

24 September 2009 - Week Ten - Term Three

Dear Friends and Families

Incredibly, tomorrow is the last day of term 3. This term has whizzed by; affirming that time flies when you're having fun.

Last week our Cluster Principals and DP's visited 4 Auckland schools as part of our annual Professional Development. Each school was quite unique; from it's special character, size (from 200—800 students) and decile (from 1—10). We saw some excellent practice especially in elearning, inquiry and curriculum development. We experienced students who were able to talk about their learning and showed high levels of respect. We have brought back some ideas which will enhance what we are doing at Marton School, but in each school we visited, I had Marton School in my mind and felt extremely proud of what we are doing. Believe me our school compares favourably with any school in the country.

I am especially proud of the leadership of our older students, our students knowledge of what they are learning and their next learning steps, the respect we show each other and our visitors and the ownership we have of what's important (learning and values) at Marton School.

I hope you enjoy the holidays and get to spend some special time together. This can be as simple as playing together, cooking together or going for a walk or bike ride.

Community News

Ballentynes Fashion Show

Fundraiser for Marton School
Thursday 22 October 2009 at 7 pm
Held at Ballentynes on Broadway, Marton
Drinks and Nibbles
Spot Prizes and Raffles
Tickets available at school office or Ballentynes—\$10.00.

Hunterville Huntaway Festival— Childrens' Shemozzle

Individual and Interschool Challenge
Saturday 31 October 2009
Start Time: 1.30 pm (approx)
ENTRY FEE; \$15.00 Early Bird Entry—before 27 October
\$20.00—entry on the day
Entry includes T-shirt
Programme and Entry Form available from the school office.

Weekly Challenge

Week 9 Challenge Winners

Junior
Middle
Senior

With Miss Lloyd being absent on Monday these winners will be announced next term

2009 Cross Country Result

Year 1-2

Boys

1 Sipuua
2 Jack
3 Caleb

Girls

Sian
Rawinia
Hailie

Year 3-4

Boys

Jesse
Ricky
Kaleb

Girls

Carmel
Georgia
Marama

Year 5-6

Boys

1 Mitchell
2 Jack
3 Isaac

Girls

Clara
Mererawhiti
Emma

Year 7-8

Boys

Ollie
Mathew
Mikaera

Girls

Tori
Jessica
Kitana

A big thanks to those parents who volunteered to stand and supervise around the course, your help was appreciated.

Great News:

Middle Team Toilets:

Are completed and able to be used this week.

Gardens;

Thanks to Mr Low vegetable gardens have been built, ready for us to be planting them out next term.

School Car Park Resealing:

We are delighted that the car park is going to be resealed during the holidays. Once this is done we will be looking at marking parking spaces and improving the flow of traffic in this area.

ERO Visit

In week 1 of next term we are looking forward to hosting a team from the Education Review Office. They will be focusing on how our Assessment for Learning practices enhance our teaching and learning. We are excited to be able to share what we are doing and the improvements we have made over the last 3 years.



Bee Keeper Clothing

Bee Keeper Visit

The Smoker



"Caught Being Good"

Isiah
Eva
Jonty
Clara
Alana
Kaylem



ICAS Exams

We have now completed the 6 ICAS Exams and have the results from four of them back.

In Spelling we achieved three participation awards and Eva McPhail gained a distinction.

In Writing, Computer Skills and Science we achieved participation.

We are still awaiting the results from both English and Mathematics and will publish them when we do.

This Friday the students who sat these exams will be receiving their certificates. I know that they tried their best and it is neat to see our students sitting exams like these. Well done on your hard work.

Mrs Low - ICAS Co-ordinator 2009

IMPORTANT TERM 3 DATES

- * **Friday 25 September: End of Term Assembly and Speech Finals—NOTE; 2.00 PM START**
- * **Monday 12 October: Term 4 Starts**
- * **Monday 12—Thursday 15 October: ERO visit**
- * **Friday 23 October: Assembly R9**



Regards Brya Dixon
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Chocolate Fundraiser

We are just waiting for the last 10 boxes to be returned to wind up this fundraiser. At assembly tomorrow, we will acknowledge our top-selling students.



Marton School STARS

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

- ★ **3 Blue Cards;** Carlos
- ★ **Silver Award;** Elle, Emma and Talei
- ★ **Bronze Award;** Liam
- ★ **Gold Award;** Abigail

