

IMPORTANT DATES TERM 1 2017

10 February	Meet and Greet BBQ
15 February	Basin Swimming Sports
24 February	Northern Swimming Sports
10 March	Basin Athletics
13 March	Parent/Student/Teacher interviews
14 March	Parent/Student/Teacher interviews
21 March	Northern Southland Athletics
24 March	KRTK Trip
7 April	Clubs Day
13 April	Term 1 concludes

Please be aware that sometimes due to unforeseen circumstances, these dates can change.

Welcome back to the start of the 2017 school year.

We hope you have all enjoyed the holiday break, and now that the school year is under way we are hopeful it will bring some much needed settled summer weather that has sadly eluded us so far this year. It's great to see all the children back and excited to share their holiday stories and to catch up with all their mates.

It is our pleasure to welcome Mrs Sandra Ball to the staff. Mrs Ball will be working alongside Mrs Ibbotson in Hoiho class 3 days a week.

Our school is looking spick and span with our flash new fence and signage and, thanks to the wonderful team of parents who have been working hard in the background, our grounds and gardens are looking neat and tidy for the new term.

This year, we have had some classroom changes with Mrs Ibbotson moving into the Hoiho room with the year 1&2 children, and Mrs Harrison re-locating into the Kiwi classroom with the senior students. We have also made some changes to the scheduling of our daily time-table with morning tea now from 10.40 – 11.00am and lunch 12.50 to 1.45pm.

There is a very full programme planned with athletics and swimming in full swing for the first half of term one. Please make sure you re- familiarise yourselves with all the following school information to make the transition back to school is as smooth as possible.

Notification of absence from school

To ensure your child's safe arrival at school it is important that we are notified prior to the beginning of the school day if they are going to be absent. If you are unable to raise anyone in the office please leave a message on the answer phone.

Bus Messages

Bus messages left on the school answer phone will be cleared each day and delivered to the children at 2.30pm. We cannot guarantee messages left after this time will be actioned, however we will always endeavour to do our best. As part of our health and safety procedures they must be given to us by the child's own parent/caregiver. Please make sure they are short, clear and concise.

School Uniform

It is a BOT requirement that every child is in full school uniform every day. Please ensure that each item of clothing is clearly named so it is easily identified. It is amazing the quantity of new, good quality, unnamed clothing that is never claimed. All children with long hair are required to wear it tied up and kept off their faces.

Hi Viz Vests

All children were issued with hi viz vests last year. School Policy dictates it is compulsory these are worn when travelling to and from school. Each child is responsible for looking after their own vest. These vests are the property of the school and will be collected when the child leaves the school. If your child has out grown their vest please get them to speak to their classroom teacher who will change it for a larger size.

Consent Forms

Instead of sending out a separate consent form for every extra-curricula activity and school/class field trip the children participate in, we ask parents/caregivers to complete one consent form to cover all activities for the whole of the school year. Please fill in the attached form and return it to school ASAP.

Sunhats

Sunhats are part of school uniform. All children must wear them when they are outside on sunny days. If they do not bring their own hat we do have some hats at school, however we do not have enough for every child in the school. They will be issued on a first in basis to those without hats and those who miss out will have to stay under the shade sail at the front of the school.

Swimming

For the first half of this term swimming will part of our daily curriculum programme. All children are required to bring their named towel, togs, and bathing cap to school every day. For children to be excused from swimming the parent/caregiver needs to contact the classroom teacher.

Stationery

Class teachers will begin issuing your child with their 2017 stationery tomorrow to be charged to your stationery accounts. Please contact the school as soon as possible if you wish to purchase your stationery from a different vendor. The school sources quality stationery at competitive rates and there is no mark up on these rates for parents. Each child will be charged a small amount to cover the cost of class sets of pencils/glue sticks/twink rollers etc. Class teachers will let you know how much this cost is for your child.

Parent Concerns

Often parents have concerns relating to their child's academic, emotional or physical wellbeing. In order to have these issues resolved quickly and fairly for all parties concerned, it is important you contact your child's classroom teacher at school to discuss the issue. Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the procedures you need to follow. Please keep this in a safe place so you can refer to it should the need arise. Our office staff are always happy to forward a copy to you if it can't be found.

