

## IMPORTANT DATES TERM 3 2016

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| 12 August 2016                 | Mararoa School Speeches                                |
| 16 August 2016                 | Child/Parent/Teacher Interviews                        |
| 17 August 2016                 | Child/Parent/Teacher Interviews                        |
| 18 August 2016                 | Northern Southland Junior Teachers' meeting at Mararoa |
| 19 August 2016                 | Cluster Speeches held at Mararoa School                |
| 24 August 2016                 | Gymnastics begins                                      |
| 26 August 2016                 | Remarkables Ski Trip                                   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2016 | Polyfest at Invercargill                               |
| 22 September 2016              | School Production                                      |
| 23 September 2016              | Term 3 concludes                                       |

Welcome back to term 3. We are looking forward to another action packed term with the school ski trip planned for the end of August, and the school production to held in the Davaar Wool Shed on the evening of Thursday 22 September, promising to be the major highlights.

We are very fortunate, to once again, have Mrs Jo Mann preparing our students for this production. She will be working with each class, alongside the classroom teachers, at least once a week and already there is a hum of excitement from the students after having had their first session with Mrs Mann earlier this week.

Since the beginning of the term the students have had loads of fun in the snow at morning tea and lunch times. If the snowy weather continues please make sure your children bring weather proof jackets and footwear so they are not in damp clothing during class- time.

School speeches are planned for next Friday morning commencing at 9.30am. Every student in the school will participate with younger children saying a poem or reading a favourite story, through to our senior students delivering a prepared speech. We extend an invitation to all parents and friends of the school to join us for this occasion.

**Uniform** – we now have a merino jersey option for the school uniform. A sample is on the desk at the school office if you wish to have a look and place an order.

## Assembly News

'Amazing Children' Lucky Draw Winners

**Friday 29 July 2016**

**Conlan Holmes-Crombie** – showed the youngest classmates how to play sound-snap.

**School Values** –caring for others

## Class Awards

**Friday 29 July 2016**

**Room Kiwi** – **Elly Temple** – great focus on reading practice.

**Room Hoiho** – **Sophie Willans** – taking year 4's under her wing to help them learn whare.

**Room Tui** – **Natalie Spence** – for using lots of interesting original ideas in her speech writing.



Kids Restore the Kepler enthusiasts are looking for 10 litre plastic containers with lids to be used as floating devices for the grebes' nesting rafts (water, detergent, cooking oil or drench containers, possibly rinsed, no motor oil containers please). We are helping DOC rangers assembling six rafts and we need 30 of them!!! If you have 10 litre containers to donate, please contact [alessandra.m@fiordlandconservationtrust.org.nz](mailto:alessandra.m@fiordlandconservationtrust.org.nz)  
Thank you!

# Holiday Story

Greetings 😊

My name is Moyra Whiting and my husband is Rex....one time Principal at Mararoa School (1977-1979 then again from 1982 –1985....the gap in between was spent teaching on Pitcairn Island)

During these school holidays, we undertook a very long overdue road trip to Southland/Fiordland to visit people we had not seen for quite some time. Travelling with us were our son and daughter in law.

Our son Campbell began his schooling at Mararoa and looks back upon his time there very fondly.

Having stayed a night in Te Anau, we made sure that on our way south, there was time for a stop at Mararoa School. We felt rather like intruders once through the gate, but were so excited about having a wee stroll around the grounds and peering in through the windows when we could. Oh what memories!!!

That playground...second to none with numerous opportunities for children to make their own fun...the old slide...the trees.....the bank....things to climb...

The bin of pine cones at a classroom door....the fires that burn real wood and coal....BLISS!!!

Our house is no longer there...

I guess the crux of this message is to convey to your present day students, the message that they are so privileged to have such a wonderful environment to learn in and to experiment in. Imaginative play....no need to be carrying around a cellular device!!

I actually shed a tear or two....nostalgia to a point but more-so, tears of gratitude for the fact that the children who attend your school have the ability to retain a somewhat honest and childlike existence... something sadly lacking in many areas.

I'd love to have this message conveyed to the children if you feel so inclined and IF there was a 'spare moment'...some answers to the following questions...

Have fun learning....dream big.

And every day.....try one new thing that scares you. You'll never know until you try....

Have a very happy term everyone 😊



LIC's website provides a simple guide on how to select, rear and train a calf for the pet show. For further information go to [www.calfclub.co.nz](http://www.calfclub.co.nz)

Art competition – LIC are also running their annual art competition so if you child is rearing an animal for pet show check out [www.calfclub.co.nz](http://www.calfclub.co.nz)  
There are some great prizes up for grabs.

## TAKE THINGS A P A R T !



**AND PUT THEM BACK TOGETHER TO CREATE  
SOMETHING NEW!**

**Where: Te Anau Library**

**When: August 11, 2016 from 4pm – 5pm**

**Ages: 7 and up**

**Contact: Jo Mann [jo.mann@southlanddc.govt.nz](mailto:jo.mann@southlanddc.govt.nz)**

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**We need a LOGO for LIT Kids! Draw your idea and bring them with you on August 11<sup>th</sup>**

### ***NZ Most Inspiring Teachers***

The Warehouse Stationery are on the lookout for amazing teachers. To nominate or vote for a teacher please visit: [www.inspiringteachers.co.nz](http://www.inspiringteachers.co.nz)

There are over \$40,000 worth of prizes to be won. More information at the school office.