

## 08 December 2011 - Week Seven - Term 4

Dear Friends and Families

This is the last school newsletter of the 2011 school year, as we finish next Thursday. However, we will be sending home a combined class/ "The Marton School Year That Was" next Wednesday. It has been an EXCELLENT year and seems to have flown by.

A huge THANK YOU for your support and enthusiasm over this year. We appreciate the contribution our families make to school and learning.

Tomorrow, our Service Assembly starts at 1.45pm and we will recognise students who have given service to the school and our cultural groups. Next Wednesday, our Prize Giving is being held at 1.30pm. We hope to see many of our families at these occasions.

School finishes on Thursday 15 December at 12.30. I hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a relaxing holiday. We look forward to seeing most you well and rested on Thursday 2 February on Day One of 2012.

We welcome Shaunte, Carlos, Veena, Jay and Max to our school.

### Learning Journeys and National Standards Reports

We are looking forward to sending these home tomorrow and sharing the progress your child has made this year. I have been really impressed reading through them with the fantastic ATTITUDE to learning that our students are developing. They are really showing RESPONSIBILITY in their learning.

I need to remind you that the National Standards are **aspirational** and therefore reflect what the Government want students to achieve rather than what they are actually doing. Currently it is expected that only 70% are likely to be at or above the standard in many cases and that drops to 35% for Year 8's in Maths. There is still some work to be done when National Standards are reviewed.

Our disclaimer on the National Standards reports is based on our belief that these are not NATIONAL or STANDARD. Although our teachers have made every effort to make accurate judgements we have not compared our judgements with any other schools.

### Year 8 Dinner

Last night we acknowledged and celebrated our 2011 Year 8 students. It is always a wonderful occasion but tinged with some sadness. Our students and staff enjoyed a tasty meal provided by Parents and Friends and served by selected Year 7 students.

Our best wishes to all our Year 8's for college and the future. We hope they (and their families) continue to keep us informed of their progress and achievements.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr Leigh Harvey who has won a position at Wanganui Intermediate School teaching robotics from 2012.

Mr Harvey has been at our school for 11 years and has been highly involved with our year 5 – 8 students. Camps, ICT, sports (especially rugby competitions) and our gardens. We wish him all the best in his new venture.

Some of the highlights for 2011 have been:

Year 7 & 8 Camp, Snow Day, Maths Day, Logo Launch, Hangi, Wishing Tree, Book Character Day, Young Leaders, Rippa Rugby, Countries Lunch, Best Dressed Fan, Year 8 Tree Planting, and the Marton Christmas Parade.



### Biggest Loser

The final weigh in for all entrants occurs tomorrow evening. Congratulations to everyone who took part and well done!

We appreciate the support of many local businesses especially Advance Sport Nutrition, McGruers Marton Ltd, McIlwaines Mitre 10, Bulls Medical Centre, Snippers Hair Design, Farmlands Marton, Stewart St Surgery, Sublime Coffee, Subway Bulls, Speirs Foods Ltd, Rangitikei Active, Nutrition Systems, Gina's Hair Studio, Marton Pharmacy, Wards Furniture 2 Go, Marton District Monitor and Robbies Mechanical Services.

### Christmas Parade

Thanks to all of our students and families who were part of/or attended the Christmas Parade on Saturday. I have heard it will be a very memorable occasion! Well done to our students and staff who showed RESILIENCE during the downpour that occurred in the middle of it all.

A big thanks to Tony Ward for his help in creating our rocket, Stu Tasker and ITM Rural Timber. The efforts of Tony, our staff and students were rewarded with a second place and a cheque for \$250.00.

### Community Notices

#### Just 4 Kids Rangitikei Ltd

Holiday Programme—Monday to Friday 8am—6pm, 5 to 14 years

15—23 December 2011 9—13 January 2012

16—20 January 2012 and 23—27 January 2012

Child Youth and Family Approval, WINZ Subsidies

Contact us now to book a place for your child/ren Phone 027 248 2101

### The Race Against Violence

This event took place recently and some of our families took part. Congratulations to Jack and Tracy who won the event. We also wish to THANK them for nominating our school to receive the donations from local businesses, a total donation of \$300.00. We will be asking Jack and Tracy to give us some ideas on what they would like this money to go towards.

### Mutton Raffle

The winner of the Mutton Raffle that coincided with our Hangi was our very own Miss Warren. Congratulations Heather!

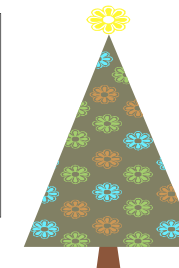


Congratulations to ex pupil Kieran who was named Dux Artium for Arts at Palmerston North Boys High School for his Music talents.

### Rangitikei Scholarships

Congratulations to Serenity who receives \$150 from the College Trust and Briann who receives \$100 from Dudding Trust.

Congratulations to Thomas Westwood for his selection in the Wanganui Under 12 Representative Cricket Team.



### Marton School STARS

★ Bronze Award: Samantha  
★ Silver Award: Abigail  
★ Citizenship Badge Award: Abigail

### IMPORTANT TERM 4 DATES

\* Friday 9 December

Service Assembly

\* Tuesday 13 December:

Learning Journeys go home

\* Wednesday 14 December:

Biggest Loser Final Weigh In

\* Thursday 15 December:

BOT Meeting

Prize Giving

Last Day: School finishes 12.30pm

2012

→ Thursday 2 February:

Day One—9.00am In School Hall

Regards Brya Dixon

www.marton.school.nz  
Cell:(027) 211 3009