

Important Dates

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6 June	Northern Cross Country
13 June	Southland Cross Country
18 June	Winter Sports begins
19 June	BOT Meeting at 5.00pm
20 June	Swede Festival
23 June	Book Fair/Week
4 July	Term 2 concludes

The snow on Monday was not only a wake-up call that winter is upon us, but it proved to be a good test that our emergency closure procedures are operating successfully. We were impressed that everyone at Mararoa School received a school closure message via the telephone network. Snow days are approved by the Ministry of Education as emergency closures and we are not required to make them up at a later date.

Congratulations to the Mararoa PTA for organising the hugely successful Te Anau Basin Primary Schools Cross Country. As always, the real stars of the day were the children who ran and completed the course with determination and good spirit. Their achievements made all the adults' hard work worthwhile. Many, many thanks to everyone involved. You did such a good job that you have all earned yourselves the rewarding task of organising next year's event. We are also extremely grateful to Murray & Tarn Willans for providing the venue.

The sun is shining and the children are brimming with excitement as they prepare for clubs day and we have a very willing and talented team of enthusiastic helpers lined up to work with the children.

Class Awards

Friday 23 May 2014

Room 1 Lachlan Crombie – concentrates on his reading practice.

Welcome Dylan Canton – It's great to have you in Room 1 at Mararoa School.

Room 2 Oliver Mann – trying to mediate a heated discussion in your group.

Assembly News

'Amazing Children' Lucky Draw Winners

Friday 23 May 2014

Charlie Ruddenklau – getting on with his read-along

School Values – Caring for others



Northern Cross Country

These children have qualified for the Northern Southland Cross Country event to be held near Lumsden on Friday, 6 June. **Note change of date.** If you are unable to organise transport for your child to this event, please phone school and we'll try to help.

Nicole Green, Georgia Lindsay, Max Kempthorne, Lucy Crombie, Sophie Willans, Sid Spence, Aisha Gardyne, Tim Willans, Jeb Nicholson, Wade Offord-Whyte.

Good luck!

Mararoa/Te Anau Cross Country Results

Huge thanks and congratulations to the Mararoa PTA, for running such an excellent event last week. We've had numerous compliments from Te Anau School staff and parents.

All our children tried their best and many gained placings. Well done!

Year 0&1 Tara Speight 4th

Year 2 Holly Kempthorne 2nd, Natalie Spence 4th, Isabella Speight 5th, Charlie Ruddenklau 2nd, Lachlan Crombie 5th

Year 3 & 8yr olds Nicole Green 1st, Georgia Lindsay 3rd, Max Kempthorne 1st

9yr olds Lucy Crombie 1st, Sophie Willans 3rd, Sid Spence 3rd **10yr olds** Aisha Gardyne 6th

11yr olds Tim Willans 3rd, Jeb Nicholson 6th

13yr olds Wade Offord-Whyte 1st

Notification of School Absences

Please ensure that you notify the school by 8.40am if your child is going to be absent from school, otherwise it means that our office staff spend valuable time trying to find out where children are. If your child has been sick the previous day we still need to you to call in again. This is so that we know that every child who has left home in the morning, has arrived at school and hasn't got lost on the way.

Incredible Years Parent Programme

The Year 1, 2 and 3 teachers from Te Anau and Mararoa Schools are currently attending an Incredible Years Programme for Teachers. There is an equivalent Parenting Course available, which is fully funded by the Ministry. This includes - travel cost, childcare expenses and lunch.

If we get sufficient numbers, this course would be held in Te Anau or nearby, beginning in July.

We are aware of the many challenges of parenting and we highly recommend this course.

As parents and teachers, we strive to work as a team, supporting children's social and emotional development.

We need 12 – 16 parents to run this programme.

If you are interested, please call the school office (2495816) to indicate your interest. We will send you an application form which needs to be completed by Friday 30th May.

Fiordland Big 3

Enter the **Family Photo Competition** and go in a draw to **win \$200** to spend at Fiordland Frontier Supplies.

Hunting Competition - Queen's Birthday Weekend

Simply email a clear photo of you out fishing or hunting with one or more family member to big3familyphoto@gmail.com by Saturday 31 May (or bring down to the Te Anau rugby grounds Sunday morning. Include your name, phone number and the family relationship (e.g. Uncle, grandma, brothers). Visit www.teanauevents.co.nz for more details. Last year's winner – Tom McMurtrie
Prize sponsored by Te Anau Baptist Church.

Kids Restore the Kepler



During term 2 students will be looking at native plants from the Kepler area. This is part of the Kids Restore the Kepler 'Meet the Locals' programme. This week the native plant is manuka.

