

Maruia School

School and Community Newsletter



Raise Achievement - Value Excellence

Term Four Week Four Tuesday 1 November 2016

November PTA Meeting	8 November
Cake Bake & Sale	9-10 November
Kahurangi Dance Group & Sacred Heart Visit to Maruia	16 November
End of Year Celebration	15 December

Term Dates 2016

- Term 4 starts ends Friday 16 December
- Term 1 2017 starts 31 January and ends Thursday 13 April
- Term 2 2017 starts Monday 1 May and ends Friday 7 July
- Term 3 2017 starts Monday 24 July and ends Friday 29 September
- Term 4 2017 starts Monday 16 October and ends no later than 20 December

Kia ora koutou/Greetings to you all

This week we begin with a huge thank you to all those who made the Trail Bike ride the successful day that it was. Most importantly we wish to thank the Brooker, Dredge and Inch families along with Andrea, Ant and Suzi for making the land available for the event over the weekend. We really appreciate you putting up with the disruption to your farming operations. To the following, thank you to the huge contribution you made to track preparation, marshalling and generally looking after things so that they ran so smoothly on Sunday: Peter, Tim, Margaret and Emma Brooker, Mike Dredge, Lyndon, Bryce, John, Skid, Dan, Matt & Vicki, Ethan Bruce, Polaris, PGG Wrightsons for the tent and Sollys for transporting the port-a-loos. And an equally big thank you to Alison and Derek Brown, Ann, Karen and all the school families who helped out with the food tent and registrations. The weather was great and we had almost 200 riders on the day. Awesome effort everybody who made this event possible. Great work PTA.

WELCOME TO SCHOOL

Today we welcome Clara Sanders on her first day of school. We wish you all the best and many successful years of learning with us. Clara joins her big brother Fletcher and brings our roll to 23.

AT SCHOOL

- **I will be away from school this Friday with my Principal's Professional Learning Group in Christchurch and Little River for our Term 4 meeting.** We will be visiting a couple of schools in Christchurch on Friday. The conference last week was a good opportunity for networking, reflecting and gathering of ideas.
- **AWESOME ART WORK:** The children are completing some awesome art work with Donna who has been coming in over the last two weeks. Thank you again Donna for your work with the children.
- **GARDENING:** The children are working with me on designing the layout for a school orchard and gardens in the cleared area behind the school house. We have started by setting up a garden for our potatoes in the competition. The children have started drawing up some possible plans and will be

doing some local research to establish what grows best in the valley.

- **ABACUS CALENDARS:** The order forms for these need to be completed and returned to school by this Friday. The children have new art work completed with Donna, that you might like to use. Prices were omitted from the original information that went out but are as follows:

Classic Art Calendars \$12:00	Classic Photo Calendars 12:50	Premium Calendar \$16:00	
Greeting Cards \$13:00	Diaries \$16:50	Kids Notepad \$14:00	Mouse Mat \$15:00

BOT MEETING

At last week's meeting the Board considered a report on funding of teacher time and budgeting for 2016. Based on this report, which detailed the impacts of Government funding and staffing cuts for 2017, as highlighted in last week's newsletter, and unanimous feedback from most school families, the Board has voted to endorse the recommendations of the report, the main one being to maintain 2017 staffing levels at 2016 levels, meaning two full time teachers four days a week. To achieve this, we will need to raise \$30 000.00. The Board and PTA are confident that with everyone's support, the community can achieve this and ensure we continue to provide the same high quality of learning support for the children of the Valley in 2017. The trail bike ride on Sunday was an awesome start.

The Board agreed on the Term dates for 2017 as listed at the top of the newsletter. The Anniversary Day for 2017 will be Nelson's, as it was this year, and is marked on the day before school starts in 2017. The early start will enable us to take up to four "Teacher Only Days" during the year to enable professional development and other matters to be undertaken.

