

Important Dates

13 June	Southland Cross Country
17 June	PTA Meeting 7.30pm in the School Library
18 June	Winter Sports begins
20 June	Swede Festival
23 June	Book Fair/Week
3 July	BOT Meeting at 4.00pm (Please note change of date)
4 July	Term 2 concludes

The past fortnight has been action packed with students involved in a range of extra curricula activities.

As usual clubs day was an outstanding success. Scrumptious food was prepared and consumed by our team of budding chefs and happy bands of trampers and bikers traversed Fiordland. Others participated in a range of activities to develop their technological and artistic skills, creating and building some outstanding masterpieces.

Once again there were plenty of red Mararoa shirts among the top place getters at last week's Northern Cross Country and Wade Offord – Whyte has returned from his Leadership Camp in Wellington with many interesting stories to share and challenges to meet.

School Uniform – an order will be placed for school uniform next week. If you require any items please contact the school office. Our last order has taken some time to arrive due to Postie Plus Schooltex being sold to The Warehouse. We are still waiting on our size 8 polo t-shirts, if you have ordered one, it should be here soon.

Also please note all uniform items need to be named, we can not help you retrieve lost items if it is not named! Thank you.

Room 1 Request

We would like some packets and boxes (eg. cereal boxes, cracker packets, toothpaste packets, gladwrap rolls) to use in our geometry & houses and homes study.

Class Awards

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Room 1 Jasper Carter – can split numbers to add them in parts.

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

Room 2 Bronson Horrell – some awesome reading. Well done.

Assembly News

'Amazing Children' Lucky Draw Winners

Friday 6 June 2014

Aiden Offord Whyte – for being a caring leader during fitness

School Values – Caring for others

Swede Soup – Kerryn McLean is kindly making swede soup again this year for the swede festival, but she needs 2 extra crock-pots. If you have one that Kerryn can use, please phone the school office. The crock-pot will need to be at school by Wednesday 18 June. Thank you

The following policies were reviewed at our last Board Meeting. They are available for the public to read at the school. Requests for changes must be submitted by Tuesday 1 July.

- Mararoa School Curriculum Delivery Policy
- Education Beyond the Classroom Policy
- Treaty of Waitangi Policy

SWEDE FESTIVAL



Mid- Winter Swede Festival next Friday 20 June.

The day starts with craft activities in each classroom. The children will move around all three classrooms in multi level groups making interesting swede creations followed by swede sports in the afternoon. We welcome visitors to help with crafts and to join us for the afternoon events.

We also have a swede baking competition and swede model/carving display. Ice-cream, toffee, muffins, biscuits, dips, pavlova, all made with our wonderful Southland swede, are just a few of the tasty morsels that have been entered in the past. The challenge is to create your own mouth- watering baking at home and bring it to school, on the day, for sampling and display, so bring out the recipe books and surprise us with your creations. Swede baking, models are also to be made at home and brought to school for display.

Entries will be judged for:

Tastiest

Most Decorated

Most Obscure

We will also have our usual strongly contested competitions for;

The **Largest** Swede

The **Smallest** Swede

The **Most Unusual Shaped** Swede

Models and Carvings

WE WILL NEED A GOOD SUPPLY OF SWEDES FOR THE DAY'S EVENTS PLEASE.

Those of you with swede paddocks we would really appreciate you sending some along to school now please. Thank you!!



Winter Sports

Thanks in advance to these rugby dads for helping with the winter sports skills sessions: Wednesdays, 1.40 -2.40pm. If the weather is iffy, phone school to check.

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

Netball

Thanks very much to Sharleen Whyte for taking netball this year.

Cross Country

Huge congratulations to our team who competed at the Northern Cross Country event near Lumsden last week.

8 yr boys	Max Kempthorne 3 rd
8 yr girls	Nicole Green 1 st , Georgia Lindsay 3 rd
9 yr girls	Lucy Crombie 3 rd , Sophie Willans 5 th
9 yr boys	Sid Spence 5 th
11 yr boys	Tim Willans 1 st
13 yr boys	Wade Offord-Whyte 8 th

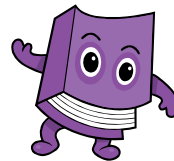
Tim will go onto compete at the Southland Cross Country near Gorge Road tomorrow. Good luck Tim.

Clubs/Leisure Activities

A huge "Thank you" to all the fantastic parents who provided activities for the children last Friday.

Christine Pounsford & Jan Hegan (tramping), Zita Matthews (beauty), Tracey Ruddenklau (Lego), Frances Templer (building/making toys), Alisa Speight, Kerry Macdonald & Rachael Horrell (baking), Sue Harbutt & Helen Gow (mosaic), Sally McMillan Armstrong & Emmeline Nicholson (photography), John Carter (biking).

The children were all very excited about their activities. They learnt many new skills, worked very well together and had tremendous fun.



Book Fair

During the week 23-27 June, we will have hundreds of top-quality books for sale in our library. Please feel free to come and browse and buy any time during the week. The children may come home with requests after looking at the books. If you would like to buy a book, please see Fiona or Susan, and please make your cheque out to Scholastic Book Fairs. You can take your buys home straight away! Remember- the school receives a percentage of the total sales in free books.

Kids Restore the Kepler

During term 2 Year 7/8 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 the crown fern.

Visitors from the North Island

Six visitors from DOC and schools on the North Island, along with Ruud Kleinpaste, Jenny Harper (KRNZ trust), Mark Oster (Environmental Southland) and Amy Kirk (Environment Southland) came to experience first-hand the Kids Restore the Kepler project. They were looking at how it worked, the challenges and learnings and how the model might be adapted to meet the needs of others. They had a very busy few days. Activities included a presentation on the project, they accompanied the students on trap line 7, met with Fiordland College teachers and the board of trustees, met with teachers from the early childhood centers, took part in nature discovery, watched 'meet the locals' being taught at Te Anau primary school and attended a leadership team meeting.



Congratulations to our KRTK leadership team who are proud to wear their new badges and who did an awesome job at hosting this week's meeting and helping to look after the visitors from the North Island.

