

Marotiri Messenger

From the Principal's Desk

Wednesday 29th September 2021
Week 10 Term 3

Kia ora Koutou,

Greetings to parents and members of the Marotiri School Community

As Term 3 draws to a close, I feel it is important that we take a moment to reflect on, and celebrate, the achievements of our students (and staff) after what seems to have been a particularly long and somewhat unusual term. When we met as a staff earlier in the year to prepare a plan for distance learning packs, should we again find ourselves in Lockdown, little did we know that this would come upon us so soon.

Congratulations students, parents, staff, and community on the resilience and adaptability you have all shown while traversing Lockdown and the progression through Alert Levels, and what that has meant for each of you as individuals and for us as a school community.

Since returning to school at Level 2, we have focused on re-establishing routines and providing structured numeracy and literacy learning programmes. For most students, a return to school based learning has been seamless, while for others there has been a need for support. We are aware that for some families this time has been challenging.

There will be interaction this Friday afternoon, which will be on the tennis court if it is fine, otherwise in the hall. As this will be our first full school interaction since lockdown and for covid health reasons we will keep this as student attending only.

There will also be a shared morning tea for staff, Board members and Room 6 parents this Friday at 11am to farewell Jill Simons who has taught in Room 6 while Michelle Fletcher has been on sabbatical this term. On behalf of the staff, students and Board, I extend my thanks to Jill for the wonderful job she has done. Please bring a plate and wear a mask when you enter the office

area. Parents attending are asked to wear face-masks, scan in and maintain social distancing. Please do not attend if you are unwell, or showing any Covid like symptoms.

Our Year 8 students who will be attending College in Taupo next year enjoyed an open day at Taupo-Nui-a-Tia College last week. It is exciting to see our Year 8 leaders preparing for their transition to College. Several of our Year 8's will be attending Boarding School next year. We will celebrate their graduation from Marotiri School at the end of the year. I do ask parents of students leaving our school at the end of the year to remind them that there is an expectation that they remain focused until the end of Term 4.

With the postponement of both the Kapa Haka festival and school production until Term 4, the context of our Art's curriculum has switched to preparing work for Ag Day. We trust that we will be back in Alert Level 1 by then and look forward to gathering as a community to celebrate this auspicious day. If we do find ourselves still at Alert Level 2, the Ag Day committee will make a decision about what this day might look like and you will be advised.

In the meantime, Toni Neve from Act II Visual and Performing Arts School has recently worked with classes to help develop scripts and sound-scapes for their performances in the School Production. We appreciate the expertise Toni brings to our school. Staff may call on parents and community members early next term for assistance with preparing costumes and stage props, so please think about how you may be able to assist. We look forward to celebrating our school's 60th anniversary with the production.

Quote of the week: *If you are not willing to learn, no one can help you. If you are determined to learn, no one can stop you.*

Ngā mihi
Rose Symes

Wig Wednesday/Crazy Hair Day



to Marotiri School

A warm welcome to the following student and his family who have joined us at school:- Alex in Room 5

Next Marotiri Messenger date - 27th Oct 2021

Next Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday 19th October


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Room 3 Cycle Skills Training



Birthday Celebrations

Turning 6 in October is Sonny (15th), Turning 7 is Zara (11th), Turning 8 is Hannah (5th), Turning 9 is Richie (2nd), Turning 10 is Joel (3rd), & Kyjah (12th), Turning 11 is Harrison (21st),



Happy Birthday to you all !!

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What's On This Term

29th Sept	Wig Wednesday/Crazy Hair Day (gold coin donation)
1st Oct	Last day of Term 3
18th Oct	First day of Term 4



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)



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. Late entries will be accepted on the day.



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

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

We are extremely grateful to Louette Breingan and the Egg Donation Scheme from 'The Real Good Eggs' for kindly donating \$117.81 for funds towards Dyslexia resources.



FOS would like to thank the following for all the donations for the Classic Car Club picnic lunch on Saturday 25 September. We raised \$600!

In particular thank you to the following people:

Bakers: Nicole Woodford, Tanya Wood, Becky Sargent, Kate Webber, Lisa Wanger

Ingredients/items lent/donated: Tanya Wood, Anna Webber, Melanie Manning, Nicole Woodford, Nikki Budd

Holly Dudley for all the organisation, liaison and food prep

Help on the day: Anna Webber, Charlotte Jilesen, Lisa Wanger, Bryony Wylie and Holly Dudley



My Taniwha is pink with yellow spots on it. My taniwha eats candy and apples. She likes to push me off my bed! She is invisible and she lives in my bath. My taniwha is as big as a bunny. She has six legs and a big blue tongue with dots on it. Her teeth are white and shiny. She is very nice. She is 3 years old.

Written by Rose Illustrated by Sam

HELLO FROM THE BOARD

Spring is well and truly here, with weather all over the place! Temperatures are starting to soften as we look toward summer. The impacts of Covid are still being felt as we await the construction of the new shed (watch this space!), and the numbers for the up coming Horse Trek being limited to 100. Also, we are looking at carpark improvements so we are working through that with Higgins at the moment.

