

IMPORTANT DATES TERM 2 2015

3/07/2015	Term 2 concludes
20/7/2015	Term 3 commences

Term 2 concludes tomorrow so it is timely to remind parents of the importance of the partnership we share in the education of your child.

Quoting from a recent School Trustee Association monthly magazine, children spend 70% of their waking hours (including weekends and holidays) outside of school. This leaves a very small window of time for your child's formal education at school.

Research shows that children who practise reading at home with their parents, make significant gains in reading achievement compared to those who only practise at school. Parents who read to their children, have books available, guide TV watching and provide stimulating experiences and conversations contribute to student achievement.

Making sure you are providing these opportunities for your children, not just during the school term but over the holidays as well, means your child is more likely to retain the progress they have made over the term.

We are fortunate to have a team of very committed teachers and school staff, who have worked long hours to ensure every child at Mararoa School has been given the best possible learning opportunities and we are delighted with the progress our children have made this term.

All our children have worked incredibly hard this term and they are more than ready to re-charge their batteries, however we do encourage parents to try and spend time with your children reading a book, making a model, playing a game, sharing experiences or, whatever you choose make sure you have time to talk and have fun!

Class Awards

Friday 26 June 2015

Room Kiwi – Lochlain King – has super smooth reading.

Room Hohoi – Max Kempthorne – for writing an amazing descriptive narrative.

Room Tui – Katie Dennis – great group work this week for listening and sharing of ideas.

Assembly News

'Amazing Children' Lucky Draw Winners

Friday 26 June 2015

Holly Kempthorne – being super speedy at a new basic facts sheet.

School Values – Caring for myself

Southland Cross Country – Well done to our Southland Cross Country representatives.

Lucy Holmes-Crombie – 3rd, 10yr old girls
Sophie Willans – 10th, 10yr old girls
Sid Spence – 14th, 10yr old boys

School Photographs – we are currently organising school photos. Unfortunately our previous photographer is no longer available so we will have a new company this year. As soon as we have a date we will notify you.

School Ski Trip - Remarkables Ski field - Friday 28 August 2015

Please ensure that your forms are completed and returned no later than Monday 3 August. Late forms may mean that you will miss out!

Celebrate the time of Puaka and Matariki
Make a traditionally styled manu (kite) as a decorative wall hanging using a mix of modern and natural resources

Join Muriel and whānau from Ōraka-Aparima Rūnaka

When: 10am - 3pm, Thursday 9th July

Where: 7 Cleddau Street, Te Anau

What to bring: your lunch, and feathers to decorate your manu (kite)

No Cost

Bookings are essential as numbers are limited.

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“Tarore”

On the opening night of the winter Illuminations festival, this Saturday 4th July, we will be staging our children’s musical production “Tarore”. It is an historical play starring a number of children from this school and our surrounding community. Please come and support their proud efforts! Time 4pm Sat 4th, koha (donation) entry. In order to support Distinction Hotel’s Family Night Out, we are offering a cuppa and snacks after the performance (no spit roast pig now, sorry) before joining the “Switch On” at 6pm.

Come and join DOC rangers as they walk along the Kepler Track, listening for nightlife and uncovering creatures of the dark. What will you discover in the night time forest?

What to bring: Raincoat, warm clothing, hi-vis vest, walking shoes, torch, snacks and drink bottle

Date: Friday 10th July (postponement: Saturday 11th July)

Time: 6.00 - 7.30pm

Location: Meet at the Kepler Car Park

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Tui Class Visit to Te Anau Four Square

As part of our Nutrition unit Tui class visited Te Anau Four Square to learn how to read labels on packages and make healthy food choices

