



Thursday 12 December 2024

We are almost there. The end of another fantastic year. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our school. It does take a village to raise a child, and the time, energy, transport, support, and words of encouragement that you give, certainly benefits more than just your child, so thank you.

School finishes at 1pm this Friday, and we restart for 2025 on Wednesday 29 January at 8:55am. We wish you all a restful break over the Christmas period, and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year. The School Office will be open on Jan 27 and Jan 28 from 9-12 each day, should you need uniform, stationery packs or school information.

Round the Vines Update

We are very pleased to announce that Round The Vines managed to raise a little over \$70000 for the school. What a fantastic effort!!! Thank you to the amazing team who made this event happen, and the numerous volunteer helpers that did their part in the lead up and on the day. I know the team are looking at making the 2025 event bigger and better. Watch this space if you are a school family – we will certainly be needing your help.

School Info

You will receive your child's report via email on Thursday 12 December.

Following on from a successful trial, we will continue with organising stationery pack for all students, for 2025. This means there will be no stationery lists going home this year, although there has been information distributed to all Year 4-8 students regarding the purchase of a Chromebook. The cost of the packs will be loaded into Edge and this will allow you to pre-pay for these via the app and we will deliver the pack to your child's class in 2025. Otherwise you can come into school on Mon 27 Jan and Tues 28 Jan between 9am and 12pm and pay via EFTPOS.

Staffing Update

Here is the organisation for 2025. Your child would have been introduced to their new teacher today, and seen who their classmates would be. A lot of time and energy goes into sorting out classes, with children often being strategically placed. Sometimes the placement will be away from their best friend – for the benefit of their learning. We look forward to your support and encouragement with the classes for next year.

Early next year you will have a chance to meet with your child's new teacher, with Goal Setting interviews being held in Week 3 of the term. Later in the term, week eight or nine, there will be an information evening for syndicates, so they can outline to you how they intend to work for the year. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to talk with your child's new teacher about how the class is run.

We have a staffing change for 2025, with Room 6 sharing a position. Mr Pallister returns to us, sharing a class with Ms Richards. I know they are both looking forward to working with their class community.

Class organisation for 2025

Junior Syndicate

Room 1	Ali Welch	Year 1/2
Room 2	Amanda Pickering	Year 2/3
Room 3	Julie Sutherland	Year 3
Room 4	Megan Pentecost	NE/Year 1

Middle Syndicate

Room 6	Jess Richards/ Spencer Pallister	Year 5/6
Room 7	Jess Baddiley	Year 4/5
Room 8	Katelyn Johnston	Year 4/5

Senior Syndicate

Room 9	Chris Funnell	Year 7/8
Room 10	Courtney Miles	Year 6/7
Room 11	Charl Jacobs	Year 7/8

In finishing, I'd like to thank all of the Martinborough School Staff. They do a wonderful job for your children. A lot of their reward is seeing the progress that each child makes. Sometimes success isn't measured in academic results, but in attitudinal shifts, or attendance, or enjoyment in learning. Your positivity towards what we do is important.

Thank you team, you are all amazing.

Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year break. I look forward to seeing you all in 2025.