23 June 2011 - Week Eight - Term Two

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to week eight and what a great week we have had. I was really impressed with how many students came in Mufti - we raised $207 for the people of Christchurch - fantastic effort. I also really enjoyed our School House Performance on Wednesday night. It was lovely to see so many families there supporting their children and I know that our STARS enjoyed performing to you. Congratulations to Bredin House for winning the competition- all of that hard work paid off.

We welcome Regan and Tiffany to our school.

Leadership PD Part 2

Last week I wrote about the professional development that our Leadership team is undertaking, focussing on home/school partnerships. The focus last week was on how you as a parent/caregiver can support your child - I hope that it was helpful. The second part of the home/school partnership is what we are looking at introducing - an initiative called the *'Phone Home Programme'.* This initiative is already in many other schools around New Zealand and is extremely successful. It is based on contacting home to celebrate and share the positive elements of your child/ren's day.

Every classroom teacher has a cell phone which the child uses to contact home. The reason this does work is because there is immediate, instant contact with home. The child feels extremely happy to know that mum or dad shares their happiness and this can be talked about again when they are at home. It has helped with student achievement as all students want to do their best in order to have their whanau supporting them and this has also had a positive flow on effect with behaviour.

We are going to trial this in Rooms 8 and 9 and see how we go. Obviously we will need to look at how we can finance and support this if it is to be a school wide initiative that we adopt. I have been in contact with a principal who knows a little about sponsorship and funding so I will begin to follow the avenue he did and see where we go to next. Fingers crossed that we manage to get sponsorship from a company and can put this into practise sooner rather than later, or we will have to slowly integrate this into classrooms over time.

Be the BEST

"Don't be afraid to give your best to what seemingly are small jobs. Every time you conquer one it makes you that much stronger. If you do the little jobs well, the big ones will tend to take care of themselves". Dale Carnegie

"Caught Being Good" Week 8

Harmony
Serenity
Paige
Tayla
Rebecca
Aazaria

Fundraising

As you are aware we have now finished selling the biscuits as our fundraiser. We have 28 people who have not returned or paid for biscuits. That is $1,680 all of which is our profit. Please return your unsold cookies and/or money to the office by Wednesday 29 June or you will receive an account for any outstanding money. Once we have collated all of the money and cookies then we will be able to and announce who the prize winners are.

Winter Sport STARS

Congratulations to the huge number of our students who are involved in playing winter sports, some of them also manage to do more than one. I feel really proud when I see our students come up to the front of the assembly hall and talk about how their team went and who were the players of the day. It is great for their confidence and team spirit.

I played soccer for the first time in over a year on Sunday and whilst playing in the freezing cold, wet conditions I reflected upon all of the STARS qualities our children have in order to do that every week.

Self Motivated	Get out of a warm bed or cosy house to face the cold
Takes Risks	Plays when conditions may be a bit precarious
Articulate	Cheers their term on in a positive way when on and off court/field
Resilient	Gives their best every week and fights back when need be
Solves Problems	Works out how to make the best of every situation they find themselves in

Keep up the great work and be proud of yourselves as I know that I am and I am sure that your parents and caregivers are too. You are Marton School STARS and you shine! And to all of the parents/caregivers and teachers who also coach and support our winter sports, you are STARS too.

Netball Draw Saturday 25 June

A Team	8.30am	vs Sth Makirikiri A	Ct 1
B Team	11.30am	vs Hunterville B	Ct 1
C Team	8.30am	vs Bulls B	Ct 2
D Team	9.30am	vs Bulls C	Ct 2
Kiwi	11.00am	vs Bulls 2	Ct 3

Hockey Draw

Friday 24June			
11 aside	7.30pm	vs Hunterville B	FHS
Saturday 25 June			
4 Aside	11.40am	vs Sth Mak Blue Kiwi	CP
6 Aside			
9.00am	Marton Thunderbirds vs Sth Mak Wekas		CP
11.00am	Marton Intermediate vs James Cook		CP

Basketball Draw Tuesday 28 June—Year 7 & 8

3.45pm	Marton Cheetahs vs Junction Gold	
	Marton Panthers	BYE

Regards Fiona Low
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Community Notices

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!!!

Mystery On The Orient Express Thursday 30 June—7pm
Parents and Friends of Marton School are hosting a Gala Night for the opening of the play. Tickets are $18 each and can be purchased from the school office or Ward Furniture. Refreshments available.

Absences

If your child is unwell and you are keeping them at home please remember to contact the office and let us know. Our school number is (06) 327 8555 and the cell phone number is (027) 211 3009. Texting is fine as long as you leave the necessary details:

- Child's name
- Room number
- Reason for absence

Also please be mindful that if your child is absent for more than three days we do require a medical certificate - thanks.

Cluster Principal's PD Trip To New Plymouth

Next week I am lucky enough to be going to visit some schools in the New Plymouth region as part of our cluster Principals Professional Development. I am really looking forward to this as not only do I get to see some excellent teaching and learning in context, but I also get the opportunity to compare our school to other ones and to affirm what a great job we are doing at Marton School. As I will be away from Wednesday until Friday please see either Miss Keyes or Mr Randles with any concerns you may have. I look forward to sharing some new ideas with you all next week.

Whooping Cough

There have been recent cases of whooping cough in Wanganui.
Whooping cough starts with a runny nose and a cough which gets stronger, building up to violent coughing bouts. The cough can last for several weeks.
The case is infectious to others until three weeks after the start of the cough.
A booster vaccine dose is given at 4 years and we recommend your child gets this dose if they missed it.
It is important to keep children away from school if they are unwell with a cough, as they may spread the bacteria to others.
For further information phone (06)34 81 775 Wanganui Public Health Centre.

Marton School Stars

3 Blue Cards: Phoenix, Lydia and Carlos.
Bronze Awards: Sipuaa, Maui, La-Quahn, Tristan, Rawinia, Jade, Mariu and Sade'.
Congratulations.

IMPORTANT TERM 2 DATES

Friday 24 June:	**Tuck Shop Open**
Wednesday 29 June:	**Rangitikei College Taster Day**
Monday 11 July:	**Mrs Dixon Returns from her Sabbatical**
Friday 15 July:	**End of Term 2**
Monday 1 August:	**Start Term 3**