



**12 August 2022**

### **Mask wearing in school**

Mask wearing is a way of reducing illness among staff and students. Schools who kept mask mandates last term enjoyed almost normal levels of illness and absences. Although not mandatory in schools, we would like you to encourage your children to wear masks to keep themselves, their friends and their teachers well. We hope to be able to return to normal settings soon. In the meantime, your understanding is very much appreciated.

### **Vaping**

Life Education Trust is running a 45 minute Theatre in Education presentation to Year 7/8 students entitled "Behind the Scenes" which explores themes of peer pressure, decision making and social media in influencing vaping.

We would like to invite you, our parents, to attend this performance with our senior students on **18 August, 1:30-2:30 in our School Hall**. No need to book, just turn up. We see this as an opportunity to educate that vaping needs to be treated like smoking and alcohol in the health education of our students. The students will also participate in a classroom education session with the facilitators to compliment the theatre performance.

### **Football tourney and Matharapa**

Good luck to our football teams competing today at the South Wairarapa Cluster tournament. It looks like the weather is playing its part and the competition is going ahead. Thank you to all of the parents who are supporting the teams through supervision and transport.

Yesterday we had six teams representing Martinborough School at the Matharapa competition, held at Wairarapa College – 3 x Yrs 5 and 6, 1 x Yr 7 and 2 x Yr 8. There were in excess of 60 teams at this competition, which created a wonderful atmosphere for our children to test their collaboration and problem solving skills. Although we didn't come away with the trophy, our children performed extremely well and had a lot of fun in the process. Thanks again to those parents who offered to support the teams.

### **150 Year Celebrations**

Celebrating 150 years as a school is pretty special, and relatively rare in New Zealand. We have a lot of fun and interesting events organised as ways of celebrating this occasion – Friday 16 and Saturday 17 September. Please support us by being part of our celebrations, you can book online through the Martinborough School website. We hope you can attend.

### **Board of Trustees Elections**

Thank you to those parents who have stood for election to the Board of Trustees. Online voting is now open. Each parent/caregiver will have received an email from our returning officer CES. Please go online and vote for your preferred candidates. Voting closes on 7 September.

### **Want to look at the stars?**

Star Safari is a stargazing experience run by Milky-Way.Kiwi Ltd on Glen Eden Farm on Ponatahi Road.

Hari and Sam offer tours of the night sky with their powerful telescopes. Tours run for 90 mins and if the weather is cloudy they run virtual tours of the night sky.

Prices are \$27 for adults and free for 15 years old and younger. Check out their website at [star-safari.nz](http://star-safari.nz) for more details and session dates and times. They are open weekends and will be open throughout the July School Holidays so book early and enjoy this unique Wairarapa experience.



### **Martinborough School Facebook Page**

If you haven't already liked our facebook page, please do so as you will see the updates on all the exciting activities and events which are happening at school and any up and coming events you may need to be aware of.