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Marotiri Messenger

From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora Koutou,
Greetings to parents and members of the Marotiri School Community,
On behalf of our staff and Board of Trustees, I extend a very warm welcome to the new families who have joined us this week, along with those who have pre-enrolled their children and plan to join us in the near future. We look forward to getting to know you all.
We ask our community members, to please introduce yourself to families who are new to the district, and to those with families, please be sure to pass on our school contact details. Marotiri has a reputation for being a very welcoming community and it is up to each of us to do our bit. Last week, we said goodbye to several families who left the Marotiri community at the end of the dairy season. I would also like to acknowledge Lara and Mike Davies and their son Haydn who have relocated to Taupo. Both Lara and Mike have been heavily involved in our school community with Lara serving on our Board of Trustees, while Mike has been a dedicated soccer coach. We wish you all the best with your move. Sadly, we have been unable to host our usual full school interaction (assembly) to farewell those families who have left, or to hold a mihi whakatau to welcome new families, but we are getting closer day by day to return to normality. We will advise our school community as soon as we are able to do this.
Week eight of a twelve-week term, has come upon us very quickly. It seems somewhat surreal to think about what our country, and indeed the world, has been through over the past three months. While businesses are working hard to rebuild lost revenue, our

A Good News Story. During the lockdown Thomas Moore walked up and down his garden one hundred times. He is one hundred years old and he was in World War 2. He walked up and down his garden because he wanted to give all the doctors and nurses a treat for all the hard work they have done to make people better from Covid 19. He was hoping to make one thousand pounds but instead he raised 62 million pounds. Queen Elizabeth II made him a colonel and she gave him a special medal. Then she thought that he had done a very good job so she made him Sir Thomas Moore. For a treat, spitfire planes flew back and forward so he could remember when he flew the spitfire planes in the war. When people get old like Thomas Moore, they need walkers so they can walk better and they have very thin blood so they need a blanket on their shoulders and knees. I think Thomas Moore is a very nice man and he showed lots of determination. **By Greer RM 4**

Welcome to Marotiri School

A warm welcome to all our new families and to the following students who have joined us at school:- Lachlan Rm 4, Nico Rm 6 Seb Senior Studio, Adell Rm 5, Bentley Rm 1, Aubree Rm 4, Danni Rm 5



Birthday Celebrations

Turning 6 is Lacey (9th), Turning 7 is James (16th), Turning 10 is Zoey (5th) & Tai (12th), Turning 11 is Tristin (16th), Turning 12 is Hunter W (17th).

Happy Birthday to you all !!

Next Marotiri Messenger date - 17th June

Next Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday 30th June



Wednesday 3rd June 2020
Week 8 Term 2

thoughts are with those families whose livelihood has been impacted by the Lock Down. Please keep an eye out for neighbours, acquaintances or friends who may need some extra care and support at this time. If there is any support we as a school can offer, please do not hesitate to make contact.

While interschool sporting events have been put on hold this term, we are about to resume some skills based sporting activities hosted by Kiwi Sports coaches, commencing with large ball skill sessions on the 24th June. Robust hygiene practices and appropriate social distancing is to be maintained during these sessions. The term will conclude with cycle skill training for our Year 3 – 6 students, with Year's 7 & 8 sessions booked for next term.

Pinelands interschool speeches will go ahead this year, but will take place at Marotiri in the first few weeks of next term. More information will be sent home shortly.

Student assessments are being undertaken across the school during the next few weeks, and we ask that students are present at school each day unless unwell. Our children have been exposed to a wide range of rich learning experiences over the weeks during lock down, and we are pleased to see how quickly they have readjusted to regular school programmes. This is a true testament to the wonderful school community we have.

Quote of the week: "A child's life is like a piece of paper on which every person leaves a mark" Chinese Proverb.

Ngā mihi
Rose Symes

A Poem. When I go bike riding I take... my new bike, my camelback, my biking clothes, some snacks and my second favourite toy Bear Bear. When I go to Annie and Grandads I take... my sleeping bag, my pyjamas, a picture of Mum and Dad and my second favourite toy Bear Bear. When I go to the beach I take... my togs, my little beach tent, my bucket to collect shells, my water bottle and my second favourite toy Bear Bear. When I go on the boat I take... my togs, my towel, my Grandad, my mask and snorkel and my second favourite toy Bear Bear. When I go shopping I take...my Mum, my brother, my shoes, my wallet but not my second favourite toy Bear Bear! **By Georgia RM 4**

A retelling of The Little Kiwi's Matariki. The cold wind whistled through the grass and into the little kiwi's hole. The little kiwi woke up and rushed outside. The little kiwi went to wake up weka. Weka was not nocturnal and he did not want kiwi to wake him. "Kao, no, no little kiwi go back to sleep!" said weka but kiwi did not go back to sleep. He knew the Matariki stars were coming. Without daring not to say no weka went with the little kiwi and they set off to find ruru. Ruru was high up in a tree with her mokopuna. "Come with us!" said the little kiwi. "Kao, no, no little kiwi go back to sleep!" Kiwi did not go to sleep. He knew what was coming **By Jacoli RM 4**

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

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What’s On This Term

1st June	Queens Birthday Holiday
29th June	Cycle Safety Training YR 4 Grade 1
30th June	Cycle Safety Training YR 5 Grade 1
1st July	Cycle Safety Training YR 6 Grade 1
2nd & 3rd July	Cycle Safety Training YR 6 Grade 2
3rd July	Term 2 ends

Sincere thanks to **Japie Nortje and Ecolab** for answering the call for Surface and Hand Sanitizer. We were very grateful to have 2x 10L containers landing on the school



Sincere thanks to **Kim and Keith Lane** for all their contributions over many years to the school



Many thanks to **Lara Davies and Family** for their support and the offer and supply of modems during lockdown. Best wishes for your move into town. You will be missed.



