

IMPORTANT DATES TERM 2 2015

7/5/2015	Writers Workshop for Senior Class (Tui) Board of Trustees Meeting 5.30pm
26/5/2015	PTA Meeting
5/6/2015	Te Anau Basin X Country
10/6/2015	Winter Sports Begins
12/6/2015	Northern Southland X Country
19/6/2015	Southland X Country
2/7/2015	International Food Festival
3/07/2015	Term 2 concludes

As winter approaches and the number of daylight hours diminish, it is a good time for parents to think about whether your child is getting enough sleep and to review bed time procedures.

Sleep is essential for a child's physical health, growth and emotional wellbeing. It promotes alertness, memory and performance. Children who get enough sleep are more likely to function better and are less prone to behavioural problems and moodiness. It is important for parents to help their child develop good sleeping habits by setting nightly routines. A bedtime ritual, for example cleaning teeth and listening to a story or reading a book before lights out, makes it easier for your child to relax, fall asleep and sleep through the night.

Teachers are often asked how much sleep should my child get? This varies but research and experience shows that it averages around 11-13 hours for children aged 3-5 years and 10-11 hours each night for those in the 5-12 years range.

I am delighted to welcome Wencke Wildschutz our new school cleaner to our Mararoa team and, once again, to thank all our wonderful school parents and staff for the brilliant job you did at keeping our school clean over the past couple of months.

School Uniform

It is school policy that all children are **in full uniform every day.**

If for some reason your child is not in uniform parents/caregivers need to inform the class teacher.

School uniform consists of the following;

All children

- Red tops purchased through school.
- Red or black socks.
- Preferably black shoes/gym shoes.
- Thermals can be worn, preferably red or black to be worn under the school polo shirt or t-shirt.

Girls – school skorts, black shorts, leggings or trousers.

Boys – black shorts or trousers.

All black items should have minimal logo's and no stripes. The Warehouse, Postie Plus and Farmers have a good selection of black items and red socks for all children.

Coming into the winter months it is advisable to send your child/ren to school with a warm/waterproof coat.

Some items of second hand uniform are available at school.

Please ensure all items of your child/ren's clothing are named.

All long hair (boys & girls) is required to be tied up.

Any child with earrings should wear studs only to school.

Hockey

I am looking to see what interest there is within the school for hockey this term.

My intention is to possibly coach on one afternoon, after school, at school so that we are finished by the time the town bus leaves. This will allow those children to be able to get home on time and if it suits local children could be collected from school.

At this stage, I would like to know who is interested, the age of the child and which afternoon /s suit best, so that I can gauge interest and feasibility.

Please contact Jacky Holmes for more details if needed on 2498034

Soccer

Saturday morning soccer starts again Saturday 9th May at the Te Anau Primary

School grounds, 10.00am - 11.00am ages 4-13 years. For details phone or

text Helen Prendergast 032499346 or 0273146191



Week 3 Riddle

I have four legs but don't have fur; I sometimes bark but never purr. My feet help me stick as I climb a tree, if you grab my tail you won't catch me! Who am I?

Check of the Meet the Locals section of the Kids Restore the Kepler website for the answer and more information.

WAR DIARY WRITING BY TUI CLASS

28 April 1915

I can still hear the solid booms and guns blasting outside of the trench. My feet are numb and cold, I'm trying to keep them warm under my patched up sleeping rug. The smelly mice and rats crawling up and down the trench make me feel yuck.

29 April 1915

I got a letter from my loved one today. She says the family is fine. "The silly old cattle broke through the new fence on the 26 of October" The letter makes me feel extremely frustrated but I've also got a pinch of happiness.

By Katie Dennis



28 April 1942

The whistle blew. My comrades crawled up the ladder. I could hear the haunting cry of soldiers as they faced the unknown. I gripped my gun closer. I could feel the rodents as they scuttled beneath our feet. The taste of fear numbed my body. Bullets whizzed past overhead. BOOM!!! A bomb had landed. Men came flying through the air. I picked myself off the floor and scrambled around looking for my gun in the dark, in the dusty trench. I slowly got to my feet. Before I climbed the rickety old ladder I thought of my family at home pushing me to go on.

I climbed up the ladder. I felt myself fall.

I awoke to a kind soft voice, a nurse. The nurse was wearing a white bonnet with a bright red cross on top and had a white dress on. Eventually I realised she was trying to tell me what the other nurses were going to do. Soon enough they were bandaging up my shrapnel wound.

It stung like hell.

By Lucy Holmes-Crombie