books

Orders for the Lucky Book Club can be made online or returned to school by this Thursday.

Office

From the 14th to 28th February there will only be office personnel available on Tuesdays and Thursdays so if you could keep your queries to these days that would be much appreciated. Thank you.

Goal Setting

We have goal setting meetings coming up on March 5th and 6th. These meetings are between parents/caregivers, teachers and students. They are 15 minutes long and during the meeting you will be setting academic and/or behavioural goals. It is really important that you come along to these as teachers really appreciate having the time to discuss each child individually with parents. An appointment booking sheet is attached. Please get in early to get a spot that suits you.

Twilight Market

On Friday 22nd February we are having a Twilight Market from 4-8pm. We need your help! Funds raised will go towards our aim of getting more much needed space in the school.

The fair is going to be awesome, we have lots of great food and drinks options, (don't have to worry about dinner that night), awesome stalls, fun things to do and awesome raffle prizes. There will be a bouncy castle, pony rides, games, face painting, henna, story telling and animal petting - lots for kids to do. We are going to be as environmentally friendly as possible, so please bring your own bags and cash is helpful.

We have put together a list of jobs that need to be done and would like you to take a look and put your name down to help where possible. We hope to get enough helpers so people can swap around and not be busy helping the whole time. The job list was sent to you last week and there is a hard copy at the office.

What else we need you to do to help

Share the advertising flyer also sent out last week, with as many people as possible, put it up at work, any other places where people will see it. We are keen to get lots of people along.

Send along white elephant (good quality) used things - deliver to Anne Rose at 467 Makara Road or drop at school and Anne will collect from here. Thanks to those who have already sent things along.

Send along good quality clothing and shoes - this week or next would be great as Emma would like to organise it all etc. Please send it to school, clean and ready to sell.

If you have a fence easily seen by the public, it would be great if we could put a sign on it. Let us know if you can do this.

Send along anything we can use for lucky dip prizes or prizes for the games.

Friday morning (day of the fair) Every Family

Send baking - (cakes, muffins, slices, cupcakes)

Send home made fudge, chocolate, coconut ice, toffee apples, toffee

Send along any produce - fruit, vegetables, plants, eggs, preserves

The fair starts at 4pm and we will be setting up from 3pm. If you can collect your children early that day (2:30) it would be a big help. **The bus will pick up at 2:30 and so students will be at their drop off spot half an hour earlier than usual.**

Transport for Pickles the sheep

Hi there, we're after some transport for Pickles the sheep for our school fair that's happening 4-8pm, on Friday 22 February.

Is anyone able to pick Pickles up and drop him home from South Makara Rd for us please?

We need your help to make this fair a success. Thank you! Thanks to Jenny S, Liz T, Anita and Anne R who have already been working very hard on the organisation and advertising.

Working Bee

Liz Rose has organised a working bee for Friday 16 Feb, after school from 3pm, 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.

ERO Visit

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.

Litter Project

This Thursday 14th February Karearea is taking part in a very exciting initiative taking place at school and at Makara Beach.

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.

Plan for the day

9am - a brief presentation about The Litter Project - Ben and Oliver, Sustainable Coastlines

Leave school for the beach at 9:45am

Beach clean up for one hour

Return to school at 11:00 - litter audit

Finish by lunch time.

We only have two helpers so far - thanks Nic and Anne! We need some more helpers please. We need volunteers

for help with the beach clean up - getting to and from the beach and helping with a group at the beach. Please let us know by tomorrow morning if you can help. Helpers need to be at school by 9:30am. Postponement day is Friday 15th.

Weet-Bix Tryathlon

If you are keen to enter this great event, please see below for instructions on how to register as part of MMS group. We can win some cool prizes if lots of MMS kids enter this way.

