

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

IMPORTANT DATES TERM 1 2018

		Term Dates
15 March	Northern Athletics	
20 - 21 March	Enviroschools Hui, Yr 7 & 8 Overnight Camp	
30 March	Good Friday	Term 1 07/02/18 - 13/04/18
2-3 March	Easter Mon/Tues Holiday	Term 2 30/04/18 – 06/07/18
6 April	Clubs Day	Term 3 23/07/18 – 28/09/18
12 April	Integrated Digital Inquiry Learning Day	Term 4 15/10/18 – 18/12/18
13 April	Term 1 Concludes	
30 April	Term 2 Commences	

From the Principal's Desk,

It has been exciting to have been involved in this week's interviews and see the way in which the students have engaged in discussions with their parents and teachers around their current learning journeys in order to set their new goals. The confidence and clarity that many of them show around what they want to achieve and the steps they need to take in order to make this happen is amazing and makes the time and effort involved in preparing and running these sessions incredibly worthwhile. The progress that every student in our school achieved in all of the curriculum areas last year is a true indication of just how hard everyone works to ensure they are successful.

Last year we targeted mathematics as our curriculum area to lift achievement and through the hard work of everyone involved, the students, teachers and parents, this was achieved. Everyone in the group made at least one year's progress while many accelerated their progress to a higher level. By the end of the year we had a very high percentage of our students working at or above their expected level of achievement. In order to consolidate and to ensure we maintain these good programmes so every student has the opportunity to achieve their best, mathematics is our targeted area for achievement again this year.

On another note, today we have 15 students competing at the Northern Southland Athletics in Lumsden. To have this number of competitors qualify from our small rural school is another shining example of just how hard everyone works to make sure Mararoa students are given the opportunity to achieve their best in everything they do.

Mary Baigent
Principal



Class Awards Thursday 8 March 2018

Room Kiwi – Charlie C – Showing dedication to his leadership role

Room Hoiho – Izzy – Great focus on reading and writing

Room Tui – Conlan – working really hard on his classwork

Mararoa PTA House Award

Trophy for the house who have accumulated the most points in the fortnight leading up to 8 March

Rimu 297 Points

Club/Leisure Activities

On Friday 6 April, we have a clubs/leisure activities day planned, but of course we need your help to run the day. If you have a suggestion for an activity please let Susan know by Monday 19 March because this is when children will make their choices. Some activities which have been popular in the past are: tramping (senior & junior) cycling, junior biking, art & craft, beauty, cooking, baking, campsite setting, fishing, yachting, squash, building, movie making, photography. The children choose 3 activities and they will get ONE of those choices. The activities will run for the whole day.

Northern Southland Primary Schools' Swimming Results

Well done to our whole swim team!

But special congratulations to:

Iris Spence 8yr girls – 1st one length freestyle, 2nd one length backstroke, 1st one length breaststroke, 1st medley

Ada Horrell – 3rd one length backstroke

Max Kempthorne – 2nd one length backstroke

Charlie Carran – 1st one length breaststroke

Lost property from Northern Swimming Sports:

Very nice large green towel, a couple of pairs of goggles & a camelback drink bottle.

Please phone Lumsden Primary School to arrange return Ph: 03 248 7474

Board Games

Tomorrow afternoon we will be having a Board Games afternoon for all classes. Students are welcome to bring a favourite Board Game from home to share.

The Arts

One of our current strategic goals is to ensure all students are given the opportunity to experience and develop a greater appreciation of all the Arts disciplines. Our 2018 focus is around music. At a recent BoT meeting there was discussion around whether there would be enough interest for us to investigate bringing qualified teachers out to school for individual music lessons. Eg. keyboard, violin, guitar.

If you are interested please indicate by filling in the attached form.

WEST DOME Guided Walk

TO THE SUMMIT 1,478M

SUNDAY 18 MARCH

- Entry \$10 Primary school age FREE (minimum age 7) • BBQ afterwards at base included
- Meet at MCG 9am • Travel in convoy from MCG to base 9.15am
- Briefing at base 9.45am • Start walk 10am
- Reasonable level of fitness required
- Wear appropriate footwear & clothing bring food & drinks



REGISTRATIONS TO SONYA TAYLOR
BRUCEANDSONYA@XTRA.CO.NZ OR PH 021 884 972



Please return all sports uniforms (tracksuits and shirts - unwashed) to Mrs Ibbotson as soon as you can.

Yoghurt Dough Scrolls

Botanical name: Rolius scrollius

Where to grow: Lunch boxes, after school, weekends

Fundamentals for good growth:

1 and 1/3 cup self raising flour

1 cup plain Greek yoghurt (or any plain unsweetened yoghurt)

2 Tbsp sesame seeds and/or linseeds (optional)

How to grow:

Makes 8 scrolls. Pre-heat oven 180 degrees C.

Mix flour, yoghurt (& seeds if using) together to form a ball. Turn out onto a well-floured surface and knead for about 5 mins (the dough is very sticky, so you could skip this bit, like we did at school).

Divide into 8 portions. Using fingers, shape each portion into a long rectangle about 1 cm thick. Top with filling, roll up length-wise and place on baking tray (leaving a bit of space in between).

Bake 25 mins or until golden and cooked through.

Filling suggestions: Pizza sauce and grated cheese, Vegemite & cheese, Lightly cooked spinach, pinenuts & cheese

Butter, cinnamon and a drizzle of honey



Origins: Speight family