

## 3 February 2011 - Week One - Term One

Dear Friends and Families

Welcome to the 2011 school year. I hope you had a relaxing break and enjoyed some special family time. It has been a great start to the year, with the children well prepared and enthusiastic for starting back at school.

This week we are celebrating that Marton School has been a full primary for 10 years! The children will be engaged in creating a wishing tree and we are holding a shared lunch on Friday 4 February (tomorrow). A sausage sizzle will be available to everyone, donations gratefully accepted. We hope you can arrange to join us for lunch.

Our virtue for this term is "ATTITUDE".



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In this newsletter and continuing next week are many reminders about our expectations. Please take the time to read them and discuss them with your child.

We look forward to having you actively involved in your child's education so please expect (and ask for) the newsletter each Thursday, so you are informed about what is happening. We will be continuing to send the newsletter home with the youngest child in the family.

**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 Chellazay, Azaliah, Georgia, Nicholas, Shaunte, Taria, Tayla, Harley, Phoenix, Nina, Madison, Kayla, Mahina and Damian to our school.

### 2011 Dates

The term dates for this year are:

Term 1: Tuesday 1 February—Friday 15 April  
Term 2: Monday 2 May—Friday 15 July  
Term 3: Monday 1 August—Friday 7 October  
Term 4: Tuesday 25 October—Wednesday 14 December

### Welcome Back: Family Lunch: Friday 4 February

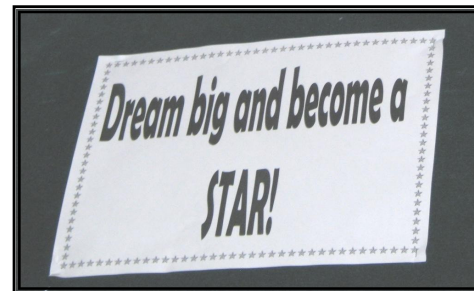
We would like to start the year by having the chance to get together and celebrate being back at school. Lunch will start at 12.40pm and be followed by opportunities for parents to get involved in playground games. If you're working, we hope you can get away and join us for part of this lunchtime.

### Integrated Curriculum Topic

We are starting this year with a unit focussed on unpacking and understanding our Marton School STARS. A "STARS" learner is:

Self-motivated  
Takes risks  
Articulates their learning  
is Resilient and  
Solves problems.

We want our students to recognise and use these qualities as they develop their learning independence.



**Have you noticed?**  
The missing pine trees—  
footpath—air  
conditioning / heat  
pumps—netbooks.



### Stationery

Thank you to all the families who have already organised stationery. Book lists were sent home on Tuesday with your child and are available at Hayman's Paper Plus. We would appreciate all children having their books by Friday 11 February.

### Assembly

Our assemblies are held fortnightly on Friday at 2.20pm, starting next Friday 11 February.



### Uniform

Thank you for the commitment you have shown to our school uniform. The children look great and stand out, proudly, as belonging to our school.

Our uniform expectations include:

That it will be worn every day, unless the student council has organised a "Mufti Day". This means washing it overnight and on the weekend.  
Extra clothing should not be visible over or under the uniform.  
Black school shoes, with navy or black socks or black school sandals are to be worn.  
Jewellery includes a watch, non-dangly earrings, taonga.

**Sunhats need to be worn when outside in Term 1 and 4.**

If for any reason your child cannot wear their uniform they will need to bring a note of explanation to their teacher. Consequences will be given to students who do not follow our expectations.

Children should bring a change of clothes to school for PE.

### 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. A blue form was sent home to update this information on Tuesday.

You can inform us of absences by text. Our school mobile number is 027 2113 009. Please ensure you state who is absent and why! We are required to enter this information into our attendance system.

### Cellphones

Please note that cellphones are not necessary at school. If you need to get an important message to your child, phone the office on 327 8555 and the message will be passed on. If your child needs their cellphone for after school arrangements they need to hand it in to their teacher on arriving at school and collect it at the end of the day.

### IMPORTANT TERM 1 DATES

\* **Friday 4 February: Shared Lunch**  
\* **Friday 11 February: Assembly**  
\* **Tuesday 15 February: BOT Meeting**  
\* **Wednesday 10 March: Cluster Swimming Sports**  
\* **Tuesday 15 March: Marton School Athletics**  
\* **Tuesday 23 March and Wednesday 24 March: Parent / Teacher / Student Conferences**  
\* **Thursday 31 March: Cluster Athletics Day**  
\* **Monday 11—Friday 15 April: Year 7 & 8 Camp**  
\* **Friday 15 April: End of Term 1**