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Marotiri Messenger

Wednesday 6th November 2019
Week 4, Term 4

From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora Koutou,
Greetings to parents and members of the Marotiri School Community.

Let's make the most of our early taste of summer, as it seems that winter will be back next week as a little reality check. Meanwhile, the sunshine certainly lifts everyone's spirits. We are indeed hopeful that this year's athletics events will not be rained out, as was the case last year.

The swimming pool is being filled and will soon be ready for swimming. Elizabeth Thomson has kept our swimming pool in a pristine state for many years but unfortunately is away on extended sick leave. We are grateful to our community members who have offered to help with the pool this season. Swim school will be here in week 8 of this term, to take daily swimming lessons for each class with professional tutors.

With just six weeks left of school this year, we have an exciting timetable in store. Room 1, 2 and 3 enjoyed fabulous weather for their camp at Papamoa last week. From a staff and Board perspective, we appreciate the huge amount of time and organisational skill camp takes and the commitment made by our class teachers and parents. Sadly, Philippa Semini was unable to attend camp due to health reasons and the children and I were most grateful to Fee Holdsworth for stepping in to take her place at the last moment. The Senior Studio were lucky to have Kate Waterworth as their relieving teacher, along with Alannah Gordge who is completing her four-week teaching practicum. Thank you ladies! Planning is currently being finalised for the Senior Studio's Week 6 camp in Rotorua, followed by Room 4's camp to Tihoi Venture School in Week 8.

Camps are definitely one of my favourite times of the year and offer all those involved, valuable learning and social experiences. The children are buzzing with excitement over 'camp happenings' and it

is marvellous to see new friendships having been forged. We welcome Rose Patterson to the staff as a part time reliever for the rest of the year. Rose will be releasing Lisa Wanger for one day per week for planning and curriculum support. This is part of a provisionally registered teacher's advice and guidance programme. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Damian Firth on his appointment to a new school in New Plymouth. Being part of a foundation school is a most rewarding and exciting experience. It is with mixed feelings that we prepare to farewell Sheryl from our staff. While we are thrilled for Damian, Sheryl and the boys, their moving will leave an enormous void in our school community. Sheryl has worked at Marotiri School over the past 3 years and has taught Reading Recovery, touching the lives of many students. She has excelled in her role of sports coordinator, and will be greatly missing by the students, staff and parents. There will be an opportunity to farewell Sheryl later this term.

Next week we are holding a **book fair** in the hall, from Monday to Friday, funds from which will help us purchase new library books. Please take the opportunity to come and view the books on offer. This is a perfect chance to purchase those early Christmas presents. We receive a substantial donation from Scholastics for hosting a book fair, as well as receiving a percentage bonus based on book sales. To help celebrate our book fair week, we have two story tellers visiting our students and holding writing workshops.

Quote of the week:

"Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think" Albert Einstein

Ngā mihi
Rose Symes

Book Fair

A selection of books will be on display in the hall from Monday to Friday. Parents and community members are welcome to view the books and purchase through the school office. Payment can be made by cash/cheque or internet banking. Teachers will take their classes to view the books early in the week. Expect your child to bring home a wish list of books they enjoy.

Birthday Celebrations

November Birthdays: Turning 6 this month is Kaiden on the 15th, Oliver & Jack on the 19th and Katie on the 28th. Turning 7 is Tyson on the 10th, Greer & Holly on the 11th, Harix on the 26th and on the 21st Lucas turns 8. Turning 9 on the 17th is Hunter, Johnny on the 19th, AJ on the 22nd and Brianna on the 27th. Grace turns 10 on the 12th and Harper turns 12 on the 23rd. Turning 13 this month is Grace on the 14th and Manaia on the 20th. **Happy Birthday to you all!**

Welcome to Marotiri School

Welcome to Lucas who has joined Room 1.



Pictured above: Bird feeders and bird houses entered in the Ag Day competition.

