

Marotiri Messenger

From the Principal's Desk

Wednesday 8th December 2021
Week 8 Term 4

Kia ora Koutou,

Greetings to parents and members of the Marotiri School Community,

Our school production was a great success, and I have been lucky enough to enjoy a sneak preview of the video. Nga Korero Tuku Iho weaves together six stories which celebrate Ngāti Tuwharetoa. Our talented actors will make you proud, and their performance will bring a smile to your face.

The production has certainly provided a welcome relief from the surreal events of this year, events which have triggered feelings of uncertainty, anxiety, and hope. He aha te mea nui o te ao - What is the most important thing in the world? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata – It is the people, it is the people, it is the people, or in our case - it is the children, it is the children, it is the children.

We are indebted to the generosity of Noel Woodfield who supplied the sound and lighting, Toni Neve who helped choreograph and direct, and Peter from AVP who videoed the production for us. Although Covid restrictions prevented a live audience being present, we will take great pleasure in sharing the video link with parents shortly.

Our prize giving is scheduled for this Friday. However, last week's introduction of the Covid Traffic Light system resulted in the Government releasing new guidelines for schools holding events and activities, including Prize Giving. For the first time ever, we are unable to invite parents and community members to prize giving. The number of people able to attend is strictly limited and will only include Year 8 parents, who will join the Board and staff to farewell our senior students. This is not a decision that we, or the Ministry of Education, welcome, but, unfortunately, is beyond our control. Our traditional Year 8 formal leavers dinner has also been cancelled this year. Instead, the Year 8 students will join the staff this Friday for a special morning tea.

It is hard to believe that we are in the last month of the year and that within 20 days of writing this, we will be celebrating Christmas. Our last school day will be next Wednesday 15th December with school closing at lunchtime. I would like to take this opportunity to

acknowledge and thank our students, staff and parents for keeping cool this year, for your hard work and for the contribution each of you have made towards making Marotiri School and community the special place it is. I would also like to acknowledge and thank our fabulous admin Shirley and Heather for their warmth, professionalism and efficiency, as front of house. We would all be lost without them! Last but not least, I offer a special farewell to our lovely Nanda Tournier. Nanda has been a teacher aide for the last 8 years and will be hugely missed.

Please stay safe over the holidays, and I trust that you may find yourselves in a position to be able to take a few days where you are able to stop and enjoy a sunset, soak up some sunshine, visit the beach or generally take time to spend with your family and re-charge your batteries. You deserve it.

Stay safe, and we will see you all in the new year.

Ngā mihi
Rose Symes



Birthday Celebrations

December: Turning 6 is Cooper (18th), Turning 8 is Harley (31st), Turning 10 is Grace B (8th), Turning 11 is Matt (12th), Ethan (29th)

January: Turning 9 is Bodhi (18th), Jayda (29th)
Turning 11 is Fletcher (24th).

Happy Birthday to you all !!



School Production

Our school production—'Korero Tuku Iho: Tuwharetoa—Stories of the Past' was staged and videoed last Wednesday. More photos inside. The video will be made available to view shortly.

Next Marotiri Messenger date - 2022

Next Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday Early 2022

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What's On This Term

- 10th Dec School End of Year Prizegiving
- 13-14th Dec Senior Studio Camp—Bridge-to-nowhere
- 13th Dec Portfolios/Reports go home
- 15th Dec Last day of Term 4—Lunch time finish
- 2nd February 2022— School Commences



Mrs Earley receiving farewell flowers and gifts from the children

School Swimming Pool

The school swimming pool is now open. Children will be required to bring their togs and towels daily. If you would like a pool key for the season, please contact the office. \$45 for a pool key for the season, \$10 refund will be available on return of the key when the pool is closed at the end of the season.

2022 School Stationery

Class Stationery lists will be available by end of term and can be collected from the office or will be on the school website. We encourage families to purchase from school as we will have a supply on hand. Orders can be placed at the school office before end of the 2021 school year or emailed to adminoffice@marotiri.school.nz If order is placed by 25th January 2022, we will pack the orders and have available to be collected at school on the 27th-28th January before school commences on the 2nd February.

Students will be notified of their next years class by end of term.

Production Photos



HELLO FROM THE BOARD

And just like that, here's the final Marotiri Messenger for 2021! I would like to commend and thank - our school families and community - for all your support and understanding in what has been another challenging year.

Rose and our wonderful staff (including non-teaching) have again been able to quickly adapt and remain dynamic in circumstances that could change daily. It certainly hasn't all been simple; but they managed well, always with the best possible outcome for our children at front of mind.

