

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

## IMPORTANT DATES TERM 2 2017

23-26 May	Yr 7 & 8 Auckland Camp
25 May	Board of Trustees meeting at 5.00pm
26 May	Mararoa/Te Anau Cross Country
30 May	"Puss in Boots" (New Zealand Play House in Te Anau - \$4.50 each)
2 June	Northern Southland Cross Country
14 June	Winter sports commences
23 June	Southland Cross Country - Waimumu
29 June	Board of Trustees meeting at 5.00pm
7 July	End of Term

Looking after our personal belongings is one of the important skills included in our school value, "Caring for Myself" and it is heartening to observe a recent school trend reflecting over-all school improvement in this area. Since the beginning of term two I have noted, much to my delight, that we have had very few unclaimed items of clothing and other personal belongings in lost property. This is a huge change from term one when week after week there was an enormous pile of polar fleeces, socks, vests, sports clothing & other personal belongings overflowing our lost property box. "Well done Mararoa students. Keep up the great work!"

A reminder that we have our annual Mararoa/Te Anau schools cross-country at Murray & Tarn Willans's property on Wilderness Road tomorrow. Students will have an early lunch at school and parents need to collect their child from school at 11.30 am. Please remember that students must remain in the allocated area with their age groups until they are dismissed by the supervising teacher at the conclusion of the last race, when you may take your child home. School buses will be running as usual, to and from school, both in the morning and in the afternoon.

**Cross Country Reminder –**  
Parents/Caregivers please check details about this Friday's Cross Country.

Details were published in the 18 May Mararoa School Flyer.

### Class Awards

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

**Room Kiwi – Charlie Carran** – showing dedication to his Cross Country training.

**Room Hoiho – Cassius Thomson** – has a great understanding of strategies in addition and subtraction.

**Room Tui – Riley Whyte** – has been practising his reading every day at home.

### Assembly News

'Amazing Children' Lucky Draw Winners

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

**Noah Temple** – showing patience in a difficult situation.

**School Values** – Caring for Myself.



### Mararoa PTA House Award

Trophy for the house who have accumulated the most points in the fortnight leading up to 11 May.

**Kowhai**

### **Bus Notices**

Please make sure that all bus messages are at the office by 2.00pm. We cannot guarantee any messages received after this time will reach your child/ren as the message board would have already gone round the classes.

Please ensure that you have notified us of all messages and not just told your child. The buses leave promptly and if we have not been notified by a parent/caregiver of the message your child will be sent home on the bus as usual!

Also, when you collect your child please ensure the duty teacher or school office is told, otherwise we do not know that your child has left the school grounds.

**Absent Notices** – Please ensure that you notify the school office if your child/ren is absent by 8.40am.

**Sickness** – it is important that if your child/ren is ill with vomiting or diarrhoea you should not send them to school for 48 hours after this has ceased. More information can be found on the Ministry of Health School Exclusion page <http://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/school-exclusion>

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### **Winter Sports**

Winter Sport starts later this term, 14 June, every Wednesday 1.45pm - 2.45pm. I'll put a rugby roster together and put it in the newsletter. If you'd like to help out by coaching netball please let Susan know.

### **Hockey**

Te Anau and Mararoa students who took part in our hockey coaching last year have had the chance for further coaching with Jacky Holmes and myself since the beginning of this month. With 20 players coming over the past four sessions, we are now splitting them into two groups.

The 14 older more experienced players will continue their coaching with me.

The younger players and the newer players will get more intense coaching of beginner skills with Jacky. We are now able to add another six children from Years 2, 3 or 4 to this group.

If your child is keen to play hockey, our weekly sessions are Monday after school 3.30pm-5pm. Contact me on 2497800 for more details.

We will be registering some players for the Lightning Sticks Competition in Invercargill, run by Hockey Southland for seven Sunday mornings from June 11th (excluding the school holidays). Although intended for Year 5 and Year 6 students we are able to include a few from Year 4 and Year 7. This is an awesome chance for our players to put everything into practice with games on the artificial hockey turf with other children.

We will also organise some away games for our younger players, depending on the interest and commitment from players and parents.

It's great to see the level of enthusiasm for hockey amongst the kids. Skills are improving all the time! This is perfect timing as we are currently fund-raising for our own sand turf here in Te Anau, which will make hockey even more appealing next year!

Christine Pounsford