Interaction on Friday hosted by Room 3

Next Marotiri Messenger 20th November

Next Board of Trustees Meeting
26th November 7pm - All Welcome


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What’s On This Term

11 Nov	Marotiri School Athletics (whole school)
11-15 Nov	Scholastic Book Fair in the Hall
12 Nov	Deano Yipadee singing storyteller performance
13 Nov	Visiting Author—Vaughan Rapatahana
15 Nov	Pinelands Senior Athletics
19-22 Nov	Year 7&8 Senior Camp
26 Nov	Water Skills—Rms 5&6
30 Nov	Cycle Challenge Marshall Fundraiser Great Gatsby Casino Fundraiser Event
2-6 Dec	Swim School in School Pool
3 Dec	FOS Christmas Disco
4 Dec	Ironman Kids Fun Run, Taupo 4pm
5 Dec	Rm4 Overnight Camp at Tihoi Venture School
6 Dec	Kids Fun Run, Taupo 4pm (Sign up by 4 Dec at www.ironmantaupo.com)
10 Dec	Year 8 Leavers Dinner
11 Dec	Duathlon at school
12 Dec	Final Assembly
13 Dec	<u>Half Day finishing at 12pm</u> - Last school day

GREAT GATSBY FUNDRAISING CASINO
Saturday 30th November
Tickets are now on sale!

Thank you to those who have kindly offered crock pots, baking and meat. But, we still need more of the following please!

- Crock pots
- Pork, lamb or beef roasts (not rolled) - for pulled meat sliders
- Baked slices for supper - uncut
- Decorations - fairy lights, free standing lamps, bar learners, wine barrels (please deliver and collect)
- Help on the night with food

If you can help, please contact Kate Robinson on 021 358531 or katesarahrobinson75@gmail.com

Tickets are limited so get in quick to avoid disappointment!
To buy tickets contact;
Kate 021 358531 or Kelly 027 3053900.

Marotiri School Athletics Monday 11th November. First event 9.15am with a rotation of field events and sprints, finishing with house relays @ 12noon. Students are expected to remain at school for the afternoon due to end of year assessments taking place over the next few weeks. Please encourage your children to wear their house colours. Teachers will advise any new students which house group they are in. Children are to have a water bottle and we ask that no sleeveless tops are worn to avoid sunburn.

Pinelands Senior (Yr 4-8) Interschool Athletics Friday 15th November at Whakamaru School. We will be taking a bus which will leave school at 9:15am sharp! Parent transport will be also be required as we are taking all four classes. A form regarding transport will be coming home shortly.

Fabulous Fundraisers

Thank you **Elizabeth & Rocio Dysart** for waitressing at Tihoi Venture School raising money for the Friends Of the School. Huge thanks to **Peter & Marilyn Kidd of Kowhiri Farms** for raising and selling two heifers which recently boosted our school bank account by \$3583.81.

We are grateful to **Gary Muggeridge** (Mitchell, Cullen & Hannah Russell’s grandad) for his generosity in donating 2 boxes of Amazing Avocados direct from the orchard for us to sell. We have yet to total our stash, but it certainly boosted the coffers.

Update from the Board of Trustees

Hello from the Board!

It certainly is lovely seeing all this sunshine, water going into the pool and kids running around outside! As a Board we have recently reviewed our SunSmart policy, so just a reminder that kids are required to wear school hats at school. If your child has a sensitivity to sunblock, please ensure that they have their own sunblock handy.

Lastly, the Ministry of Education has offered a School Donation Scheme of \$150 per child per year, which we have eagerly accepted. This will be instead of parents paying a school donation, so it will be great for our community and provide our school with a bit more funding. There was some confusion regarding whether camp funds will be coming out of the \$150 – to clarify, the \$150.00 is not for camps and camp cost still must be covered by families and fundraising.

Talking of school camp, rumour has it there is some great footage going around of some of our Board members doing some team development at the Year 4-6 camp! Enjoy the sunshine!

