



## 29 September 2011 - Week Nine - Term Three

Dear Friends and Families

It has been an excellent week at our school. We have been really busy with visitors coming to work with us, Quad Sports for Years 5 – 8 and tomorrow our very own Rippa Rugby World Cup.

We would love to see parents at our Rippa Rugby World Cup Competition Day. It starts at 9.30 and runs all day, with Finals at 2.20pm and Celebration at 2.40pm.

Next week we also have a Display of our Rugby World Cup Art. Come in and have a look at how creative we are.

### BOT News

At our Board Meeting this week the following important issues were discussed:

#### CHARTER:

Our amended Charter has been sent to the MOE with the required Aim and Target relating to National Standards. Our Board still has serious concerns about National Standards and the validity and reliability of the information that is being collected and reported. We are yet to hear if it has been accepted.

#### PROPERTY AGREEMENT:

The draft proposal of our 5 Year Property Agreement has been received and will be reviewed by a sub-committee of the Board. It includes both compliance and strategic projects. Once finalised we will be able to advise you of what exciting work will be undertaken to continue to improve our school.

#### KIWI CAN:

The Kiwi Can Trust has advised our school that the programme will no longer be available in the Rangitikei from 2012.

### Mufti Day: Wednesday 5 October

Children are invited to wear mufti to school on this day and bring a gold coin donation to support Cystic Fibrosis.

Cystic Fibrosis is an inherited disease which worsens as sufferers get older. It is non-contagious and mainly affects the respiratory and digestive tracts (lungs and bowels). Daily physiotherapy is required along with a high calorie diet. It is New Zealand's most common life-threatening inherited condition.

Remember, our school expectations remain the same, even if our clothes are different.

### Marton School Cross Country

Monday 3 October at 11.30am. Please remind your child to bring a water bottle to school on this day and perhaps a change of clothes to run in. Hope to see you all here!

### "Caught Being Good"

Week 9

Brennen  
Betty-Joe  
Talei  
leuan  
Tayne  
Liam  
Eratapa



### 3 Way Conferences

I'm delighted to share with you the final attendance at our 3 Way Conferences this term. It is higher than first thought with nearly 91% of families making appointments to share in their child's learning.

Congratulations to children and their families in Room 2, 3, 7 and 8 who had a **100%** turnout! **This is fantastic!**

It is great to see our Maori and Pasifika families attending at a similar rate, as compared to our whole school.

Of concern, is the decline in the number of Year 8 parents attending. While your adolescent child is wanting to become more independent and have less input from Mum and / or Dad, this is a vital time and reason to stay in touch. You are their rock and need to be there for them during this transition time to college.

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	<b>Maori</b>	<b>Pasifika</b>
	<b>90.8%</b>	<b>87.7%</b>	<b>86.6%</b>

Room	Whole School Term 3	Year	Whole School Term 3
1	87.5%	1	100%
2	100%	2	100%
3	100%	3	100%
4	95.6%	4	94.7%
7	100%	5	88.8%
8	100%	6	96.8%
9	82.1%	7	86.2%
10	71.4%	8	66.6%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>90.8%</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>90.8%</b>

### Dyslexia with Neil Mackay

On Monday we were fortunate to have Neil Mackay, an expert from the UK on dyslexia working with students, staff and parents in our school.

Neil modelled teaching strategies in 2 of our classes (one writing and the other reading) which help ALL students learn but especially those with learning needs.

Some key points:

Let's work SMARTER not necessarily harder  
Try paired reading (where you and your child read the text together)  
Get children to present their ideas orally first  
We can write their ideas down for them or at least get them started.

Regards Brya Dixon

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### Community Notices



Hunterville  
Huntaway Festival

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### Childrens' Shemozzle

Entry forms at the School Office—Numbers limited  
Interschool Challenge—Primary School children 9 years and over



### Rangitikei Active Pool

Open Every Day For The Holidays

Swimming lessons also available

Phone: 327 8539 To book for lessons

See website for Holiday News and Opening Hours

[www.rangitikeiactive.org.nz](http://www.rangitikeiactive.org.nz)

### Thanks

A big THANK YOU to the Klopper family who donated two scooters to our school for use by our students in Room 8.

### Meet The Politicians

Thursday 29 September, from 4pm—  
Club Hotel, High Street, Marton.  
If you would like to attend please advise Mrs Low for catering purposes.

### Marton School STARS

Congratulations to the following STARS:

**3 Blue Cards:** Mahalia, Sam, Jack, Nicholas, Cooper and Claudia,

**Bronze Awards:** Kian, Paige, Miah, Nina, Liam and V J.

**Silver Awards:** Sarah, Tahlia, MacKenzie, Mackenzie, Flynn, Cerys and Lydia.

### Basketball Awards

Congratulations to the Marton Cheetahs who competed in the final last week against James Cook School. They finished a very well deserved second!  
Marton School players and teams recognised at the basketball presentations were:

**Top Points Scorer: Junior**

**Year 5 & 6 Team Sportsmanship—Rolls Trophy: Marton Tigers**

**Team Sportsmanship—M.B.A Trophy: Marton Cheetahs**

### Hockey Awards

**11 Aside: Skill and Achievement—Toulmin Cup**

### End of Term Assembly

Unfortunately we did not hear our Speech Finalists: Adam and Riley last week due to sickness. We will try again at our End of Term Assembly next Friday (7 October).

### IMPORTANT TERM 3 DATES

\* **Friday 30 September: Marton School Rugby World Cup Competition**

\* **Monday 3—Friday 7 October: Marton School Visual Arts Display**

\* **Monday 3 October: School Cross Country—11.30am**

\* **Wednesday 5 October: Mufti Day—Cystic Fibrosis**

\* **Friday 7 October: Best Dressed Fan Day : Assembly**

**: Last Day Of Term 3**

\* **Tuesday 25 October: Term 4 Starts**