

## 17 November 2011 - Week Four - Term 4

Dear Friends and Families

We are now in Week 4 and it has been another exciting and EXCELLENT week! We have been as busy as ever with Swimming Sports for Year 4 – 8 and the Junior Fun Afternoon on Thursday and we are looking forward to our logo launch tomorrow.

Our biggest Loser Challenge seems extremely motivating to those involved and even some on the side. The staff that are taking part are highly enthusiastic and we have definitely seen a change in lunch boxes and exercise routines. Good Luck to everyone and keep up the great work!

### Logo Launch

Tomorrow our assembly starts at the earlier time of 1.45pm to allow us to launch our new school logo as well as celebrate our students achievements and finish off with a slice our special LOGO cake and cup of tea (for the adults).

Many of our students have been working hard to present our LOGO to you and so we hope to see you there to share in this exciting occasion.

### STAR Speechmaker

As the winner of the Senior Section of the Marton Lions Speech Competition, Riley represented our area at the Regional Competition in Hawera on Sunday 4 November.

She once again delivered her speech on "Conservation and Recycling—Is It Important?" and then presented an impromptu speech on "Should We Change the NZ Flag?" Riley finished a very creditable fourth out of 24 entrants. Well done!

### School Donations and Fees

We are at the time where we are finalising accounts and balancing the books for the year.

**Unfortunately, once again we have over \$5000.00 of outstanding donations and fees.**

It is disappointing that this amount of money is unavailable to support our students and their learning.

We know that times are quite tough for many of families but really appreciate those who make regular Automatic Payments. At the start of the year I indicated that for \$2.00 a week your contribution can be completely paid.

Payments can still be made at the office.

### "Caught Being Good"

Week 4

Hayden  
Joey  
Sophie  
John  
Jessica  
Kale  
Lydia



### Swimming Sports:

This morning we had a fantastic morning of swimming at the Swim Shed. It was great to see many parents there supporting your children. I have heard lots of positive comments about the swimming programme this term and the progress students have made. Results of today's event will be in next week's newsletter.

### Measles

The Ministry of Health has been in touch with ALL schools regarding concerns about outbreaks of MEASLES. NZ has had 387 Measles cases so far this year, which is the highest total since 1997. Most of these cases have been in Auckland and have occurred in unimmunised people. Measles is a highly infectious disease which affects both children and adults. Symptoms include fever, cough, red eyes and a runny nose, followed by a rash which develops about 3 days after other symptoms start.

The MOH advise that the best Measles prevention is the Measle, Mump and Rubella vaccination (MMR) which is free to all NZ children. It is also free for some adults.

Any student with Measles should stay away from school for 5 – 7 days from the appearance of the rash until recovery, depending on the advice of the local medical officer of health.

If you think someone in your family might have Measles, please phone your Doctor.



### Congratulations Mr Koteka

In 2012 Mr Koteka will unfortunately not be with us. Instead he and his partner, Sarah will be working on a luxury yacht and sailing to the Mediterranean. We wish them all the best and wish we could be there too.

### Calendars and Greeting Cards

These need to be purchased by **tomorrow** Friday 18 November. The art work can be viewed at the office.

### Cluster Cross Country

Due to the very wet conditions the Cluster Cross Country has now been cancelled.

### Talent Quest

The Talent Quest is coming up, so if you would like to take part in it, please get an entry form from the school office before Thursday 24 November.

It will be a lot of fun and there are come very cool prizes to be won.

### Community Notices

#### Marton Players Youth Theatre Group Production **Beauty Is the Beast**

Directed by Glen Cameron  
Marton Players Theatre  
November 17, 18, 19 at 7pm  
Sunday November 20 at 2pm  
Door Sales only



### Hangi

Week 5—25 November:  
Tickets on sale now—\$12,  
Limited to 100 Tickets.

### Rangitikei College Scholarship Exams:

- These exams are taking place on Thursday 1 December from 9.15am – 12.30pm.
- There will be four 30 minute tests in English, Maths, Science and General Knowledge. Information Sheets and Entry forms are available from our school and the college. Entries should be returned to the college by Friday 19 November.

### Marton School STARS

#### Bronze Awards:

Jasmine, Jesse, Adam, Natasha, Ethan, Petera, Phoenix, Jade and Tegan.

#### Silver Awards:

Larissa, Sophie, Javan, Ana, Xavier, Ricky, Ryan, Jessica, Brennen, Kaleb, Jesse, Ethan, Petera, Carmel, Kale, Cameron, Angel and Jaden.

#### Gold Awards:

Serena, Larissa, Mason, Stella and Rhyanna.

### IMPORTANT TERM 4 DATES

- \* **Friday 18 November:** **Special Assembly—Logo Launch 1.45pm**
- \* **Friday 25 November:** **Juniors Bikes and Trikes Morning Hangi Fundraiser**
- \* **Saturday 26 November:** **New Zealand General Elections**
- \* **Thursday 1 December:** **Rangitikei College Scholarship Exams**
- \* **Friday 2 December:** **Assembly**  
**Cluster Softball—Years 7/8**

*Regards Brya Dixon*

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