

Marotiri Messenger

From the Principal's Desk

Wednesday 29th July 2020
Week 2 Term 3

Kia ora Koutou,

Greetings to parents and members of the Marotiri School Community,

We have had a chilly start to our Spring term. I would like to extend a very special welcome to five new students who have joined us over the last week. We are anticipating a term full of exciting learning and sporting events, and yet one which is remarkably 'uneventful' compared to the previous two terms, in terms of Covid. We trust that our days of Lock Down are behind us, unlike our counterparts overseas.

This week we have been conducting Student Led Conferences, which offer an opportunity for teachers, students and parents to come together to celebrate childrens learning successes, collaboratively plan for their next steps and put in place any additional support that may be required. Thank you to all those families who have booked appointments through our new Skool Loop Ap.

During Term 3 each of the classroom teachers will present the Keeping Ourselves Safe Health unit. Constable Tash will be involved in presenting some of the lessons in Week 3. Please take the opportunity to discuss with your child, the range of safety skills they will have learned how to apply, when interacting with others. This is a structured programme presented in liaison with NZ Police, and specifically designed to help keep your child safe.

School speeches are approaching swiftly, and involve Year 3-8 students. Class speeches will take place next week. Class teachers will advise families as to which days their students will be presenting their classroom speeches. Year 3 and 4 will present a memorized speech, while Year 5-6 and 7-8 groups present an informative speech. The three finalists in each section will compete in the Pinelands Speech competition hosted by our

school on Wednesday 12 August. Competitors come from Kuratau, Marotiri, Mangakino, Whakamarau and Tirohanga Schools. Parents are invited to come and watch the class speeches as well as attend the Pinelands Speech competition.

The School-wide inquiry for Term 3 is focusing on the Antarctic. Students will inquire into the ecological sustainability and cause and effect of climate change on this harsh and yet most fragile frozen continent. They will examine the impact of our social actions on this unique environment. Our senior students were excited to report today's Antarctic temperature as -55 degrees. We obviously have nothing to complain about with our balmy -5 degree mornings.

Term 3 will end with a series of health lessons delivered with the help of Harold the Giraffe in the Life Education mobile classroom. We have scheduled two Teacher Only Days this term as part of our Ministry allocation of Term time planning days. The first of these will be Monday 17 August to allow our whole staff to take part in First Aide training to ensure we have a fully trained staff available to meet the needs of your students. The second day will be Monday 7 September, and will be dedicated to planning the implementation of the new Digital Curriculum with two visiting facilitators.

In closing, I wish all of our farming families the very best for their busy spring season. Let's hope the weather plays its part. To all of our non-farming families, I truly hope this term brings a positive outcome for all you are involved in.

Quote of the day: "Behind every child who believes in himself, is a parent who believed first" *Matthew Jacobson.*

Ngā mihi

Rose Symes



Friends of the School purchased and donated new sandpit toys from funds raised at the school lunch held in Term 2. Above we have Bryony (FOS) displaying the toys and Mrs Symes delighted to receive. Bryony and Elizabeth (FOS) handing over the toys to delighted children Carter, Eddie, Ben, Zara, Samantha and Linay.



Birthday Celebrations

July—Turning 9 is Connor (30th)

August— Turning 10 is Lana (11th), Turning 11 is Caroline (12th), Turning 13 is Nathan (2nd).

Happy Birthday to you all !!

Welcome to Marotiri School

A warm welcome to all our new families and to the following students who have joined us at school:- Kayleigh Rm 6, LeBron Rm 3, Kyzier & Satevah Rm 1, Isaac in Senior Studio



Next Marotiri Messenger date - 12th August
Next Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday 25th August

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What's On This Term

28th-30th July	Student Led Conferences
3rd-7th August	Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme
3rd-7th August	Marotiri Speeches
11th August	Rippa Rugby Training Session Yr 5&6, 7&8
12th August	Pinelands Speeches
13th August	Marotiri School Cross Country
17th August	Teacher Only Day
19th August	Rippa Rugby Tournament in Taupo Yr 5&6, 7&8
21st August	Pinelands Cross Country
7th Sept	Teacher Only Day
8th Sept	Golf Taster Session Yr 5&6
10-11th Sept	Cycle Safety Training Grade 2, Yr 7&8
18th Sept	Pinelands Rugby 7's—Whakamaru
21st—25th Sept	Life Education expo
25th September	Term 3 finishes

We are extremely grateful to the parents who provided transport for the Yr 6 children and bikes into Taupo for their Grade 2 Cycle Skills Training at the end of last term. Thankyou to Charmaine, Joshua, Josh & Ian. Your time, vehicles and trailers were greatly appreciated.



Recently the school had delivered 2 truck loads of pavers kindly donated by the Taupo District Council (TDC) from the 2 Mile bay redevelopment. We sincerely thank Fraser Scott from TDC and Shannon from Camex for their co-ordination



Room 3 have been using *examples of onomatopoeia* in their writing

Yesterday I went on the farm in the morning so I could see Harlan and Cullen. I was biking down on my bike and it was too bumpy and I slipped and then, splash! I fell in the water so I went home and changed into some other clothes and then I crashed into Zoey, bang! So my journey begun. I kept falling off, but I made it in the end.