The Board also discussed the annual survey which went out at the end of last term and would like more feedback so will extend the time for returning these for another week or so – a copy is included again with this newsletter for school families to get your thoughts back to the Board to help them with the shaping of learning and running of the school:

Are school camps important to you? What about fundraising? We work hard to provide funding for extra teaching time that the government does not provide – is this still important to you? Have you got some ideas about how we can do this better?

Your thoughts are important. Thank you.

PTA

Run out of bread for lunches! Cheese rolls are available at school for 80 cents each.

We have some food for sale after the weekend:

PTA food for sale:

Chicken kebabs – satay	6 for \$6 or 10 for \$10	
Cadbury choc bars	picnic	
	Dream	
	Dairy milk	all \$1 each
	Caramello	
30 pk coke cans	\$25	
30 pk Sprite cans	\$25	
Coupland white sandwich bread	\$1.70 each	
Tip top king burger buns (8pk)	\$3	
Ryans shoulder Bacon 1kg	\$9	

Any orders or questions to Megan Inch ph 0212562815 or 5238993

CAKE BAKE FOR FIJI SCHOOL SUPPORT

Over the last couple of weeks I have made mention of the fact that I am undertaking to provide some support for the village school I visited in Fiji. A group of children and parents have decided to raise some funds to

support this project by baking some cakes next week and running a stall and BBQ at Springs Junction. The baking is being planned for Wednesday next week with the stall on Thursday. Further details to come...

MARUIA BROADBAND UPDATE

The Broad Band (BB) link equipment from Springs Junction to Maruia Hill and the transmitters at Maruia Hill have been upgraded and the link from Maruia School should be up and running later this month once Chorus have completed their work on the school site.

Signals have been tested at 6 properties and 8 installations have been completed with great results. On his second trip Matt connected the poles and underground wiring for those with trees in the way. There is a very high expectation that all sites between Springs Junction and Crieghton Road will come up to a high standard (like the other ones now completed). Matt is now planning the work required to integrate the fibre at the school. Anyone thinking about new sites or extended work are requested to register this with Matt. 021 564 001

The expectation of signal strength at the far north end of the designed coverage has actually exceeded expectations with Suzi O'Malley and Campbell and Natasha Sanders excited with their new-found signal strength, speed and consistent performance. Campbell and Natasha are looking forward to installing their new 'Twotalk telephone' (\$11.50/month) to replace the old landline \$56.00 approx. /month. That Twotalk product provides a couple of bonus features apart from the lower cost:

1. People calling from outside the area are not charged toll rates, ditto out-going calls.
2. It is possible to have two lines on the one account. (one in the kitchen and one in the teenagers room, bathroom or shed close by).

To enable this service Campbell will purchase a Phone Modem. It is important to get the right one, so talk to Bob who is setting-up a purchase deal with a wholesaler. The phone modem can be installed at any time after the BB work is complete at your place. WiFi guys have prioritised BB installations first, the phones will be attended to as and when.

P.S. you get a new number like my new one 03 218 8643. - It's great!

If you would like more information a brochure is available for the black box you need. You will also need a powered phone - like a cordless phone system. The Uniden XDECT is a good one, 4 handsets and >50m range. 'Ask Father Christmas'.

When this BB subscriber work is completed work will begin on the first phase of the connection to the Maruia School fibre. This holds the promise that the good performance can be sustained for the expected increase in users over the next couple of years.

Bob Greer

greer@beech.co.nz

AWARDS

Miharo: The Miharo is a daily award chosen by the children for the child who is an outstanding role model during the day in the areas of achievement, courtesy, cooperation, collaboration, respect, responsibility and fair play. The recipients of this award for the third week of Term Four were:

Sally Inch, Isabella Wapp, JJ Wapp and Maci O'Malley

This Week's Thought

"Be gentle to all and stern with yourself."

- Sister Teresa of Avila

Have an awesome week everybody.

