

## 22 April 2010 - Week One - Term Two

Dear Friends and Families

Welcome to Term 2, which will be another exciting and busy term at Marton School. I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday and spent some special time with your children.

Our virtue for this term is "RESPONSIBILITY". Being RESPONSIBLE means that others can depend on you. You are willing to be accountable for your actions. When things go wrong and you make a mistake, you make amends instead of excuses. When you are responsible you keep your word and give your best to every job. I hope that you are able to reinforce and practice being responsible with your children at home also.

We are continuing our Food and Nutrition unit for the first few weeks of the term. I know there are some interesting activities still to come, in particular with children looking into preparing meals.

We are really looking forward to this term and the opportunities ahead. In particular:

- ⇒ Food for Thought (Middle Term)
- ⇒ Senior Girls Self Defence Course
- ⇒ Young Leaders Day
- ⇒ Soccer Training with Shane Rufer
- ⇒ Winter Sports



Children do need to be in our Marton School uniform, so please ensure that when the weather turns cold, that extra layers worn underneath are not visible and that our school sweatshirt is worn.

**Remember if you have any questions or concerns, please contact us. We are here to work with you and to achieve the best we can for your child/ren.**

We welcome Aotea, Te Rapa and Jamiroquai to our school.

### Absences

If your child is absent from school, we would appreciate you ringing the office by 9.00 am to let us know. If we do not know why a child is absent, office staff will endeavour to contact parents by phone to find out why. Children are required to be at school unless they are sick or have a justified reason for being absent. It is most important that your contact details are kept up to date. Please advise us if these have changed.

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

### Board Elections: Nominations Close Tuesday 27 April

*If you are interested in being more involved with our school—here is your opportunity!*

Nominations for Board Elections were posted out to every family on our roll before the holidays. You can nominate yourself or get someone on our school electoral roll to nominate you. These nominations, with a short personal statement, need to be handed in by Tuesday 27 April.

We must have at least 3 parents, but preferably 5 or more, standing for election by this date.

### Weekly Challenge

#### Week Nine Challenge Winners

**Junior** Tristan  
**Middle** Sarah  
**Senior** Meretatana

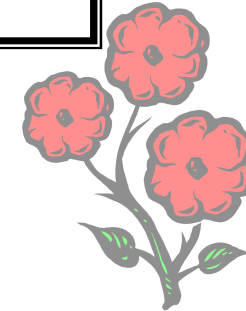
#### This Weeks Challenge

**Junior** What stopped all the planes in England from flying over the last week?  
An earthquake An eruption A tsunami  
**Middle** What country is the volcano in?  
**Senior** What is the name of the volcano?



### Anzac Day

Once again our student leaders will be representing us at this service on Sunday. If other students are attending, it would be great if they wore their school uniform and walked with our leaders as part of our school group.



### Winter Sports

We are looking forward to having our students participate (and win) in the local competitions. These codes are due to get underway soon. All players and parents will need to have read and agreed to our code of conduct.

In order to play, fees need to have been paid or arrangements made with Christine in the office and also you need to return the permission form and Code of Conduct form.

**Netball** Trials after School on Tuesday 27 April.  
First grading games Saturday 8 May  
Fees \$35.00

**Hockey Practice** 6 aside Wednesday lunch time in hall  
8 aside Wednesday 3.15pm Centennial Park  
11 aside To Be Advised  
Opening Tournament Sunday 9 May  
Fees 40.00  
NB: 11 aside may have to pay extra \$15.00 for playing on Feilding Turf if no funding received.

**Basketball Practice** Year 5-6 Monday lunchtime in hall  
Year 7-8 Friday lunchtime in hall  
Fees \$15.00

Fees cover Association costs and administration cost.

### South Rangitikei Cluster Schools Explorers Programme

Schools in our Cluster continue this year to work together to provide opportunities for students with special interests and/or talents.

This term a sports programme is being run by Mr Shane Smith from Hunterville School.

We are pleased to advise that Kitana and Junior have been selected to attend the Sports Programme.

### Community Notices

#### Rangitikei Squash Rackets Club JUNIOR NIGHT

Starting Monday 26 April 5.30 pm—6.30 pm Everyone Welcome.  
\$2.00 per night or \$65.00 for the whole season.  
Any questions phone Bryan 3276 425.

### Year 7 & 8 Camp

Our year 7 & 8's had a wonderful time at Sixtus Lodge in the last week of Term 1. I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to Mr Randles, Mr Harvey and all the parents who supported this camp. I really enjoyed the day that I got to spend with them, the walk to the river and the activities that we completed.

**Immunisation Forms:** Please return these now.

### Assembly

Our assemblies are held fortnightly on Friday at 2.20pm, starting next Friday 30 April.

### 2010 Term Dates

The term dates for this year are:

Term 2: Monday 19 April—Friday 2 July  
Term 3: Monday 19 July—Friday 24 September  
Term 4: Monday 11 October—Wednesday 15 December

### Dyslexia: Laughton King

Our RTLB's have arranged for this well known speaker to come to the Rangitikei and speak to schools and parents on dyslexia. See the enclosed flier with this newsletter.

You need to RSVP by 5 May to our school to let us now if you are attending.

### IMPORTANT TERM 2 DATES

- \* **Thursday 22 April: Anzac Day Service at School**
- \* **Sunday 25 April: Anzac Day Service**
- \* **Tuesday 27 April: Board nominations close**
- \* **Thursday 29 April: Teachers Paid Union Meeting: 2.30 pm**
- \* **Monday 3—Wednesday 5 May: Middle Team involved in Food for Thought**
- \* **Tuesday 4 May: BOT Meeting**
- \* **Wednesday 5 May: Cluster Explorers Sports Programme**
- \* **Monday 10 May: Laughton King: Dyslexia**
- \* **Tuesday 11 May: BOT Elections Close**
- \* **Tuesday 18 & Wednesday 19 May: Senior Girls Self Defence Course**
- \* **Tuesday 25 May: Young Leaders Day in Palmerston North**
- \* **Monday 7 June: Queen's Birthday holiday**
- \* **Monday 14 June & Tuesday 15 June: Soccer workshops with Shane Rufer**
- \* **Friday 2 July: End of Term 2**

Regards Brya Dixon  
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