It has been my pleasure to serve on the Board again as Chair, and that's in no small part due to the other members who serve alongside me. As well as being straight up good people, they all possess complementary skills and experience and are community minded. Thanks guys, for sharing your expertise and time for the benefit of our school.

Next year, the triennial board elections are due. They would normally be held halfway through the year, but due to the challenges of late, the MoE have chosen to push these out until September. More on this as the date draws nearer.

To close, I wish you all a happy and well-deserved Christmas break!

Take care, be kind and catch you in 2022.

Steph Russell—Presiding Member

Tuwharetoa Stories of the Past - Tuwharetoa Nga Korero Tuku Ihu



OTHER NOTICES

Important Mental Health Blog for Parents and Caregivers

At ImpACT-Mental Health we work with many schools, parents, children, teenagers and educators, who enjoy our Resilience based education programmes, as well as providing one to one coaching packages.

Covid, Lockdowns and our rapidly changing world appear to be causing higher states of anxiety and a decline in overall mental health, for our youth and adults alike.

We thought we would take this opportunity to share with you our latest blog - **'Building Resilience in Children during Lockdown and Life'**, which has appeared in the media and is being shared by schools.

<https://impact-mentalhealth.com/top-tips-for-building-resilience-in-children-during-lockdown-and-life/>

Parents are eager for more tools, strategies and techniques to help them in the area of Mental Health. That is why we have converted our usual parent presentation - **Preparing for the Teen Years it's Never Too Early!!!** into a webinar.

Parents tell us that the three biggest issues they want to avoid during the teen years are Mental Health, Breakdown in Communication/Relationships, and Unhealthy Coping Mechanisms (addiction, avoidance, self-harm).

ImpACT-Mental Health aims to empower Primary Parents with strategies to build solid foundations in their children NOW in order to build resilient, autonomous teens who are prepared with tools to face whatever life throws at them.

Here is the link to our upcoming webinar if you would like to share it with your school community. If you would like some references from other schools, please don't hesitate to contact us and we will provide you with details.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/168198079985>

As authors of *HATE MYSELF HATE MY LIFE - A Guide to finding self-confidence and inner-love*, mums of 4 children each. With a combined 35 years experience in RESILIENCE education, raising teenagers as a boarding house mistress, teaching in prisons, running ultramarathons, and coaching teens and parents, we are passionate about helping parents and educators in all areas of mental health.

School books, T shirts, Hats

The school Library is closed for stock taking. Please return all library books, school readers, school t-shirts and school hats ASAP to enable a stocktake to be taken.

Christmas Cookie Fundraiser Thankyou

FOS would like to thank everyone that supported this fundraiser, we sold 151 buckets and made a profit of \$377.50! Christmas Cookies are arriving Thursday 9th December, orders can be collected from the school office from 2pm that day.



Marotiri Play Group

Marotiri Play Group meets every week on a Tuesday 9.15am—11.30am in the Marotiri Community Hall, and is run by REAP Early Childhood Coordinator, Kim and Playgroup Facilitator, Bay. Last week for 2021 is Tuesday 14th Dec, everyone welcome.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Fuel for Schools

Northfuels School Sponsorship Programme

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Thankyou **Tim Redstone** for your ongoing sponsorship.

Family Home Required

We are a family of 4 (children 2 and 4) who are looking for an unfurnished rural family home available from January with long term stability. We have 2 outside dogs (stock friendly), 2 cats and 6 chickens. Our weekends are generally spent outside in the gardens so property maintenance responsibilities would be eagerly taken on. Rental references would be supplied upon request. Please phone Josh on 021 786 743 at all hours.

Home Internet Connectivity Plan

Raukawa is partnering with the Ministry Of Education:

-If you currently do not have internet connectivity (no data or monthly plan or home internet)

-Must have children of any year level nation-wide enrolled in kura/ school

If this sounds like you, please contact the school and we will forward your details on.

Pig Scraps available

If anyone is looking for food scraps for their pigs, please contact Rosie's Takeaways in Mangakino. Ph 07 882.8498

Mobile Dental Unit

Dental Nurses have not visited Marotiri School this year due to covid lockdowns. If your child has severe toothache or in need of being seen by a dental nurse, please phone 07 3789470 to discuss.



LOST PROPERTY

PLEASE CHECK THE LOST PROPERTY COLLECTION FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR ITEMS. DURING THE TERM THIS CAN ACCUMULATE TO A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT. When the lost property is not on display, it can be found in the old sick bay. Unclaimed clothing at the end of the year will go into town to the Hospice shop.

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.

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