Marotiri Messenger

From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora Koutou.

Greetings to parents and members of the Marotiri School Community,

Welcome to the last Marotiri Messenger of the term. It is time to reflect on the events and achievements of the past 12 weeks; a term like no other. The last few months have certainly called for resilience. We can be proud of the way our school community and staff have worked together to ensure our children continue to receive quality learning opportunities in a supported environment with the least disruption possible.

This week brings to a close our school wide inquiry; Power to the People. The learning that our students have engaged in during this study is truly exciting and I have seen many budding power engineers; aviators and scientists amongst our students. The country will be in good hands!

During the past two weeks, Whaea Cath has worked with the Year 1-6 classes to present a Cycle Skills Safety programme, delivered by the Taupo District Council. Grade 1 focuses on balance and bike control skills, helmet and bike safety and the legal requirements for cycling on-road. Year 6 students will attend a two day Grade 2 programme in Taupo in which they will refine their bike handling skills and build their knowledge of defensive cycle strategies and basic road rules. Thank you to our families and TDC for the loan of bikes. Year 7-8 will join the programme early next term.

Winter sports have begun in earnest. Thank you to Dan Riggs and Nick Pepper for marking out our soccer fields. With increased activity on the sports field, we have a number of items of clothing in our lost property bin, which need collecting before the end of term. I have been pleased to see children taking much better

Wednesday 1st July 2020 Week 12 Term 2

responsibility for their clothing recently.

As our weather continues to be very changeable, please ensure your children come to school suitably attired. Last week saw a surge in coughs and colds with several students and staff members having to take time at home to recover. Thank you to everyone for ensuring you are not spreading winter bugs. Having said that, if your child is not sick, they should be at school. Recently, I have noticed an increasing number of students being kept at home for a range of non-health related reasons such as celebrating birthdays, family excursions or entertaining visitors. While there are occasions when this may be unavoidable, it is very important that your child is at school every day. Students who attend school regularly have been shown to achieve at higher levels than students who do not have regular attendance. This relationship between attendance and achievement may appear early in a child's school career. Nationwide statistics on school attendance are becoming increasingly concerning, and we at Marotiri School pride ourselves on working with families to give our students the best opportunity possible. We thank you for your cooperation.

Please stay safe over the holidays. We look forward to welcoming you all back in the new term.

Ngã mihi Rose Symes





Enviro Group visited Taupo Community Gardens on Friday 19th June, with an aim of gathering ideas to incorporate into our school environment. Thankyou to Anja for her time showing us around the gardens, Shannon (Taupo District Council) who kindly donated a worm farm and Michael (MyNoke NZ) who donated worms for the worm farm. Also thankyou to Parents and Grandparents who helped. We could not have done it without you. Our next step as a group is to create a vision map of what we would like to see in our school to be displayed for visitors to view. As a community, if you have any ideas for our school environment, we would love your input. Please discuss with Laura Pearton in person or via email at peartonl@marotiri.school.nz



Birthday Celebrations



July—Turning 6 is Reece (4th) Rose (24th), Turning 7 is Adell (8th), Turning 8 is Quinn (6th) Alice (13th) Georgia (15th) Maple (22nd), Turning 10 is Grace W (18th), Turning 12 is Lucas (16th).

Happy Birthday to you all !!

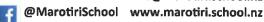
Distribution of the Marotiri Messenger

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. Please advise the school office if you would prefer email, and we will update the register.

Next Marotiri Messenger date - 29th July
Next Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday 21st July



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What's On This Term

1st July Cycle Safety Training YR 6 Grade 1 2nd & 3rd July Cycle Safety Training YR 6 Grade 2

2nd July Blue light Student Disco

2nd July Keeping ourselves safe Meeting for parents

3rd July Term 2 ends



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The recent Friends of the School lunch held on 16th June was a great success. Thankyou to the organisers Bryony, Elizabeth and Ngaire with helping hands from Kelly & Mel. Thankyou to Lisa, Michelle, Amelia, Natalie, Mel, Sarah and Nicole for the tremendous baking and also to the many families who offered with help or banking.

The funds raised have purchased new sand pit toys.



