

# Marotiri Messenger

## From the Principal's Desk

Monday 14th December 2020  
Week 10 Term 4

Kia ora Koutou,

Greetings to parents and members of the Marotiri School Community,

The sun is shining upon us for our last week of school. This week we have begun with a fun sports day on Monday, where we get to try out our nicely painted swimming pool. Children had fun with a water slide thanks to Tihoi Venture School.

The last day of term is tomorrow (Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>) with the first buses leaving at 12.30. If parents are collecting students tomorrow, they must be collected at 12.30 please, as there will be no staff on site to supervise students once the Kinloch bus departs at 1pm.

We still have a large amount of lost property. Any items left behind after today are free to be claimed by students or parents tomorrow morning, and the rest will be taken to town.

Congratulations to those who received awards at Fridays prize giving. Thank you to everyone who came along to help celebrate with us, the end of what has been a very strange year. At our Prize Giving we farewelled Room 2 teacher Mrs Brandao at the end of her fixed term contract. We also farewelled Board members Dan Riggs who is moving with his family to Otake to take up a new teaching position. We wish them all the best. We also farewelled Louette Breingan who has reluctantly stepped down from the Board due to work commitments. Thank you for your wonderful commitment to our school. The Board are currently finalising a succession plan to replace board members.

Last weekend Marotiri School hosted our inaugural horse trek. A huge thank you to Louette Breingan for 'taking the reins' so to speak as organiser of this most successful event and to the team of volunteers. We are indebted to Trevor Read for allowing us to use his farm, which was the most perfect setting for a Trek. We are looking forward to this becoming an annual fundraising event. End of year student data has now been collated, and analysed, and we are pleased to share this with you as an attached document. Thank you to our teaching and support staff for the commitment you have all shown to our students.

I would like to finish by thanking, each and every one of our families, members of our school community, Board and FOS, for your support this year and for the role you take in making Marotiri the wonderful school it is.

I wish all the students who are leaving Marotiri School all the very best.

On behalf of our staff, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Wednesday February 3<sup>rd</sup> for the start of Term 1. Class and stationery lists are on display at school.

Ngā mihi

Rose Symes

May your heart and home be  
filled with all of the joys the  
season brings. Merry Christmas  
and a wonderful New Year!

*Merry*  
**CHRISTMAS**

Room 1 and 2 had a fantastic camp at Whakamaru Micamp last week. The students were amazing, everyone fully participated and gave 100%! We managed to fit so much into 2 days: Disc golf, dam walk, camp activities including raft building, orienteering, climbing, confidence course, zip lining and a Burma trail. The food was great as well. We could not have done any of it without the incredible efforts of the parents who came and assisted in so many ways: Ian Scarlet, Rachel Simpson, Vicki Budd, Sarah Walters, Ryan Nicoll, Chris Robinson, Brett Hilton, Josh Crocker, Daryl Karipa and Richard Harcourt. Special thanks to Scott Gibbons for taking the early rising boys for an 'adventure'. This was an awesome way to end our year and a huge success all around.



## Birthday Celebrations

New Entrants starting in 2021—Turning 5 is Beauden (12th Nov), Harper (16th Dec), Cooper (18th Dec), Turning 8 in January is Bodhi (18th), Jayda (29th), Turning 9 in January is Nukumai (19th), Leah (19th), Turning 10 in January is Jaden (7th), Turning 11 in January is Zack (19th), Turning 13 in January is Arthur (20th)

*Happy Birthday to you all !!*



## 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).

Next Marotiri Messenger date - Feb 2021

  
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## What's On This Term

15th December **Finishing at 12.30pm**—Last school day

## 3 Feb Term one Begins for 2021! First School Day

## 2020 SCHOOL PRIZEGIVING AWARDS

### Trophies:

Worthington Cup for Best All Rounder—Arthur Keidann  
Laidlaw Cup for Perseverance & Endeavour—Kellie Haycock  
Gredig Family Trophy for Cultural Activities—Esther Scarlet  
Stringfellow Trophy for Sportsmanship—Isla Hilton  
Jason Albert Memorial Cup for Positive Attitude—Nadine Gibbons  
Tom Lind Trophy for the Student who best upholds the Marotiri School Values—Taiari Karipa  
Tihoi Young Farmers Trophy for Academic Excellence—Arthur Keidann



### Senior Studio Awards:

Academic Achievement —Esther Scarlet  
Upholds Marotiri School Values—Aimee Fletcher  
Endeavour—Lexie Haycock  
Achievements in Sports or Arts—Nick Walters  
Best all Rounder—Caydee Budd

### Room 1 Awards:

Academic Achievement—Bailee Sweetman  
Upholds Marotiri School Values—Timothy Scarlet  
Endeavour—Rachel Gibbons  
Achievement in Sports—Matthew Walters  
Best All-Rounder— Harrison Robinson

### Room 2 Awards:

Academic Achievement—Oscar Sweetman  
Upholds Marotiri School Values—Ana Carolina Keidann  
Endeavour—Taiari Karipa  
Achievement in Sports or Arts—Mitchell Russell  
Best All-Rounder—Bella Bridgens

