

IMPORTANT DATES TERM 4 2015

23 November	Swimsafe lessons begin. Daily lessons for next two weeks
25 November	Board of Trustees Meeting, 5.00pm
26 November	Southland Golf Tournament
30 November	Art Exhibition Begins – Mararoa Work on display at Westpac Bank
8 December	End of Year Prize Giving & Break Up Ceremony
9 December	Class Parties
10 December	School Fun Day/Inquiry Celebration Day
11 December	School Year Concludes

It was wonderful to have so many folk from our wider school community support the Pet Show which was held at Mararoa School earlier this month. A special note of thanks to everyone who volunteered their time to run events and help with this year's judging. The students love bringing their animals to the show and we are always impressed at the knowledge they share about their pets, as well as the way they handle and care for them. Congratulations to all of the students who received honours awards especially Robbie Leslie from Te Anau School who was the overall winner of the Landcorp Cup for his Old English Game Bantams.

Once again I want to acknowledge the Mararoa PTA for organising the show, especially Tracey Ruddenklau who did a fantastic job at ensuring everything ran smoothly.

Yesterday Mira Matthews and Oliver Mann had the honour of hosting the New Zealand Governor General and his wife, Their Excellencies Sir Jerry and Lady Janine Mateparae. They joined other invited members from the Kids Restore the Kepler Team to show-case the work they have been doing, while the rest of the school travelled to Garston to join other small rural schools for the Annual Garston Games.

Our school swimming pool opens this coming Monday when all classes will begin lessons with Holly Blake the Swim- Safe instructor. The pool has been given a huge spruce up by our hardworking PTA team with Eric King spending long hours painting. Thanks team it looks fantastic!

All children need to bring their swimming togs, towel, swim cap (goggles optional) every day.

Good luck to our Golf team: Mira Matthews, Katie Dennis, Cole Hegan & Sam Smeaton who have qualified to take part in the Southland Primary Schools Tournament at Drummond.

Class Awards

Friday 30 October 2015

Room Kiwi – recipient was absent.

Room Hohoi – **Ivan Temple** – for demonstrating great multiplication strategies with real life situations.

Room Tui – **Cole Hegan** – for working quietly and efficiently in class.

Assembly News

Friday 30 October 2015

Oliver Mann – demonstrating all fitness tasks sensibly and showing leadership to younger students.

School Values - Caring for Myself.

Mararoa School Pool

The pool will be open from 23 November. Keys are available from the school office. Cost \$50.

School Photos

Photo orders should have been at the school office by 9.00am Friday 20 November. If you have missed the deadline, please mail your order direct to Geoff Horrell, 230 Reaby Road, 4RD, Gore 9675. Thank you.

Swimming Caps

- All children must wear a swimming cap for swimming at school.
- These can be purchased from the school office for \$3.00.
- Please ensure that all items of clothing, towels, swim caps etc are clearly marked with your child's name.



Enviro Schools

In October, six students from Mararoa School attended the 2015 Southland Enviro School Hui, in Gore. At the hui students learnt how to graft apple trees, take water samples from the Mataura River and also how to make seed balls.

With this new-found knowledge and skills the students ran an activity at school during Conservation Week (1-8 Nov). They had a lot of fun creating seed balls and felt that it was something that all students could make to help our local environment. The seed balls are made from clay, compost and seeds. The Hoiho Class chose kowhai seeds, which Mrs Harrison cut from her tree at home. The seeds were then sanded so that the shell of the seed would absorb water easily and they had a better chance of germinating. Then it was time to get dirty! Students crushed lumps of clay before mixing it with compost and the seeds. Once it was at the right consistency, it was rolled into small balls. The clay helps to protect the seeds from birds and rodents and it makes it lots of fun to throw the seed balls out into an area that needs brightening up.

We threw some of the seed balls “down the bank” at school, while the rest were taken home to spread around the Te Anau Basin.