The Marotiri School Board of Trustees

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Saturday 30th November

Marotiri School will receive \$1300 for providing 15 volunteers to 'man' certain road junctions for the Lake Taupo Cycle Challenge. Pohipi, Marotiri, SH32 & Whangamata Roads 5.30-11.30am.

Volunteer tee shirts will be provided. Please let us know ASAP if you can help by speaking with Fee Holdsworth or contacting the office on 07 3728273.



Alert—Head Lice (Nits) - Head lice has once again been detected at school. Parents/Caregivers need to check childrens’ hair and treat if required. Visit the Healthline website to find out how to check for head lice and treatment options: www.healthline.com/health/head-lice#diagnosis Head lice treatment can be prescribed by your GP at a subsidised costs also.

End of Year School Trophies Please can we have all end of year school trophies returned now in readiness for our annual prize giving.

Feed sacks needed by Senior Studio for collecting pine cones as a fundraising event. Please drop off to the Senior Studio deck.

Friends Of the School are selling the popular smelly pens as a fundraiser. These make great xmas stocking fillers. These pens were a hit with children at the Ag Day FOS Tent. Brochure/order form enclosed or see the office.

The teachers and students of Rooms 1, 2 & 3 are incredibly grateful to the amazing parents and caregivers that gave up their time and energy to come along on camp and be superstars! We couldn’t have done it without you; Louette Breingan, Josh Crocker, Heather & Brett Hilton, Grant Sandford, Karli Knowles, Sarah Walters, Mel Gibbons, Ngaire Connolly-Hintz, Daryl Karipa, Jodi Sweetman, Amy McPherson, Nicola Thomsen, Chris Robinson, Richard Harcourt, Stewart Walker, Mike Teddy, Steph Russell, Aaron Hoyle .

Audio Books - For those parents that would sometimes like an alternative to reading books at home, Radio New Zealand has a great audio book resource called Storytime. This can be found on the following link; <https://storytime.rnz.co.nz/age/kids/>

2019 AGRICULTURAL DAY



A sincere thank you to the many supporters that contributed in so many ways to make our 2019 Ag Day a success!

- AG DAY COMMITTEE**
- Sarah Walters, Kate Robinson, Elizabeth Dysart, Grant Sandford, Yolandi Nortjé, Louette Breingan, Richard Simpson, Sue Stimpson, Rose Symes and to the other generous people who helped on the day.
- Thanks also to the willing workers over and above the committee who arrived at the **Working Bee** the day before to set up in preparation for the big day.
- JUDGES & STEWARDS**
- Lambs** Alex Richardson & Carol Robertson, Mark Robertson & Nathan Wylie
- Calves** Ruth Steeghs
- Dogs** Trisha Hallmond & Marion Slaughter, Rachel Crocker & Lara Davies
- Goats** Mike Sandford
- Other Pets** Kim Lane & Danielle Shouten
- Bird House/Feeders** Sue Carnachan & Victoria Morgan
- CLASSROOM JUDGES**
- Rm1** Jane Haycock & Sharon Barton
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- AND NOT FORGETTING**
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- Reserve Champion Lamb:** Trinity Chaffe & Toitoi
- Williamson Cup Champion Dog:** Dylan Youle & Phoenix
- Champion Goat:** Georgia & Sparky
- Bruce Nickalls Trophy Other Pets:** Nathan Fletcher & Skittles
- Bird House/Feeder Competition:** Grace Thomas-Humphrey

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Thank you very much to those who have confirmed their support in this 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 (Ag Day lambs), offer to graze stock. We may also be able to take injured animals! Please give us a call - Grant 027 5375038 or Steph 027 5478374

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Please keep the school updated with any changes to **emails, phone numbers and addresses.**

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Just in case

We have many people to thank for the amazing support the school has received, and in case we have missed mentioning your name, we just wanted to say...

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