

Dear Friends and Families

Welcome to Term 2 which will be another exciting and busy term at Marton School. I hope that you all had an enjoyable holiday and spent some special time with your children. I went to New Plymouth for Easter and caught up with my family which was nice. The weather was lovely and we enjoyed many walks along the beautiful foreshore walkway.

Our virtue for this term is 'Be the BEST'. This means that our students will be practising how to 'Be the BEST' in the following ways:

- * Dress our best by wearing the correct school uniform
- * Try our best when completing school work and activities
- * Act our best so that we are all STARS students
- * Do our best even when it is challenging for us

To 'Be the BEST' will be the language that all staff and students will be using at Marton School and I hope that you are able to reinforce and practise how to 'Be the BEST' with your children at home also.

Our Integrated Curriculum topic for this term is focussing on Physical Phenomena and from the discussions that we have had as a staff I know that there will be some fascinating learning and discovering occurring in our classrooms this term.

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

- ⇒ Option Friday (for Years 3-8)
- ⇒ Middle Team trip to Wanganui
- ⇒ Advisors Plus Numeracy evening for Parents
- ⇒ Junior Team Fire Safety unit
- ⇒ School Performance of House Singing Competition
- ⇒ Young Leaders Day
- ⇒ Arbour Day
- ⇒ Year 8 Tree Planting
- ⇒ Rangitikei College Taster Day
- ⇒ ICAS Computers, Spelling and Writing Exams



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. Hats no longer need to be worn this term but your child may still wear one if they wish. Also we would encourage your child to wear black school shoes due to the change in the seasons. Stockings may be worn by girls but please ensure that they are either navy or black in colour—thank you.

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 Rebecca to our school.

"Be the BEST"

A problem is a chance for you to do your BEST—Duke Ellington

Easter Raffle

Thank you to everyone who helped out with the Easter Raffle.
1st prize was won by Dorothy McDade
2nd prize was won by Carole George

05 May 2011 - Week One - Term Two

Absences

If your child is absent from school, we would appreciate you ringing the office by 9.00am 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 safe and 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 that you state who is absent and why.

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 an Arts programme is being run by Rei Henry (Local artist, experienced registered teacher and advisor) at James Cook School.

We are pleased to advise that Biancha and Te Manawa Marsh have been selected to attend this Arts Programme and look forward to seeing the works they will be making.

Hockey/Basketball 2011

Hockey

Hockey Opening Tournament Sunday 15 May—Feilding Turf

Kiwi Hockey Practise (Year 0-3) - Thursday Lunchtime—Play Saturday morning
Junior & Intermediate Practise (Year 3-5) - Wednesday 3.15-5pm—Centennial Park
- Play Saturday morning
Senior Hockey Practise (Year 6-8) - Thursday 5.15-6.15pm—Centennial Park
- Play Friday night

\$30.00 for season—you will need to provide mouth guard, stick and shin pads.

Basketball

Year 5-6 Practise Monday Lunchtime
Year 7-8 Practise Friday Lunchtime
Basketball plays Tuesdays 3.30pm- 5.45pm
Start date to be confirmed
\$15.00 for season

Please note coaches are needed for Basketball.



Assembly

Our assemblies are held fortnightly on Friday at 2.20pm. The first one for this term will be next Friday, 13 May 2011.

2011 Term Dates

The term dates for the remaining terms are:

Term 2: Monday 2 May-Friday 15 July
Term 3: Monday 1 August-Friday 7 October
Term 4: Monday 25 October-Wednesday 14 December

Community News

Rangitikei Squash Club Junior Nights

Started Monday 2 May
Under 8s 5—5.30pm
8 and over 5.50—7.00pm
Secondary students 7—8pm
\$2.00 per night if not a club member
Please wear non-marking soled shoes

First Steps in Coaching

Free Workshop

Wednesday 18 May, 5.30pm
James Cook Primary School

Good coaches are critical to the success of individual athletes and teams. They help athletes to develop a love for sport through creating positive, motivating and fun learning environments.

1 hour workshop that will assist new and novice coaches with useful ideas and suggestions to make your job easier and more enjoyable.

Please RSVP by Monday 16 May to Steve Kerfoot at Sport Wanganui
Ph: 06 34 92323 or steve@sportwanganui.co.nz

The 'Un-PC' Style Night!

"What to wear and not to wear" by Suzie Johnson
Thursday 26 May at 7pm, Bulls Town Hall
Tickets \$25.00 and includes one complimentary drink
Fundraiser for Bulls School.

Head Lice

Just a friendly reminder to keep being vigilant about head lice. Treatment is readily available at the chemist if need be. Please ensure that your children's hair is tied up if it can be as this can prevent the head lice from being passed along—thank you.

IMPORTANT TERM 2 DATES

- * **Friday 6 May: Tuck Shop Open**
- * **Thursday 12 May: Middle Team Trip to Wanganui**
- * **Tuesday 17 May: BOT Meeting**
- * **Wednesday 18 May: Coaching PD at James Cook School**
- * **Monday 23 May: Maths Advisors Numeracy Parents Evening and Sausage Sizzle 5.30pm**
- * **Tuesday 24 May: Young Leaders Day in Palmerston North :ICAS Computer Exam**
- * **Friday 3 June: Year 8 Tree Planting Ceremony and Afternoon Tea :Arbour Day**
- * **Monday 6 June: Queens Birthday**
- * **Tuesday 7 June: HPV and Boosterix Day - Year7/8 students**
- * **Tuesday 14 June: Vision and Hearing Tests**
- * **Tuesday 21 June: ICAS Spelling and Writing Exams : BOT Meeting**
- * **Wednesday 22 June: School Performance of House Singing Competition 6pm**
- * **Wednesday 29 June: Rangitikei College Taster Day**
- * **Monday 11 July: Mrs Dixon returns from her Sabbatical**

Regards Fiona Low
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