Term three is very nearly at a close and there is still much to look forward to in Term 4 - Ag Day and the Horse Trek are two of the big ones. Ag Day is always popular with many works of art to admire and goods to purchase. We will need some help for the set up working bee on the 21st October, please come along and give us a hand.

The Board of Trustees meet every third Tuesday of the month, with the next meeting scheduled for the 19th of October.

We wish you all happy and safe holidays!

Room 5 Writing

We have been working on descriptive writing, We wrote stories and swapped with a buddy to draw based on their writing.

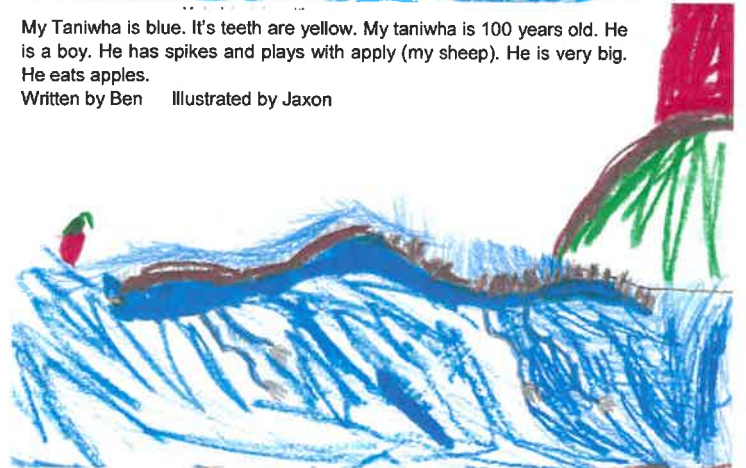
I have a pet Taniwha. It has black and red patterns. He is a boy. He eats pears and bananas. Tomorrow he will be ten.

Written by Gabe Illustrated by Karly



My Taniwha is blue. It's teeth are yellow. My taniwha is 100 years old. He is a boy. He has spikes and plays with apply (my sheep). He is very big. He eats apples.

Written by Ben Illustrated by Jaxon



My Taniwha. Her body is pink. She is as big as a shark. Her favourite food is fish. Her name is Violet. She is very cheeky and she is invisible. Her teeth are yellow and pointy and she has blue spikes. Her ears are red!

Written by Skailah Illustrated by Flynn



OTHER NOTICES

Marotiri School Community Survey 2021

Summary of Results

Many thanks to the 32 whanau who returned their completed surveys. The collated results show that most respondents are happy with what Marotiri School is providing for their children. For example:

- 91% 'strongly agree' or 'agree': their child is happy in their current class
- 94% 'strongly agree' or 'agree': their child is safe at Marotiri School
- 100% 'strongly agree' or 'agree': Marotiri School makes their child and our family feel welcome
- 100% 'strongly agree' or 'agree': their child's teacher cares about them and knows them as an individual
- 88% 'strongly agree' or 'agree': their child's learning style is catered for
- 84% 'strongly agree' or 'agree': Marotiri School supports all children to do their best including high-achievers
- 88% 'strongly agree' or 'agree': the school facilities are fit-for-purpose

Some of the survey results show aspects of our school that parents feel need more attention. These include:

- The perception that some student-to-student bullying is still taking place
- The need for more warning of upcoming teacher-only days and school events
- The desire for Marotiri to be included in more Taupo inter-school events

At our August Board meeting, the results and all comments of the survey were discussed. We also thought about ways to encourage more families to complete a survey. Mrs Symes outlined all the strategies in place to discourage and deal with bullying.

Nga mihi nui

Michelle Hine (on behalf of the BOT)



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.

LOST PROPERTY

THE LOST PROPERTY BIN IS OVERFLOWING: 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.

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MSD's financial assistance tool for your school community

We have been asked to send this information to you as it may be of value to some people within your school community. MSD has developed an online tool to help identify what types of financial assistance a person could be eligible for quickly and easily on this website: <https://check.msd.govt.nz> Please note, this is a guide and shows how MSD can help a person or whānau. Once the application form is submitted, MSD will be able to work out the exact financial assistance they will receive. This service is only available to New Zealand citizens and residents.

CANCER SOCIETY'S LIONS LODGE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Taupo Golf Course [Tauhara]

Friday 12th November 2021 [Need to be Level 1] [Postponement Date: 4th March 2022]

Proceeds to Refurbishing the Lions Lodge

Register now, entries close 1st November 2021. Come along for a fun day of golf and help support a great cause.

The Cancer Society's Lion Lodge in Hamilton provides the Taupo region with free accommodation, meals and support while receiving treatment. This Lodge has been running for 10 years now and is in need of a face lift. Since 2011 the Lodge has provided 106,424 bed nights to guests on their journey with cancer and their carers, and has served 319,272 nutritious meals to the regions it covers – all at **no cost to the guests.**

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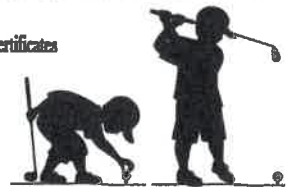
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