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Term 1

Hi All,

It's hard to believe that term one is all but over! Eleven week terms are always challenging and it was nice to have the Easter break to help get us through. The highlight of the term for me has been seeing how well the children are working together in class and the way they support and encourage each other's learning. It's really quite special seeing the positive learning interactions between the older and younger children. Swimming has been a major focus for the term and I've been really impressed with the progress being made. In my opinion, learning to swim is essential, especially with having such ready access to rivers, lakes and the ocean. If nothing else it's important that children learn confidence around the water and some basic swimming techniques. It's great to see the big smiles on their faces and hearing how proud of themselves the children are. Learning conversations are on this week; I'm looking forward to seeing as many parents/caregivers as possible and working with you and your child to set goals for their learning. I hope everyone has a relaxing and enjoyable school holiday.

Kim

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Parent Inserts

Healthy Lunches form

What's coming up...

Tuesday and Thursday
Swimming Lessons

Wed 14th & Thurs 15th April
Learning Conversations

Friday 16th April
End of Term 1

Mon 3rd May
Term 2 Begins



ANZAC Day Service ANZAC Bridge Kaiparoro 2pm Sunday 25 April 2021

Our students have been invited to be flag carriers at this service as they had a part in the flag designs. A form was sent home last Friday, please let us know if you are interested in attending as we need to let the organisers know. Thank you to those that have returned their forms.

Farewell

At the end of this week we farewell Rochelle Dorbeck as she leaves us to take up a full time position as the Learning Support Coordinator for Eketahuna, Alfredton and Pongaroa Schools. Rochelle is a creative and innovative teacher who has always ensured our students are fully engaged in their learning and having lots of fun on the way. I'd like to thank Rochelle for her dedication and commitment to the school over the past year. We will certainly miss her wonderful sense of humor. We wish Rochelle all the best with her new adventure.

To cover the class between now and when Lucy returns from maternity leave at the beginning of term 3, Amanda has kindly offered to take on extra hours. My thanks to Amanda for stepping up to help out for the next term.

Learning Conversations/Goal Setting

Booking sheets were sent home with children on Friday afternoon so that you can book times to meet with me on either Wednesday or Thursday after school. Amanda will attend the ones for the younger students, as she works with them for literacy and numeracy. If you haven't already returned these sheets please do so asap or ring school to make a time.

Thank you to the families who have returned their slips, there is a note attached to your newsletter advising of the day and time allocated to you. We have tried to accommodate everyone's request but some times might be slightly different to what you have requested. Please let us know if you are **not able** to make the time you were given.

Free and Healthy Lunches in school

From the start of term 2, all children will receive a free school lunch each day. These lunches will be made by Trust House in Masterton, who have been contracted by the Ministry of Education as part of the Healthy School Lunches programme. I understand that most schools in Masterton are having their lunches provided by Trust House. Our aim is to have all our children receive a free lunch each day, but if you have any concerns about this please contact us. There will be a mix of hot and cold lunches during the cooler months of the year. Some examples of items on the menu are shown over the page.

Lunch menu items include:

Vegetable Pizza

Chicken Wrap

Beef and Bean Burritos

Macaroni Cheese with seasonal vegetables

Chicken and coleslaw sub rolls

Baked potatoes with Chicken and sweetcorn

Pumpkin and Bacon Frittata

Chicken and chickpea couscous salad

Beef and Bean Burgers.....

We will still be part of the Fruit in Schools programme as well so children will only need to bring their morning tea and a drink to school each day. The lunches coordinator from Trust House has asked that we give them feedback about what the students like or don't like, the serving sizes etc so in term 2 we will ask for any constructive feedback that we can provide them with. I visited a school the other day who are already part of the scheme and the children I spoke with were really enjoying their lunch.

New School Cleaner

Welcome to Jody Harding who has taken up the role of school cleaner. We are looking forward to having Jody on the team (and not having to do the cleaning ourselves). Thanks to Brigie and Rebecca for helping out with the cleaning over the last couple of weeks.

Term Dates

Term 1 - the last day of school for term 1 is Friday 16th April.

Term 2 - starts Monday 3rd May to Friday 9th July.

**Mud Kitchen...**

We have a new activity in our playground - a mud kitchen for the kids to enjoy pretend play, make potions etc. Many, many thanks to Dave for making it for us and to Sandra for providing some accessories. It is very popular! We are so lucky to have such talented and supportive people in our community.

A note from the Chairperson.....

Hi, I am Liz Brown and I am excited to be the new Chair of the Board of Trustees at Mauriceville School. I am really looking forward to supporting the school and seeing all the great developments that will be taking place. I have been impressed with the energy and enthusiasm that Kim, her teachers and the whole school community have for improving the school and curriculum to ensure the students have the best possible outcomes. The following are some of the great things that the new Board of Trustees have observed so far this year.