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.

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



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.

Attendance Data to the Ministry of Education

We will be sending student attendance data to the Ministry weekly, from 29 May. The purpose is to :
• Report to the National Crises Monitoring Centre and government on levels of attendance during the COVID-19 period
- inform and support Ministry planning for students and schools returning to normal operation: and
- evaluate and report on the effectiveness of initiatives implemented by the Ministry to respond and manage its response to COVID-19

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.

Distribution of the Marotiri Messenger

The preferred method of distribution for the Messenger is via email. If we have you registered for email, you will no longer receive a hardcopy home with your children.
Please advise the school office if you would prefer email, and we will update the register.

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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.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Esther - She entered the 2020 *Beyond Belief* Intermediate School Writing Competition.
Esther’s story **The Watcher** was shortlisted for judging and the results—**1st Place** in this year’s competition.
Judge Sharon Manssen’s comments—I was very impressed with Esther’s storyline and storytelling. She had me guessing right up to the end what was really going on. It was a very clever personification of fear/courage. She used wonderfully descriptive language to convey the turmoil of the earthquake and the story maintained a strong point of view. Great Job, Esther.
The Watcher has been selected to be part of the **Beyond Belief anthology** to be published and launched on Friday June 19, 2020.

MESSAGE FROM BOP DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD

During the Lockdown period the BOP region had a high number of tamariki diagnosed with Rheumatic Fever. Rheumatic fever is a serious but preventable illness. Rheumatic fever starts with a sore throat, this is known as ‘strep throat’ - a throat infection caused by a bacteria called Group A Streptococcus. Most sore throats get better on their own after about 4 days. But if strep throat is not treated with antibiotics it can cause rheumatic fever in at-risk children and young people. **All sore throats in Maori & Pacific children and young people (aged 4-19yrs) who are living in the BOP need to be checked.**
Daily checklist for COVID-19 & Rheumatic fever Prevention:-
Sore Throat
Skin Issues
Cold/Flu
Fever
Feeling unwell

Friends of the School Fundraising
Oxford Pies



Order form for pies has been sent home with children. Orders closing date is 23rd June. Delivery will be 2nd July.

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

School feels like it is relaxing into a new type of normal. We thankyou for your diligence signing in to our Covid-19 register and continuing with sanitizing.

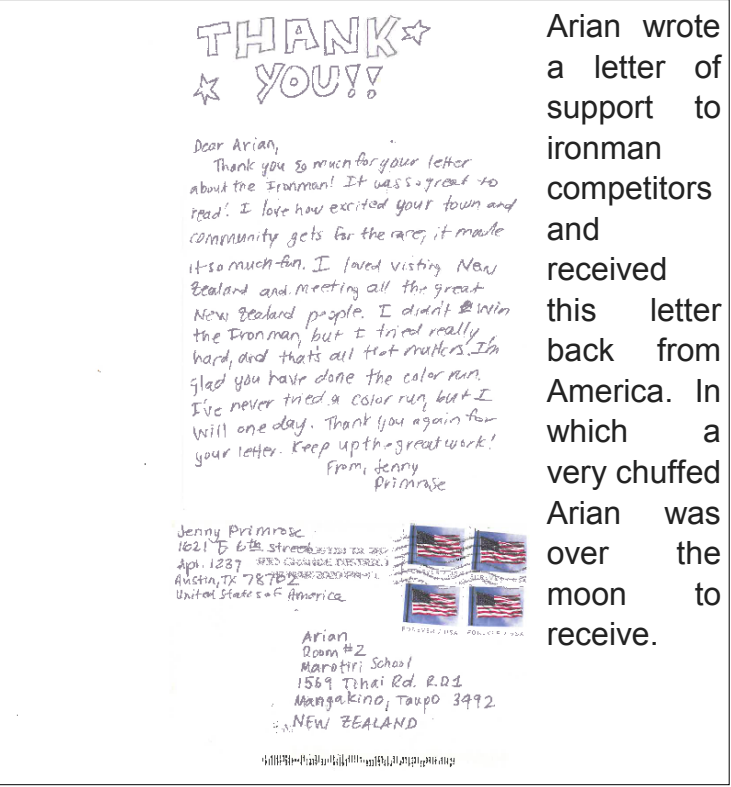
We are grateful for the continuing contributions to our livestock scheme. We understand that it has been a difficult season for many farmers. Also, if there are any further ideas to increase donations (ie horse trek, motor bike trail ride, horse hunt etc) please email steph.russell@marotiri.school.nz .

The BOT are looking at options of projects around the school in line with the School investment funding and the 10Yr property plan which is at present being renewed with the Ministry of Education.

We have one vacancy on the Board for a Parent Representative via the selection process. This has been advertised in the Taupo Times and if any eligible voters on the school roll wish for a bi-election to be held instead, please email steph.russell@marotiri.school.nz by 26th June 2020.

School Sports Notices

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.



Arian wrote a letter of support to ironman competitors and received this letter back from America. In which a very chuffed Arian was over the moon to receive.

Arbor Day Planting

Celebrate Arbor Day—1100 plants to be planted behind AC Baths, Taupo. **FRIDAY 5th June 9.30am to 2.30pm**
Planting in sections to allow for social distancing . Please bring your own gloves and a spade (if you have these).

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.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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As a Northfuels customer, you can nominate a participating school to receive 50 cents for every 100 litres of bulk fuel that you have delivered. We accrue these funds and when a participating school has reached \$1000 through the programme they can choose to redeem either a technology or sports equipment package.
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