Peter King

Principal

School Newsletter:

We have a newsletter mailing list. If you are not getting one by email and would like to, please e-mail your address to us at: principal@maruia.school.nz

NB The newsletter is published on Tuesdays. Any items for the newsletter must be at school by the previous day, thank you.

COMMUNITY NEWS

“CLUB FOUR”

This group for four year olds meets from **1.00 - 3.00pm** on Tuesdays. If you have a child who is four or nearly four you are most welcome to attend.

A key focus is on transitioning to school. If you are interested please phone Vivienne on 027 353 7850

PLAYGROUP

Playgroup is now on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm. in the Maruia Hall. **For more information contact: Vicki 523 8872 021 876590.**

SPRINGS JUNCTION NURSES CLINIC

Springs Junction clinics will be held every 3rd Tuesday of each month providing there are enough bookings. Please ring Reefton Medical Centre for an appointment – 03 769 7440. They have to be booked to make it viable for the nurse to come out to Springs Junction.

REEFTON MEDICAL CENTRE

Ph: 03 769 7440

Fax: 03 732 8785

103 Shiel Street, Reefton

Email: rmcadmin@westcoastdhb.health.nz

Hours of Business:

Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm

Appointment Times: 9.00am to 12.00pm
& 2.00pm to 4.30pm



West Coast District Health Board

Te Poari Hauora a Rohe o Tai Poutini

IN AN EMERGENCY DIAL 111

Nurse Evening Clinic:

Thursday 5.30pm — 7.00pm

After Hours Clinic: 3.00pm to 4.00pm

Public Holidays and Weekends

Phone our Practice anytime, day or night for immediate assistance

We are very fortunate to have continued Locum Doctor cover during the month of November. Doctor appointments will still be limited, so keep an eye on the levels of your repeat medication and plan well in advance. If you have any questions don't hesitate to give us a call.

Friendly Reminders:

- **NOTE CHANGE OF DATE:** the next Springs Junction Nurse Clinic will be Tuesday 22nd November 2016.

Appointments are essential, if no appointments booked by the previous day the Nurse will not travel.

HALL BOARD MEETING

2 November at 7:30 pm. Election of Officers. If you want to help out come along and we will see you there.

BALANCE FERTILISER FUNDRAISER

This spring PGG Wrightson and Balance Agri-Nutrients are again running their Cash for Communities fundraiser. From 1 September to 30 November they will donate \$1 for every tonne of qualifying Balance Agri-Nutrients fertiliser purchased by farmers who have registered for the programme at www.cashforcommunities.co.nz

ZIRKA CIRCUS To be in Westport 4th – 6th November sessions at 7pm Friday, 2pm 7pm Saturday and 12pm Sunday. We have some passes that we will be giving away today at school to children doing great things – if your family can't use these passes then pass them on to someone else please.

MARUIA PHONE LIST

We are still updating this list. To make it easier, if you were on the old list and are happy for your details to stay on the list **you do not need to get back to us**. Just fill out the slip at the end of the newsletter if your details have changed or you wish to have your name and contact details added to the list. Thank you to those who have already supplied their details.

MARUIA PHONE LIST

I would like the following contact details to be included in the new Maruia Valley Phone List:

Phone (Landline):

Mobile:

Email:

Other:

Name:

Air Conditioning & Auto Electrical Ltd.

Please Phone Graeme After Hours on (03)7828012 or 0221-850430

There is a voice Message System on both numbers. I will return your call plus provide details of times and dates when in your area.

Car, Tractor, Truck ScanTool Available

Thank You.

Maruia Playgroup's

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FOR ALL AGES



**PUT YOUR HAND
IN THE MYSTERY
BOXES**



Tuck Shop
50 cents each
Lemonade
Juice
Chips
Treats
GlowSticks

Friday 4th
November
6pm to 8pm
In the Hall

Gold coin entry per child and pick an item of your choice
from the shop

**COME DRESSED
UP**

**5 PRIZES
FOR BEST DRESSED**