Bike Skills Day-Room 5 above, Room 6 below



Student-Led Conferences

Tuesday 28th July & Thursday 30th July
Appointment times are available through the Skool Loop App.

SLC's will be held on :-

Tuesday 28th July - 1.15pm Start Thursday 30th July - 3.15pm Start

Instructions:- Open App, Go to Interview Tab, Choose Teacher, Choose Date & Time, Add Students name, Add Parents name, and email address to confirm the booking. Please sign.

If you do not have the Skool Loop App on your phone, please phone the school office as soon as possible and we will book your time for you.

Children whose appointment times are within an hour of the start time can remain at school. Others will need to travel home on the bus and then return later for their scheduled SLC appointment.



Rm 4 Planting the Kowhai Tree donated by the Walker Family

School Pool Keys

If anyone in the community is still holding a school pool key, would they kindly return them to the school office. There is a \$10 refund for keys returned.

School T Shirts to be returned

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

Please keep the school updated

with any changes to phone numbers, addresses and emails

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. If your child is late to school, they must come to the office to have their attendance recorded.

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).

We are extremely grateful for the ongoing support of local families whose children have moved onto intermediate, college and beyond, yet continue to support our Marotiri School Community. Please know that your efforts are appreciated and never taken for granted.



OTHER NOTICES

HELLO FROM THE BOARD

I trust everyone is well and keeping warm now that winter is finally trying to arrive!

There have been some personnel movements within our BOT recently. You will recall that Grant Sandford left; as there were no calls from our eligible voters for a bi-election to fill the vacancy, we are pleased to welcome Sean Meyer to the Board. We are very much looking forward to working with him! Also, David Dysart has tendered his resignation and so we will seek nominations to fill this vacancy early next term. David is a community player and keeps the best interests of our children's education in the forefront. I wish to warmly thank him for all he has done for our children and school. He will be missed!

With calving just around the corner, the Livestock scheme will be looking for people to rear suitable calves and/or graze them. As ever, cull cows or grown beef animals are very welcome donations as well. If you are able to contribute, please

email steph.russell@marotiri.school.nz.

Our last BOT meeting was held via zoom on the 30th of June; next meeting will be in 21st July.

School Sports Notice

Any school sport cancellations will be notified via Skool Loop and Facebook.

Soccer Games at Marotiri School - Saturday 4 July

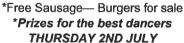
9.30am Marotiri Magpies (Grade 8) vs Taupo Hawks
Marotiri Mustangs (Grade 11) vs Taupo Mariners
10.30am Marotiri Marvels (Grade 9) vs Taupo Homets
We will have a sausage sizzle, drinks and baked treats all \$2
each. Come along and support our Marotiri teams!



A Big Thankyou to Nick Pepper and Dan Riggs for marking the soccer fields at the start of this season.

BLUE LIGHT DISCO

Don't think about it, just come and have fun!!



Marotiri School Hall

Juniors = 5.30 to 6.30pm (Rooms 4, 5 and 6)
Seniors = 6.30 to 8pm (Rooms 1,2,3 + Senior Studio)
Parents = 6.00 to 7.30 Staffroom—Constable Tash presentation
"Keeping ourselves Safe" Movie in Room 1 with Mrs Symes
for children of parents attending meeting

PLEASE NOTE:- Disco is only for children who attend Marotiri



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Thankyou Tim Redstone for your ongoing sonsorship.

Memorial Services

Donald Thomson

To be held on Friday 10th July at 1.30pm Taupo Founders Chapel, 117 Rickit Street, Taupo

Bruce Stuart

To be held on Saturday 18th July at 2.30pm Ohope Golf Course, 541 Harbour Road, Ohope



Soccer games 20th June— above Marotiri Magpies below Marotiri Marvels



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.

<u>Please note:</u> 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.

Can all students please return their bus travel agreement.

5km Rule in School Grounds

A REMINDER TO PLEASE OBSERVE THE <u>SLOWEST</u> OF SPEEDS IN OUR SCHOOL DRIVEWAY AND PARKING AREA. Children can run out unexpectedly and we would hate an accident to occur.

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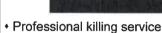
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