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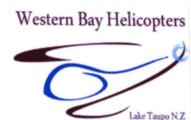
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Marotiri Messenger

From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora Koutou,
Greetings to parents and members of the Marotiri School Community,
A very warm welcome back to you all, as we enter a new phase in the Covid Journey. Alert Level 2 means we are able to reopen school to all students, albeit under stringent Ministry of Education and Health guidelines. Monday morning brought with it the most wonderful buzz as the majority of our students returned to school, and were able to see their friends face to face for the first time in 8 weeks. Although staggered interval and lunchtimes means less children in the playground at any one time, it is marvellous to see our school grounds being utilised again.
We are following rigorous hand and surface sanitising routines. Hand sanitiser stations have been set up at the entry to each room. This week students are eating morning tea and lunch in their classrooms under the supervision of class teachers to help model and reinforce good hygiene practices. It is important that any student or staff members who are unwell, stay at home.
Congratulations to everyone on your adaptability and resilience in embracing the distance learning programme. For some this was on line learning, while for those with little or no internet connectivity, learning was through hard copy learning packs. The Ministry of Education deliveries of learning packs were welcomed by families, and in most cases were relatively prompt, however, the supply of Ministry devices was stalled, due to difficulty in accessing supplies from overseas.



Birthday Celebrations

Turning 6 is Claya (26th) Daniel (30th), turning 7 is Nixon (20th), turning 8 is Elijah (30th), turning 9 is Dylan (20th), turning 12 is Jaz (27th), turning 13 is Lexie & Kellie (30th).
Happy Birthday to you all !!

Next Marotiri Messenger date - 3rd June
Next Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday 30th June



Wednesday 20th May 2020
Week 6 Term 2

A huge thank you goes to our wonderful staff who embraced the concept of distance learning and were able to design and deliver learning programmes at very short notice. The interaction with families during Lock Down was invaluable. Thank you to all of our parents who have adjusted to the modified drop off and pick up regimes in order to restrict the number of adults on site. If you do need to come on-site to discuss any matters with your child's teacher or admin staff, please come to the school office and register as a visitor. All visitors are required to use hand sanitiser prior to entering the office. Alternatively, you may either phone or email the school office or email your class teacher. Teachers will check emails before and after school.
We wish the very best for those families who will be leaving at the end of next week with the dairy change over. Please let the office know, if your family is leaving, or if you know of new families moving on to local farms. I would like to reiterate the Board's message of thanks to Grant Sandford, who along with Anika has made a valuable contribution to Marotiri School. I would also like to make special mention of the Walker family who have been heavily involved with Marotiri School for several generations. You will be missed.
Quote of the week: "Resilience is accepting the new reality, even if it is less good than the one you had before". Steve Maraboli

"Ngā mihi
Rose Symes

Welcome Back

Just a few Reminders:
-Drinking fountains are disabled. Students must bring their own NAMED water bottles.
-Under Alert Level 2 we wish to encourage a drop off and pick up only approach to restrict the number of adults on site. Please do not visit classrooms or congregate in the school grounds or in the car park.
- if you need to come on site you MUST report to the office and sign in as a visitor.

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

Welcome to Marotiri School
A warm welcome to all our new families and to the following students who have joined us at school:- Kaleb in Rm 6

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What’s On This Term

1st June	Queens Birthday Holiday
	Cycle Safety Training (to be confirmed)
3rd July	Term 2 ends

Sincere thanks to **K Lane** for the generous donation of 1 beast in *April for the benefit of Marotiri School, which saw an injection of \$1144.10* into our school bank account.



Special Farewell

To all the families leaving the school and community , a special farewell and a big thankyou for all your contributions and help during your connection with the school.

To date we have leaving:

Sandfords
Stairmands
Walkers
Timus



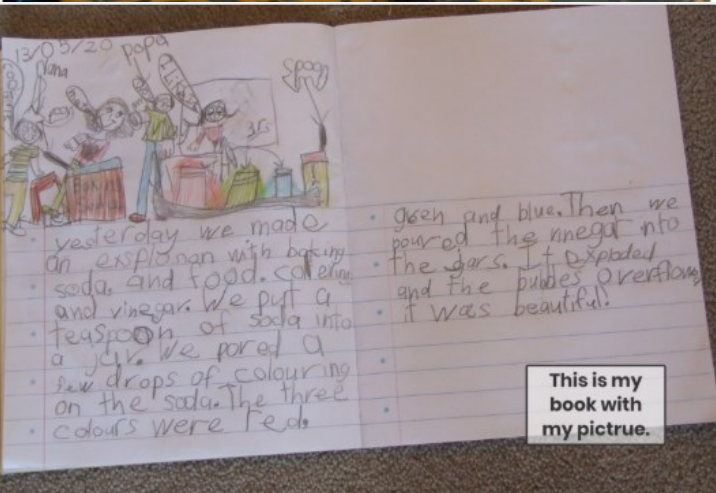
If you are also leaving or know of any families coming in to the area, would you please notify the school office.

T Shirts & Hats to be returned

If any students have school T Shirts or Hats at home, can they please be returned to the office as soon as possible.

Books to be returned

All Library books and Readers are to be returned this week to school if you are leaving the school and district.



Room 5—at home learning work

Have you downloaded our free Skool Loop App?

Events / Cancellations / Notices / Newsletters / Permission slips / Instant notifications / Absentees / Parent Teacher Interviews
Simple free download: In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.

