



A community of lifelong learners who make a difference
He Kura e ako taumano ana hei whai painga

COMING EVENTS

8th Mar	Rural Schools Swimming Sports
11th-15th Mar	Fundamental Skills
15th Mar	Assembly 9.15am
18th Mar	NZEI Paid Union Meeting (1:30pm to 3pm)
21 Mar	Brayshaw Park
29th Mar	Assembly 9.15am
11th April	Red Cross Community Day
12th April	Term 1 Ends

Kia ora koutou

Some Good News and Some Not Such Good News:

Firstly the not such good news, lately we have had a series of minor acts of vandalism/ misuse of property around the school. These seem to be happening after school and during the weekends. Though mostly minor activities, when combined together and with growing frequency, we are starting to get a bit concerned. We are asking our Grovetown School community to be extra aware of what is happening in and around the school, if you are here after school or during the weekends. If you see something suspicious please let me (or Debbie at the office) know or if you are really concerned notify the Police immediately.

The good news is we are going to Fundamental Skills at Stadium 2000 next week. This is an action packed and exciting programme that the stadium staff run for Marlborough schools. You should have received a notice about the details of the programme last week with the school newsletter. If you didn't receive a notice or you would like to know more, please talk about this with your child's classroom teacher.

Lastly, some news that is kind of good and kind of not, our school pool is closing. It's good news that the pool has had a fantastic summer and has had an amazing amount of use (from both the school and the local community). What's not such good news though, is that the water temperature is dropping, due to the overnight air temperature getting colder. The cold temperature and the fact we are going to Fundamental Skills next week, means we have decided that the last school swimming day is going to be this Friday (8th March). So make sure the kids bring their togs and towel for one last swim for this summer!

Ka kite ano
Dave

NEWS AND NOTICES

School Accounts

Did you know you can get tax credit for paying your school donations? Please see Debbie if you would like to do this. Term 1 school accounts will be attached to the newsletter in week 8. If you have any questions please see Debbie.

Contact Details

If you change your address, or cell phone number please let Debbie know.

If your child is away from school please ring or text school with the reason why they are away each day please. Our school cellphone number is 0275116818.

Swimming

Last day for swimming in school pool tomorrow. Please return all keys to Debbie in the office.

Marlborough Hospice Vehicle Display

Sunday 10th March at Waterlea Racecourse (entrance off McLauchlan Street) \$5 per vehicle with all proceeds going to the Marlborough Hospice. Gates open for public viewing 11am-3pm. Bring a picnic lunch or enjoy food from the vendors on the day. Gold coin on entry. For more details ph 5777655.

ASB Bank

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 to your chosen participating school \$500.00.

Basketball

If any children interested in playing basketball please see Debbie for more information.

Subway Lunches

Are you interested in your child/ren having a subway lunch once each week? If so please see Debbie in the office. If we have enough interest we have a parent that is happy to make this happen.

CLASS AND SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

A Friendly Reminder about School Start and Finish Times:

As a part of our requirements for the Ministry of Education the school is expected to keep records and report on students attendance and punctuality.

Lately we have noticed a growing number of students arriving late to school. When children arrive late and class has already begun this can be quite disruptive to the learning of the class and the child concerned.

Our normal Grovetown School class programme runs from 8:55am to 3pm. Children are expected to be at school and ready to join in the programme at 8:55am. For this reason we recommend that children are dropped off at school around 8:45am. That way they will have enough time to get their things ready for the day, interact with their friends, and be ready for when class starts at 8:55am.

We know that from time to time things happen and you do end up running a bit late, in these instances if you know that you will be late (e.g. an appointment) or your child is late, we ask that you let Debbie in the office know and also let her know when your child arrives at school.



Assembly

Assembly's will be on alternate weeks on Friday morning at 9.15am this year. The next Assembly is Friday 15th March.

Honey and Jam

We are selling Honey, Blackberry and Plum Jam. \$5 per jar. Please see Debbie in the Office.

The Kiwi Can Corner



In Kiwi Can this week we're learning about conflict. Younger students will be focussing more on identifying conflict and finding out more about what makes conflict bigger - and what makes it smaller. With older tamariki we'll also begin to explore different strategies to avoid and manage conflict.

Here are some ideas you might like to talk about at home...

- What did you learn about in Kiwi Can *this* week?
- Why might it be important that we learn how to manage or solve conflict?
- Does resolving a conflict always mean finding out who was right and who was wrong?
- Did you use any strategies to resolve conflict this week (at school, with your brother/sister etc)? What did you try? How did it go? What are some other options you can *also* try?

Positive Relationships

Means working and playing in safe and thoughtful ways with others.



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