

Marotiri Messenger

From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora Koutou,

Greetings to parents and members of the Marotiri School Community,

I hope you and your families are safe and well, and were able to take a moment to yourselves over the extended weekend. As we continue under Alert Level 2, it is important to note that restrictions on mass gatherings of over 100 do not apply to children at school, although we do continue to encourage good hand hygiene practice, and cough and sneeze etiquette. Last week we returned to normal lunch and interval times, with students seated separately in class groups while eating.

Last Friday, we hosted our first school interaction since moving into Alert 2. Michelle Hine and our soccer coaches and managers presented the 2020 soccer awards. Thank you to all those involved with our soccer teams. Netball training continues at school each week thanks to Cyn Smith and Nic Chamberlin. Rugby games continue in town.

Under Alert Level 2, it is now compulsory for school bus drivers to wear masks. This is not however a requirement for students. Our school buses are not deemed public transport. The choice by students to wear masks at school and/or on the bus for additional protection will be fully-supported.

This week's Teacher Only Day focussed on implementing the Digital Technologies Curriculum. University of Waikato facilitator, Stephen Ross, led our discussion on the integration of 'computational thinking and designing', and 'developing digital outcomes' across our school curriculum. Aspects of the Digital Curriculum will be taught within a local curriculum context during Term 4. Our School Inquiry next term has a Technology focus and will explore 'How innovation and adaptation in dairying connects Marotiri to the wider world'.

Next Wednesday you are all invited to come along to our

Wednesday 9th September 2020
Week 8 Term 3

Celebration of Learning where your children will share what they have learnt during this term's school inquiry 'Antarctica'. At 10.30 Rooms' three, four, five and six will come together to present their play 'Eddie the Penguin saves the world', followed by morning tea. Room's One, Two and the Senior Studio will then open their classrooms to parents, extended family and friends to share their learning with you after morning tea.

The last four days of this term, I will be joining other Taupo Principal's on a study trip to Queenstown to visit a number of schools recognised for their educational prowess. This is a valuable professional development opportunity and I look forward to sharing my findings with the staff and Board.

There are many people, past and present, who work hard behind the scenes to support our school. With the transfer of Jasmine Karaitiana to her new school, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Carol Haggart for her many years of support for our school, and in particular, for helping with our school gardens.

In closing, it is with some sadness, that I advise our school community that one of our wonderful Teacher Aides, Nanda Tournier, is on extended sick leave for the next few months due to her upcoming surgery and cancer treatment programme. We wish Nanda all the very best for a speedy recovery and a quick return to school. In her absence, Ashleigh Meyer is completing Nanda's Teacher Aide hours until November. Thank you Ashleigh for helping ensure the children continue to receive the support they are accustomed to.

Quote of the day "Learning happens in the mind and souls, not in the databases of multi-choice tests." – Sir Ken Robinson

Ngā mihi

Rose Symes



Wig
Wednesday
Photos

Birthday Celebrations



Turning 8 is Jack (19th), Turning 10 is Ashton (11th),
Turning 11 is Jessie (11th), Turning 12 is Devaydin
(10th), Turning 13 is Esther (11th).



Happy Birthday to you all !!

Welcome to Marotiri School

A warm welcome to all our new families and to the following students who have joined us at school:- Max & Sienna in Rm 6

Farewell from Marotiri School

A sincere farewell to the following students and families who have left us at school:- Jasmine Rm 1, Linay Rm 5, Hein Rm 6

Next Marotiri Messenger date - 23rd September

Next Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday 17th September 6.30pm


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What's On This Term

9th Sept	Wig Wednesday
10th Sept	Trail Ride fundraising event meeting 7pm
10-11th Sept	Cycle Safety Training Grade 2, Yr 7&8
15th Sept	Ag Day Meeting
16th Sept	Celebration of Learning
21st—25th Sept	Life Education expo
25th September	Term 3 finishes



Our Best wishes to Nanda Tournier who is away on extended sick leave. We are thinking of her every day and miss her ever so cheerful smile and helping hand. Take care Nanda. Lots of love from the staff and students.

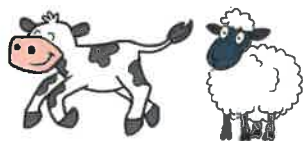


AG DAY 2020 Friday 16th October

Judging will begin at 10am.