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.

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.

Advice for parents and whānau about preparing for Alert Level 2

We have [updated information on our website for parents and whānau to help them prepare for Alert Level 2](#). This includes:

- Videos parents may want to watch with their children
- A 'checklist' for preparing for the return to on-site learning
- Translated versions of the information in te reo Māori and 10 Pacific languages (Note: we will be adding other language versions in the coming days).

You may want to share the link to this material with your parent communities. URL: <https://parents.education.govt.nz/essential-information/news-stories/covid-19-preparing-for-alert-level-2/>

Painting of BBQ Tables

Seeking volunteers to paint the BBQ tables. If anyone has a few spare hours and would like to help, please contact the office.

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.

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.

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.

Lost Property

Please check the lost property collection for clothing and footwear items. When the lost property is not on display, it can be found in the old sick bay (next to the library).

OTHER NOTICES

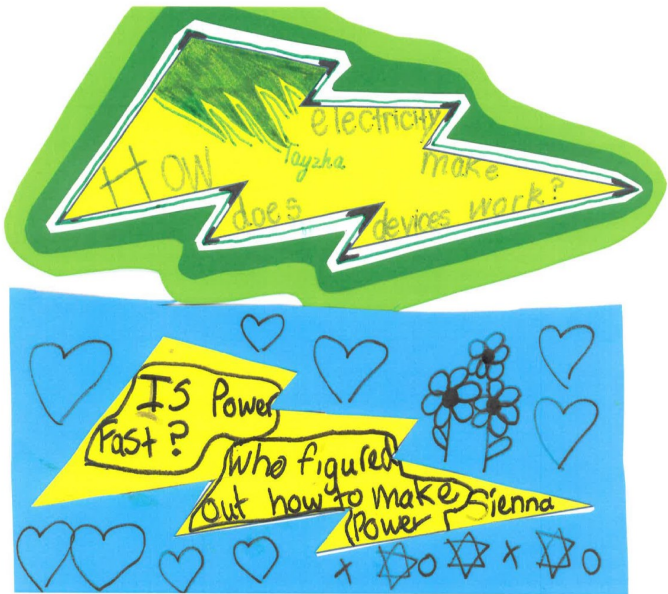
HELLO FROM THE BOARD

So good to welcome back students and teachers this week and have our school happily buzzing again. By all accounts, the children were very happy to see their friends again!

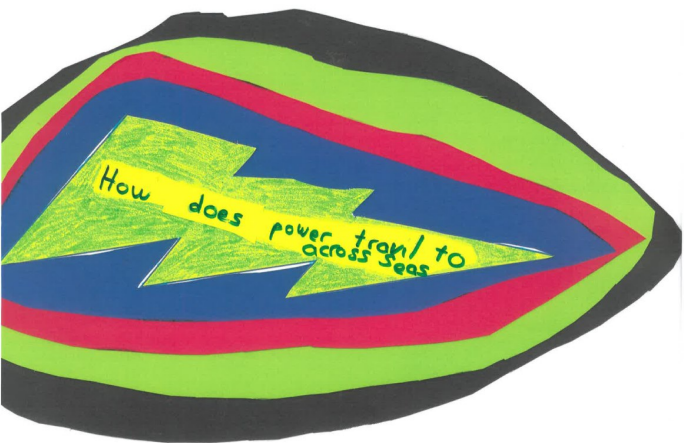
We farewell Board member Grant Sandford at the end of this month and thank him kindly for his generous contributions of time & effort. He and his family have been fabulous to have in our community and we wish them all the best. We are looking at filling this vacancy via the selection process, more information will follow.

Many farming families will have reached the pointy end of the season and dried off their herds and sent culls. We know it's been a tough year with the dry, but if you are able to donate an animal to our livestock scheme, we'd be most grateful. M Bovis & Covid-19 had had an impact on the livestock scheme, which is a major fundraiser for our school and is essential to continue funding teacher Aides, and additional programmes such as our senior leadership programme. Similarly, if you have any ideas for ways to increase donations to our school, please email Board Chair: steph.russell@marotiri.school.nz

The Board has been meeting via Zoom; the next meeting is scheduled for 30 June. We thank everyone for staying within the level two restrictions; the more diligent we are, the sooner we'll see level one. Take care and stay well.



Room 1—Our wonderings about electricity



COMMUNITY NOTICES

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May- Marotiri School has reached \$147 of their \$1000 target to chose a technology or sports equipment package with thanks to the following members:-

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Our school lawn mowing contractor has sold his business. We are now seeking tenders from suitably experienced and resourced contractors. If anyone is interested, please contact the school office for more information. Tenders will close 12pm 29th May.

School Food Scraps

Is there anyone in the community interested in collecting the school food scraps weekly for feeding to their animals—pigs, chooks. Please phone the school office.

Wanted for our music programme

Heavy duty clean buckets suitable for use as music drums for our RAD Rhythm music programme. Please send to school.

Problem Challenge—Schedule for 2020

The challenge (Otago Maths) are completed at school within a time limit for those students preselected.

- Set 1 : 28 May
- Set 2 : 25 June
- Set 3 : 23 July
- Set 4 : 20 August
- Set 5 : 10 September

Early Childhood Education

* **Kinloch Kindergarten** is now open. For further information, contact Jayne on kinloch@centralkids.org.nz

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