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Marotiri Messenger

From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora Koutou,
Greetings to parents and members of the Marotiri School Community,
1 March marks a momentous occasion with the implementation of Marotiri School's enrolment zone. Enrolment Zones are implemented by the Ministry of Education to provide a means of preventing overcrowding at a school, and enables the Ministry to make best use of the current accommodation at schools in the surrounding area. I thank the Board for their hard work and tenacity in finalising the zone. More information can be found in their report. Thank you to everyone who came along to the 'Meet the Teacher' evening last week. Congratulations Nikki Budd, who took away the grocery hamper sponsored by Friends of the School. A special thank you to Bryony Wylie and Elizabeth Dysart for providing refreshments. The evening offered an opportunity for teachers and parents to discuss class programmes for this year.
Last week Swimwell tutors from the AC Baths provided daily swimming tuition for our students. It is exciting to see the progress made by everyone who took part. Water Safety NZ statistics show that New Zealand has one of the highest fatal drowning rates in the OECD. The 2019 provisional annual fatal drowning report indicates an increase in the Under Fives to 7 compared to 3 in 2018. These findings reinforce the importance of teaching our children to swim at a young age.
Teachers are preparing students for our School Swimming Sports event next Tuesday. The day will begin with Juniors demonstrating their swimming skills followed by swimming races for Years 4-8. Pinelands Senior Swimming Sports will be at Mangakino School next Friday 6th March. This event has historically involved those who place 1st, 2nd or 3rd at our own day. We do require parent help with transport and a small number of helpers to be timekeepers.
This year, our Juniors will have an opportunity to take part in a Junior Pinelands swimming event at Whakamaru on Thursday the 5th March.
We wish our Senior Studio class a safe and happy adventure, as



Kinloch Picnic Photos—Senior Studio Bike Ride

Birthday Celebrations - Turning 7 this month is Allie (11th), Carleigh (15th), Jzharklan (25th), Shantay (26th). Turning 9 this month is Daezahriah (8th), Siddel (10th), Zach S (24th), Isla (26th). Turning 10 this month is Nate (4th), Mikaire (19th). Turning 12 this month is Noah (13th), Liam (14th).

Happy Birthday to you all!

Interaction on Friday hosted by Room 1
Next Marotiri Messenger date 11th March
Next Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday 24th March 2020



Wednesday 26th February 2020
Week 4, Term 1

they head to Mt Ruapehu Memorial Hut for an overnight experience as part of the Senior Leadership challenge.
We have enclosed a list of upcoming events, including our annual working bee. We need your support by way of gardening, tidying, painting or baking. Many hands make light work. Remember a school is only as good as the team behind it. Come along and help make 'your school' the best it can be.
Finally, I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to Louette Breingan, for all the hard work and the dedication she had shown in her role as Board Chairperson. I am grateful for the support and collegiality she has afforded me since my appointment to Marotiri. While Louette remains an active Board member, she will not be seeking re-election this year.

Quote of the week: "The essence of education is to help you discover your uniqueness. Teach you how to develop it and show you how to give it". Leo Buscaglia

Ngā mihi

Rose Symes



Principal in charge




Juniors sack race

Welcome to Marotiri School

A warm welcome to all our new families and to the following students who have joined us at school:- Reece Rm 6,

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What’s On This Term

26th Feb	Future Ferns Netball Taster Yrs 1-4
03rd Mar	Marotiri Swimming Sports (whole school)
04th Mar	Football Taster Yrs 1-2
05th Mar	Pinelands Swimming Sports - Juniors
06th Mar	Pinelands Swimming Sports - Seniors
11th Mar	Hockey Taster Yrs 3-6
12th Mar	Annual School Working Bee 9am
16th Mar	Rugby Taster Yrs 1-4
17th Mar	Taupo Interschool Athletics
31st Mar	Student Led Conferences
02nd Apr	Student Led Conferences
09th Apr	Last day of term


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Simple free download: In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.


The Skool Loop App will be used in Term 1 2020 to book Student Led Conference Appointments.


 Sincere thanks to **David & Elizabeth Dysart** for the generous donation of 2 heifers in December for the benefit of Marotiri School, which saw an injection of **\$2619.33** into our school bank account.

A BIG thank you to **Gerri West** for her time and effort as the school's relief cleaner in Elizabeth's absence. Our new relief cleaners are **Ashleigh and Sean Meyer**. 

 Once again we are grateful to **Tim Redstone from North Fuels** for his wonderful sponsorship, providing sausages for everyone at the Kinloch Picnic—much appreciated!

Sincere thanks to **Guy Pennington** for the generous donation of 1 Cow in December for the benefit of Marotiri School, which saw an injection of **\$659.99** into our school bank account. 

 It's great to see the young people in the area supporting our upcoming youth. Thanks to the **Tihoi Young Farmers** we had a new end of year trophy in 2019 recognising Academic Excellence.

