

****Welcome Back For Term 2****
Entertainment Books Coming Home Today

Tēnā koutou – Welcome:

Welcome back to all students after what I trust was a relaxing and refreshing two week break. A special welcome to the following New Entrants who started yesterday:- Roman Tuitama, Alexander Kerekes, Arabella Bradley, Jumarone Matini Ito, Ryan Oo and Abdallah Nebo. To date we have welcomed 48 new students since the start of the year, after removing a few children who shifted away over the holidays, our total roll currently stands at 386.



Congratulations to Che, Ben and Solomon who performed extremely well at the Senior Swimming Sports late last term.

Senior School Swimming Sports:

Well done again to all students who participated in a very successful Senior School Swimming Sports late last term. A special swimming cup will be awarded to the top point scoring girl and boy at the senior assembly next Monday morning.

Maranui FM Student Radio Re-Launch:

We look forward to the re-launch and re-branding of our popular MaranuiFM school radio station this term. Senior School students are all invited to **apply** to be part of the radio management team. Parents are encouraged to support their child by helping them with their letter of application. The management team will consist of the announcers, website writers, news reporters, community liaison persons, and advertising and publicity personnel. Task descriptions for each of these roles are displayed on posters throughout the senior school. Applications should be addressed to Mr Thompson, and **close on Friday 11 May.**

School Closed Tomorrow – Anzac Day:

You are reminded that school will be closed tomorrow, Wed 25 April, for ANZAC Day.

Red Balloon Day – Asthma Foundation – Fri 4 May:

Many of our children suffer from asthma. We have decided this is an excellent reason to support the fundraising efforts of the Foundation. We are having a “Wear Your Favourite Balloon Colour Day” on **Friday 4th May – Red Balloon Day**. Please encourage your child to wear one colour all over and bring along a gold coin donation to help raise funds towards education and support of asthma sufferers.

Entertainment Books Coming Home Today:

As previously mentioned, **if you haven’t returned an opt-out form**, your approval copy of this year’s Entertainment Book should have been sent home today. Books should arrive home in a special protective envelope with your child’s name printed on the outside. As previously mentioned, we believe that all offers are genuine and are available from now through to 1 June 2013. This is a valuable fundraiser for us, as last year we raised around \$1,200 from sales.

After you have had a good look at the wonderful offers you can either:-

1. Send payment to school office - \$60. Please use the labelled envelope to enclose your payment. (We get \$12 of this as fundraising commission) **OR**
2. Simply return the book in good condition – again in the envelope it arrived home in (book must be in undamaged condition to be re-sold)

Holiday Vandalism:

As previously mentioned, we seem to have a new tagger in our neighbourhood. During the first week of the holidays the school was again victim to multiple tags and this wilful vandalism is such a nuisance to deal with. On top of this, we had a Senior School shade sail damaged and a roof skylight between Rooms 8&9 was also broken, meaning that people were playing on school roofs. Again, please be vigilant if you are around the school out of hours and if you spot any problem behaviour, please call 111 immediately. Your eyes are our best helpers!!

Illegal Parking Outside Junior School:

If you are the driver of a Nissan Terrano 4WD (CTJ865), please do NOT park on the yellow lines outside the Junior School. Your illegal parking makes it extremely difficult for our school patrols, as they can’t see the roadway past your vehicle. Your actions have been reported by at least two parents, and your illegally parked vehicle has also been photographed. We are very serious about the safety of our children, and any repeat actions of your illegal parking will be reported to the authorities without further warning.

Lost Bike:

A blue bike went missing from our bike-stand late last term. It has 12 gears. Please contact the school office if you can assist us in getting this bike back to its rightful owner.

School Starts 8.55am – please be on time:

With winter approaching this is a timely reminder that school starts at 8.55am daily – not 9.00am or later. It is important that children are at school each day prior to the 8.55am start, as teachers give important start-of-day information to the children and remind them about any special arrangements for the day. When children are late, they miss out on these notices, and this can easily lead to confusion and not knowing what to do...a good way to put children off school altogether!! Your full support with getting children to school on time is appreciated.

Flyers / Publications In Foyer:

- Motu Kairangi Saturday Netball Handbook & Rules**
- Tots to Teens:** Parenting magazine
- Kilbirnie Rec Centre:** After School programmes

Community Noticeboard:

- House for Rent:** Family home in Island Bay available for rent from May – October whilst owners overseas. 3 bedrooms fully furnished. Great location. Please contact Rebekah (Ph 383-8499) or (021) 493-783.
- Heart to Heart 1 Day FREE Parenting Course:** Sat 12 May. 9.30am-5.30pm. Johnsonville. Call Chris Wilson (Ph 938-9470) for details.
- Children’s Bookshop – Andy Griffiths Visit:** Tues 8 May, 4-4.30pm. Kilbirnie Plaza. Free admission.
- Kids Bike Jam: Trentham Memorial Park.** Sun 13 May. Early bird entries close Mon 30 April. www.kidsbikejams.co.nz

Tax-refundable Donation:

The Term 2 Tax-refundable Donation is now due. We rely heavily on funds collected from this levy to pay for **extra** classroom resources and school-wide activities that we cannot provide from our current level of government funding. Items include special equipment and classroom resources, class visits, shows, bus hire etc. Thank you for your assistance and ongoing support for the school.

TERM 2 ACTIVITIES DONATION - Now due for payment

Name of Child: **Room No:**

- Please find enclosed:- Term 2 Activities Levy - \$30.00**
A Receipt for Tax Refund will be issued. Please keep in a safe place as we are unable to provide a duplicate.