

Marotiri Messenger

From the Principal's Desk

Wednesday 2nd December 2020
Week 8 Term 4

Kia ora Koutou,

Greetings to parents and members of the Marotiri School Community,

Term 4 is rapidly drawing to a close, and as the second to last newsletter for 2020 goes to print we have nine school days left. There is definitely a feel of Christmas and holiday festivity in the air. Thank you to Lisa Wanger and Elliot Shaw for the beautiful Christmas tree which has added a special touch to the hall, and to those classes who have added sustainable decorations.

End of year camps are looming with Rooms 1 and 2 heading to Whakamaru tomorrow and Rooms 3 and 4 off to Tihoi on Monday. Rooms 5 and 6 will visit the Breingan farm next Thursday as part of our school wide inquiry into how innovation and adaptation in dairying connects Marotiri to the wider world – 'from Grass to Glass'. Last week Rooms 3 and 4 visited Pak'n'Save and McDonalds as part of their investigation and were also taught by Constable Tash about how to cross streets safely.

This week we had a visit from Mrs Eileen Bowden from the Miraka Dairy Factory. Eileen provided a most informative talk about the products and services offered by Miraka. The children enjoyed their free milk, and were most excited to have one of the Miraka milk tankers arrive in our school carpark. They enjoyed hearing from the driver about the process for collecting milk from local dairy farms. Thank you Miraka for your wonderful support for our Term 4 inquiry.

Final achievement data has now been gathered and analysed against NZ Curriculum expectations for each student in our school. Student portfolios will be sent home next Wednesday 9th December. The portfolios replace formal reports this term. You will find a comprehensive record of your child's progress and achievement in Reading, Writing and Mathematics along with examples of their work. This reporting format includes a new graph template, which tracks each child's progress against NZ Curriculum expectations, a report against the Key Competencies and a general comment. We trust that you will enjoy sharing these

portfolios with your children and celebrating their successes for 2020.

Prize giving is next Friday 11th December. Can I please ask parents to be seated by 11.50 so that prize giving can begin promptly at 12pm. Some of our music students will provide background music prior to the commencement of the formal proceedings. Prize giving will include some musical items, presented by the Junior and Senior classes, presentations of trophies and class certificates and Board and Principal speeches. We will take this opportunity to farewell Ama Schultze and Julia Brandao. At the conclusion of Prize Giving you are all invited to join for a shared afternoon tea. Can each family please bring along a plate of finger food for sharing. This is a wonderful opportunity for mixing and mingling with staff and community.

We would like to celebrate our final Monday, 14th with a fun sports day. A range of sporting activities will commence after morning interval at 11.30. Parents are welcome to come along and join in with the fun.

Tuesday 15th December is the last day of term. There will be an early finish with the first buses leaving school at 12.25 and 12.30. Your children will arrive home two hours earlier than the usual Friday bus times. The Kinloch bus will leave school at 1.10 pm. The first school day for 2021 will be February 3rd.

Class lists for 2021 will be published shortly along with stationery lists. We encourage families to purchase stationery from school for next year, as we have a supply available at a discounted rate. In the future, stationery will be able to be ordered directly on line through our school suppliers.

Quote of the day: Goodness is about character. Integrity, honesty, kindness, generosity, moral courage, and the like. More than anything else, it is about how we treat other people. Dennis Prager.

Ngā mihi
Rose Symes



Birthday Celebrations

Turning 7 this month is Eddie (7th), Turning 9 this month is Grace B (8th), Turning 10 this month is Shaylah (6th) & Matt W (12th), Turning 11 this month is Kahlia (2nd), Greta (3rd) Brook (12th) Matt C (30th), Turning 12 this month is Isla H (9th), Turning 13 this month is Caydee (17th) Nick W (27th).



Happy Birthday to you all !!

Room 5 Artists Hannah, Kate, George

Please keep the school updated

with any changes to phone numbers, addresses and emails

Welcome to Marotiri School

A warm welcome to our new families and to the following student who has joined us at school:- Ari in Rm 6.

Next Marotiri Messenger date - 14th December

Next Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday 14th December

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What's On This Term

3-4th December Rms 1 & 2 Overnight camp MiCamp Whakamaru
5th December Marotiri School Horse Trek
7-8th December Rms 3 & 4 Overnight camp Tihoi Venture School
9th December Y8 Leavers Dinner
11th December Prizegiving 12 noon
15th December **Finishing at 12.30pm—Last school day**

3 Feb Term one Begins for 2021! First School Day

2020 SCHOOL PRIZEGIVING Friday 11th December 12.00 noon

Can everyone please be seated in the Marotiri Hall by 11.50am for a prompt start at 12.00 noon

End of year Prize Giving will include:

Presentation of class awards
Singing together as a whole school
Presentation of school trophies
Principal and Board of Trustees Report
Followed by a shared afternoon tea for adults
the conclusion of the formalities to farewell
Arna Schultze, Julia Brandao and Hayley
Williams (temp teacher aide). Each family is asked to bring along
a small plate of finger food to share.
School buses will run as normal from 3pm for students whose
families are not present.



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Sincere thanks to Kowhiri Farm Ltd (Peter & Marilyn Kidd), Fist Pump Ltd, Sargent Family Trust and Six Pines (Nick Pepper & Michelle Hine) for their generous supply of bobby calves this season to Affco on behalf of the 'Cash for Schools Programme' which benefited Marotiri School, and saw an injection of \$1,152.40 into our school bank account.



As a part of our whole school inquiry into the importance of the dairy industry to our local Marotiri community Mrs Eileen Bowden came to speak to the children about the Miraka Dairy factory at Mokai. Miraka produce UHT milk and a range of milk powder from milk produced by local dairy farms. Eileen also organised for Sean to drive his milk tanker into the carpark so the children could get a close up look at it as he explained what his job as a tanker driver involved.



