

Marotiri Messenger

From the Principal's Desk

Wednesday 4th November 2020
Week 3 Term 4

Kia ora Koutou,
Greetings to parents and members of the Marotiri School Community,
The Board and I have reluctantly accepted Arna Schultz resignation from Marotiri School. Arna is currently on maternity leave and has decided to take some extra time to spend with her young family. Arna has had a long association with Marotiri School, having grown up next to the school and attending as a student. She began teaching at Marotiri five years ago. We thank Arna for the valuable contribution she has made to our school and we wish her all the best for her future endeavours.

This week the senior studio have headed to Waitomo for their four-day camp, where they will explore the unique labyrinth of natural caves. Rooms 1 and 2 will spend two days experiencing a range of exciting activities at Whakamaru MiCamp at the beginning of December, and Room 3 and 4 look forward to their overnight camp towards the end of term.

Thank you to those who have completed the survey forms as part of our school review. Consultation with community members, students and teachers raises awareness about different stakeholders' views of school life, provides suggestions for ongoing improvement of school approaches and allows the Board to review progress in relation to school initiatives. Creating a shared vision for our school, helps establish what we want to achieve, and encourages everyone to act in ways that are consistent with that vision.

Our staff and Board value working with parents and whānau as partners in the learning process. The Ministry's priority areas are mathematics, science, Te reo, reading, writing, digital fluency and the development of student agency. These areas provide foundational skills and knowledge that are essential for successful learning across the national curriculum and skills required for full participation in the 21st century. Recognising and responding to cultural diversity and supporting accelerated achievement for

transient students remain areas of national focus.

Maintaining student well-being has been highlighted as an area of increased focus for all schools, and encompasses the development of mindfulness, building inclusive practices for all learners, including those with additional learning and social or emotional needs, and exploring how different layers of school life contribute to creating a safe and caring climate that deters bullying. At Marotiri School, we endeavour to create a culture, which is learning focused and based on respect and kindness. Any instances of bullying are unacceptable and as such, treated seriously. We work alongside families to strengthen student relationships. Research indicates that excessive exposure to social media may also have a negative influence on student behaviour. I urge parents to monitor their child's screen time and the content being accessed.

We have a team within our school, who are committed to supporting student learning and well-being. This includes classroom teachers, teacher aides, Special Educational Needs coordinators Suzy and Michelle, a Learning Support Coordinator (LSC) who works in our school one day a week, an itinerant MOE special education advisor, Resource Teacher in Learning and Behaviour (RTLB), COL across school Learning Support Coordinator, and a counsellor from Te Korowai, who is available to support families. If you have any concerns about your child's well-being, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or myself.

This week we have finalised our 10 Year Property plan with the Ministry. The plan ensures that our school is well maintained, and the physical environment supports teaching and learning within the budget provided by the Ministry.

Quote of the day: 'Every child deserves a champion, an adult who will never give up on them; who understands the power of connection, and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be'

Rita F Pierson.

Ngā mihi

Rose Symes



Buddy Reading—older children helping younger children

Birthday Celebrations

Turning 7 is Kaiden (15th), Turning 8 is Tyson (10th), Greer & Holly (11th), Turning 10 is Hunter T (17th), Turning 11 is Grace H (12th).

Happy Birthday to you all !!



Next Marotiri Messenger date - 18th November

Next Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday 24th November TBC



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What's On This Term

4th November	Sir Peter Blake Visual Reality Programme Yr 4-6
9th November	Marotiri Athletics
13th November	Pinelands Jnr Tabloids at Marotiri
16th November	Pinelands Snr Athletics at Tirohanga
17th November	Cricket Taster Yr 1-4 at Marotiri
18th November	Taupo Interschool Swimming
23rd November	Teacher Only Day—NO SCHOOL
26th November	Badminton Taster Yr 1-8 at Marotiri
2nd December	Taupo Interschool TBall
5th December	Marotiri School Horse Trek
9th December	Y8 Leavers Dinner
11th December	Prizegiving
15th December	Last day of Term , early finish



We are grateful to receive Daphne Cotton's donation towards End of Year Prizegiving. Thankyou very much for your kindness. We appreciate your ongoing support.

School Photos

School photos have been sent home with students. Orders and payments are to be in by Friday 6th November. Sport Photos (Soccer and Netball) – if you wish to purchase your child's/childrens team photo, please collect an envelope from the school office. They are \$15 each.

School Pool Painting Tender

Our school pool is in need of cleaning and painting before the swimming season starts. 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 Friday 13th November 3pm.

Reminder: Annual review of Marotiri School Charter , Virtues programme, Website and Rock Solid Virtues closes Friday 6th November. Please return your review form.

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.

Boxes of Tissues

Our boxes of tissues store has been depleted over the winter and we are needing to restock our supplies. 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.

Poems by Room 4—Mr Grattan's Milking Shed

I saw cow pats in the paddocks, the cow's afterbirth and light brown muddy puddles.