AG day offers all students the opportunity to enter a calf, lamb, kid, dog or 'other' small pet in a competition, and judged on the day. (Please note: Calves will be judged on the day, at school this year). Entry forms have been sent home to register your pet. There will be a range of indoor visual arts and baking competition entries in classrooms.

AG day Trophies – Can all 2019 AG Day Trophies be returned to the school office.



The **AG Day Organising Committee** will meet in the school staffroom on the 15th Sept 7pm. It is not too late if you would like to join the team.

Lambs available for AG Day

Charmaine O'Hanlon is offering lambs for sale for \$60/lamb. \$50 from each lamb will go to the school. She will rear it for 4 days, and they will come with a warm jacket. If you are interested please contact Charmaine direct 0212425988

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).

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.

School Account Statements

School account statements were sent out last week. If you receive it by email and it is not coming to your inbox please check your junk email box and mark the school as a safe sender.

Room 6 Antarctic art work and stories

Macaroni penguins have yellow feathers on their heads and red eyes and beaks. I think they are funny. Leopard seals eat penguins and penguins eat fish. By Amy



Penguins waddle because they have short legs. By Kaleb



Leopard seals eat penguins. By Zara



Macaroni penguins have yellow feathers on their heads. Leopard seals eat penguins every day because they are hungry. By Gabe



Leopard seals eat penguins. Penguins eat krill and fish. By Jaxon

The penguins waddle when they walk on the ice. The leopard seal is eating the penguin. By Noel

Penguins can waddle around. A penguin chick is grey and fluffy. By Reece

Leopard seals eat the penguins every day. By Benjiman

Penguins can waddle around on the ice. By Nico

Macaroni penguins have yellow feathers on their heads and red eyes and beaks. They look scary. Leopard seals eat penguins. Penguins eat fish. By Samantha



Macaroni penguins have yellow feathers on their heads and red eyes and beaks. I think they are scary. Leopard seals eat penguins every day. Penguins eat squid. By Ben



OTHER NOTICES

HELLO FROM THE BOARD

At time of writing, the BOT by-election results are not quite in - we are excited to know who will join our Board shortly!

The Board is active as ever - still nailing down the details of the allocation of the SIP funding and are also in the process of organising two major fund raising events.

There will be a meeting this Thursday 10th September at 7pm to discuss the organisation of a motorbike Tail Ride. We would love to see as many people as possible come along and discuss how this fabulous fundraising opportunity could be put in place for Marotiri School.

The planning of a local Horse Trek for the first weekend of December is also well under way. These events will require strong community support, but as a result, will allow our school the financial flexibility to engage support resources and personnel and offer additional curriculum opportunities.

Thank you to those who have already committed to supporting our Livestock Scheme; your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Take care and stay well, Marotiri BOT.

Marotiri Soccer Club Prizegiving

Marotiri Magpies (Grade 8)

Most Valuable Player: Tyson Riggs
Most Improved Player: Carter Bridgens
Players' Player: Eddie Pepper

Marotiri Marvels (Grade 9)

Most Valuable Player: Harrison Robinson
Most Improved Player: Connor Bridgens
Players' Player: Kyjah Lee

Marotiri Mustangs (Grade 11)

Most Valuable Player: Cameron Walters
Most Improved Player: Lucas Hill
Players' Player: Devaydin Sherman

Golf Taster Session



Thankyou to Kiwi sport who organised and ran the golf taster session yesterday for Rooms 1 & 2. The children thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and we recognised some potential, and was good to see the enthusiasm from the students. If your child is interested in joining the junior golf academy please check out the website www.sporty.co.nz/taupojuniorclub

Horse Trek 5th December



Marotiri School Fundraiser. Come and join us for a Day Trek! Morning tea, lunch and sausage sizzle included.

\$65 per person. Child friendly trek if

accompanied by competent adult rider. Mark it in your diaries and tell your friends about it. This will be a beautiful trek off Kakaho Road on rolling land with river crossings and stunning views. Contact Louette at louette.breingan@marotiri.school.nz for more information.

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.

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Animals suitable for pet food or cash/cheque payments for animals sent for pet food (including rams, ewes, down cows), any surplus stock such as Ag Day lambs, offers to graze stock. We may also be able to take injured animals! Please give us a call— Steph 027 5478374

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

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