Mary Baigent
Principal

Staffing for 2017

Ms Baigent	Principal / Teacher Tui class
Mrs Ibbottson	Teacher Hoiho class
Mrs Harrison	Teacher Kiwi class
Mrs Templer	Teacher Tui Class (Thursday & Fridays)
Mrs Ball	Teacher Aide & Part time Teacher
Mrs McDonald	Office Administrator
Mrs Gentle	Office Administrator (Wednesdays)
Mrs Middleton	School Cleaner



Athletics Training

We need to start athletics training next week, because we have about a month before our Te Anau Basin athletics day. Mararoa School students have always performed extremely well, due to their excellent preparation.

We need parents to help run our coaching programme.

We will be training every morning, 9.45am until 10.15am. If you can help, please phone Susan at school by **Wednesday 1 February**, (that's tomorrow - I know!!!) with your preference of day and athletic discipline (running, high jump, long jump, discus, shot-put).

No experience is needed, and help with coaching tips is given!

Contacting the Classroom Teacher

Please either phone the classroom teacher before or after school, there is usually a teacher available up to 5.00pm, or phone Mrs McDonald during the school day so she can schedule an appointment. Otherwise leave your name and number on the school answer phone and we will return your call.

Please, no phone calls to teachers at home.

Year 7 & 8 Technology Classes

Technology for our Year 7 Students begins on 2 February, 9.00 – 11.00 am at Fiordland College

Meet and Greet Barbecue at Mararoa School Friday 10 February 5.30pm onwards

We look forward to catching up with all our school families, pre-school families and friends of the school at our 'Meet and Greet Barbecue' next Friday at 5.30pm.

Bring your own food and utensils. The PTA will have barbecues available for your use.

Bus Notices

Please notify the school office of standing bus arrangements for after school activities ie, tennis, trampolining in Te Anau. Thank you.

School Uniform

We have in stock some uniform items both new and second hand. If you require items please contact the school office. All new uniform items can be ordered online at www.poppetclothing.co.nz. Thank you.



Tissues Please

Please supply one box of tissues per child. These are for emergencies only. Please check that your children bring their own hankies or tissues to school every day. This is a lifelong habit/skill that they need to learn.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for items to be included in the school newsletter is Tuesday 10 am. Items received after this time will be placed with the following week's information.



We now have an AED on site, situated at the front entrance of the school. In February St Johns will visit and host a community training session.

We will get the information to you when we have them.

The AED was kindly donated to the community by the Fox Family of Te Anau.

DAIRY WOMENS NETWORK - Wednesday 15th February FREE Upcoming Event funded by DairyNZ and Primary ITO - "Build your Budget" 9.30am - 12.30pm in Lumsden. All men/women welcome. Light Refreshments provided. RSVP's to Rebecca Dawkins 021 138 9580 rebeccajadeharris@gmail.com or Julz Orr 027 478 0148 julzandjeff@gmail.com





WAIKAIA SCHOOL FAMILY TRAIL BIKE RIDE

WHEN: Saturday March 4th and
Sunday March 5th 2017

WHERE: Glenaray Station, Piano Flat Road, Waikaia

CONTACT: Nigel Baldock 027 495 8032
Tina Mann 027 562 9915

 Junior Trail Ride specifically designed for riders 16yrs and under. Suitable for the whole family.

 See our Facebook page (Waikaia Family Trail Bike Ride) for updates and registration details or www.myrides.co.nz

 Camping options available

AUTISM_{NZ}
Every step together

Autism Support Group

Come out and get to know other parents, caregivers and professionals in a non-threatening environment

- Share Experiences
- Discuss Ideas
- Learn what resources are available

Location: Fiordland Community House

Time: 1pm to 2pm on
Tuesday 28th February
Tuesday 23rd May
Tuesday 22nd August
Tuesday 28th November

For more information or if you would like specific resources please contact Wendy Jenkins – Autism Outreach Coordinator

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