LOST PROPERTY

PLEASE CHECK THE LOST PROPERTY COLLECTION FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR ITEMS. DURING THE YEAR THIS HAS AMOUNTED TO A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT. 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.

Marotiri School Board of Trustees

Chairperson	Steph Russell
Principal	Rose Symes
Staff Rep	Michelle Fletcher
Members	Sean Meyer
	Richard Webber
	Louette Breingan
	Richard Simpson
	Daniel Riggs

Board of Trustees' meetings are held monthly in the staffroom on the third or fourth Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm and are open to all people interested in attending.

Marotiri School 2021 Enrolments

Marotiri School has places available for 2021 enrolments including out of zone students. We offer quality learning opportunities in a distinctive rural environment. Differentiated learning programmes cater for multiple learning styles for Year 0-8 across six teaching spaces. Current roll 150-160. School bus runs daily from Kinloch. For more information contact adminoffice@marotiri.school.nz or phone 07 372 8273.

Last week Rooms 3 & 4 went to Taupo as part of our inquiry into the dairy industry. Jodi from Pak'n'Save and Stephen, the Fonterra rep gave us a guided tour of the supermarket to see how dairy products are stored and displayed. We also met with Constable Tash for a road safety lesson as we walked to McDonalds for a soft serve ice cream before walking to the Tongariro Domain playground to have lunch before returning to school. Thank you very much to the parents who provided transport: Dan Riggs, Anna Webber, Tabitha Farr, Korina Brown, Michelle Hine, Ashleigh Meyer and Leith Thomas.



Recently Room 4 visited the Webber and Breingan dairy farms to learn about the technology in the milking sheds and to compare a rotary shed with a herring bone shed. Many thanks to Richard & Anna and Jared & Louette for allowing us to visit your farms and to the people who provided transport: Nic Anderson, Anna Webber, Dylan Hilhorst, Guy Pennington & Rebecca Selwood.



OTHER NOTICES

HELLO FROM THE BOARD

Hi everyone

It's such a busy time of year, with the school term drawing to a close and Christmas coming up quickly!

We are so excited to be hosting the inaugural Marotiri School Horse Trek on Saturday, and wish to extend thanks to those who have offered to help by donating goods and / or their time. This is much appreciated.

We are also looking forward to prize giving on the 11th and hope to see many of you there.

The next Board meeting is on Monday the 14th of December, which is primarily to review our School Charter and ratify the 2021 budget - both big and important items that require a lot of input.

If you have visited school you may have noticed the school pool! Many thanks to Geoff and Ian - they have done a fantastic job!

Take care and enjoy the sun



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

When: 9am Saturday 5th December 2020
Where: Trev's Place, 130 Kakaho Road, Tihoi
Cost: \$65 per person
Contact: Louette at fundraising@marotiri.school.nz
Registrations by: 20th November 2020
ALL RIDERS RIDE AT THEIR OWN RISK

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.

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Interschool Swimming 2020

Interschool swimming was held on Wednesday 18th November at AC Baths, Taupo. Thankyou to the students for their excellent performance in their chosen events. A huge thankyou to the parents who assisted and provided transport. Marotiri school had the following placings:-

Storm Webber—3rd in 25m Freestyle - Girls Yr 5
Nathan Fletcher— 3rd in 25m Freestyle -Boys Yr 8
Nathan Fletcher—3rd in 25m Backstroke - Boys Yr 8
Arthur Keidann—3rd 50m Breaststroke—Boys Yr 8

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Thankyou Tim Redstone for your ongoing sponsorship.

Person to mow lawns required

Whakamaru Playcentre are looking for someone to mow the centre's lawns on a regular basis (paid work). Would need own lawnmower and transport. Please contact Becky on 027 6373670

Sacks required

The school requires used calf meal bags or dog biscuit bags to store sand in from our recycled pavers until these are laid at a later date.

Emergencies

Just a reminder that the Marotiri District Defibrillator is located in a Red Cross box next to the entrance of the Hall on the school side. Please familiarise yourselves with this location.

The Defibrillator or AED is a self-explanatory device which could save a life if activated quickly enough.

Also, it is important to note that once you ring 111, you are 'locked in' to the emergency services and prevented from using that particular phone until the ambulance or helicopter arrives.

Therefore if you are on your own, you have 2 main options;

- Ring a neighbour or the school first (providing it's a school day) before ringing 111
- Or if possible, use 2 phones (cell phone and landline) as both can be used at once. This of course will depend on your location at the time, i.e. on the roadside or the farm or at home.

ACCIDENTS & EMERGENCIES 07 3728 416

We have been notified that Tihoi Venture School has available an Emergency Kit that includes Oxygen, Blood Pressure, Blood Glucose, Nebuliser for asthma, Trauma Kit, Airway management and a defibrillator. Callum Findlay and all staff are trained First Aiders and can assist. Callum's contact is 021 029 31513 if no reply on 07 3728 416.

It has been suggested that the phone number for the Venture School (see above) be programmed into cell phones in case of an emergency which would provide closer assistance until other emergency support arrives.

Library books, Journals and Readers—Thank you for returning library books. There are a number of overdue books outstanding—notes have been sent home. Remember to return all home readers



WOW the school pool looks wonderful after a complete clean and repaint. The pool is being filled with water. The water treatment and set up will be undertaken in the next few days and then will be open for the summer. If you would like a pool key for the season, please contact the office. \$45 for a pool key for the season, a \$10 refund will be available on return of the key when the pool is closed at the end of the season.

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