

Please ensure students arrive at school before 8:45am. If students are going to be late, you must ring the office and let us know.

Welcome Back

We hope everyone had a great holiday break. We have started the term off flat out as usual with stationery sales and quite a few new enrolments. Welcome to all our new families, we hope you enjoy your time at MPS. Please feel free to call or pop into the office if you have any questions or concerns.

ABSENCES

It is very important for parents to inform the office when students are away.

There are several ways for parents to let us know.

- 1) Call the office 377 5297 and leave a message
- 2) Text 0277119021 stating child's name, room and reason for absence
- 3) Send a message via our school Calendar App
- 4) Email (office@masterton.school.nz or keri@masterton.school.nz)
- 5) Send a note.

If you have run out of credit, please keep your phone on and answer when we call. If we are unable to get hold of parents, the Ministry of Education requires us to inform Truancy Services.

Whanau Picnic and Tent City

Thursday 2nd March.

We welcome families along to join students for a picnic on our Whanau Picnic evening. 5.00-7.00pm.

Tent City will be for our Senior students as part of our EOTC Activities week.

We have booked the WBS giant inflatable obstacle course. More information will follow.

MPS AWARDS

Overall MPS Rewards Winner for Term 4:

Lennix Thompson Room 2 who received a Bowling Voucher.

The winners for the last week of Term 4 were:

Kayla Hohua Room 12 for following rules and being on task, Summer Wingate Room 7 for listening to others and being co-operative and Cody Jones Room 12 for making good choices.



Kids Klub Fee Changes for 2017

Unfortunately due to ever increasing costs, we have to increase the price of our after school care.

The first hour - \$3.00 (same as last year) but for the full afternoon the price is increasing to \$10 per student.

2.30-3.30pm \$3.00 each & 2.30-5.15pm \$10.00 each.

HIWI THE KIWI VISIT

An educational show with a conservation theme.

Hiwi The Kiwi will be doing a show at MPS on Tuesday 28th February. This is for the whole school and all students are expected to attend. The cost is \$4.00 per student. Please pay at the office as soon as possible.

FOS Xmas/Ham Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the following people who won our Xmas Hamper and Ham Raffles last year.

1st Prize: Hayden Rameka 2nd Prize: Lynley McQuilken and 3rd Prize: Margaret Jamieson and Zac Riddell who won a Movie Pass.

Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser, all money raised will go towards new ipads for the school.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club will be starting next Tuesday 7th February. Starts at 8.00am.

FOS Lunches

We are in need of helpers to assist with our Wednesday and Friday lunches. If you are able to help on either day, please leave your name and contact number at the office. Thank you.

ENVIRO - SPOT

Grace Deacon, Alayah Sturgeon, Marella Day and Sarah MacDonald For helping with tutoring.

ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly is run by Room: 3 Friday 12.00pm Parents/Family welcome

- Monday 6th February
- Wed 15th & Thur 16th February
- Friday 24th February
- 27th Feb – 3rd Mar
- Tuesday 28th February

School Closed. Waitangi Day.
3 Way Learning Conferences Years 1-6
Mufti Day
EOTC Week
Hiwi the Kiwi visit \$4.00

School Donation 2017

Our School Donation is \$50.00 per family. We would appreciate it if you would pay this before the end of Term 1. All families who do this will be placed in the draw to win a \$50.00 petrol voucher.

Sunhats/Swimming

MPS is a Sunsmart school and it is compulsory for all students to wear a wide brimmed sunhat (no caps) every day during Term 1 and Term 4. Swimming started on the first day of term and all students are required to bring their togs and towel every day. Please remember to name swimming gear and towels.

PMP Helpers Needed

We are also in need of helpers to assist with our Perceptual Motor Programme we run in our Junior Syndicate. If you are able to help on either a Tuesday or a Wednesday (or both) between 8.45am-10.20am, please call our office or pop in and give them your details. The Programme starts in Week 5. A simple supervisory role in a friendly environment. Ask at the office if you are unsure.

2017 Term Dates

Term 1 - Monday 30th January - Thursday 13th April

Term 2 - Monday 1st May - Friday 7th July

Term 3 - Monday 24th July - Friday 29th September

Term 4 - Monday 16th October – Wednesday 13th December

THE INCREDIBLE YEARS PARENTING PROGRAMME

DEVELOPED BY DOCTOR CAROLYN WEBSTER-STRATTON

When and where?
Tuesday mornings
9.30 am to 12 noon at
Family Works
42 Fox Street, Featherston
Course Starting
21st February 2017

To register, contact:

Pauline Cave
06 308 8028
Pauline.Cave@psc.org.nz

MPS School Uniform

Just to give you a heads up that The Warehouse keeps limited stock of our school uniform and if you are looking at purchasing uniform in the near future that it might be a good idea to get in and get it (you could layby if you need to) as it can take up to 5 weeks to get something ordered. You do not have to purchase the SchoolTex brand, any brand is fine as long as it is plain navy blue bottoms and sweat shirts. It is probably best to purchase the SchoolTex polo shirt as it might be difficult to find the jade colour elsewhere. Sometimes Postie + have them.

COMPUTERS IN HOMES

Computers in Homes is a programme offered to parents at Masterton Primary School, funded by REAP, to help parents learn how to use a computer and to learn how computers are useful at home. By attending the course you will also be helped to purchase a computer very cheaply if you do not already own one (the cost is \$50 per computer), and to help set up and subsidise the internet for a year if you do not already have the internet on at home.

The 8 week course, held once a week at Reap House for 2.5 hours per week is designed to show you how to use a computer, learn about internet safety and even how to make a C.V. A number of our parents successfully completed the course last term and are now the proud owners of a new computer. They would be happy to share their ideas about how the course was for them.

If you are interested in finding out more information, please contact Karen at our school office.

The first class will be up and running on Tuesday 14th February 2017
9 30am - 12pm at Ko Te Aroha Childcare Centre Johnston Street, Masterton.

GOOD FATHERS Education and Support Programme

- A relaxed, fun and informative programme for all Dad's and male caregivers
- A chance to share experiences and practice positive parenting skills
- Improve your relationship with your family
- Have fun, as well as laughter, sharing, discussion, support and education

Where: Family Works Centre, 42 Fox Street, Featherston

Dates: Tuesday 28th February 2017 onwards for 8 weeks

Times: 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm

How to Enrol: Ring Family Works on 06 308 8028

Cost: No charge – it is FREE!!!!

Facilitators: Rick Wildman – Senior Counsellor
Greg Hawkins – Family Support Worker

Calendar of Events

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CALL/TEXT THE OFFICE IF STUDENTS ARE GOING TO BE AWAY. ALL LATE STUDENTS MUST COME TO THE OFFICE FOR A LATE STAMP. PLEASE DO NOT BE LATE!

NO FOS LUNCHES THIS WEEK.

LUNCHES WILL START NEXT WEDNESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY.

WEDNESDAY (MPS HEALTHY BURGER \$3.00) AND

FRIDAY (HEALTHY HEART TICK PIE \$3.00)

MPS SUMMER SPORTS

Softball Years 4-6 and T Ball Year 1-3. Any children wishing to play Saturday morning Softball or T Ball must return the permission notices by 7th February to Mr Alderson or the office. Spare notices are available from the office.