### Room 3 Awards:

Academic Achievement —Connor Bridgens  
Upholds Marotiri School Values—Mila Karipa  
Endeavour—Abigail Meyer  
Achievement in Sports or Arts—Axle Lowe  
Best All-Rounder—Damian Pepper

### Room 4 Awards:

Academic Achievement —Lila Webber  
Upholds Marotiri School Values—Quinn Mathieson  
Endeavour—Georgia Chamberlin  
Achievement in Sports or Arts—Richie Franzetis  
Best All-Rounder— Maple Sweetman

### Room 5 Awards:

Academic Achievement —Nixon Williams  
Upholds Marotiri School Values —Skailah McLean  
Endeavour—Rose Webber  
Achievement in Sports or Arts—Hannah Russell  
Best All-Rounder— Kate Brandao

### Room 6 Awards:

Academic Achievement—Reece Johnstone  
Upholds Marotiri School Values—Amy Wood  
Endeavour—Samantha Wylie  
Achievement in Sports—Jaxon Wilcox  
Best all-rounder—Gabe Hilhorst

Thank you to Carol Menzies for gifting 3 Tennis Racquets to the school for the children to use on the courts. Much appreciated



## Distribution of the Marotiri Messenger

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Thanks to: Pete & Sarah Walters, Josh & Rachel Crocker, Matt & Tanya Wood, Tony & Nic Chamberlin and Richard & Carla Harcourt for their generous contributions of weaner calves - all the animals collected were of very high calibre. Our generous grazers - Richard & Carla Harcourt, Guy Pennington, Keith & Kim Lane and Tony & Kim McLaren for purchasing one. Special mention to Carla Harcourt for the collection run - taking the time and having the use of their vehicle and trailer and her excellent trailer backing skills! Champion! We are still looking to find a grazing home for one bull calf - if you can help please call Steph 027 547 8374

## 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.



Jacqui and Grace enjoying the successful Marotiri School horse trek held in ideal weather on the 5th December.

We are most grateful to Trevor Read for the use of their land for the Trek. Thankyou to our many volunteers—Richard, Jess, Louette, Rod, Jared, Tracy, Lisa, Rose, Johnny, Craig, Joan, Steph, Laura, Jenny, Sean, Geoff. We could not have run this day without you all. A Special thank you to Louette, Tracy & Rod and your team for all the organising to run this event so successfully.



## 2021 School Stationery

Class Stationery lists are available and can be collected from the office or on the school website. We encourage families to purchase from school as we have a supply on hand. Orders can be placed at the school office before end of the 2020 school year or emailed to adminoffice@marotiri.school.nz If placed by 26th January 2021, we will pack the orders and have available to be collected at school on the 28th January before school commences on the 3rd February.



## OTHER NOTICES

### HELLO FROM THE BOARD

Not many sleeps left until Christmas; the year seems to have gone by incredibly fast!

Friday's prize giving was a great opportunity to celebrate excellence; congratulations to the children that were recognised for their efforts during the year.

Also on Friday, members of the Board met with a senior safety engineer from Waka Kotahi (NZ Transport Agency) and Councillor Graeme Webber to discuss traffic safety concerns around the entrance to Marotiri School. Their attention to this matter is appreciated and we look forward to hearing about a solution soon. The Board's last meeting for the year is tonight, Monday the 14th at 6:30pm.

I hope you all enjoy a relaxing and happy holiday, catch you in 2021!



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Over the last two months, the mighty Marotiri Mako Under 9 touch team has been competing in the Taupo Touch competition. Always playing with a positive attitude, the team improved their sidestepping, support play, and passing to end the season with three wins, three losses, and a draw. The team thoroughly enjoyed playing touch this season and they are already looking forward to next years competition. Marotiri School would like to thank Natalie Picco for managing the team and Guy Pennington, Dylan Hilhorst, Daniel Riggs, and John and Nic Anderson for their support throughout the season.



Year 7 & 8 students working on their hospitality skills constructing and assembling a few "Airbnb's" for our Marotiri wetapunga/huhu critters to go camping in ....



Marotiri School float in the Mangakino Christmas Parade

Thankyou Michelle Hine for her organisation.

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**Thankyou Tim Redstone for your ongoing sponsorship.**

### 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.



Students enjoying the pool on Fun Sports Day today



Room 3 & 4 students recently enjoyed an overnight camp at Tihoi Venture School and would like to thank Pete Evans, Director of Tihoi VS, for your warm welcome & for taking our gear in your covered in trailer. Also to Dan Riggs for guiding our parent helpers around the facilities during our rotation of activities and allowing us to use your camp fire pit. Many thanks to Natalie Pico for assisting parents to find their way around the kitchen. Thank you also to the following adults who provided transport, accompanied us on the W2K & Mount Pureora walks, stayed overnight and/or helped with the rotation of activities: Nic Chamberlin, Anna Webber, Rebecca Selwood, Vicki Budd, Leith & Murray Thomas, Ashleigh Meyer,



Michelle Hine, Danielle Lowe, Emily Brooker, Kate Robinson, Guy Pennington & Dan Riggs. We all had a great time. Thank you from Sue, Lisa & all the Year 3&4 students.



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