

IMPORTANT DATES TERM 1 2015

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| 26/3/15 | Board of Trustees Meeting, 4.30pm (please note change of date) |
| 27/3/15 | Clubs Day |
| 28/3/15 | Southland Athletics |
| 2/4/15 | Term 1 concludes |

After attending the annual general meeting of our PTA on Monday night, I can't help but reflect on the amazing job you all do and how fortunate our school is to have so much commitment from this organisation. Very few schools in the country could boast the high percentage rates of parent involvement Mararoa receives in PTA fundraising ventures. The efforts of everyone involved, allows the Board of Trustees to provide many additional learning resources including ICT tools and extra teaching staff for our children.

It also means that we do not have to request school donations from individual families which is often what happens in many state funded schools. Our PTA also subsidizes some of our school field trips, including the annual ski trip, giving every child the opportunity to participate at a very affordable cost.

We extend a huge note of thanks to Mrs Sharleen Whyte who has stepped down from her position as PTA secretary. Sharleen has done a brilliant job over the past two years and we truly appreciate all her hard work, and the many hours she has given to this role.

The Board and Staff also want to acknowledge PTA chair Paul Ruddenklau, Treasurer Alisa Speight and catering co-ordinator Netty Dennis for the fantastic job they have done in their roles at the helm. This year the team will be joined by new secretary Matt Canton.

The term has flown with our first holiday break coinciding with Easter. Term two begins on Monday 20 April.

Transport to Blackmount – we require another 3 cars to get children to the Blackmount Pool next Thursday. Please phone the school ASAP if you can help. Once we have enough cars we will send further information.

Class Awards

Friday 13 March

Room Kiwi Dylan Canton – is reading accurately and smoothly.

Room Hoiho Lachlan Holmes-Crombie – for showing team work during science.

Room Tui Sam Smeaton – has been striving to use descriptive language in his poetry.

Friday 20 March

Room Kiwi Nathan Costello – looks carefully at words when he reads.

Room Hoiho Max Kempthorne – for writing a great chocolate river poem.

Room Tui Lucy Holmes-Crombie – for retaining your Spanish. Katie Dennis – for constructing an accurate stem and leaf graph to show the height of students in Tui room.

Assembly News

'Amazing Children' Lucky Draw Winners

Friday 13 March 2015

Laura McDonald – for waiting patiently and giving others a turn.

School Values – caring for others.

Friday 20 March 2015

Lucy Holmes Crombie – for helping Geordie when he hit his head on the window

School Values – caring for others.

School Cleaning

As you are probably aware, we currently do not have a school cleaner. A special note of thanks to all the school staff who are pitching in to clean the school at the end of their busy day working day. A wonderful team of parents Kerry McLean, Anna Kempthorne, Tarn Willans, Sue Harbutt and Fiona McDonald pitched in last Friday afternoon to give the school a major clean up for the week. Thank you Ladies!

Another major weekly clean would be appreciated again. A team of 2 or 3 parents to give us an hour after school tomorrow at a time convenient to you all, to do a really good weekend clean for us. Please contact the school office if you can help. Thank you.

Urgently Required – School Cleaner

Immediate Start!

- 2 hours/day, 5 days/week, maximum 12 hours/week
- 25 hours school holiday clean

Flexible hours from 4pm onwards

Ask your neighbours, ask your friends or anyone you can think of!

If you are interested please contact the school office
03 249 5816 or email office@mararoa.school.nz

Southland Athletics Invercargill 28 March

Congratulations to these children who have qualified for the Southland Athletics Sports to be held in Invercargill on 28 March. We're very proud of you!

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| Nicole Green | 60m, 100m, long jump, relay |
| Lucy Holmes Crombie | 800m |
| Sophie Willans | discus |
| Aisha Gardyne | discus |
| Max Kempthorne | 100m, relay |
| Braedyn Till | discus |

School Uniforms

Please ensure that all items are named, we are getting lots of lost property. If you have 2nd hand items please ensure you have crossed out the old name and put in your name.

Lost uniform (with no name) 1 x size 8 sweatshirt. If you are missing this item please contact the school office.

SOUTHLAND LIFE EDUCATION COMMUNITY TRUST AGM

To be held Thursday 23rd April 2015, 7.00pm at Windsor North School, Chelmsford Street, Invercargill.

New Trustees are required to fill vacant positions so parents, teachers, school principals, past teachers or any interested person **please** make an effort to attend and support the Trust.

Any queries to Val (03)235-8910
All welcome.

NETBALL FIORDLAND INC

Registrations for Winton Netball Teams will be held at the Events Centre on Monday 30th March 3.15 - 5.15pm. Registration forms should be sent out via e-mail beforehand and please bring these along signed by a parent/caregiver along with the appropriate payment. Travel costs for the season can also be paid at the time if suits. Any queries contact Linda Pawsey 2497877

Parent to Parent 28 - 29 MARCH 2015

Parent to Parent supports families and whanau raising kids with disabilities or health impairments by connecting them with another trained Support Parent with a child of a similar condition or issue.

If you are a parent, step-parent, grand parent of a child with a disability and would like to support other parents, why not consider training to be a volunteer Support Parent.

You can do as many or as little calls as you like. We will provide you with comprehensive training and support and a subscription to our quarterly magazine.

There is no cost for this course. If you are interested in finding out more information, please contact us.

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PTA Minutes of Meeting held on 23 March 2015.
A copy of the minutes are available at the school office.