

## IMPORTANT DATES TERM 1 2016

22/3/16	Child/Parent/Teacher Interviews
24/3/16	KRTK – Kepler Track day – whole school visit
25-29/3/16	Easter – Return to school Wednesday 30/3/16
1/4/16	Clubs Day
11-15/4/16	Yr 7 & 8 Routeburn Track Tramp
15/4/16	Term 1 Concludes

Earlier this we commenced our first round of Student, Parent, Teacher interviews for 2016. These interviews are an important part of the students' learning journey. It is an opportunity to discuss their current progress and achievement, and to plan their next steps for learning with all the major stake holders responsible for ensuring that this happens.

The older students work together with the classroom teacher and their parents to plan their own next steps at the interview, while the year 3 & 4 students are introduced to this process by planning their own key competency goal. Parents are also issued with a written report.

Each student is allocated twenty minutes for their interview and we do our very best to work within this time frame however occasionally, in particular some of the senior interviews, do run over time. We cater for this by leaving a space every 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> interview so we can catch up again. This is the reason why we are reluctant to fill in these spaces when parents ask for their appointments to be changed, however we will do our best to try and find another suitable time.

On another note, I want to draw your attention to the large number of phone calls that our teachers and support staff are receiving at home from numerous school parents. Please make sure **you phone teachers and support staff at school not at home.**

If you think of something in the evening you want to discuss with the class teacher, or a message you need to leave at the office, but are afraid you may forget to do it in school hours, I suggest you phone and leave your name and number on the school answer phone so the appropriate staff member can contact you from school.

Today we have a large team of students participating in the Northern Athletics Sports.

Good luck to you all.

### Class Awards

Friday 4 March 2016

**Room Kiwi – Dylan Canton** – makes sure he writes words correctly.

**Room Hoiho – Sophie Willans** – outstanding graph work using excel this week.

**Room Tui – Natalie Spence** – is an excellent year 4 role model. Focussed, helpful and kind.

Friday 10 March 2016

**Room Kiwi – Elly Temple** – can add and subtract numbers up to the sum of ten.

**Room Hoiho – Nicole Green** - always being on task and giving her best effort.

**Room Tui – Boudica Bellaby** – uses a wide range of descriptive language in her writing.

## Assembly News

'Amazing Children' Lucky Draw Winners

Friday 10 March 2015

**Gwylam MacMillan-Armstrong** – very quick at coming into class and being organised and ready to work.

**School Values** – Caring for Myself

**Bohdi Trevor-Smith** – being ready to start maths before anyone else in the class.

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## **Kepler Track Field Trip Next Thursday 24 March**

We are looking forward to our whole school field trip next Thursday. Our Kids Restore the Kepler staff are currently finalising the programme and we will send you details early next week. In the meantime, we want to pre-warn you that Mararoa School buses will not be running and parents will be responsible for getting their own child/ren to the Kepler car park in the morning and collecting them in the afternoon (times to be confirmed).

**We require a team of parent helpers. If you are able to help, please phone the school office.** Thank you.

**Congratulations to all the following children who qualified for Northern Athletics today.**

Ruth Cody	Nicole Green
Lucy Holmes-Crombie	Holly Kempthorne
Max Kempthorne	Georgia Lindsay
Josh Ruddenklau	Isabella Speight
Sid Spence	Ivan Temple
Bohdi Trevor-Smith	Sophie Willans

**Backpack required** – do you have a spare backpack that could be borrowed for the Year 7-8 Routeburn track camp. If so please phone the school office.

**Mararoa School Swimming Pool** is now **closed** for the season. All pool keys must be returned to the school office immediately. Thank you.

### Te Anau Rugby Adventure Camp For Kids

2016 TRACK 19-20 March, Juniors ages 5-16, start time 8.45am contact Brendan 027 614 0030.

Wanted - tiles for clubs days, if you have unwanted tiles, please send them to school for the mosaic group