

30 June 2011 - Week Nine - Term Two

Dear Parents/Caregivers

It is hard to believe that we are in Week Nine and that I only have one more week as Acting Principal. They do say that time flies when you are having fun and I have really enjoyed my term. The students have been incredible and it has been an absolute pleasure getting to know them in another role. I thank all of them for making my time what it was and also thank you, my community, for supporting me in this venture. I have learnt a lot which I know will help me when I do win a full time position as a principal.

Home/School Partnership

I am very excited about our 'Phone Home' initiative as it is going to be underway soon. I contacted Gareth Mayhew who is the manager of JB-Fi in Palmerston North and he has kindly donated two phones to the school—this is fantastic and we are appreciative of his generosity as now we are armed and ready to go! I am off to pick up the phones on Tuesday after school so that we can get the phones up and running to start in Week Eleven. With support from businesses like JB Hi-Fi we will be able to ensure that this initiative is successful and can be sustained.

Thank You For The Treats

I would like to thank Jen Barnett and her mother for kindly donating treats for our students. Jen's mother works at the Palmerston North Warehouse and managed to ascertain a huge amount of goodies which we divided up amongst the classes. These treats will be used by the teachers as rewards and treats. It is really nice to be able to do this and without people showing kindness then this wouldn't be possible. Thank you so much to Jen and her mum, they are both STARS.

Internet Procedures

I think it is timely to remind our students about our internet procedures in order to keep everyone safe and to ensure our students make the correct choices. Every child and parent at Marton School signs our 'Cybersafety' agreement which outlines our expectations and the parent/child responsibilities. We would appreciate it if you could take some time to discuss these with your child/ren so that we are all aware of what are safe and unsafe practices - thank you.

Be the BEST

"Do more than is required. What is the distance between someone who achieves their goals consistently and those who spend their lives and careers merely following? The extra mile". Gary Ryan Blair

"Caught Being Good" Week 9

Mataara
Riley
Jakob
Olive
Kaelan
Ned
Christian



Community Notices

Marton OSCAR Holiday Programme

18—26 July from 8am to 6pm
We do lots of fun and exciting activities
WINZ Subsidy is available to families
For more information contact Christine Ph:027 248 2101

Rangitikei Taster Day

Our Year Eight students attend this every year and really enjoy themselves. This year Mr Randles accompanied the students and Mr Koteka stayed at school with our Year Sevens. I know that all of our students enjoyed the taster day as it is a fun day that gives them a little something to think about. Regardless of whether or not your child will attend Rangitikei College it is great for them to see how a high school works and what some of the options look like. This will help them make informed choices when the time arises.

Uniforms

With the weather turning colder please ensure that your child/ren is wearing covered in shoes in order to keep them warm. Sweatshirts are also needed, especially when the students go outside. I am aware that some of the students wear thermals to keep them warm, that is fine as long as they go along with our school colours and if not, are hidden beneath our uniform. If for some reason your child does not have appropriate uniform they will need a note as we are finding that some of our students are choosing to wear inappropriate uniform when they do own the correct one. The note will then help our teachers identify the students that are doing this and they can then address the problem at a class level first and foremost.

Cookie Fundraiser

As you are aware we have now finished this fundraiser. Letters have been sent out to the families who have money outstanding. Currently we still have 22 boxes outstanding. Please can you return any money or biscuits to the school office as soon as possible as we would like to have this all wrapped up by the end of the term. Also we want to award the prizes at the end of term assembly.

Illegal Fundraiser

Sadly it has been brought to my attention that some of our students have been going around asking for money from our community stating that they are fundraising for 'Marton School'. This is in fact untrue as we are only selling bulbs for Parents and Friends. These students are behaving in an inappropriate manner and I am very embarrassed by their actions. I would like to thank the members of our community who were concerned enough about this to come forward. If you have been approached by students then please let our school know so that we can get to the bottom of this - thank you. Due to their concerns we were able to stop this immediately.

Book Character Day

The annual Marton School Book Character Day is going to be held on Friday 8 July. It would be fantastic if your child/ren could come dressed up as their favourite book character on this day and join in our day full of literacy challenges and activities. The parade of book characters will begin at 9.15am and we will have a number of prizes available for the best dressed characters. Parents are welcome to come and view the book character parade on this day.

Bulbs: The bulb forms need to be returned to school by 6 July. Thank you.

Netball Draw Saturday 2 July

A Team	8.30am	vs Turakina A	Ct 1
B Team	11.30am	vs Hunterville C	Ct 2
C Team	9.30am	vs Hunterville D	Ct 3
D Team	8.30am	vs James Cook C	Ct 2
Kiwi	Bye		

Hockey Draw

Friday 1 July			
11 aside	7.30pm	vs Bulls	FHS
Saturday 2 July			
4 Aside)	MINI TOURNAMENT	9.00am—12.10pm
6 Aside)		

Basketball Draw Tuesday 5 July—Year 5 & 6

4.15pm	Marton Jaguars vs Junction Jets
4.45pm	Marton Tigers vs Clifton All Stars

Regards Fiona Low

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Marton School Stars

3 Blue Cards: Liam, Samantha, Paige, Sammie, Mackenzie, Michael, Miah, Abby, Nina, Ieuan, Kian, Tieren, Sam, Thomas, Meilani, Alana, Madison, Jack, Te Manawa, Davinder, Lavinia, Cooper, Alana and Madison.
Bronze Awards: Tahlia, Leah, Ashaya, Clara, Serenity, Mitchell, Cerys-Ann and Riley.
STAR Citizenship: Talei.
Congratulations everyone.

IMPORTANT TERM 2 DATES

*	Friday 1 July:	Tuck Shop Open
*	Monday 4 July—	
*	Friday 8 July:	Literacy Week
*	Friday 8 July:	Book Character Day
*		Assembly Room 5
*	Monday 11 July:	Mrs Dixon Returns from her Sabbatical
*		Paraparaumu College Performance
*	Friday 15 July:	End of Term Assembly
*		Term Two holidays begin