

Dear Friends and Families

I hope you enjoyed the holiday break with your children. During this time our school was anything but quiet, with a range of contractors on site making improvements to our great school environment.

I'm sure you have noticed the new fencing along the front of the old site and the missing piece in the Dental Clinic car park is finally being completed, including an extra gate by Room 6.

The upgrade of the middle team toilets is nearly complete. We have moved the boys' toilets closer to the classrooms utilising the two smaller bathrooms (previously unused) and putting internal access into one of these. The girls' toilet also has internal access into the main corridor. These changes have created two extra storage spaces, which I'm sure will be very useful.

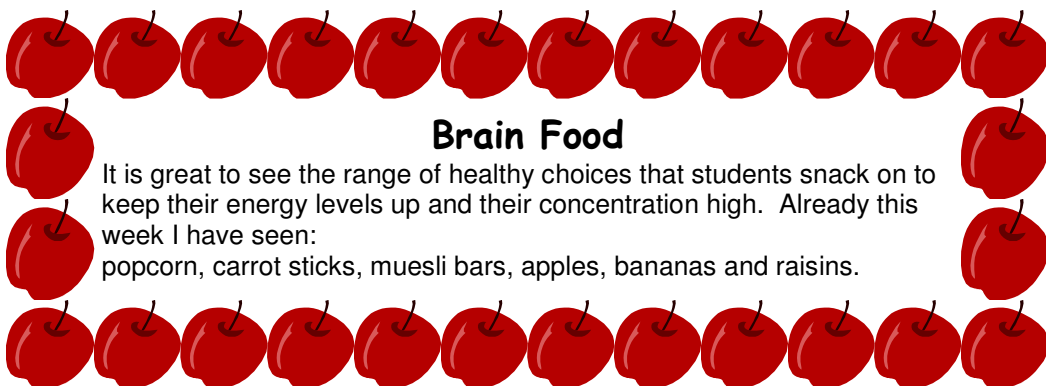


### Parent, Teacher, Student Conferences

Included with today's newsletter is an invitation (from staff and your son/daughter) to attend our 3 way conferences on 5 and 6 August. We really value this opportunity to share your child's progress and discuss their next learning steps.

Children need to attend these conferences as they will be sharing their learning with you too.

Please be aware that school will finish at 2.00 pm on these two days. Please mark the date on the calendar, indicate when you are available on the form, what arrangements will be made for your child on these days from 2—3 pm and return it to school by Tuesday next week.



### Brain Food

It is great to see the range of healthy choices that students snack on to keep their energy levels up and their concentration high. Already this week I have seen:  
popcorn, carrot sticks, muesli bars, apples, bananas and raisins.

### Uniform

Our students look fantastic in our school uniform. It shows that we are proud to belong to Marton School. I will be following up on students who are wearing alternative clothing. If you have lost clothing check the lost property box. Please name your child's uniform.

Edd his sweatshirt at the end of last term. It is named. If you find it, please return it to Room 7.

### Weekly Challenge

#### Week 10-Challenge Winners

<b>Junior</b>	Jessica	8
<b>Middle</b>	Joey	8
<b>Senior</b>	Eva	46

#### This Weeks Challenge

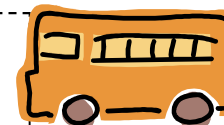
<b>Junior</b>	Which island in NZ experienced an earthquake last week?
<b>Middle</b>	In which part (region) of NZ did the earthquake occur?
<b>Senior</b>	How strong was this earthquake?

### TV Parenting Programme

If you didn't see The Politically Incorrect Parenting Programme last **Wednesday** on **TV 1 at 8.00 pm**, I would suggest you take a look next week. Nigel Latta, a highly respected NZ Clinical Psychologist talks about what parenting is all about in plain straight up language. He covers topics such as eating and sleeping and the basics of raising kids without all the hoop-lah.

### Road Sense

**Week 1 – School Bus Safety**—With the help of your parents can you answer this weeks Road Safety Question —What are the 12 key messages/rules that will make us a safe and responsible bus passenger? Don't forget to include what we do with the things we carry. (Answers next week)



### Sports Draws

#### Hockey Draw

Friday 24 July—	11 aside vs Sth Makirikiri	6.30 pm	FHS
Saturday 25 July—	8 aside vs Mini Tournament	9.15 am	CP
	(Finish 12.00 pm) 6 aside vs Mini Tournament	9.40 am	CP

#### Basketball Draw—Tuesday 28 July

3.45 pm	Runner up round—Clifton Cougars vs Marton Hawks
4.30 pm	Final Round—Huntley Pistons vs James Cook
Year 7 & 8 Final	
5.15 pm	Runner up round—James Cook vs Marton Mustangs
6.00 pm	Final Round—St Matthews vs Huntley Bulls
Prize giving to follow for all teams in both grades.	

#### Netball Draw

10.00 am	Marton B vs Clifton A	Court 2
11.00 am	Marton Red vs James Cook A	Court 1
	Marton White vs Turakina Kiwi	Court 3
12.00 pm	Marton A vs Hunterville A	Court 1



### "Caught Being Good"

Briaan  
Sean  
Hayden  
Paige  
Autumn  
Brennen



### Marton Pharmacy—Schools Back

Now is the time to de-worm your child. Go and talk to the friendly girls at the Pharmacy. Headlice a problem? Did you know that you can get a preventative,? Call in and see the very helpful staff at Marton Pharmacy.

### Taihape Area School

#### Kitchen & Garden Show

Thursday 27 August 2009—7.00 pm

Presenting Tony Murrel— Mucking In and Radio Live and Helen Jackson— Food Editor NZ Women's Weekly  
To be held at Taihape Area School Multi-Function Centre  
Huia Street, Taihape

Tickets available from Garden Lane Plant World and Nursery  
175 Broadway, Marton



### Book Fair

This years Book Fair is from Tuesday 4 August until Thursday 13 August. It is available during the Parent Conferences. Further details to follow. If any parent/caregivers are available to help, please see Karyn Randles—School Librarian.

### Marton School Positive People

Congratulations to the following people who have been making positive choices:

**3 Blue Cards;** Sipuaa , Fergus, Christian, Tristan, Rawinia, Lenny, Charlie, Shailo, Laura, Brooke, Manaia, Jessica and Thomas.

**Bronze Awards;** Harmony, Jack, Edd, Memphyz , Makuini , Kendra, Betty-Joe, Areta, Alex, Biancha, Kain and Emma.

### IMPORTANT TERM 3 DATES

- \* **Wednesday 29 July: Zebong Workshop & Performances**
- \* **Monday 3—Friday 7 August: Book Fair Week**
- \* **Wednesday 5 & Thursday 6 August: Parent, Teacher, Student Conferences**
- \* **Friday 7 August: Marton School Spelling Competition**
- \* **Friday 14 August: Mathex Competition: Palmerston North**
- \* **Wednesday 19 August: Cluster Spelling Competition**
- \* **Wednesday 26 August: Marton School Mathex**
- \* **Friday 28 August: Maths Logo Competition closes**
- \* **Friday 4 September: Maths Static Poster closes**
- \* **Wednesday2—Friday 4 September:**
- \* **Marton School Science Fair**
- \* **Tuesday 8 September: Year 5 / 6 Quad Tournament**
- \* **Thursday 10 September: Year 7 / 8 Quad Tournament**
- \* **Tuesday 22 September: Marton School Cross Country**
- \* **Tuesday 22 September: HPVaccine #3**
- \* **Friday 25 September: End of Term 3**

