



Marlborough Boys' College

June 2020



Comments from the Principal

International Week

Kia ora koutou whānau,

I am delighted to be communicating with you with the school fully functioning at level 1. It has been a great pleasure to see all of the students working and engaging so well with the staff around the grounds and their learning. It has certainly been unprecedented times and has required a lot of work to overcome the challenges we have had to face. At this point I would like to congratulate everyone; staff, students, whānau/parents and the community for the amazing work that has gone in to making the lockdown and return to school be so successful.

It was excellent to see the engagement with the senior conference day and atmosphere around looking at progress and next steps re NCEA. NZQA have indicated the changes to the exam timetable at the end of the year, which is on their website, and the requirements for level 1-3 including university entrance. We will be working with the students to track their progress towards their goals. It is timely to remind you that you do not have to wait until now to get feedback from staff for your son.

You will see later in the newsletter, the success of our Old Boys. Some significant leaders in New Zealand at the moment are Darren 'Digby' Webb the Assistant Chief of Defence, James Gilmour, NZ Defence Force Commander, and Graham Le Gros, who heads biomedical research at the Malaghan Institute and is working on a New Zealand-made vaccine for Covid-19. We are looking to celebrate the success of former MBC students more often and would love to hear from you all. It is positive for students to see the great work of our Old Boys and where they could end up.

Next term will be incredibly busy with derived grade exams and the work to make sure our students are progressing to their full potential. Attendance is still a real focus for us as a school. The link between attendance and achievement has significant evidence worldwide and is a key area for us to improve the outcomes for our students.

As staff we will be continuing to look to further the develop the school, specifically focussing on the areas of school culture, curriculum and data/evidence.

Jeremy Marshall, Principal



Obituary - Bill Thomas

The college wishes to acknowledge the passing of an Old Boy and staff member – Wiremu (Bill) Thomas.

Bill was raised in Picton, and travelled through to Blenheim on the famous 'cabbage train'. He was selected to be Head Boy of the college in 1968, before heading to Wellington to complete a degree at Victoria University.

Bill joined the teaching staff of the college in the 1982 where he was TIC of Māori until 1986.

Bill had a marvellous sense of humour and was a friend to all. He was renowned for his fundraising for various causes- especially kapa haka groups and the Leos' Club. Raffles and coin trails were specialities. For a while crayfish carcasses were very popular!

Wiremu was certainly larger than life. He was a matua in every sense of the word. Although he started his career at Marlborough Boys' College, he taught in all three Marlborough colleges. At weekends we was to be found, at what became an almost permanent site, at the Railway Station car boot sale.

He will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. Era i roto i te rangimarie rangatira, e manaaki atu Wiremu.



Photo courtesy from Facebook

Principal's Appointment

The Board of Trustees has begun the process for appointing a permanent principal, with a view to confirming that appointment before the end of this 2020 year. To assist in the process the Board has engaged an NZSTA-accredited consultant who has experience with appointing secondary school principals and will add a desired level of independence to the process. The position has been advertised in the June and July Education Gazette as well as on the Seek website.

Co-location News Term 2 Update

Work continues towards the co-location of Marlborough Boys' College with Marlborough Girls' College. Most of the work that is underway was able to continue without disruption during the Covid-19 lockdown.

We are excited that the next phases of the project will involve the Ministry of Education appointing delivery partners to use our Education Brief to draw up a 'master plan' and associated 'concept plans'.

The plans will propose the location of buildings and engineering structures on the McLauchlan Street site, as well as the order in which work will be carried out. For more information relating to co-location please see the latest newsletter accessible via the co-location website <https://www.marlboroughcolleges.co.nz/post/april-newsletter>

Dates to Remember

TERM 3 KEYDATES

Monday 27 July

Subject selection open

Thursday 30 July

MBC Options Expo

3-4 August

St Bede's Exchange

Wednesday 5 August

Junior Social

Tuesday 11 August

Year 8 Information Evening

Wednesday 12 August

Semi Formal

Friday 14 August

Performing Arts Presentation

Friday 21 August

Teacher Only Day

21-28 August

Derived Grade Exams

31 August - 6 September

Winter Tournament Week

Tuesday 22 September

Cultural Prizegiving

25 September

Senior Conference Day

STUDENT REFLECTION

This is from 29 March 2020, Week 1 of lockdown, from Year 9 student Edward Potts: (spelling as presented by him.)

