

12 February 2009 - Week Two - Term One

Dear Friends and Families

We have had an excellent start to the year, with happy, settled children who are arriving eagerly at school each day.

At the start of the year we have a strong emphasis on ensuring our work and behaviour expectations are established and clear to all. These are vitally important in creating a focused and safe learning environment for all students. We appreciate your support for our class and school expectations.

Our school expectations are that "The Marton School Child"

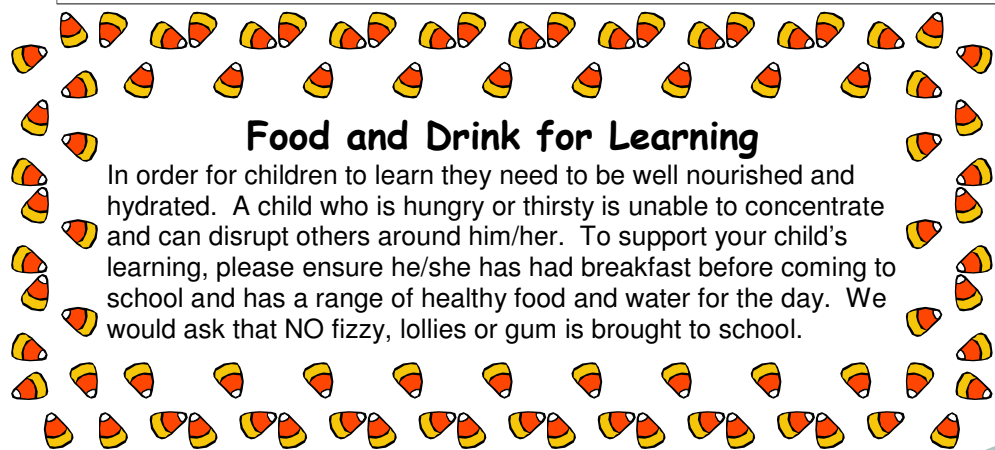
- Allows others to learn without interruption
- Follows instructions the first time they are given
- Is in the right place at the right time
- Treats others the way they want to be treated
- Takes care of all property
- Keeps our school clean and safe
- Wears our school uniform with pride
- Tries his/her best



It was wonderful to see many of you at our shared lunchtime yesterday. We hope you enjoyed being able to participate in the lunchtime activities.

Palm Dairy Orders

Please put orders in before 9.00 am. Pay as you order or make arrangements with them. Phone: 327 6397.



Food and Drink for Learning

In order for children to learn they need to be well nourished and hydrated. A child who is hungry or thirsty is unable to concentrate and can disrupt others around him/her. To support your child's learning, please ensure he/she has had breakfast before coming to school and has a range of healthy food and water for the day. We would ask that NO fizzy, lollies or gum is brought to school.

Cell Phones

Please note that **cell phones are not necessary at school**. If you need to get an important message to your child, phone the office on 327 8555 and the message will be passed on. If your child needs their cell phone for after school arrangements they need to hand it in to their teacher before school and collect it at the end of the day.



Absences

Please ensure you contact the office to explain if your child is absent from school. We are required to identify the reason for absences within our new attendance system.

You can now inform us of absences by text. Our school mobile number is 027 211 3009. Please ensure you state who is absent and why.

Weekly Challenge

Week 1 —Challenge Winners

Junior	No answers received	USA/America
Middle	Briaan	Malia and Sasha
Senior	Laura	Barack Hussein Obama

This Weeks Challenge

Junior	Cassie's birthday party started at 3 o'clock and ended two hours later. How long was the birthday party?
Middle	How many days are there in a leap year?
Senior	Sandra went on holiday the evening of 23 January. She returned to work on 9 February. How many days long was her holiday?

Teacher Only Day

As indicated in last week's newsletter, school will be **closed** on **Wednesday 25 February** for our teachers to work with Lester Flockton and other schools in our cluster on the revised curriculum. Please ensure you make other arrangements for your child's care on this day.

Brain Food

Once again this year we are encouraging healthy snack food. As part of this children will be able to have brain food at a time designated by their teacher, between starting school and morning tea. Brain food includes: popcorn, nuts, raisins, (some) muesli bars, carrot sticks, celery sticks, tidy fruit (apple, banana), etc.



Chippie Free Day

Wednesdays will continue to be Chippie Free Days in 2009. This day has been really well supported and children (with parents help) realised that there are other alternatives to try. Chippies include foods such as cheese balls, rashuns, burger rings, etc. Some alternative foods to try out in lunch boxes include: fruit, vege sticks, muesli bars, yoghurt, crackers, cheese, popcorn, muffins.

During 2009 we are hoping to extend this day to include other health promoting activities.

Book Endz

Welcome back everyone. The library team are looking forward to working together to create another successful year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Parents & Friends for the donation of four new books towards our Parent Library.

We have chosen new librarians who are both enthusiastic and dedicated in their efforts to making the Library a high profile within our community.



Uniform

We are looking absolutely fabulous with everyone in school uniform. To make it easier for all of us, **please make sure your child's uniform is named**.

Car Parking

Your care in our car park is greatly appreciated. Please remember that all the children at Marton School need to be safe.

Regards Brya Dixon
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Community News

Rangitikei Active Athletics

For Primary School Children—commencing Tuesday 17 February, 2009 at 4.00 pm. To be held on the top field at Rangitikei College.

Community Music School

Commences Thursday 12 February, 2009 at Turakina Maori Girls College. \$50.00 per term or \$6.00 per week. For further information, phone 021 805 140.

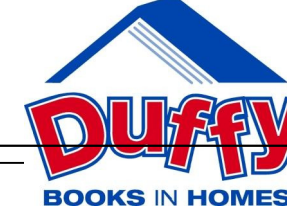
Marton OSCAR

Teacher Only Day - 25 February

Marton OSCAR plan to do a one day holiday programme. If you need childcare, enrol now for that day. Please phone Marton OSCAR on 027 248 2101.

OSCAR AM Session Survey—Morning session—

approximately 7—8.30 am. Need required numbers to start this programme. Contact Marton OSCAR if you would like to enrol.



Duffy—Books In Homes

Duffy Books in Homes was started in 1992 by Alan Duff, when he found many children came from bookless homes and showed little or no interest in reading. The Duffy vision is "To inspire a love of books in Duffy Children so they become adults who inspire a love of reading". Marton School is lucky to be able to participate this year, and this week your children have been able to select 2 books that they are able to keep **AT NO COST TO YOU**. This is possible through the generosity of sponsorship by Scholastic Books. The children will have an opportunity to select a further 3 books later in the year.

If you would like to view the books or want more information please contact me.
Delwyn Lawlor—DBiH Co-ordinator



Assembly

Our first assembly for 2009 is on this Friday at 2.20 pm. On this occasion Room 10 will present an item and our School Leaders will be named.

IMPORTANT TERM 1 DATES

- **Friday 13 February: Assembly: Room 10**
- **Tuesday 17 February: BOT Meeting**
- **Wednesday 18 February: Parents and Friends Meeting**
- **Wednesday 25 February: Cluster Teacher Only Day**
- **Wednesday 4 March: Swimming Sports**
- **Tuesday 10 March: Cluster Swimming Sports**
- **Tuesday 17 March: BOT Meeting**
- **Wednesday 18 March: Parents and Friends Meeting**
- **Tuesday 24 March and Wednesday 25 March: Parent/ Teacher/ Student Conferences**
- **Tuesday 24 March: Athletics Day**
- **Friday 3 April: Cluster Athletics**