I heard the dog barking, the cows mooing and Mr Grattan's voice.

I smelt the stinking cow pat and the apple cider vinegar in the white bucket.

I tasted ice cream on a hot summer's day, milk in the morning and butter on bread at morning tea.

I felt the suction device sucking up my finger.

Visiting Mr Grattan's milking shed was interesting.

By poet Jacoli.



I saw the separator separating the cream and skimmed milk and the tail paint for the sick cows.

I heard the voice of Mr Grattan talking about the things in the herring bone milking shed and the suction devices sucking.

I smelt the smell of the minty cow medicine and the smell of fresh milk that just came out of the cow's udder.

I tasted the warm yoghurt on my porridge this morning thinking about dairy cows.

I felt the rubber device squishing between my fingers and the wind blowing my hair in the air.

Visiting Mr Grattan's milking shed was inspirational!!

By poet Maple

I saw the calf waiting for his mum to be milked, the milk flowing through the pipes and the afterbirth.

I heard the separator separating the cream and the skim milk.

I smelt the apple cider vinegar and the milk.

I tasted the milk on my coco pops.

I felt the smooth rail bar and the rubber on my toes of my gumboots.

Visiting Mr Grattan's cowshed was interesting.

By poet Jack

A Cow's Digestive System—how a cow turns grass into milk

The cow eats the grass and the grass goes to the rumen then to the reticulum. In the reticulum stomach there is lots of water and it makes the grass soft. The cow burps and brings the grass up and chews their cud.

By Louie



Cows are ruminants, That means they have four stomachs and they chew their cud. The cow chews the grass and it goes down into the first stomach—the rumen. The grass turns into balls called cuds then the cuds go into the reticulum. In the reticulum it sloshes and swishes and the grass becomes even softer. Then the cow burps and the cow chews the cud sixty times. The cow swallows it and it goes through the omasum and the water is taken out of the cud. In the abomasum there are things called enzymes. The enzymes break the cud up so it is really, really soft.

By Maple



First the cows eat seventy kilograms of grass and it gets broken down into cud. It is in the rumen then it gets turned into nutrients and goes into the cow's blood stream and gets turned into milk. A cow is a ruminant because it has four stomachs and chews its cud.

By Jack

OTHER NOTICES

HELLO FROM THE BOARD

Hi everyone. Spring is still very much making its presence felt with all this warm, showery weather! The grass is certainly enjoying it. The Board have been busy as usual; our 10 year Property Plan (which involves several projects around school) is due to be signed off. More on this once final! Fundraising is always a big one. We are so pleased to have the Horse Trek in December and more recently, we have eggs for sale for the benefit of the school. Thanks to Louette and Jared Breingan for their generosity! If you have any ideas on alternative ways to help raise funds for our school, email steph.russell@marotiri.school.nz. If you've visited school recently, you will have noticed the vehicle damage to the field. Such disrespect and vandalism is intolerable and the police will be glad to hear from you if you know anything. Contact Neville Hawkins: Ph (07) 8865189 or 0211913729, email neville.hawkins@police.govt.nz. There have been a few changes to our Board in the last few months, so names of our current members are included in this newsletter for your information. We are here for you and you're welcome to get in touch.

Marotiri School Board of Trustees

Chairperson	Steph Russell
Principal	Rose Symes
Staff Rep	Michelle Fletcher
Members	Sean Meyer
	Richard Webber
	Louette Breingan
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Marotiri School Athletics Day

Reminder that Monday is our school athletics day. We would love to see parents come along and support. Details to be sent home with children by end of week.



Come and join our School for a magical day trek through river crossings, rolling hills and beautiful farm and bush lands.



Children are more than welcome to join the trek as long as they are accompanied by an experienced rider.
Morning tea, lunch and sausage sizzle at the end of the ride will be provided. Please bring gear for all conditions.
Accommodation on the block can be arranged for Friday night for those who have self-contained trucks. Otherwise, the Kakaho Road campground is just down the road.

A BIG thank you to the land owner Trevor Read, organisers Tracy Rampton & Rod Breingan and our wonderful sponsors



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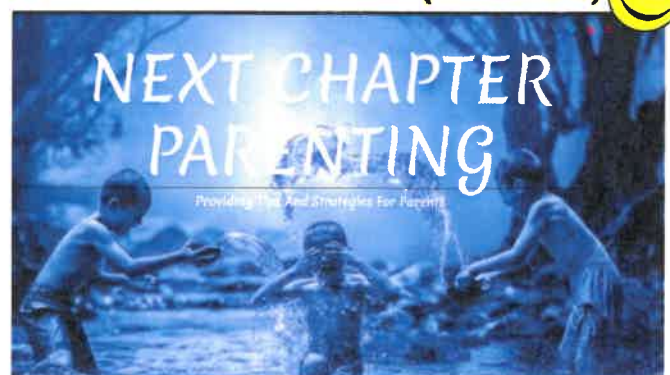
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ALERT—HEAD LICE (NITS)

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