Has been horrific Mum and Dad are on my case all the time my siblings are very annoying. I have done lots of maths homework and I had my first zoom meeting for school. We have started an audiobook as a family and I started my book for English. I have nearly finished my Design and graphics. If I am going to survive this I am going to need to grow up, stop winding up everyone and help the family stay joyful before we all kill each other. When Mum went shopping we had to stay away while dad puts on some gloves and wipes down everything and I mean everything. David is getting a bit reslas as well because he has been told that he can not go on his bike outside to "just ride round" what he actually means is he wants to pop wheels and rec his tyres by doing skids on the road plus his precise stories. I tried doing that once and bruised my arm. This first week without lying has been a nightmare so I hope it is better next week.

Old Boys' in the News

The defence force recruiters visited the school on Thursday 25 June. All three of the services were represented and some parents took advantage of the opportunity to listen to the recruitment process and learn about life in the armed forces. If your son could not attend, the recruiters left a copy of practice exercises students could use to prepare themselves for the test. We have a master copy in the Careers Office and students are welcome to pick up one of these.

The recruiters mentioned Marlborough Boys' College and the school's long history of students joining the armed forces. Of note is James Gilmour who is now the New Zealand Defence Force Commander Headquarters Joint Forces. James Gilmour joined the Navy in 1985 and his 33 year career has included: ship navigation, helicopter aviation, senior staff appointments, major fleet unit command, Deputy Maritime Component Commander, senior staff training, directorship of New Zealand Defence Force capability delivery, Maritime Component Commander, and most recently; Chief of Defence Strategy Management.

Another notable Old Boy is Darren "Digby" Webb. Darren is in charge of New Zealand's quarantine and isolation facilities which are now under the Defence Force's watch. Darren, the Assistant Chief of Defence and former Deputy Chief of Air Force, has been involved in Government repatriation planning efforts since the beginning of April, an NZDF spokesman said.



Darren "Digby" Webb

Graham Le Gros

Graham grew up in Blenheim and attended Mayfield School, Boholly Intermediate and Marlborough Boys' College. After finishing school Graham explored a number of study options before heading over to the United States and training at the National Institute of Health in Washington DC.

Eventually Graham was enticed back to New Zealand by the directors of the Malaghan Institute of Medical Research and Graham and his wife now spearhead the asthma and allergy research programmes finding new ways to treat and cure allergic disease.

Graham is now involved in the worldwide hunt for a Covid-19 vaccine.

Please read the full article by Celeste Alexander from the 'Blenheim Sun'



ATTENDANCE

Attendance is a big focus for Marlborough Boys' College this year. Unsurprisingly the data shows that there is a direct link between attendance and achievement. We have changed our system, to where it's the boys' responsibility to make sure their attendance is correct, and this has seen an increase in our attendance statistics. What we are still seeing though is on days that are raining, or on Fridays, our statistics drop. This is something we would like to see improve, so we are asking for whānau support on this. Students have missed a couple of weeks of school this year because of Covid so we need them here every day and every period to help them be the best they can be, but not when they are sick. If you want to check your son's attendance, then a great place to look at this is on the school portal, which can be found on the school website – www.mbc.school.nz. With extracurricular activities starting back next term, if students are not meeting attendance expectations they will not be able to partake in these.

Thank you for your support with this.

Josh Harrison
Assistant Principal

International Week

International student week celebrations were held at the beginning of June. MBC international students joined students at Marlborough Girls' College at lunch time, which included a singing performance from the MBC Pacifica group, and playing games together. All students and staff that attended enjoyed the hospitality and friendship shown by MGC students and staff.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Marlborough Boys' College encourages pride in appearance. Wearing the regulation uniform is compulsory and a condition of enrolment. We appreciate your support to ensure that the uniform is worn correctly, and that boys of the College always conform to a standard of dress and grooming that will bring credit to themselves, and to the College.

The Marlborough Boys' College PTA Shop stocks the full uniform requirements. This shop is located on the main school block on Stephenson Street opposite Carvell Street.

Opening hours are listed below

Monday	1:30pm - 4:00pm
Wednesday	11:00am - 2.30pm
Friday	9:00am - 12.30pm

Open term time only, excluding public holidays. Any queries please contact us: uniformshop@mbc.school.nz

Financial assistance is available. Please collect a form from the front office or uniform shop. Alternatively, you can complete the online form which can be found on the school website.

The following school rules apply to appearance.

- Correct school uniform is always to be worn while in school.
- Hair is to be kept clean and tidy.
- Students are to be clean-shaven.
- No visible jewellery, except one small ear stud may be worn.

