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Welcome • Haere Mai • Talofa Lava • Bula Bula

Yesterday was a great day at the Marton pool with the seniors for their swimming sports. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm and enjoyment on the faces of the children as well as the satisfaction that they showed upon the completion of their races whether they came in a placing or not. The support from their peers as well as the parents who came was great, and there was certainly a keenly fought battle between the houses for the winning title. All overall winners will be announced at a later date once the final tallies have been made.

Well done to all participants and a big thank you to those parents and staff who worked hard to ensure that it all ran so smoothly.

As many of you are aware, at the end of last year there was a lot of focus around the new teachers collective agreement. This, unfortunately, has not yet been settled; we hope it will be shortly. As part of this process, all teaching staff are entitled to attend paid union meetings. These are held during school hours and do cause a disruption for all involved. This is to advise that meetings will be held next week in this region.

As a school we are very aware of how this impacts you as parents, especially if you are working parents. We have therefore decided that we will not be closing the school while the meetings are on. We will, however, be operating with a reduced staff, and the class programmes on Monday 18 March and Thursday 21 March will be slightly different. School will be open and the bus will run at the normal time, however, if you wish you are also welcome to come and collect your child at lunch time on each of these days.

The meetings will be held in the afternoon session of the school day and half our teaching staff will be attending these meetings each day. If you do collect your child at lunch time this will help to alleviate some of the pressure on the remaining teaching staff. Thank you for your understanding with this issue.

Have a good week.

Adrian Burn, Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday 15 March.....	Rm3 presentation assembly
Monday 25 March.....	Cluster swimming
Wednesday 27 March.....	Board meeting
Friday 5 April.....	Rm5 presentation assembly
.....	Cluster athletics
Friday 12 April.....	End of term 1
Monday 30 April.....	Start of term 2



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Myley (Rm8) celebrates her 12th birthday today. Tia and Hayze (Rm5) will be 9 tomorrow. This Friday, Norah-Jane (Rm3) turns 7 and James and Jesse (Rm 8) will be 12. On Saturday, Hanno (Rm5) turns 9 and Kayden (Rm5) will also turn 9.

Congratulations to this week's MOST VALUABLE PUPILS!

- ROOM 1:** Jordana Tupai for her lovely letter shapes and for being a thoughtful leader.
- ROOM 2:** Jaylee Toki for her excellent yoga skills.
- ROOM 3:** Dallas Walker for being an amazing role model.
- ROOM 4:** Contessa Skates for focusing and helping others learn in the class environment.
- ROOM 5:** Jadon Ama for putting 100 percent in class and with Mrs Carter.
- ROOM 6:** Illusiv Macaulay for trying his hardest in all his work and for helping his peers.
- ROOM 7:** Noah Wade for outstanding personal experience writing.
- ROOM 8:** Amini Seruwalu for being a swimming superstar!

Ka pai!



We would like to say a big thank you to David Herdson for repairing the school pool's solar water heating system at his own expense and his own time.

We would also like to thank Alison Bligh for donating a guitar and to Chris and Mrs Masters for donating a ukulele for children to use in our music programme.

Your generosity is most appreciated!

SCHOOL STARTS AT 8:55AM

Please ensure that your child is at school, ready to start the day by 8:55am every day. If your child is late to school, please make sure they know to come to the office to let us know; otherwise parents may get a call at approximately 9:30am as they will be marked absent by their class teacher. If your child is going to be absent all day for any reason, please text, email or phone our school office (not the class teacher). If we can't get hold of you, we are legally obliged to mark your child as truant so please also ensure that we have your correct contact details.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ISSUE 2 OUT NOW!

Brochures were sent home with children yesterday. Please check your child's bag and if you would like to place an order, please return your form and payment to our school office by 9:00am, Thursday 28 March 2019 or you can order online using your credit card using the LOOP option.

OLIVIA (RM3) IS MISSING HER SCHOOL BAG!

Olivia's bag has gone missing. It is black with pink and turquoise flowers on it, and has her named fleece inside. Please check if it has come home to you in error, and bring to the school office or Room 3 if you find it.

RECEIPTS SENT HOME WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

If you have made an automatic payment or paid in cash at the office, a receipt has been raised and given to your child's teacher to send home with this newsletter. Please check school bags. Statements will be sent home with the newsletter on Tuesday, 26 March. If you have any queries regarding your account, please do not hesitate to contact Kerry in our school office.

BULLS JUNIOR RUGBY MUSTER

Sunday 24 March 10:00am at the Rugby Club Rooms, Bulls Domain. Boys and girls ages 4 to 12, children under the age of 7 play rippa rugby, all others play tackle. Register on the day, try on jerseys for sizing, small selection of used free rugby boots available. Free sausage sizzle!

Fees: \$20 per player, \$50 maximum for families, socks are \$10. We are the cheapest junior rugby club out of all of the clubs that play in the Manawatu. Why? Because we want everyone to be able to access rugby!

Pre-season training for U9s, 10s, 11s and 12s begins next week and continues for four weeks, all players need boots and a mouth guard, training is at the domain on the following dates:

- Tuesday 12 March; 5:00pm to 6:00pm
- Thursday 21 March; 5:00pm to 6:00pm
- Tuesday 26 March; 5:00pm to 6:00pm
- Tuesday 2 April; 5:00pm to 6:00pm

For more information join us on Facebook or contact Danelle 027 874 1984.

GIVE GOLF A GO FOR FREE!

A fun, 6-hole ambrose team event for beginner golfers will be held at Marton Golf Club (Santoft Rd) on Sunday 17 March. Open to all U19 girls and boys new to golf. Meet at 1:00pm for coaching and play commences at 2:00pm. Email Rhys Watkins at mwga@sportmanawatu.org.nz to register as a team or individually, or phone 021 073 2013 for further information.

BREAKFAST CLUB NOW OPEN

Weetbix and milk is available before school on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from the kitchen by Room 8.

WALT: Learning to expand our sentences

It was school camp day on Thursday, 28 February at the back by Rooms 3 and 4. It was so amazing because I saw my friends and I stayed in a small tent on Thursday night with Illusive and Hanno on the field. We slept there because it is the biggest space at school, and there were lots of tents.

We then went to the cool pools in Palmerston North on Friday morning by bus. Illusive and I spent heaps of time in the lazy river in the inside pool. Once we finished we went back to school to pack up and head home.

by Dominik Ennis (Room 6)

Writing by Room 8

THE FREEZING NIGHT

It was horrible; the freezing night, the patrolling teachers, the whispering voices - it was just like we were tortured in prison.

THE DEATH TRAP

Wow! As I stood at the bottom of what looked like a death trap, my stomach sunk to my legs.

All of the butterflies went down my throat and filled every inch of my gut.

by Seth Walker

SLEEP

"Quick everyone, make it look like you're asleep," I whispered.

As I heard the zombie-like teachers walking around yelling at students to go to bed, I lay in my bed and I think "yay, we haven't been busted yet."

While I lay in my death bag, I wonder why Miss put us in this freezing cold tent.

