

IMPORTANT DATES TERM 2 2015

26/5/2015	PTA Meeting 7.30pm
1/6/2015	Queen's birthday holiday – school closed
5/6/2015	Te Anau Basin X Country
10/6/2015	Winter Sports Begins
12/6/2015	Northern Southland X Country
18/6/2015	Board of Trustees Meeting 5.30pm
19/6/2015	Southland X Country
22/6/2015	"Food for Thought" – Tui Class Four Square Te Anau visit
2/7/2015	International Food Festival
3/07/2015	Term 2 concludes

We are only two weeks out from this year's Te Anau Basin Cross Country which will be held on Murray and Tarn Willans' property on 5 June. Many of our children love the challenge of this event and look forward to our school training programme, while for others it is more difficult and they can't wait for it to be over and done with. Therefore, I want to comment on how impressed we are with the positive attitudes all the children have in our regular training sessions, no matter how easy or hard they find it. Next week we will have a couple of training runs at the Willans' farm so that everyone is familiar with the course. It's looming up fast so now is the time to be putting in some extra practice at home.

Cross Country Practices

We are planning to have practice runs on the cross country track on Willans's farm (Wilderness Road) on Monday and Friday next week (25 & 29 May). We will leave school at 1.15 and return to school in time for the buses. If you can help us by transporting children on these days, please phone school with your offers by **tomorrow, Friday 22 May**.

Huge thanks to the PTA, especially Murray Willans, for marking out the track and getting the maps ready.

Assembly News

'Amazing Children' Lucky Draw Winners

Friday 5 May 2015

Aisha Gardyne – for asking good questions when we had a guest speaker at school.

School Values – caring for myself.

Class Awards

Friday 15 May

Room Kiwi Brock Till – uses cubes to make groups of tens. Key competency. Thinking - developing understanding

Room Hoiho Charlie Carran – for mastering the strategy of adding multiple groups of tens

Room Tui Oliver Mann – having a lengthy conversation in Spanish with no mistakes or checking his book. Que bueno!

Te Anau Basin Cross Country

For our cross country event on 5 June (see the attached programme), we are asking you to **transport your own child** to the event, leaving school at 11.30.

If you are unable to do this please phone school by 29 May, and we will try to help you.

1000 free tickets for rural children Highlanders vs Chiefs Super 15 game May 30. To get your hands on tickets visit

www.tru-testkids.co.nz

Available for 12 years and under from 20 May 12pm so be in quick!

Swimming Pool Keys – all swimming pools keys from the last season should be returned to the school office asap. Thank you.

Te Anau Basin Cross Country 5 June 2015

Postponement date: 8 June

Postponement decision made by 10.30am

The event will be held at the Willans's farm.

Turn (left from Te Anau) (right from The Key) onto Wilderness Road.

200m up the road, turn right into Willans's paddock.

Follow the parking signs.

Races will begin at 12.15pm.

Order of races:

- Race 1 Year 0-1 Boys approx. 400m
- Race 2 Year 0-1 Girls approx. 400m
- Race 3 Year 2 Boys approx. 600m
- Race 4 Year 2 Girls approx. 600m
- Race 5 Year 3 & 8yr old Boys approx. 1000m
- Race 6 Year 3 & 8yr old Girls approx. 1000m
- Race 7 9yr old Boys approx. 1500m
- Race 8 9yr old Girls approx. 1500m
- Race 9 10yr old Boys approx. 2000m
- Race 10 10yr old Girls approx. 2000m
- Race 11 11, 12, 13yr old Boys approx. 2000m
- Race 12 11, 12, 13yr old Girls approx. 2000m

Ages at 31.12.2015

The children will sit in their age-groups, with their age-group controller, before and after their races.

They will remain in their age groups to cheer on their school-mates and other runners. The children will stay with their group until they are dismissed at the discretion of their teachers. We encourage all children and supporters to stay until after the last race.

BBQ food and hot drinks will be available for purchase from the Mararoa School PTA.

Sandfly coffee truck will be onsite.

First aid tent will be available.

Porta – loos will be onsite.

“Many thanks” to Mararoa School PTA for setting up the course and helping with event.