



MARINA VIEW SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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kia ora, annyong hesayo, ni hao, namaste, talofa, ni sa bula, buenas dias, goeie, greetings

Tena koutou e te whanau, he mihi nui ki a koutou katoa. Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Last Wednesday evening, our teachers and teachers from four other schools (Summerland, Pomaria, Henderson Valley and West Harbour) met to launch a joint initiative focused on promoting excellence within our schools. It is an exciting initiative that will have our schools over the next four years investigating, undertaking and sharing inquiries into best teaching practice and strategies that improve and enhance student learning. Graeme Aitken, senior lecturer from the Faculty of Education at the University of Auckland set the scene with a presentation 'How do we know teaching is effective in our schools?' that both stimulated and challenged all present. It is great to work alongside a staff that models life long learning to our children. I am looking forward to the outcomes of this project over the next four years.

Feet First Week was very successful last week with a large number of students walking to school. Thanks to Kelly Aylett for co-ordinating the promotion and to all parents who supported the week by walking with your children to and from school.

This week has been a busy one at Marina View. Our Year 8 students have been away camping at Turangi, our Year 7 students took part in a team building 'Activity Week' and Team Moore has also been camping, at Carey Park. These activities are experiences the children will remember for a long time. They will remember their personal accomplishments, the relationships they developed, and the support of the parents and teachers who attended these activities with them. Thanks to the teachers in; Team Gillingham and Team Moore, and to Mrs Bergin-Stuart for making sure these great activities ran so smoothly and thanks to all parents involved for ensuring that these experiences were so successful.



On Wednesday and Thursday Team Aylett visited the Refuse Station. The trip gave me a new insight into refuse and recycling, I didn't realise that rubbish and worms could be so interesting. Also this week artist Graham Dodd taught our Year 1-4 students how to effectively use colour in their art. The sessions were great as were the artworks the children produced.

Tomorrow is our Junior School Athletics day. I am sure that we will be impressed by the athleticism and sportsmanship of our junior school students.

Well done to our Year 7 and 8 boys who won the North West Cluster softball competition. A great effort!

Kind Regards
Maurice Young

OUR PTA NEWS

BRUCE WALDOCK and ASSOCIATES

provide empathy & excellence in small animal care at

WEST HARBOUR VET CLINIC

77 Hobsonville Road - West Harbour (near motorway) PHONE: 416-6388
a N.Z. Vet Association BEST PRACTICE Clinic

COMING EVENTS

March

- 14 - Junior School Athletics.
- Junior Assembly R 16.
- 17 - Book Week
- 21 - Good Friday— Holiday
- 24 - Easter Monday—Holiday
- 25 - Easter Tuesday—Holiday
- 28 - Senior Assembly

Parent Reading Support Team

Later in the month we will be holding 2 sessions (Thursday 27th March and Thursday 3rd April at 1.30pm) for parent helpers, and other interested parents, about strategies to use when listening to your children read.

We are hoping to start a programme in the school where parents come and read with individual students on a weekly basis. This will involve a 20-30 minute session once a week, on a one-to-one with a child, so that you can listen to them read and they will be able to practice their skills. Please see, phone (4167524 x705), or email (mmcfarlane@marinav.school.nz) Mrs McFarlane if you are interested in attending these sessions.

Catch the Reading Wave at the Book Fair Beach!

Book Week starts on Monday next. The Book Fair will be open from 8.15am-10.00am and 2.30pm-6.00pm on Tuesday and Wednesday. On Thursday, Years 14 have a Hat and Mask Parade from 9.00am on the Back Court (in Hall if wet). Our Big Red Friend will attend and everyday there will be a Competition in the library to guess how many shells are in the jar. Guest readers in the library from 1.00pm. look forward to seeing you !

CONGRATULATIONS / THANK YOU

To those parents who have kindly donated school uniforms to the PTA for sale. Thanks so much.....



COMMUNITY NEWS

Waitakere FC Soccer (Midgets / Juniors)
 Spaces available in all ages DOB in 1991 through to DOB in 2003. Further information/registration forms please call Nicky 021-515-102 Late registration evening Thursday 28th February 5pm-6pm at the Waitakere City Football Clubrooms. Fred Taylor Park, State Highway 16 . Phone Nicky for other alternatives www.waitakerecityfc.org.nz

West Harbour Playcentre 25th Jubilee is on Saturday 12th April. We would like to invite any past West Harbour Playcentre families, to attend a Open Day Gala at the centre, on 12th April, party to follow in the evening. It is important for us to know numbers, please phone Susan Blake: 416:1924, after 6pm if you wish to attend, or email Susan at paulk1@ihug.co.nz

Waitakere Sounds - FREE concert re-scheduled! Kantuta and the Latin Fever dancers. Now Sunday 30th March 1pm. – 4pm, Luckens Reserve.

Ballet Lessons in West Harbour from 3+ years. Visit www.cameronballet.co.nz or ph Chrissy 627-7291 *Babysitter available: reliable, responsible and great with children \$5/hr ph: Nicole 416 7476.

YMCA Holiday Programme— suitable for ages 5—15 years at Massey Leisure Centre. Activities include movies, ice skating, museum and art and sports days. WINZ enrolment night is Thursday 10 April from 4.30pm to 6.30pm. For more information phone 833-8100 or enrol online www.nzymca.com. Enrolments for **Term programmes** Y-Gymnastics, Y-Dance, Y-Soccer and Y-Basketball also available.

Join Curves for Exercise. Annual 10th Annual Food Drive. Bring a bag of non-perishable food items until March 15 and join Curves for \$30.00. All groceries donated to local food banks. Phone 832-1900—579e Don Buck Rd, Westgate.

Female Home Help Required— \$15 hours per week. Light household duties such as preparing meals with me and dusting and de-cluttering. Only kind, honest people need reply. Please phone Elizabeth : 416-2167 after 3.00pm.

Creative Writing for Children 8-12 years. Have fun writing poems, stories and more. \$80 for 8 weeks starting Friday 16 May, at Marina View Hall 3.45pm - 5pm. Phone Alicia 416 4554/ 0211330442 for more information.

Basketball Camp at Rutherford College from Wednesday 30 April to Thursday 1 May and Friday 2nd May. Times : 8.30am.to 4.00pm. each day. Cost: \$115 P.P. Discount available—closing date is 23 April. Copies of Registration Form in MVS Office. Or online www.maniacbasketball.com

Girl Guide Biscuits for sale from Carole Hoy : Phone: 833-7212. \$2.80 to \$3.00 per packet for plain and chocolate biscuits.

You Can Start CeroC Dancing Any Week and don't need a partner or dance experience. On Monday 17th March, there is a free Introduction night so come along and give it a go at 7.30pm, at Greenhithe School Hall, Sunnyview Road.

A VERY HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!



OUR CHILDREN



Our Year 7's had a great time on Monday and Tuesday this week learning Team Building Exercises and Bivvy Building. On Wednesday and Thursday there are more exciting things planned