Please name all articles of clothing, including footwear. Any non-regulation uniform items that can be confiscated, will be. Confiscated items can be collected by the student every Friday 3:15pm – 3:30pm, or by a caregiver during school opening hours.



OED300 - Kayaking



PED200 White Water Rafting



Careers



The Career department is busy preparing Year 13 student's documentation for tertiary study. We want all students who intend to study in either 2021 or 2022 to apply for a Record of Achievement. The holidays would be a good opportunity for students to go through scholarship sites, get verified copies of important documents and to craft a personal statement to support their application for accommodation and/or scholarships.

Eddie van der Westhuzien has been into CDV classes this term delivering the Driver Education Programme sponsored by Employment Support Marlborough Trust. Students have worked very well on this and we are very pleased with our results. We intend to run a course next term to help students gain their learners licence.

We are very pleased with our Trades Academy students studying Automotive at the Blenheim Campus of NMIT. Their attendance has been exemplary. The Manaaki Tapoi students will be starting their first block course on the first Monday we are back at school. Their original course was compromised by the virus outbreak and lockdown.

Gateway continues to provide an excellent opportunity for our students to experience work in a career they are interested in. We have students in building and associated trades, marine engineering, teaching, farming, forestry, automotive engineering and paua diving. The College is very grateful to our community for their support, especially after the Covid-19 virus interruption. Much of this success is due to the efforts of Peter Baker our Gateway co-ordinator who works tirelessly to place students in positions where they will gain an excellent experience. I would also like to thank Claire Matthews, the Careers Department Career Office Manager,

who works with external providers to get meaningful theory work which supports the student's placement.

Term 3 will be a busy term as we try and see every Year 12 student. If your son is unsure about his career, we will email home a tool that could help him. We ask that parents support us by having conversations at home and encouraging him to complete the career quiz we will send, and by emailing us back his results. This process will be important as Term 3 is when the subject selection process is completed.



Raymond Potts (Year 12) is attending the Trades Academy Automotive Engineering Introduction Course every Thursday at Nelson-Marlborough Institute of Technology.



Ryan Staggs (Year 12) with his Gateway employer, Cain Cronin, Blenheim Branch Manager, New Zealand Education Solutions.

Arts Faculty

With all the cancellations and restrictions due to Covid-19, MBC will now be staging a small working workshop style of Production to give students the opportunity to learn, grow and build new friendships while being part of something fun. The show will be presented on the 14 August for one night only. This performance will be performed live to family, but available via live stream to all who want to support them and see what they have been up to.

This performance will be a medley of musicals (music and drama) which will showcase the students' many talents and provide some comic relief. Keep an eye out for the advertising which will give a list of performance numbers.



The Year 13 Outdoor Education boys out and about walking one of NZ great walks - The Able Tasman track. They encountered an interesting mix of weather but soldiered on!

From left: Jono Poswillo, Finlay Hobbs, Max Morriss, Alex Bulfin, Ben Theyers, Tom Sloan and Jed Washer just going into Anchorage.

Sports Notices

MARKET DAY

Venue: Marlborough Boys College Quad

Time: 1:15pm-2:15pm

Date: third week of Term 3

All parents/caregivers are invited to come and support this event

Products will be available from EBS100 and Year 10 Social studies classes and include:

Customised bottle openers

Customised T-shirts

One of kind dog treats

Bandanas

Bags of kindling

By hot demand, the 2nd gen Recylabricks.



Basketball

The MBC Senior Basketball team play on a Monday night in the Senior B grade and Wednesday night in the Senior A Grade.

The MBC Junior A team play on Monday nights, with their first game last week. They lost 58 – 54.

From the first week of term 3 the College Junior grade play on Friday nights, with MBC having 5 teams in this grade.

We are also hoping to get a couple of games against Nelson and Waimea in an Exchange, if we can get a date that suits everyone in term 3.

Hockey 1st X1 and 2nd X1 play on Friday nights at the Turf.

Football 1st X1 and Junior Football are training at the moment and are playing in the Saturday competition. We are still waiting to hear if there is a tournament for them this year. The 1st X1 team should get a game in the Waimea Exchange.

Winter Tournament Week

1st X1 Hockey in Nelson

1st X1 Football in Christchurch

U14 Rugby in Wellington

Squash – Tauranga



First XV playing at St Andrew's College, Christchurch

Photos courtesy from Sue Oxley

Canteen news



COMING JULY 27TH

HEALTHY, NUTRITIOUS & AFFORDABLE
SCHOOL LUNCHES ORDERED ONLINE

WWW.LUNCHORDERS.CO.NZ

Lunch Orders is coming to our school on 27 July!

