

## 17 March 2011 - Week Seven - Term One

Dear Friends and Families

It is at times like this that we should appreciate how lucky we are and be grateful for what we have. Even the people of Christchurch will be acknowledging that those in Japan are so much worse off. However, it is heartening to know that most Christchurch children are able to be back at school this week.

We continue to be busy with lots of learning and opportunities to show off our students wide ranging abilities happening at school. Last week we had a team participate in the Cluster Swimming Sports. On Tuesday we had our school Athletics Day, which was great fun and we saw some excellent skills from our students. Next week we are holding our 3 Way Conferences and are looking forward to sharing your child's learning with you. There is more information about all of these included in the newsletter.

### Attitude

**"Whether you think you can or think you can't—you're right"**

### Charter Consult

On Monday your child brought home a consultation form, which I asked them to complete for homework with you. It invited you to consider what Marton School has achieved towards our goals over the last three years and what we can do even better in the next three years. It also encouraged you to provide other comments and compliments.

One of our goals has been to actively involve our community and giving us feedback is one way we can include your ideas for developing our great school.

Thank you to those who have already completed it. Spare copies are available from the office if you need one.

### Cluster Swimming Sports

Congratulations to the following who competed in the Cluster Swimming Sports last Thursday:  
Katarina, Kaleb, Ieuan, Harmony, Sophie, Jonty, Mitchell, Kim, Jack, Jordan, Ashaya and Summer.  
Stand out results: Katarina 1st 11 Year Old Freestyle and 2nd Backstroke, Kaleb 3rd 9 and Under Backstroke and 2nd Breaststroke, Sophie 2nd 9 and Under Breaststroke and Jonty 2nd 10 Year Old Breaststroke.

### "Caught Being Good" Week 7

Liam  
Sonny  
Larissa  
Paula  
Taria  
Lilly  
Shaunte'  
Stevie-Dawn  
Calais



Regards Brya Dixon  
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### Year 7 & 8 Camp

The fantastic fundraising effort continues thanks to everyone who is organising and supporting these events.

Another sausage sizzle over the weekend raised \$216.00 and our \$100 raffle raised \$100.

Parents remember your contribution to the camp can be paid off in instalments or by automatic payment to make it affordable. Please don't leave it to the last minute.



### School Accounts

We have had a good response to our 2011 school accounts so far. Remember that you can set up an automatic payment for a small regular amount, if this makes it more affordable. We already have a number of families doing this.

Last year we had nearly \$2,000 in unpaid fees. This means all our children miss out on other learning opportunities. Unfortunately, school is not completely FREE. Please make sure you do your bit by contributing to your child's education.

### Athletic Sports

We had a great day with lots of fun at the Athletic Sports on Tuesday.

Next week in assembly the winners will be announced.



### 3 Way Conferences

Thanks for an outstanding response to our 3 Way Conferences that are coming up next week. It's great to know that you look forward to coming in and discussing your child's learning with us.

Confirmed times will be sent home tomorrow.

Our Year 7 and 8 students will be still attending technology on the Thursday. If they have permission to go home they will be let go at 2.30pm when they get back or they will be supervised in the library until 3.00pm.

## Community Notices

### Marton United Football Club Junior Registrations

We require players from the ages of 5 years to 13 years old for the 2011 Football season.

Games for the Junior teams commence 7 May 2011. Registrations will be held on Wednesday 30 March and Wednesday 6 April between 4.00pm and 5.00pm at Wilson Park. Any enquiries please phone Sandra White 327 5401.

### Marton Junior Rugby Registration Day

Friday 25 March 4-6pm and Saturday 26 March 9am-11am at the Marton Clubrooms. New players welcome.

www.sportsground.co.nz/mjrc

Any enquires contact Martin or Tina 327 6372.

### New Zealand Book Month

March is the month that New Zealanders celebrate books and reading. To help promote books in homes, publishers and booksellers have donated four million vouchers to NZ schools.

Today, each family at Marton School will receive a \$5.00 voucher to go towards buying a book.

Please support our local Hayman's Paper Plus when making your purchase of a new book for your home.



### Eggs For Sale

We have eggs for sale at the office. Proceeds to camp.

### Headlice

I remind you that we all need to be vigilant to keep this well managed. Please check your child's hair regularly and inform us if headlice are present. We will in turn notify other parents in the class to ensure they are aware and can check and treat their child, if necessary.

### Vision and Hearing

If you think your child has a problem, the Vision and Hearing technician will be at our school this Friday. Please send a note requesting testing.

### Easter Egg Raffle

Parents and Friends are having an Easter Egg Raffle and we need donations of easter eggs by Friday 25 March. Please drop into the School Office. Thank you.

### IMPORTANT TERM 1 DATES

- \* **Friday 18 March: Tuck Shop Open**
- \* **Wednesday 23 March and Thursday 24 March: 3 Way Conferences**
- \* **Friday 25 March: Year 7 & 8 Camp Fundraiser: Hangi**
- \* **Thursday 31 March: Cluster Athletics Day**
- \* **Monday 11—Friday 15 April: Year 7 & 8 Camp**
- \* **Friday 15 April: End of Term 1**