Congratulations
To Kelly Fraser and Kate Robinson for their fantastic organising and running of the casino night in November 2019. Netted over \$2000
AWESOME WORK 

Signing children out during school hours
Please ensure you sign your child out at the office if you are taking them early. This assists with our end of day procedures and ensures we are not looking for children who normally catch the bus.

Bus reminder
Buses leave 30 minutes earlier on Fridays. We have a half hour lunch break to compensate.
Should there be any change to your child's bus route or routine, we require a letter, phone call or email to advise of the change. Your consideration is much appreciated.
Please note: As a safety issue we require all children to wear shoes when travelling on school buses. They must wear them to school and home, but do not need to wear them at school. Please help us maintain this safety issue. Thank you.

Recently the Friends Of the School and some senior students helped to serve burgers at the **Farmlands Fishing Competition in Taupo**. This effort resulted in a donation of \$800 towards the Senior Studio Camp. Thanks to Heather Kelly, Elizabeth Dysart, Bryony Wylie, Rose Symes, Fee Holdsworth, Kelly Fraser, Tim Fletcher, Lexie & Kellie Haycock, Aimee Fletcher, Esther Scarlet, Nadine Gibbons, Caleb Fraser, Arthur Keidann, Nicholas Dysart, Nathan Fletcher, Rocio Dysart. Wonderful Work Team!



Spring Bulb Fundraiser for Marotiri Friends of the School
Bulbs are easy to plant, fun to grow and will reward you with gorgeous flowers year after year. Bulbs are supplied by GardenPost which source bulbs from New Zealand's best growers. Prices are less than normal retail and FOS will make a 30% profit on all sales. Prices start from \$4.40 for Sweet Pea seeds or up to \$11.50 for 10 Daffodils. Order forms can be picked up from the office, sent to you by email, downloaded off facebook www.facebook.com/Marotiri-Friends-of-the-School or contact Bryony brywy@hotmail.co.nz / 027 608 1337. For examples of bulb packs visit www.gardenpost.co.nz **Orders and payment need to be in by Friday 27th March.**

School Sports Notices
Wow, we really are hitting the ground running!
For information on all our school and community sports dates, see the attached flyer for full details. This will also be available on the Skool Loop App and our website.

STATIONERY
Please ensure your child has their stationery order completed ASAP. Class requirements are available from school and stationery can be purchased from the office at competitive rates. Stationery will be issued on receipt of payment.

If you haven't already covered your child's school books, Love These Covers supplies beautiful, durable, reusable school book covers at competitive prices. www.lovethecovers.com **When ordering online, make sure you select Marotiri School on the shopping cart page, to trigger a .10c per cover rebate for the School. "**

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

Wanted
Heavy Duty Clean Buckets suitable for use as Music Drums for our RAD Rhythm music programme. Please send to School

Lost Property
Clothes left at school at the end of last year are on display in the hall. Please check. Families are welcome to take unclaimed clothing at the end of next week. Please also check the Lost Property Box. This is filling rapidly.

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.

OTHER NOTICES

HELLO FROM THE BOARD

What a busy first few weeks to the year it has been! There is quite a lot of updates from the Board, so please bear with us. Firstly, our school Enrolment Scheme has been officialised by the Ministry of Education and is in place as of the 1st March 2020. No changes were made from the draft zone that was released for consultation. As a Board, we just want to thank everyone who contributed to the process and to those who made submissions. We did fight for every submission made. Can all families please inform the office of any children they have that are not currently enrolled at our school (in and out of zone families please). This includes young babies. The more information we have about future enrolments the better we can plan for future available classroom spaces.
Please note that the bus routes will not be changing with the new zone. All buses will remain the same. However, prior to the zone we did have a bit more leniency on bus charges for families out of our Transport Entitlement Zone. This means that children out of our Transport Entitlement Zone will be charged for their use of the bus. Please contact the office if you are unsure if this applies to you.
Secondly, at the start of every year the Board Chairperson must stand down and the Board has to elect a new Board Chairperson. Louette Breingan has decided not to stand for Chair again this year to allow her more time for her personal business development and to give someone else the opportunity for personal development. Louette is happy to fill the position until a new Board Chairperson has been elected.
If you have any questions, please feel free to email Louette at louette.breingan@marotiri.school.nz
Regards
The Marotiri School Board Of Trustees

Te Reo for Beginners

Learn pronunciation, greetings, waiata, karakia, pepeha, basic conversational reo. Maori To Go workbook provided. Small groups, learn with your friends.
Time: 5-7pm Wednesdays Term 1
Date: 19 February to 8th April 2020 (8 weeks)
Where: Marotiri School
Cost: Free
Tutor: Moepuke Church
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This month Marotiri School has reach 1000 points and our chosen technology package will see us get 3 new Chromebooks for our classrooms.

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.

Boxes of Tissues

Our boxes of tissues store has been depleted and we are needing to restock our supplies for the new year. 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.

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Emergencies
Just a reminder that 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.