



## **Week 10 Term 2 – Thursday 4 July**

### **What's been happening this term?**

We have had quite the busy term. Lots of events on, and some wonderful results from the students. Many thanks to Amanda Pickering and her wonderful team of helpers who organised the sporting events. We had about 70 students representing the school at the Cluster Cross Country competition, and have 15 students representing the Wairarapa at the regional event this week. The students have certainly put in a lot of work to ensure they are successful.

### **Speech Competition**

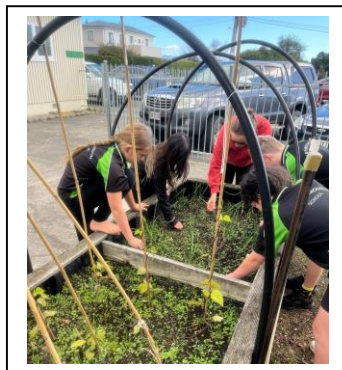
We have recently held the School Speech competition. Congratulations to all of the students who presented their speeches. It is quite the skill, being able to present a speech in front of an audience. The Year 7 (Flinn Aring) and Year 8 (Ada Wilkie) winners presented their speeches at the South Wairarapa Speech competition. Ada Wilkie was selected to compete at the Wairarapa event, at which she gained a third placing. Congratulations Ada, this is a wonderful achievement.

### **School Beautification**

You may have noticed some landscaping that has occurred around the school. Thanks to Ed Wilkie and his band of merry helpers who have been working hard beautifying the school grounds with some limestone pathways. It is a great initiative that helps protect the grassed areas, as well as making it a little more aesthetically pleasing. There are plans in place to target other parts of the school, beautifying our grounds, in line with the strategic plan.

### **Sustainable Education**

As part of wanting to reduce waste that goes into the landfill, the Middle Syndicate has implemented a recycling system into their classrooms. This consists of organic, paper and hard/soft plastic recycling. Some of the Senior classes will start collecting their organic waste for the compost bin next term. This term Garden to Table sessions have been running in our year 5/6 classes. These sessions allow children to grow, harvest and share kai. It has been awesome to see tamariki develop their cooking skills as they prepare meals to share with their class from food that they have grown. We could not do this without our parent volunteers who help run the sessions. Thank you very much to those who have enabled this programme to run in our school.



## **Basketball win**

Congratulations to the Year 8 Basketball Team – Joe Plumbley, Jonty Hewitt, Ben Herrick, Benjamin Guscott, Max Mason, Chase Kitto, Isaac Lam, who won the South Wairarapa Basketball Competition. This is the first time Martinborough has taken home the trophy in many years. The strength of this team was their ability to play as a team. They worked extremely well together, providing support around the court. “This was consistently the best performing team in the 17 years the competition has been going” was the consensus from the competition organisers. Special thanks to coach Ted Plumbley for working with these lads, and to Harriet for all of the transporting of players.

## **What’s coming up?**

### **Learning Conferences – 7 and 8 August**

We have Family Learning Conferences scheduled for Week 3 next term – Wednesday 7 and Thursday 8 August. With reports going out on Friday this week, it will be a great chance to have a catch up with your child’s teacher. Creating an effective partnership between home and school is an important part of your child’s learning development. We always aim to have a 100% turnout of parents for these meetings. You will be sent a link to book your appointment at the start of Term 3.

Please take some time to share the learning successes from the term with your child. It is important to recognise the progress that has been made, and to also identify what learning is on the horizon.

### **Teacher Only Day - Tuesday 20 August**

We have an opportunity to attend a Structured Literacy symposium on Tuesday 20 August. School will not be open for instruction on this day as All staff will be involved, off site.

### **Production**

We are planning on having a whole school production this year, culminating in a number of public performances towards the end of Term 3. The theme this year is, In the Beginning. Each class will choose a Maori God to represent through music and dance. You will receive further information about this as the term progresses. No doubt, classes will be asking for your support with costumes and resources as we near the performance date. Watch this space.

### **Lost Property**

There is a large amount of clothing in the Lost Property, including several new jackets – Unnamed. If your child has managed to misplace some school uniform, please take a few minutes to have a look in the pile at the school office.

### **Other Important Messages**

Start dates 2025: We will be starting the 2025 Year on Wednesday 29 January and finishing on Friday 12 December.

The Senior Syndicate will be attending the Wairarapa College Production “School of Rock” in Week 2 next term.

Please remember to check the Edge App as there may be outstanding payments owed to the school.

### **Thanks to the Martinborough Staff**

Just to finish off, I’d like to say a massive thank you to all of the Martinborough Staff, who I know have been working really hard for your children. Our commitment to increase the level of Te Reo and tikanga in the school, along with the introduction of a new maths resource, means that the staff have been embarking on a lot of new learning. As with any new initiative, there is some settling in

time, and new learning to take place. We are all here for the same reason, to support your child's learning and development. If you want to find out more about what is happening at school, and the reasons behind why we do what we do, please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher. They are the ones best placed to answer the questions you have.

I hope you have a great holiday break, and welcome you all back on Monday 22 July before 8:55am.

Regards

Craig