



## Maratai Beach School

2 June 2017

Dear Parents /Caregivers

**Re Student Led Conferences  
Wednesday 28th June**

**3:30-7:30pm**

### **Children are required to wear school uniform**

Student Led Conferences (SLC) are an important part of mid year reporting at Maratai Beach School. These are structured conferences led by your child focused on their learning, where they outline in some detail their progress to date, learning goals and needs, and use their work in a range of forms to demonstrate progress. We believe and research shows that children who take responsibility for their own learning and can talk about their progress throughout the year are more engaged in their learning.

**Taking on board the feedback from our 2016 Community Survey this year we are changing the structure of our Student Led Conferences. Each Student led Conference is planned for up to 30 minutes, with more than one family in the classroom at a time. This approach has proven to be successful, making the children feel more comfortable by creating a less formal atmosphere. The change in structure also means an increase in the time you have with your child for them to share and discuss their learning. Teachers will also be available to discuss your child's learning at this time. During the course of the presentations, please feel free to ask your child questions, or seek clarification of a point, without upsetting the continuity of the process.**

The pupils have put in considerable work and effort so that they are quite au fait with their learning journey. As such, it is very important that on the day of the presentation they have someone to present to. We also ask that other siblings are not present at the presentation, so as to avoid any possible distractions.

Parents are welcome to take home any of their children's books to view at their leisure but should be returned to school the next day to enable work to continue.

At the end of the SLC, a copy of the Mid Year report, which has been completed by the classroom teacher is taken home. All of the information contained in this will have been covered during the course of the presentation.

In some cases, the teacher may request that further discussions between parents and teacher are either necessary or in the best interests of the child. Likewise, if parents feel that they require teacher time, there are forms available in the class to book this time.

A Science exhibition will be on display in the hall. Please take the time to view the exhibition either before or after your child's SLC.

### **The Mid Year Report**

All reports must be read with the following in mind:

- **Year 4 - 8 Reports** indicate progress towards achieving the National Standards. The definitive date for achievement against the standards is the end of the school year.
- **Year 1 - 3 Reports** indicate progress towards or achievement against the National Standards for time at school. Achievements against the standards is at the end of one, two or three years at school.
- Progress against the National Standards is determined by teachers using a wide range of accepted assessment practices, and moderated against year groups to ensure both consistency and accuracy.

Presentation times need to be booked online as per below.

Interviews are booked online. You will need to book online at [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz).

The school code you will need to enter is ey3zp. You will need to enter your details and choose your child's classroom teacher. If internet access is a problem or you need help please contact Linda or Tristan in the office (office@maraetaibeach.school.nz) or phone on 536 6570. **This will need to be done by Friday 23 June**

**Please note that some of the 'newer' Year 1 students will not have SLCs at this time (a separate letter will follow).**

Me te mahi ka ora  
(Through hard work comes success)



Mark Keenan  
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