26 May 2011 - Week Four - Term Two

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to Week Four. Thankfully the weather has calmed down again and the wind has gone for the time being. I must say that I have enjoyed being on duty a lot more this week as I prefer the warmer days. In saying that, I will let you know that I did succeed in staying in the ice cold pool for five minutes for the @Heart heart stopper challenge. It was incredibly cold for the first minute or so but after I turned completely numb, the cold was bearable. I thank all of the families that supported me for this great cause and in total our team raised just over $1,400.00 which was awesome. I do have photographic proof as well as a certificate and do feel pretty proud of myself and I was 'Being the Best' that I could be on that day.

We welcome Zara and Libby to our school.

'Be the BEST'

I know that many of us try to 'Be the BEST' that we can at all times. Often though we forget how simple it can be to do this so I thought that I would include some ideas that you can discuss with your children so that they can put them into practise.

- 'Learn your BEST' - put 100% into every learning situation. Sometimes learning new things does take both time and practise and very rarely do we master something the first time we attempt it.
- 'Act your BEST' - at home and at school. Remember to make the best decision for the situation you are in at the time. You are a role model so make sure that you act like a person to be followed and looked up to.
- "Behave your BEST' - you know what is expected of you so this is easy to do. There is an old saying -'*Treat everyone you meet as a mirror'* and this goes for teachers, siblings, parents and friends as you are often judged by others for how you behave.
- "Look your BEST' - Our uniform looks lovely when worn correctly. By now we all know what the correct shoes are to wear, that we need our hair tied up, thermals or other clothing need to be hidden underneath our uniforms and wash our uniforms often so they are clean and smell nice.
- 'Speak your BEST' - You can do this all of the time because we speak a lot. Be mindful of how we speak to people, our tone, our choice of language and ensure that it is always appropriate. When we ask for things to be done for us, we need to ensure we use the words 'please' and 'thank you'.
- 'Try your BEST' - this is for everything we do and everywhere we do it. We must try in the classroom, on the sports field, during break times when trying something new. You will never feel failure if your know how hard you have tried. When we try, we are character building and this does take time.

I found a lovely quote to support all of the ways that we can 'Be our BEST'. It reminds me that 'Being the BEST' can and does take time and energy, but the personal pay off is worth it.
'E kore to tangata e pakiri i runga i te wai marino' - "A person who remains in calm waters will never get strong".

"Caught Being Good" Week 4

Trya
Ben
Tyler
Georgia
Tait
Lenny

Cookie Fundraiser

Firstly, I would like to apologise for misinforming you about this last week. When I first put the information into the newsletter, I copied it off of the flyer that they sent us. This was the same information I used the second time around. We only discovered the error when we received the cookies late last week after the newsletter had been printed. Mrs Whitcombe did then send a wee note home with the biscuits to let you know of the changes. I hope that this has not been an inconvenience to any of you and I do thank you for your support. Already we have had many families return their money which is fantastic and I know that there are only a few boxes left to sell before all of our biscuits are gone. Remember to return your money to the office as soon as you have sold the biscuits so that we can start to calculate our profit. There will be prizes for the family who sold the most boxes as well as a few mystery prize draws to thank our students and families involved.

School Grounds

Once your child reaches school they are in our care. We are responsible for them until the end of the school day. In order for us to be able to do this to the best of our ability we need to be certain that the children stay at school once arriving. Over the past few weeks we have had three incidences where some of our students have left the school grounds in the morning to go to the shop or to meet friends. Please reiterate to your children that this is not acceptable and they must stay at school once here—thank you.

Magical Maths Evening

Thank you to all of the parents that attended this evening. It is great to see how enthusiastic we can be about our own learning. Lynn was an excellent facilitator who had the evening well planned and showcased many interesting things to help you help your children. I would also like to thank the Maths team for their organisation of this event.

Netball Draw

Marton A	10.00am	vs Marton B	Ct 1
	11.00am	vs Ratana B	Ct 2
Marton B	10.00am	vs Marton A	Ct 1
	11.00am	vs Bulls A	Ct 3
Marton C	10.30am	vs James Cook B	Ct 2
	11.30am	vs Bulls B	Ct 1
Marton D	9.00am	vs Clifton D	Ct 3
	11.30am	vs Hunterville D	Ct 3

Hockey Draw

Friday 20 May			
11 aside	7.30pm	Marton vs Sth Makirikiri	FHS
Saturday 21 May			
4 aside	11.00am	vs Sth Mak Blue Kiwi	CP
6 aside	9.40am	vs St Matthews	CP
	9.40am	Marton Intermediate vs Sth Mak Tuis	CP

Basketball Draw

Tuesday 31 May Year 7 & 8
4.45 Marton Panthers vs Junction Gold
Bye: Marton Cheetahs

Regards Fiona Low
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Vision/Hearing Tests

We will be having the Vision and Hearing people here on Tuesday 14 June. If you wish to have your child tested as you are concerned about either or both of these then can you please send a note to Mrs Whitcombe in the office by Monday 13 June.

BMX Track Revamp Project

Today you would have received a survey to find out how you and your children would feel about revamping the old BMX track (behind James Cook School). Could you please sit down with your child/ren and complete the survey and return to Mrs Low by Tuesday 31 May. The organiser of this project, Mrs Claire Sewell, is also surveying all of the other schools in town in order to see if this would be a viable project. If you have any questions then please contact Claire on 327 5641.

Community News

Win A Training Session With The Silver Ferns

Simply spend $25 at you local New World between 30 May and 12 June 2011 then head online to **newworld.co.nz** to enter - tell them your details and nominate our school. You can enter as many times as you like, so make sure all of you get behind our netball teams.
The lucky winners will then receive their training session with the Silver Ferns at their school during September.

Marton School Stars

3 Blue Cards:
Xavier, Serena, Te Rapa, Sammie, Brock, Tyla, Caleb, Cameron, Tayne, Maui, Stevie-Dawn, Erica, Fili, La-Quahn, Flynn, Corey, Samantha, Aazaria, Georgia, Clarke, Riley and Stella.
Bronze Award:
Kaelan Death.

Congratulations.

IMPORTANT TERM 2 DATES

Friday 27 May:	**Assembly 2.20pm, Tuck Shop Open**
Monday 30 May :	**Junior Team start Fire Safety unit**
Friday 3 June:	**Year 8 Tree Planting Ceremony, Arbor Day**
	Parkland School visiting and looking at our writing programmes
Monday 6 June:	**Queens Birthday—No school**
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**
Friday 15 July:	**End of Term 2**