ERO report

The final confirmed report was received by the school a few weeks ago. It does reflect the enormous efforts that the Principal, her teaching staff and students have put into making Mauriceville School a place where students and teachers focus on teaching and learning and making the journey an interesting and achievable one.

A summary of some of the key points from the report are as follows:

Significant progress has been made in all areas over the two years; students are well engaged in their learning tasks and work, both independently and collaboratively, on well-planned tasks.

Deliberate teaching strategies and differentiated learning tasks enable students to make accelerated progress with significant progress being made in reading, writing and mathematics.

Students not making accelerated progress are identified and teachers work collaboratively to seek solutions and implement relevant, deliberate teaching strategies within authentic learning contexts.

The principal's leadership ensures a supportive environment conducive to students' learning and wellbeing. She has also supported staff to work collaboratively, taking part in teacher development and is building good relationships within the school and community.

Overall, the school has made good progress with developing processes and practices that will ensure sustainability and will enable it to continue to improve its performance.

A big well done to the school and community for the great progress made.

Establishment of a new Board of Trustees

The new Board of Trustees took up the reins in January under the guidance of Liz Millar, the Limited Statutory Manager, who is well known to the school and community. Liz's involvement will enable a smooth transition for the newly formed Board of Trustees. Board members have taken up their role at an exciting time for the school and with a great ERO report to work from. They are taking part in workshops and training to upskill and ensure they can do the best job they can for the school and community.

If you would like to contact the board please leave a message at school for Liz Brown, Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Building developments

The bathroom upgrades have been completed and are a very welcome development. Wet areas and cupboard space in the two classrooms have been upgraded and provide a very useful area for the students and teachers.

The new fencing is certainly impressive both in its looks and in the speed and efficiency of its installation and by the end of the month the outside of the school will be completely re-painted, this will make a real difference to the warm and welcoming environment.

Curriculum

As a rural school there is good use made of the local area but also the wider Masterton community and the school is able to use links to other schools as a member of the Kahui Ako (Community of Learners) and the Rural Schools Programme.

The school has consulted with the local community about developments in and around the school as well as working on developing a local curriculum that aligns with the New Zealand curriculum.

Our Plans for the future

To continue:

- our focus on raising student achievement.
- consultation with the community about future developments and developing the local curriculum.
- to develop the skills of the BOT in governing the school.

ANZAC Flags designed for the 2020 ANZAC Day service that weren't able to be used after the COVID outbreak are being used at this year's service. These flags include artwork by Mauriceville School students.



FIREWOOD FOR SALE

Mauriceville Firewood Fundraiser

Seasoned Old Man Pine

Come and Collect

- \$80 Per Cubic Metre -

Please arrange collection via the school office

06 3725 800 or email office@mauriceville.school.nz

PROCEEDS TO GO TOWARDS THE RE-ROOFING OF THE SCHOOL/COMMUNITY HALL
Huge thanks to the Community Assoc and school whanau who have helped cut and split this wood.



Win \$1,000 for your school and have your say about Masterton's future.

Kia ora

We want you to know about the chance to win \$1,000 for your school as part of our draft Long-Term Plan (LTP) consultation, open today. This year the plan is called 'Stepping Up' because it's about making some big decisions for our future generations.

The LTP outlines the mahi that Masterton District Council is planning for the next 10 years and we want to know what our community thinks about the plans. We think schools can help.

How Can You Win?

We'd like you to share the consultation with your school community and encourage them to have their say about our plan. Everyone who makes a submission can nominate the school they believe should receive a \$1,000 boost. They will also go into the draw to win one of two \$500 travel vouchers for themselves.

The LTP consultation document is available on the [Council website](#), where your families can make online submissions. We also have copies at our office at 161 Queen Street and Masterton District Library.

We're happy to come along and talk to your students and their whanau so if you have a class that's keen, or a school event that you'd like us to attend, let us know.

What's in the plan?

The projects in the LTP will change our town in a way that hasn't been seen for a generation. It includes three Big Decisions:

- 1. Civic facility** We want to know whether our community thinks we should build our new civic facility now or wait until we have confirmed external funding.
- 2. Masterton revamp** We want to know whether our community thinks we should complete our 10-year plan for upgrading the town centre, boosting our welcomes, and developing a Waipoua precinct or scale the project back.
- 3. More housing for seniors** We want to know if our community thinks the Council should build public housing for seniors on land we own, or make the land available for someone else to do it.

If you have any questions or would like to invite us along to any school events, email Barbara Wilson – barbaraw@mstn.govt.nz or call her on 06 370 6300.

The consultation closes at 4pm on Monday 3 May.

We look forward to talking with you soon.

Ngā mihi

Lyn Patterson

Mayor

Kathryn Ross

Chief Executive

This image created by photographer Esther Bunning includes artwork by some of our students and is to appear on the ANZAC flags being raised this week in the towns of the Wairarapa region. Our students have been asked to help raise some of these flags and to also carry some of these flags during the ANZAC Day service at the ANZAC Bridge, 2pm on Sunday 25 April.