BY Roydon

On Friday Mum, Dad, Tai, Ari, Indie and me went to Sandra's house for Connor's party. After the party me and Bella got ready in the warmest clothing we had. Ari came with Dad and Chris. We went to someone's farm. When we were there we shot our first possum, Boom! We shot it but it got stuck up in the tree. It was the biggest one of them all. We moved on, we drove through a puddle, splat! Me, Bella and Ari were eating some biscuits and Dad spotted another possum and Chris shot the possum, crash! went the possum on the ground. We went to pick up the possum. We got 6 possums before 10 o'clock. The next day Tai, Connor and Carter went and shot 4 goats, 4 pigs and 2 rabbits. Then yesterday it was the prize giving. We got a free sausage sizzle and a fizzy drink. We waited about 3 hours, then we went in where they were giving the prizes. We waited till we went up and Connor got a balaclava and Tai got some screw drivers and Ari got a light and some chocolates and so did Carter and Bella got a tin and I got a jersey. I had a fun weekend.

BY Mila

SCHOOL ABSENCES

If your child is going to be absent from school, please advise the office by phone, Skool Loop app, or via the absence link on our website: www.marotiri.school.nz—not Facebook. **If the school is not notified, the child is deemed truant & marked accordingly. If your child is late to school, they must come to the office to have their attendance recorded.**

Distribution of the Marotiri Messenger

The preferred method of distribution for the Messenger is via email. If we have you registered for email, you will no longer receive a hardcopy. Please advise the school office if you would prefer email, and we will update the register.

Parent representative on the Board of Trustees

Marotiri School Board of Trustees By-election

Nominations are invited for the election of one parent representative on the Marotiri School Board of Trustees.

A nomination form and notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters.

You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate or you can nominate yourself. Both parts of the form must be signed.

Additional nomination forms can be downloaded from the school website.

Nominations close at noon on Wednesday 19 August and may be accompanied by a signed candidate statement and photograph. The voting roll is open for inspection at the school office and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidates' names as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

Voting closes at noon on Wednesday 9 September 2020.

Signed: Leith Thomas

Returning Officer



Room 3 participating in the 1st Aide Course

2020 Ag Day - Friday 16 October.

(A week before Labour Weekend). We anticipate being able to reinstate our calf judging section this year, along with lambs, kids, dogs and other pets sections. There will also be a range of indoor arts and crafts and baking sections. *Mark the day on your calendar.*

Signing children out during school hours

Please ensure you sign your child out AT THE OFFICE if you are taking them early. This assists with our end of day procedures and ensures we are not looking for children who normally catch the bus.

OTHER NOTICES

HELLO FROM THE BOARD

Welcome to term 3! We trust that everyone has settled back in after a great break.

Calving is underway for most of our farming families which brings our attention to our Livestock Scheme. It is a major fundraiser for our school and a big player in creating opportunities for our students outside the normal curriculum.

These extras are not funded by the Ministry of Education; neither is the added support we have for children in class. All this is fully dependent on fundraising, Board funding and your support and generosity. So, if you can rear and/or graze a calf, donate a cull animal or pledge petfood animals or bobby calves to Marotiri School, we'd be grateful for your contribution. Please email steph.russell@marotiri.school.nz to confirm your support or to get more information. Warm thanks to those who gave last year; it really does make a huge difference!

As mentioned in the previous issue, we have a bi-election coming up to fill a vacancy in the Marotiri School BOT for a parent representative. Further information on the bi-election is being finalised and will be sent out to eligible voters in due course. Stay warm everyone and enjoy the sunshine!

School Sports Notices

For information on all our school and community sports dates, see the attached flyer for full details. This will also be available on the Skool Loop App and our website.

Guitar Lessons

Plans are in place to reinstate Marotiri School Guitar lessons by week 4. We will be in contact with all existing and new students to finalise details shortly.



ABOVE—Yr 6 Cycle Skills Training Grade 2 in Taupo

BELOW—A brutal wet day for the seniors as they worked on their grade 1 cycle skills with Susan and Sarah from TDC



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Fuel for Schools

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July— Marotiri School has reached \$301.15 of their \$1000 target with thanks from the new following member:-

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Thankyou Tim Redstone for your ongoing sponsorship.



Tihoi Stags Family Open Day Sunday 2nd August 12pm Tihoi Tavern

This Sunday our community is warmly invited to enjoy an Open Day at the Tihoi Tavern for the re-launching of the Tihoi Stags Rugby Club.

It is a day for the whole family to enjoy, to meet the new rugby committee, become involved with the club, connect with the community and have a laugh.

Food, fun, games and entertainment from 12pm onwards.

See you there!

Community Pay back

A few members of the community are creating a 'Give a Little' page for William Robertson. The information is going to be posted on the Marotiri community facebook page soon.

If in need of any information you may contact David or Elizabeth Dysart.

Marotiri School Environmental Group

The Marotiri environmental group are seeking donations for our new garden area. We require any spare gardening equipment (e.g spades, rakes), an outdoor sink, timber to build a frame for our sink, as well as timber to frame our new gardens. If you are able to help with any of these donations, please contact Laura Pearton via email at peartonl@marotiri.school.nz or by phoning the office. Working bee dates are to be confirmed.

Marotiri School Livestock Scheme

Can you help? Rear a calf to weaning? Ideally a well-marked beef or freisian bull or a recorded dairy heifer. We can provide a Marotiri School named calf tag for easy identification.

Animals suitable for pet food or cash/cheque payments for animals sent for pet food (including rams, ewes, down cows), any surplus stock such as Ag Day lambs, offers to graze stock. We may also be able to take injured animals! Please give us a call—

Steph 027 5478374

Bus reminder

Buses leave 30 minutes earlier on Fridays. We have a half hour lunch break to compensate.

Should there be any change to your child's bus route or routine, we require a letter, phone call or email to advise of the change. Your consideration is much appreciated.

Please note: As a safety issue we require all children to wear shoes when travelling on school buses. They must wear them to school and home, but do not need to wear them at school. Please help us maintain this safety issue. Thank you.

Can all students please return their bus travel agreement.

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