

# Marotiri Messenger

## From the Principal's Desk

Wednesday 7th April 2021  
Week 10 Term 1

Kia ora Koutou,  
Greetings to parents and members of the Marotiri School Community,  
Happy Easter everyone. I trust you managed to take a little time out from the business of life to enjoy some family time together and perhaps an Easter egg or two. We have two more weeks of school before Term One finishes on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April. Excitement is building for our trail ride on the first Saturday of the holidays. We have a fabulous team of volunteers who are working hard to make this event a huge success. All money raised will go towards funding our Teacher Aides who provide invaluable support for our students and teachers. Apart from a very small number of Ministry funded hours, we rely heavily on locally raised funds.  
The last two weeks have had an air of nostalgia about them. We enjoyed a whole school bus tour to places of historic significance in the Marotiri and Tihoi districts. We are indebted to Pete and Nic Evans (Directors of Tihoi Venture School) and their students for sharing their campus with us and greeting us with such a rousing haka. I would also like to thank Cyn Smith, Marilyn and Peter Kidd, Stuart Falconer and Robert Laidlaw for taking time out of their busy schedules to share with us their local knowledge and discuss significant events.  
We had an informative, and fun day last week as we celebrated a '1961 School day' with staff and many students dressing accordingly. The hand bell beckoned students to line up outside classrooms, desks and tables were carefully arranged in straight lines, white boards were replaced by 'black boards', nursery

rhymes and times tables were chanted, stories were shared, and arithmetic and spelling lessons were attended to. The school strap came out for an airing (purely as a prop I might add) and became the talk of the day. Classes enjoyed a 'digital free' day and on more than one occasion I heard both students and teachers express a desire for school to be like that every day!! One student, however, did add that if we could just throw in chrome books, school would be perfect!

This week our Year 6-8 classes will join a floating classroom tour of Lake Taupo on the Chris Jolly boat as part of their local history inquiry, followed by a trip to the museum. Thank you Krisy Northcroft for sharing your knowledge as our Community of Learning Tuwharetoa facilitator.

We look forward to hosting The Trek (Variety Bash) on the second to last day of term. The Trek involves over 130 people travelling in multiple themed cars, buses, trucks and fire engines through New Zealand handing out grants, giveaways, sports gear, special needs equipment, and smiles to communities, schools and individuals. You are welcome to come along and join in the fun from 8.30 – 9.30am.

Quote of the week; *"The purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows."*—Sydney J. Harris

Ngā mihi  
Rose Symes



### Flying Proud

The flag is flying again!!  
Thankyou very much to Electrum Power Solutions and the team Scott, Marico and Lisiane for calling into the school on Wednesday with the help of a cherry picker to replace the rope and secure to the flagpole.



### Birthday Celebrations

Turning 6 this month is Kaleb (12th), Noel (15th), Nico (23rd), Turning 7 is Danni (14th), Khorun (23rd), Turning 8 is Ariel (20th), Turning 9 is Deekoda (26th), Turning 10 is Bentley (13th), RJ (25th), Turning 11 is Satevah (11th).



### Farewell from Marotiri School

A sincere farewell to the following student and his family who have left our school.— Jaden in Room 2.  
We wish you all the best with your new ventures.



Next Marotiri Messenger date - 12th May 2021  
Next Board of Trustees Meeting  
Tuesday 13th April 2021

  
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### What's On This Term

- 8th April Y6-8 Tuwharetoa Floating Classroom –Senior Studio and Room 2 day trip
- 15th April Celebration of World Book Day—Dress up as your favourite book character. Gold Coin Donation in aid of 2021 St Johns Heart of Gold Annual Appeal
- 15th April Trek visit 8.50—9.30am (Variety Bash) A show of vehicles and America's Cup boat races.
- 16th Apr End of Term 1
- 17th April Motorbike Trail Ride

### Marotiri School Board of Trustees

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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.

### SUPER STUDENTS

**Week ending 26th March -**

- Senior Studio— Hunter Ward & Jessie Wynn
- Room 2— Mischa Brass & Kayden McCormack
- Room 3— Caitlyn Morris & Maple Sweetman
- Room 4— Adell Saunders-Haynes & Hannah Russell
- Room 5— Lacey Gibson & Noel Arden
- Room 6— Beauden Patterson & Ari Karipa



60th Anniversary school bus tour of the district incorporated a visit to the old Tihoi School, the original Trading Post, Tihoi sawmill and viewed the Pa site from a distance. Time was spent at the Kakaho DOC campsite and Rimu walk to learn about the significance of the Pureora Forest. We are grateful to the assistance and commentary from Cyn Smith, Stuart Falconer, Marilyn and Peter Kidd and Rob Laidlaw for their knowledge of our district, and Pete & Nic Evans from Tihoi Venture School.

### Slink Run—URGENT MESSAGE

We have been offered the unique opportunity to do a slink run this season.

This has the potential to raise upwards of \$10,000 but we need your support.

We are calling for **expressions of interest by tomorrow Thursday 8th April** to supply slinks and/or help with pick ups - the more offers we get the easier it will be!

To find out what's involved and how you can help, contact Steph [steph.russell@marotiri.school.nz](mailto:steph.russell@marotiri.school.nz) or 027 547 8374.

Thankyou to the 9 volunteers so far, we will need at least another 12 people or 6 couples to make this viable.



## OTHER NOTICES

### Relief School Cleaner required

A relief cleaner position is available, 5 days per week for school cleaning. If you are interested please contact Rose Symes 0292500042

Thankyou very much to Vanessa McCormack for stepping in as our relief cleaner over the past year in the absence of Elizabeth Thomson. Vanessa has done a fabulous job and also supported us by going the extra mile during Covid. Unfortunately Vanessa is unable to continue due to other commitments. We wish Vanessa all the best in her new position.



### Motorbike Trail Ride - 17th April

FOS are still needing donations of Bacon and Home Baking.

If you are able to donate — contact Bryony 0276081337 or Holly 0212441882



### Mobile Dental Unit

Dental Nurses will not be visiting Marotiri School this year due to covid lockdowns and a full schedule of schools not visited last year. If your child has severe toothache or in need of being seen by a dental nurse, please phone 07 3789470 to discuss.



1961 School Day Photos

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Full Time Work Wanted

I am looking for full time work as a dairy assistant in the Marotiri / Tihoi area. Have excellent references, very house proud and also have a jack russell dog. Please contact Amie Newman 0275915266

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- ✓ Ensure the sleep environment is comfortable, warm, quiet and dark
- ✓ Keep distractions (digital screens, devices and phones) away from wind down time and bedrooms
- ✓ Avoid food and drinks containing caffeine
- ✓ Ensure children are active and outside throughout the day

Recommended total amount of uninterrupted sleep:

**5-13 years:** 9-11 hours each night  
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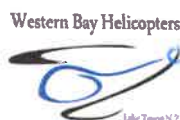
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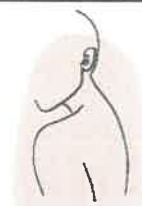
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