



MARINA VIEW SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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kia ora, annyong hesayo, ni hao, namaste, talofa, ni sa bula, buenas días, goedendag, greetings

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

Welcome back to Term 2 at Marina View School. It's great to see all the smiling faces back at school. I hope that you all had some wonderful family time together. I am sure that our children have had a chance to relax and re-energise over the holiday period and are ready for a busy term ahead. Welcome to the new children who have just started at school, and to their families. I am sure that you will enjoy your time as part of the Marina View School community and we look forward to getting to know you in the times ahead. Welcome also Dominique Bennell who is teaching in our New Entrant classroom that has started this term. We are pleased to have you as part of our school community.

This term we are all undertaking a study of Space in a topic we are calling **"Reach for the Stars"**. The topic has shown to be one that the children are really excited about and there is already a buzz of activity around the school. Last week Team Gillingham visited the recently refurbished Stardome Observatory to look at their new digital programme. It was a great experience and all of our teams are looking forward to their visits during the term.

It's not just our children who have been learning new things. This year and next our teachers are involved in a comprehensive Ministry of Education **Literacy Professional Development Project** focused on inquiring into their classroom reading programmes and ways that we can assist children enhance their reading achievement. We are currently analysing student achievement data and observing our teaching practice to look at what aspects of development we will focus on. It is an exciting initiative to be involved in and will help ensure that we are offering the best possible reading programmes to our children.

We have been fortunate to have a **'Worm Farm'** donated to our school by **Mercury Energy** as part of their commitment to supporting school's and the wider community. We are one of 10 schools in Auckland to have been provided with a 'Worm Farm'. It is greatly appreciated and will assist our children with environmental studies and a greater understanding of ways to support environmental sustainability.

Also over the last week we have had a visit from **Ronald McDonald**, coaching from **Soccer Waitakere** and students participating in an **Interschool Golf Competition**. It has been a busy but enjoyable start to the term.

Have a great weekend

Regards

Maurice Young



OUR PTA NEWS

- Entertainment Books home on Friday 16 May
- PTA meeting Monday 19 May in the Staffroom at 7.00pm.
 - Disco on Friday 23 May

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COMING EVENTS

- May
- 16 - Senior Assembly R.25.
- Team Cain to Observatory.
- 20 - Team Barnard to Observatory.
- 21 - Team Moore to Observatory.
- 22 - Rugby Field Day
- Young Leaders Conference.
- NW Zone Girls Soccer
- 23 - School Disco.
- NW zone Boys Soccer
- Junior Assembly R.11.
- 23-24 - 24 hour Famine
- 28 - Picasso Art Workshop 3.15pm to 6.15pm.
- Year 7 PHN Talk re Immunisations.
- 29 - Australian Science Competition.
- 30 - Senior Assembly R.24.

Activity Fees

Please note the children's Activity Fees for the Term are now due. Please place in a named envelope and give to class teacher :

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| Team Gillingham | = | \$18.00 |
| Team Moore | = | \$20.00 |
| Team Barnard | = | \$18.00 |
| Team Cain | = | \$18.00 |
| Team Eyles | = | \$18.00 |
| Team Aylett | = | \$20.00 |
| Team Youens | = | \$10.50 |

Marina View Dental Clinic

Please note that the Dental Technicians have advised that the Marina View Dental clinic will close within 5 years.

Parents wanting to know more regarding accessing dental care for their children in future can contact: Auckland Regional Dental Service—839-0565 and have the proposal sent out or read copies to be found in the School Office or the Dental Clinic.

Winter is Around the Corner

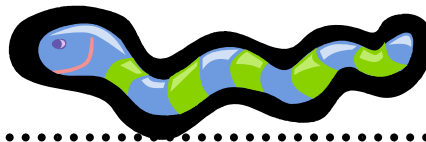
And so are the coughs and colds. If your child is unwell please keep them at home as germs spread to other pupils and staff. Be sure to let the school know by phone or email by 9.00am if your child is home sick. Please also notify the teacher of the reason for absence when your child returns.

Administering Medication

From time to time children are on medication. If your child needs to have medicine given in school time would you please fill in our Authority Form for Prescribed Medication so that staff can administer it safely. n.b. It must be stored in sickbay.

Can you Sew?

If you can sew would you be able to make us a Worm for the Juniors. If so please contact Mrs Meredith McFarlane 416-7524.



COMMUNITY NEWS

After School French Lessons in Term 2—enrol now with Patsy—ABC Language Tuition phone: 411-8980.

English Language Lessons—with experienced English teacher, 1 or 2 hour lessons during school hours, beginners to advanced It's fun! Phone Katherine 416-8582 or 0273-482-266.

Children's Haircuts - Saturday and Sunday only—please phone 416-4887 to make an appointment.

Part-time accountant / office manager required local—phone Mike 0272-426391.

The Parenting Place— practical workshops for parents in term 2 from 5 May to 4 July. All sessions \$10.00 for bookings go www.theparentingplace.org.nz or phone 09-524-0025.

Creative Writing for Kids 8-12 yrs. Have fun writing poems, short stories and more. Fridays 3.45pm -5pm in Marina View School Hall. Ph. Alicia (09) 416 4554 or 021 133 0442 to enrol.

Are We Happy Yet? Public lecture to be held on Wednesday, 4 June at 6pm in the Gold Lecture Theatre, Building, 180 Unitec New Zealand, Mt Albert Campus All are welcome RSVP by 26th May 2008 email : achai@unitec.ac.nz telephone : 09 - 815 4321 x 7044.

CONGRATULATIONS / THANK YOU

Thank you to all those parents who kindly donated uniforms to the second-hand sale this week—much appreciated

OUR CHILDREN



We see a **Rocket** and some of the **Space Creatures** which the Intermediate students made. These will be used on MVTV and filmed as part of their Space Study Project.



Our five year olds visited the **Butterfly House** in New Lynn recently. They enjoyed the gardens and did some very good work about the development of a caterpillar to a butterfly.

