02 July 2009 - Week Ten - Term Two

Dear Friends and Families

Unbelievably, we are at the end of the term. Although the weather has been particularly wintry and cold, it has not dampened our enthusiasm for learning and enjoying the extra opportunities that have been offered to many students.

Highlights of this term have been:

⇒ Cluster Explorers Programmes in Science, Digital Photography and English
⇒ Choir performance at Kids for Kids with Suzanne Prentice
⇒ Planting our Year 8 tree and Arbour Day / Week trees
⇒ IC taster morning on Kitchen Chemistry
⇒ Book Character Day
⇒ Senior Team Trip to Wellington, including meeting Prime Minister, John Key

Mrs Low and I are spending the last three days of this term at the NZ Principals Conference in Palmerston North. We will be hearing from a range of New Zealand and international speakers on the theme of "Generating Futures". I look forward to being able to share some of my learning with you next term.

I would appreciate you making sure that your child's uniform is ready to start the new term. We will be chasing up when children are not wearing our full uniform.

I hope you have a wonderful holiday and are able to enjoy some quality time with your children.

Weekly Challenge

Week 9—Challenge Winners

Junior	Sarah	Year 8 Tree Planting
Middle	Katarina	Arbour Day
Senior	Matthew	Pin Oak

This Weeks Challenge

Junior	How many wheels are there on 2 cars?
Middle	I have 32 wheels. How many cars do I need to use all the wheels?
Senior	There are 5 cars, 7 motor bikes and 3 quad bikes in the car park. How many wheels altogether?

Term 2

Community News

Rangitikei Active

DUATHLON: 12 July 2009, 10 am from James Cook School.
MULTISPORT MARTON CROSS COUNTRY FUN: 19 July 2009, 1.30 pm at Santoft Forest. Walk or run over 2ks, 5ks, or 10ks.
For more information see www.rangitikeiactive.org.nz or phone 327 8359.

Pai Marie Te Kohanga Reo

Employment Vacancy: Kaiawhina
Need to have basic knowledge in Te Reo. Willing to undergo further training. Have an affinity for working with children aged 0—5 years. Applications and Job Descriptions are available from the office - 31 Morris Street, Marton or Phone 327 7783.
Closes 8 July 2009.

Key Competency—Thinking

The NZ Curriculum describes this competency as "using creative, critical and meta cognitive (thinking) processes to make sense of information, experiences and ideas. Intellectual curiosity is at the heart of this competency".

Our values and teaching and learning at Marton School actively encourage these attributes through:

- Encouraging children to be respectful, responsible and resilient citizens
- Encouraging children to achieve to their potential
- Involving children in:
  - asking questions and seeking answers
  - identifying learning intentions and success criteria
  - self and peer assessing their work
  - reflecting on their learning and identifying next learning steps
  - discussing their learning at our parent, teacher and student conferences
- Providing a wide range of learning experiences and opportunities.

Choir

Yesterday our choir performed to residents of Lancewood and others. Each student also brought a plate and served afternoon tea to the visitors. It is a very special occasion for these older members of our community and they enjoyed the performance immensely. Thank you to Mrs Marshall for arranging this and to parents for supplying a plate.

"Caught Being Good"

On Tuesday the children gratefully received their Duffy Book. We would like to acknowledge the sponsorship of this by the New Zealand Government.

Sports Draws

Hockey Draw

Friday 3 July— 11 aside vs St Matthews 6.20 pm FHS
Saturday 4 July— 8 aside vs Sth Makirikiri 9.45 am C/Park
6 aside vs Hunterville 10.15 am C/Park

Basketball Draw

NB: 21 July - No basketball Finals Tuesday 28 July
Year 5 & 6 Final
3.45 pm Runner up round—Clifton Cougers 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.

Marton School Positive People

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

3 Blue Cards; Jamiroquai, Naudis, Isaac, Isaiah, Abbie, Michael, Jonty, William, Levi, Andrew, Winona, Riley, Chayne, Joshua, Laura, Makuini, Mikayla, and Eva.

Bronze Award; Sean, Tama, Ollie, Elle, Georgia, Michael, Cyanne, Cameron and Mikaera.

IMPORTANT TERM 3 DATES

- **Monday 20 July: Day one of Term 3**
- **Tuesday 28 July: Zebong Performance**
- **Monday 3—Friday 7 August: Book Fair Week**
- **Wednesday 5 & Thursday 6 August: Parent, Teacher, Student Conferences**

Regards Brya Dixon

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