Ripper Rugby Skills

18 June	Mike Hegan	30 July	Rick Whyte
25 June	Craig Horrell	6 August	Murray Willans
2 July	Peter Oates	13 August	Matt Macdonald
23 July	Mack Spence	20 August	Rob Kempthorne

Thanks to the above rugby dads, who have "offered" to take a ripper rugby session during our winter sports programme. Each session begins at 1.40pm- 2.40pm, with two groups for $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour each. If you can't make your date, please swap with someone else, or Ian Matthews, Paul Ruddenklau and Greg Crombie may be able to fill in.

Netball

Thanks very much to Sharleen Whyte for offering to take netball during our winter sports programme.

Cross Country

On behalf of the children and staff I would like to thank the PTA and helpers for hosting an awesome cross country event last Thursday. The venue was spectacular, viewed by all the spectators and easily followed and understood. The electric fencing without the power, added to the rural touch. The shopping bags added an urban flavour for our urban dwellers. The high visibility vest marshals kept all the children on track. The parking wardens kept the adults organized and the skinny man in the overalls told everyone where to go. The crowning glory was the grandstand/wind break/multi-storey playground which provided some much needed shelter. Even the inner man was catered for with a delicious BBQ.

Good running weather and a quick, well organized, fun event. A multitude of positive comments for a job well done. So many thanks PTA, from the staff and children.

Frances Templer

Swede Festival

Our Mararoa Swede Festival is planned for Friday 20 June. Swede competitions, craft activities and swede games are on the agenda. We would love to have some adults to help run the craft activities in the morning, so please phone the office with your offers of help. In the meantime we suggest everyone starts thinking about their swede recipes for their entries in the baking section. Keeping a close eye on this year's swede crop for the largest, smallest and most unusual swedes is another priority for those entering our swede competitions



**TINKERING WITH TOOLS for Women “CAR MAINTENANCE”
with Ben Killeen**

Ben Killeen from Killeen Auto Electrical is facilitating this hands-on Car Maintenance Workshop for the ladies! So gather your friends and come along and cover the basic safety procedures and skills everybody with a vehicle should know!

- *What to put in your car emergency kit and why*
- *How and what you need to change a flat car tyre*
- *Jumper-lead safety and how to jump start your car*
- *Checking you oil and water*
- *Necessary tools to have in your car.*

TIME 6pm - 8:30pm

DATE Wednesday 4 JUNE

VENUE Killeen Auto Electrical, TE ANAU

COST \$5

ABSOLUTE BEGINNERS COMPUTING with Ian Campbell

Come along for four evenings and cover some basic computing skills to get you going...

- *How to create and use a **gmail** account*
- *Using **gmail** together with **Skype***
- *Basic internet skills including **Facebook** and **You Tube***
- *How to manage your photos including using them in your emails and on **Facebook**.*

Come along and increase your confidence. NO prior computer skills necessary to attend and computers are provided.

TIME 6pm - 8:30pm

DATES Thursday, Friday 12 & 13, 19 & 20 JUNE

VENUE Te Anau Photo Centre, TE ANAU

COST \$40 for the four lessons

Work from Room 2

Tyre Chaos

In the holidays my family went to Queenstown. When we got to Queenstown, parked the car, and went to do a bit of shopping and have tea. When we got to the car we found we had a flat tyre. Mum drove the van carefully to the video shop while we walked there. People were tooting and beeping at the van. Dad called AA but it took them about an hour and a half to get there.

My sisters and I picked some movies. We got two each and we got to see all six of them. By the time the Japanese bicycle tyre (AKA cheap small tyre) was on it was ten o'clock and we hadn't checked into the hotel. When we got to the hotel there was a message on the door telling us which unit we were in.

The next morning I got up and went with dad to get the new tyre. There were two other cars with flat tyres but no one was working there so we went looking around for another place but they did not have the tyres we wanted. Next we went back to the tyre place and we talked to one of the workers and he said, "It was his off day, but he had been called back to work". The other car couldn't get done because they didn't have the tyre they wanted. Then another worker came and it was his off day too. Two more cars came and one got fixed. In the end we got two new tyres and it was all fixed.

We went back to the hotel and mum and dad got ready to go to a concert and I got ready to watch Star Wars. That day we watched six movies, ate candy lego blocks, pretzels, dried apple chunks, popcorn, macaroni cheese and fresh apples. The next day we did a bit of shopping and then went home.

By Bob Gow

ANZAC DAY

Anzac day is a day to remember the soldiers who died fighting for our freedom in wars. We have a public holiday on the 25 April.

The poppies were the first flowers that grew in Flanders Fields so people wear them on ANZAC day as a mark of respect. ANZAC stands for Australia New Zealand Army Corp.

People get up at the crack of dawn to go to the ANZAC services. 8,000 Australian and 2,700 New Zealand soldiers died in World War 1 in Gallipoli.

By Jessie Hames.