

Marotiri Messenger

From the Principal's Desk

Wednesday 18th November 2020
Week 6 Term 4

Kia ora Koutou,

Greetings to parents and members of the Marotiri School Community,

Over the past week our students have participated in the Marotiri and Pinelands Athletics events. We were fortunate to have beautiful weather for all three days. A high-jump 'jump off' at our own athletics day between two of our Year 8 students, Liam and Arthur, provided exciting lunchtime entertainment. The winning jump was an impressive 1.3m. Congratulations Liam.

Teachers are currently gathering achievement data and conducting assessments to help inform end of year student reporting. It is very important that students are present each day, unless unwell. There has been a nasty tummy bug, and croup doing the rounds. Should your child become unwell, please keep them home until they have been clear of the bug for 24 hours.

The Ministry of Education have announced our Provisional staffing for 2021. We begin next year with six classes. In order to retain our 7th teacher next year, the Ministry require us to begin the year with a roll of 151, which is higher than our normal commencing roll. We currently have 152 students, and a number of new entrants enrolled to begin Term 1. However, with the loss of our senior students, we will not meet that threshold by February 3. As our roll continues to grow during the year we will apply for increased staffing. Class and stationery lists, will be sent home to families as soon as these have been finalised.

It is important to share with our wider community, that although the Ministry put in place an enrolment scheme earlier this year to steady the growth of our school, and to support those schools around us, we do have places available for new students including those from out of zone, and welcome new families to our school. All families who live within our zone have automatic admission. Our zone includes Kinloch and we are excited to welcome an increasing number of students from there. The Board have been invited by the Ministry to review the enrolment scheme and its effect on our roll, in May of next year.

It is with regret, that we farewell Julia Brandao at the end of this term. Julia was employed in a fixed term position to replace Arna Schultze while she was on maternity leave this year. Julia has been a wonderful asset to our school and a highly valued team member. I thank her for the work she has done in Room 2. I would also like to thank Hayley Williams who has been our relief Teacher Aide for 4 weeks this term. The children and staff loved having Hayley in our school. You will have the opportunity to help us farewell Arna, Julia and Hayley at our Prize Giving on Friday 11th December.

This year we will farewell 13 students at our annual Year 8 Leavers dinner. Invitations will be sent to those families. I would also like to acknowledge those students who are leaving us at the end of year, to attend Intermediate. It is always hard to farewell the leaders of our school and we wish them all the very best.

We retain a strong senior studio for 2021 and look forward to an exciting senior academic and leadership programme. We offer a fabulous new dimension to our 2021 technology programme. Due to Covid, Ginette Van Praag, owner of the Taupo Technology hub is having to close her Digital Technology Kids Academy and has most generously donated her digital hub resources to Marotiri School. We are indebted to Ginette and look forward to extending our digital technology programme with ready access to coding, robotic and computer equipment to engage and strengthen student expertise in this area.

Ngā mihi
Rose Symes

Before you speak,

THINK

- T** -- is it true?
- H** -- is it helpful?
- I** -- is it inspiring?
- N** -- is it necessary?
- K** -- is it kind?



Murals by
Artists Esther
& Kellie from
Senior Studio
for display at
Taupo
Community
Gardens
Celebration
2021



Birthday Celebrations

Turning 6 is Gabe (23rd), Turning 7 is Katie (28th),
Turning 8 is Harix (26th), Turning 10 is AJ (22nd) &
Brianna (27th).

Happy Birthday to you all !!



Please keep the school updated

with any changes to phone numbers, addresses and emails

Welcome to Marotiri School

A warm welcome to our new families and to the following students who have joined us at school:- Joshua & Shadyn in Rm 6.

Next Marotiri Messenger date - 2nd December

Next Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday 24th November

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What's On This Term

18th November	Taupo Interschool Swimming
23rd November	Teacher Only Day—NO SCHOOL
1st December	Badminton Taster Yr 1-8 at Marotiri
2nd December	Taupo Interschool TBall
5th December	Marotiri School Horse Trek
9th December	Y8 Leavers Dinner
11th December	Prizegiving
15th December	Last day of Term , early finish



Sincere thanks to Kowhiri Farm (Peter & Marilyn Kidd) for their generous donation of 2 beasts in November for the benefit of Marotiri School, which saw an injection of \$3156.39 into our school bank account.

Senior Studio Camp at Waitomo

Senior Studio have had a fulfilling and exciting 4 day camp at Waitomo. Adventures included rock climbing, caves, zip line, Kiwi house, and more. Thankyou to the Dads who came and endured.



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.

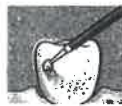
Please note: As a safety issue we require all children to wear shoes when travelling on school buses. They must wear them to school and home, but do not need to wear them at school. Please help us maintain this safety issue.

Thank you.

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.

Fluoride Varnish in Schools Programme



Fluoride varnish is a temporary protective coating that is painted on your child's teeth. It is quick and easy to apply and does not have a bad taste. Currently, fluoride varnish is applied every year by our dental team as part of our normal treatment to prevent decay.

