

Marotiri Messenger

From the Principal's Desk

Wednesday 15th September 2021
Week 8 Term 3

Kia ora Koutou,
Dear Parents and Whanau,

This week we recognise Maori Language Week. Students are practising Te Reo phrases, daily greetings and instructions. What unusual times we find ourselves in once again. As we returned to Alert level 2, our thoughts remain with our compatriots in Auckland who are not so fortunate.

The Marotiri community never fails to impress with the resilience and support for one another, whether it be your commitment to overseeing children's distance learning programmes amidst the demands of farming in the spring, or surviving the challenge of working from home while sharing devices and attempting to minimise the impact Covid is having on your business. Our thoughts are with those families who have found the latest Lock Down particularly challenging. Please remember if there is anything we can do to help, or if you simply need someone to chat to, the kettle is always hot, and we are here for you.

A drop to Alert 2 last week meant school life, for the most part, returned to normal albeit with a renewed focus on stringent hygiene practice, staggered break times to reduce playground congregation, well ventilated classrooms, and a chance to catch up once again with friends. Our focus for the remainder of the term is on reestablishing children's routines and ensuring each class is immersed in focussed learning programmes.

Under Alert 2, the restrictions on gatherings mean sporting events such as the Pinelands Cross Country have been cancelled and Kiwi sports taster sessions rescheduled. Thank you to Barry and Di Grattan for the use of your farm paddocks for Cross Country training prior to Lock down. We now look forward to a focus on preparing for athletics next term.

Our school production - 'Korero Tuku Iho: Tuwharetoa - Stories of

the Past' has been postponed until 1 December, by which time we hope to be back in Alert Level 1. In the meantime Toni Neve from Act II Performing Arts School, will continue working with classes to finalise scripts and design soundscapes.

For the rest of the term, each class will be focused on preparing their Ag Day arts and crafts. This year, there is to be a family competition for the 'best' 'Wind Chime', so start planning now! We encourage all students to bring along pets, either lambs, calves, dogs, or other pets. There will also be floral and baking competitions.

The Tuwharetoa Kapa Haka festival has also been postponed at this stage until late November. Alert Level 1 is necessary to permit the large numbers to gather safely. Dates will be confirmed shortly. Matua Grant will continue working with students each Thursday afternoon.

In finishing, I would like to give everyone the heads up, that it is time to dust off those saddles in preparation for this year's Marotiri School Horse Trek, planned for the first weekend in November. More information will follow before long, but in the meantime I extend my thanks to Louette Breingan. for again coordinating this year's event. Registrations will be called for along with more information once plans have been finalised.

This week's quote:

'Hapaitia te ara tika pumau ai te rangatiratanga mo nga uri whakatipu'

'Foster the pathway of knowledge to strength, independence and growth for future generations.'

Noho ora mai - stay well, look after yourselves.

Rose Symes

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL AFTER LOCKDOWN



Smiles all round!!!

Enjoying time again with friends

Birthday Celebrations

Turning 6 this month is Luca (14th), Flynn (25th),
Turning 7 is Benjamin (4th), Jaxon (26th), Turning 8 is
George (3rd), Turning 9 is Jack (19th), Turning 11 is
Kyra (6th), Ashton (11th), Mischa (27th), Turning 12 is
Jessie (11th), Turning 13 is Devaydin (10th).



Happy Birthday to you all !!

Next Marotiri Messenger date - 29th Sept 2021

Next Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday 28th September


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What's On This Term

24th Sept	School photo orders—Payment and orders due date
24th Sept	AG Day Pet Registrations due date
24th Sept	Cycle Skills Training—Yr 3-4
28th Sept	Cycle Skills Training—Yr 4-5
29th Sept	Wig Wednesday/Crazy Hair Day (gold coin donation)
1st Oct	Last day of Term 3
18th Oct	First day of Term 4

Poems by Room 3

THE CHASE

I heard leaves cracking
 I saw two little eyes
 I felt like a fool when I did not get him
 I saw a little head in the nest
 I wondered if I should chase him again
 I heard a little body hitting the ground
 I saw him jump like a spider man
 I felt hungry

BY Poet Axle

I heard the falcon rustling in the branches
 I heard the falcon chasing me
 I saw the falcon's beedy eyes
 I saw the leaves on the ground
 I felt my body shaking
 I felt scared more than anything
 I wondered if I was safe
 I wondered if I was still being chased

BY Poet Grace

I was just jumping tree to tree then I saw a monster. I ran
 It chased me
 I was hurried
 I fell down onto the ground
 I looked back
 It almost got me
 I climbed up a tree
 I found a hole in a tree
 I heard clawing at the tree
 I eventually flew away

By Poet Joel

THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY

I heard the squirrel swishing in the leaves
 I saw the squirrel smiling at me
 I felt the leaves falling on me
 I wondered why I didn't get the squirrel