- Entries are open for the **Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon - Wellington on Sunday, 17 March 2019** at **Kilbirnie Park, Wellington.**
- The TRYathlon is all about giving it a TRY and is a rewarding and fun day out for you and your child.
- Participants need to be aged 7-15 years old on event day, and can complete the TRYathlon as an individual or in a team of two.
- To enter the TRYathlon visit www.try.weetbix.co.nz
- Our school has created a School Group which you can join when you enter from home. Search for Makara Model School when prompted. By linking to our school group it will give us the chance to win some great prizes.
- The direct link to register into our school group is <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=31847&G=81828>
- If someone you know requires financial assistance to enter the TRYathlon, through either subsidised entry fees or funding for necessary equipment, then you can apply to the Weet-Bix TRYathlon Foundation for assistance. Visit www.tryathlon.co.nz/foundation for details.
- If you have any school related questions please contact Gail Dewar on principal@mms.school.nz otherwise contact the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon team; email tryathlon@sanitarium.co.nz or phone 0800 WEET BIX (0800 9338 249).

Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge

So you're tough, but are you tough enough to take on the Tough Guy and Gal Challenges?

If you want to get down and dirty and have a whole lot of fun, then these unique off-road running events are for you. The junior events are open to both male and female competitors who are 7 to 12 years of age. (year 3-8) 2019 will see the Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge in its 6th year running. This is a chance for primary and intermediate aged kids to get involved in New Zealand's biggest mud run series in a version tailored especially for them!

Wellington

Thursday 23rd May - 10am start

If you are interested please see the link below.

(<https://eventpromotions.co.nz/tough-guy-gal-challenge/wellington/#junior>)

Entering as part of our school group.

We will be using the Parents Entering Online option.

Please make sure you write the school name in FULL, so we can link your child with the rest of your school
 Make sure you tick TEACHER for bib collection. If you tick Parent then they will NOT be bundled with your school group on the day of the event.

It is a school day and we are happy for students to attend this event, but the school won't be able to provide transport or supervision, but can possibly link you up with other families going if they are happy to take extras. It will be up to each family to organize themselves. Please let us know as soon as possible if you have entered your child or children in this event. Thanks.

School Dates

February

13th BoT Meeting
 14th Litter Project Beach Clean Up (Karearea)
 15th Powhiri 2pm Assembly 2:30pm
 16th Working Bee from 3pm
 19th Meet the teacher afternoon
 22nd First Tech
 22nd Twilight Fair 4-8pm
 25th ERO visit Powhiri at 2pm
 26th Cricket Tournament Karearea

March

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

April

12th Assembly 1:30 & Sausage Sizzle
 12th Last Day of term
 29th First Day term 2

ASB Supporting Schools

The ASB Supporting Success \$500 School Sponsorship Voucher is still available.

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate \$500 to our school.

Community News

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

Anita's Before & After School Care

Hi to all our children and parents both old and new! For those of you who don't know me, my name is Anita Grafton and I am Mya's (Karearea) and Hari's (Kiwi) mum. I started the before and after school care service last year and it has worked well in providing a safe, happy, loving and cost-effective place for MMS children and their whanau. We are situated at 411 Makara Road which is directly next to the school.

Hours – Monday to Friday mornings (7.30am to 9 am) afternoons (3pm to 6pm). Each child will receive afternoon tea (food allergies catered for), will have focused play opportunities with their friends and home work will be completed. We do fun competitions and projects with parties and festivals along the way!

During the school holidays, I also provide a holiday program, where we have a planned week/s activity table, which is age appropriate and cost effective. I am extremely flexible and am happy to organise child care at the last minute where required. Also, happy to drop children home at 5.30pm (at a small petrol cost) for those families living in Karori.

I am a qualified secondary teacher and am Ministry of Justice checked, and I am a qualified counsellor/therapist. Until this year I was also on the school board as a parent representative.

For families (old and new) I look forward to looking after your child/ren. Please feel free to contact me on 0211344602 or patil16@hotmail.com to discuss your needs. Nga Mihi, Anita

Cricket Tournament - Tuesday 26 February (postponement 28 Feb)

I can help with transport and/or supervision. We will need to leave school at 9.00am for Karori Park and will be back at school by 3pm.

Name:..... No. of seats avail

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;