Lunch Orders is a convenient and contactless online lunch ordering platform. You will be able to browse the NEW Eat Smart menu and order or schedule a nutritionally balanced and affordable meal anywhere at any time. Your order is then sent to the tuckshop where it will be made fresh on the day, ready for your hungry learner to pick up at lunch. Easy as that! Rest easy knowing that your child's nutritious lunch is sorted with Lunch Orders. For more information, check out our website www.lunchorders.co.nz

MBC Breakfast Club

Supporting students to ensure all are ready to learn.

At Marlborough Boys' College, we are focussed on inspiring and empowering all learners to be the best they can be. As part of this, we are focussing on ensuring that all our students arrive to their classes ready to learn.

A key barrier to success for learners is if they have not eaten enough breakfast. If teenage boys are hungry, then it significantly affects their ability to concentrate and consolidate memory. This has obvious impacts on their success at school. A good night's sleep and good nutrition in the morning are the most important ways that our learners can be ready to be the best they can be at school.

A nutritious breakfast has been shown to be linked to "a decrease in discipline problems, and benefits in social behaviour, attendance, and a general increase in maths and reading scores" (Wahlstrom & Begalle, 1999)

Students arrive at school without having had breakfast for a number of reasons. Some students rush to attend early morning sports training and don't have time to get home for breakfast before school. Some students start their journey around 7am and by around 8:30, when their bus arrives at college, it is time for a breakfast 'top-up'. A number of our students have parents who head to work early and they don't always 'time their run' right to fit in breakfast.

As part of addressing this, we are piloting a breakfast club which will operate initially on Wednesday at the school between 7:45 and 8:45.

Local businesses who are supporting this initiative so far include: Bayleys, Tasman Crop, First National, Countdown (Redwoodtown). If any other businesses or individuals would like to support with either financial contributions or items for the breakfast then they can contact david.tinker@mbc.school.nz.





Help Us Fundraise



JUNIOR PIES (110g)

20 per box

CLASSIC PIES (200g)

12 per box

SAUSAGE ROLL (120g)

24 per box

\$40 per box

GLUTEN FREE ANGUS MINCE (180g)

12 per box

\$58 per box

FAMILY STEAK & CARAMELISED ONION (900g)

6 per box

\$90 per box



Rowing pie fundraiser

If you have any growing lads and need lunch ideas. Support Marlborough Boys' Rowing!

Dad's Pie Fundraiser

To place an order contact Alisa: Phone: 021472661

Email: alisalocke@icloud.com

Orders close 23 July, desired delivery 31 July

A group of students in school uniforms are standing on a stage, receiving awards. They are holding certificates and trophies, and are smiling. The stage is decorated with a large mural of a rowing boat.

Ōpaoa Assembly - Students who scored 100% for Senior Work Review and Junior Diploma for term 1 and term 2

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Student News



The recommencement of the Saturday Sport Code has brought another level of purpose within our lads at Marlborough Boys'. In the few weeks following COVID-19 motivation was low and most of us struggled to change to the new 'normal'. However with new events and small changes to lunchtimes led by our prefect team, it has reinforced the School culture and provided a greater sense of community. For example the newly initiated 'Milo Mondays', where every Monday morning tea on the steps of the Pavilion, the prefect team take turns to make and give out free milo to the cold and under the weather lads.

Another new initiative is Breakfast Club every Wednesday morning from 7:30-8:20, where any boy can attend and have some free morning kai and chat to prefects and

teachers. Not only this but the culture that is evident between the senior and junior students, playing lunchtime games of rugby, hockey and football down at College Park has reinforced a sense of culture. It also helps the senior and junior students form a 'big brother bond', where we look after each other.

As Mike King keeps reminding us, it's important that we connect with each other face-to-face. Playing sport or chatting over a cup of Milo is a great way to do this. The Prefect Team being on duty at lunchtime and in 'ones' promotes the values of a Marlborough Man and gives something the junior students can aspire to be."

George Glover, Head Boy



History field trip prior to lockdown - Baz Vaasilli, Terian Tenoa and Manate Tenoa at the Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre.

Marlborough Triple Links Youth Assistance Fund

**Applications close
Friday 31 July 2020 at 12 noon**

Applications are now open to assist young people who are chosen to represent Marlborough or New Zealand in a sporting, educational or cultural event.

Applications must be made by the individual or Group Manager.

No retrospective or late applications will be considered.

To apply or further information please request an application form from the Principal's PA, jill.pickering@mbc.school.nz