Our school is part of a project in which the Lakes District Health Board Oral Health Service is applying fluoride varnish every six months as recommended by the Ministry of Health. Eligible children in years 1—8 will receive the fluoride varnish on 30th November. A permission slip will be sent home to be signed and returned.



LOST PROPERTY

PLEASE CHECK THE LOST PROPERTY COLLECTION FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR ITEMS. DURING THE YEAR THIS HAS AMOUNTED TO A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT. When the lost property is not on display, it can be found in the old sick bay (next to the library).

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.

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.

5km Rule in School Grounds

A REMINDER TO PLEASE OBSERVE THE SLOWEST OF SPEEDS IN OUR SCHOOL DRIVEWAY AND PARKING AREA. Children can run out unexpectedly and we would hate an accident to occur. Please refrain also from parking in the way of buses arriving or departing before and after school.

OTHER NOTICES

HELLO FROM THE BOARD

Hi everyone

Tenders closed for the pool refurbishment on Friday afternoon and we're pleased to see works already commenced, with the pool drained and water blasted. Though there's still lots to be done, we're looking forward to seeing the pool looking back at its best for the swimming season.

Thanks to those who have generously reared calves for our Livestock Scheme. We'll be in touch in the next couple of weeks about a pick up plan. Similarly, if there are any late empties or other culls, we'd be grateful for the extra support.

There's an ongoing debate internationally about social media use and its effects on preteens. You don't have to look hard to find many articles and strong opinions on the subject. If you have Netflix, an eye-opening watch is *The Social Dilemma*. It's an investigative docu-drama that explores the inner workings of several popular social media platforms. Worth a watch.

Take care

Marotiri School Board of Trustees

Chairperson	Steph Russell
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Board of Trustees' meetings are held monthly in the staffroom on the third or fourth Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm and are open to all people interested in attending.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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Or www.northfuels.co.nz

Thankyou Tim Redstone for your ongoing sponsorship.

Mangakino Christmas Parade

Saturday 12th December 2020

It would be fun for Marotiri School to have a float in the parade this year. I am happy to organise it if people can help with ideas and sourcing stuff. Let me know if you are keen.

Please contact Michelle Hine 0212509757

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

The Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products (Vaping) Amendment Act 2020 commences on 11th November 2020.

From 11 November 2020, the existing prohibition on smoking at schools is extended to include vaping. This includes any part of the school, whether inside or outside, at any time of day.

Emergencies

Just a reminder that the Marotiri District Defibrillator is located in a Red Cross box next to the entrance of the Hall on the school side. Please familiarise yourselves with this location.

The Defibrillator or AED is a self-explanatory device which could save a life if activated quickly enough.

Also, it is important to note that once you ring 111, you are 'locked in' to the emergency services and prevented from using that particular phone until the ambulance or helicopter arrives.

Therefore if you are on your own, you have 2 main options;

- ♦ Ring a neighbour or the school first (providing it's a school day) before ringing 111
- ♦ Or if possible, use 2 phones (cell phone and landline) as both can be used at once. This of course will depend on your location at the time, i.e. on the roadside or the farm or at home.

Early Childhood Education

* **Kinloch Kindergarten** is now open. For further information, contact Jayne on kinloch@centralkids.org.nz

* **Kiwi Steps Preschool**, 42 Tihoi Road, Whakamaru 8am–5pm for all children 0–5 years. Open school holidays. Bicultural learning environment. ECE, Primary and Te Kohanga Reo qualified teachers. 20 hrs FREE for 3&4 year olds. 07 8828234 or 027 9330368 office@kiwisteps.co.nz

* **Whakamaru Playcentre** Corner Arataki & Tihoi Roads. Fridays 9.30am-12noon. This is a free, parent-run programme for children aged 0-5 years. Phone Holly 021 2426066 or Becky 027 6373670 whakamaru.playcentre@gmail.com

* **Country Kidz ECE** is a community based centre for preschoolers from 6 months to 5 years old. We warmly welcome new families to the area. Morning session 8.30am - 12.30pm, Full day session 8.30am - 3.30pm 20 free ECE hours available for 2, 3 and 4 year olds - conditions apply. Please contact us on 07 333 9111 or at countrykidz@xtra.co.nz Centre Manager: Sandra Evans



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When: 9am Saturday 5th December 2020
Where: Trev's Place, 130 Kakaho Road, Tihoi
Cost: \$65 per person
Contact: Louette at fundraising@marotiri.school.nz
Registrations by: 20th November 2020
ALL RIDERS RIDE AT THEIR OWN RISK

Children are more than welcome to join the trek as long as they are accompanied by an experienced rider.

Morning tea, lunch and sausage sizzle at the end of the ride will be provided. Please bring gear for all conditions.

Accommodation on the block can be arranged for Friday night for those who have self-contained trucks. Otherwise, the Kakaho Road campground is just down the road.

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