

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

IMPORTANT DATES TERM 1 2018

| | | Term Dates |
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| 16 Feb | Te Anau Basin Swimming Sports at Fiordland College Pool | |
| 19 Feb | Testing Week begins | Term 1 07/02/18 - 13/04/18 |
| 28 Feb -1 March | Life Education Bus | Term 2 30/04/18 – 06/07/18 |
| 02 March | Te Anau Basin Athletics at Te Anau School | Term 3 23/07/18 – 28/09/18 |
| 09 March | Northern Swimming Sports | Term 4 15/10/18 – 18/12/18 |
| 13 -14 March | Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews | |
| 15 March | Northern Athletics | |
| 20 - 21 March | Enviroschools Hui, Yr 7 & 8 Overnight Camp | |
| 30 March | Good Friday | |
| 2-3 March | Easter Mon/Tues Holiday | |
| 6 April | Clubs Day | |
| 12 April | Integrated Digital Inquiry Learning Day | |
| 13 April | Term 1 Concludes | |
| 30 April | Term 2 Commences | |

From the Principal's Desk,

After our long, hot, sunny holiday we welcome everyone back to a busy start to the school year. It is always an exciting time for our students as they catch up with their friends and get organised for the year ahead.

This term we have Mrs Harrison teaching year 5-8 in Kiwi Room, I have the year 3&4 students in Tui Room and Mrs Ibbotson is back in Hoiho Room with year 1&2. I will be taking principal release hours every afternoon and all day Friday when year 3 students will be working in Hoiho Room and year 4 students in Kiwi Room. Beginning next week, in order to make sure we keep all of our literacy and numeracy classes small we will have some small groups of students interchanging with other classes. The class teacher will let you know if your child is in one of these groups and which class they will be going to.

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 **2.20pm**. 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.



Welcome back everyone, and a special welcome to Annabelle McFelin and Flynn Ledgard who have turned 5 and are starting school with Mrs Ibbotson in Hoiho Room, and also to Lara Harrington who will be joining Hoiho room and Sage Harrington joining Kiwi Room with Mrs Harrison.

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 Campbell 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.

Bus Notices

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

Consent Forms

Included with this newsletter are updated consent forms for Photo/publication & Cybersafety. Children will not be able to access any technology until signed forms are returned, so please do so as soon as possible!

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.

Mud Kitchen

After a visit to Nature Discovery last week, I thought it would be fun to set up a mud kitchen down the bank. We need some old pots, muffin tins, cake tins, sieves, spoons etc. We also need one more pallet. Please let Susan know your offers. Thank you.

Athletics Training

We need to start athletics training next week, because we have only three weeks 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, 10.10am until 10.40am. If you can help, please phone Susan at school by **Friday 9 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!

Te Anau Basin Swimming Sports

Date: 16 February 2018

Venue: Fiordland Community Pool, Te Anau

Warm Up: 10am

Start: 10.30am.

Ages: Ages on 9 March (as this is Northern Date)

8yr, 9yr, 10yr

Changing: All students are to remove gear from changing rooms, and keep it with them in a suitable bag. They will need to have food and drink with them. There will be no lunch break.

Races: Races will be run with the fastest 3 times over all the heats recorded.

We need 18 parents to help with timekeeping please. If you can do this, please seat yourselves at end of pool (no experience necessary and is the best view!!)



Athletics 800 – 1500 Metres

Children aged 9 years and older (age at 31/12/17) are able to enter these events to be held on 19 & 20 February, 2pm at Te Anau School. Please chat to your children about this and let Susan know if they are entering and if you can transport them to the events.

Cricket is back for term 1 and its bigger and better!

New Zealand has some great cricket programmes and we are taking it to more centres across Southland than ever, including our super popular girls only cricket competition "GIRLS SMASH" and the exciting "SUPERSTAR CRICKET".

All the details are below:

SUPERSTAR CRICKET-

- Week one commencing Friday 16th February 2018 / Week 6 concludes on Friday 23rd March 2018.
- Y1-8.
- Games start at 4pm.
- 6 players per side batting in pairs.
- \$20 per child for the 6 week programme.
- <https://www.nzc.nz/community/nzc-programmes-and-formats/superstar-cricket>

GIRLS SMASH-

- Week one commencing Thursday 15th February 2018 / Week 6 concludes on 22nd March 2018.
- Y1-8.
- Games start at 4pm.
- 6 player per side batting in pairs.
- Soft ball used.
- No fee to play (funded by NZ Cricket).
- <https://otagocricket.co.nz/community-cricket/girls-smash/>