BY Poet Alice

Poems by Room 4

MY BIO-POEM

James
 Brave, strong and fierce
 Friend of George
 Son of Brad and Nicole
 Lover of crystals, Mum and Dad
 Who wonders if sea monsters are real
 Who fears nothing
 Who feels happy watching anything on TV
 Who would like to be a scientist studying crystals
 Who dreams about the New Zealanders getting gold medals at every Olympic Games they go to
 Lives in Marotiri
 Woodford BY poet James

MY BIO-POEM

Danni
 Clever, scared, happy
 Friends of Carleigh
 Daughter of Jessica and Ryan
 Lover of kittens, puppies and Mum & Dad
 Who wonders how rain was made
 Who fears nothing!!!
 Who feels happy, nervous and excited
 Who would like to be a dairy farmer
 Who dreams about nothing
 Lives in the Marotiri district
 Harrison BY poet Danni

2021 AG DAY—FRIDAY 22ND OCTOBER

1st Friday of Term 4 (Labour Weekend). Mark the day on your calendar.

AG Day offers all students the opportunity to enter a calf, lamb, kid, dog or 'other' small pet in a competition, to be judged on the day.

Pet Registration Forms have been sent home and are required back to school by Friday 24th September. Late entries will be accepted on the day.

There will also be a range of classroom exhibits, food and produce stalls, auctions, raffles, AND MORE!!!!!!

AG DAY TROPHIES—Can all 2020 AG Day Trophies be returned to the school office.

AG DAY SET UP WORKING BEE—Thursday 21st October 1-3pm. We need your help. Please come along and help set up gazebos, prattley yards for calf and lamb rings; fence areas for dogs, horses, hall tables for displays in the hall etc

FOS LOOKING FOR DONATIONS FOR AG DAY

FOS would like donations of baking to supply morning tea and lunch for the judges, stewards, and helpers on AG day.

If you are able to help please contact Bryony 0276081337

We will also be calling for donations of produce eg. Preserves, jams, chutneys, eggs, baking, veges to sell at the FOS stall on AG Day. If able to help phone Bryony 0276081337

AG DAY WHEEL BARROW RAFFLE

We ask that all families donate a grocery item for the 'Wheel Barrow Raffle' to be held on AG Day. Items need to be brought to school by Friday 1st October (last day of term).

(photo courtesy of 2020 Ag Day)



Thankyou to Taupo Hunt for their generous donation of \$2100. After recently holding their 50th Annual Hunt Week, they chose Marotiri School as one of their recipients, as they do a lot of hunting in our area. We were excited to receive these funds from the auction of a handmade horse shoe heart. We appreciate your support.

Boxes of Tissues

Spring time still brings coughs, colds & allergies to pollen!! Our boxes of tissues store needs restocking. For those unsure of the process, we ask families to donate a box of tissues which are stored in the office and distributed around the classes as required. Your contribution is very much appreciated and not an onerous burden if shared by all families.

OTHER NOTICES

Marotiri School Board of Trustees

Presiding Member Steph Russell
 Principal Rose Symes
 Staff Rep Michelle Fletcher
 Members Richard Webber
 Richard Simpson
 Brad Woodford
 Michelle Hine

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.

School Photos

School photos have been sent home with students. Orders and payments are to be in by Friday 24th September.
 Sport Photos (Soccer, Netball & Basketball) – if you wish to purchase your child's/childrens team photo, please collect an envelope from the school office. They are \$16 each.



Horse Trek 6th November

Marotiri School Fundraiser. Come and join us for a 1 Day Trek for experienced riders. Mark it in your diaries and tell your friends about it. More details to follow.

POEMS BY ROOM 4 CONTINUED

MY BIO-POEM

Carter
 Intelligent, famous and fierce
 Friend of Eddie, Nixon and Tyrone
 Son of Sandra and Chris
 Lover of hunting dogs and fossils
 Who wonders about nothing!
 Who fears nothing!
 Who feels weird walking around doing nothing!
 Who would like to be an engineer and a scientist
 Who dreams about me as a professional soccer player.
 Lives in Taupo
 Bridgens BY poet Carter

MY BIO-POEM

Eddie
 Fast, good at climbing, brave
 A friend of Carter and Nixon
 Son of Michelle and Nick
 Lover of running, soccer and farming
 Who wonders about nothing
 Who fears dolls and babies
 Who feels happy all the time
 Who would like to be a professional soccer player
 Who dreams of being the best soccer player in the world
 Lives by Arataki Road
 Pepper BY poet Eddie

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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Thankyou Tim Redstone for your ongoing sponsorship.

Accidents & Emergencies

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.

Tihoi Venture School has available an Emergency Kit that includes Oxygen, Blood Pressure, Blood Glucose, Nebuliser for asthma, Trauma Kit, Airway management and a defibrillator. All staff are trained First Aiders and can assist. Callum's contact is 021 029 31513 if no reply on 07 3728 416.

It has been suggested that the phone number for the Venture School (see above) be programmed into cell phones in case of an emergency which would provide closer assistance until other emergency support arrives.

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 office@countrykidz.co.nz Centre Manager: Hayley

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.**

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.

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