

Marotiri Messenger

From the Principal's Desk

Wednesday 24th February 2021
Week 4 Term 1

Kia ora Koutou,

Greetings to parents and members of the Marotiri School Community,

This week we have welcomed the Swimwell instructors, and although the temperature of the pool has begun to drop a little with the cooler evenings, the students are enjoying the lessons and teachers have seen increased confidence in many students. We expect that children will bring their togs every day unless unwell. In this case, parents should send along a note to the teacher asking them to excuse their child from swimming for that day.

Thankyou to everyone who came along to the Kinloch Picnic. A special thankyou to Tim Redstone from Northfuel for supplying and cooking sausages for the children. Thankyou for your ongoing support.

Next week we have our school and Pinelands swimming sports, beginning with our school day on Tuesday. More information in page 3 of this Messenger. We welcome all parents and family members who are able to come along for any or all of these days. Friends of the School will have food for sale at the Marotiri day.

A huge thank you to Michelle Fletcher and Laura Earley for their stupendous effort in organising last week's junior camp. To all students and parents from Room 5 & 6 who helped make this year's overnight camp such a success – thankyou. What a fabulous team! For many children (and parents) camp experiences such as these are to be treasured, and provide a great opportunity for parents to meet and build connections and support networks, especially for those who are new to our school. I hear the Friday trip to Taupo Museum to find out more about the history of our local area was most successful.

This week, Thursday 25th we have our 'Meet the teachers and parents social evening'. Classrooms will be open from 5.30 – 6pm for parents to visit with their children. This will be followed by a family BYO picnic dinner on the field from 6pm. The staff have organised some fun sports games for children, parents and staff to

join in. We encourage families to come along and make the most of our long summer evenings while they last, and to meet staff and other families in a social environment.

There will be a Motorbike Trail Ride meeting at 7pm to discuss our inaugural trail ride. Thank you to Richard Webber for organising our venue. We now have a date set for April 17th. This will be a significant fundraiser for our school and we thank Colin & Dale Armer for kindly allowing us to use their properties. More information will follow.

The Senior Studio will be heading off for an overnight tramp and camp to Waihoon hut off the desert road on March 10th. This is a great opportunity for team building and is the first of our senior leadership challenges for the year.

This year we are excited to be providing our own Tech Arts programme for our Year 7&8. Last year's flooding damage to Tauhara College, means they are unable to host any schools for Tech Arts. The Tech Arts programme for Term 1 will focus on Textiles. Miss Holdsworth has several exciting projects planned and will be sending more information home shortly.

Thursday 11th March we are hosting The Trek – previously known as the Variety Bash. There will be 21 vehicles arriving at school at 8.50 as part of their nation-wide tour. The troupe will be formally welcomed to our school with a Karanga and Waiata led by our students, to which they will respond. Members of the Trek have organised an 'America's Cup Challenge' and are bringing three boats which they will use to race in our swimming pool. Three lucky students will be selected to be 'captains' under close supervision from the Trek team. Come along and join in the fun! They will be departing at 9.30. We thank them for their very kind financial donation towards purchasing new ipads.

Quote of the week: *How do we change the world? One random act of kindness at a time.*

Ngā mihi

Rose Symes



Kinloch Picnic Photos

Please keep the school updated

with any changes to phone numbers, addresses and emails

Birthday Celebrations

Turning 6 this month is Amy (27th), Turning 9 this month is Aubree (27th), Turning 10 this month is Isla A (26th)

Happy Birthday to you all !!



Next Marotiri Messenger date - 10th March 2021

Next Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday 23rd March 2021

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The Skool Loop app is our preferred method of notifications including Events / Cancellations / Notices / Newsletters / Permission slips / Instant notifications / Absentees / Parent Teacher Interviews / School Calendar.

We had an instance this morning with the Kinloch Bus running late and a notification to advise parents was put up on Skool Loop!!!!

What's On This Term

22—26th Feb Swimwell Swimming Lessons

25th Feb Parent Evening-Meet & Greet, Picnic Dinner, Sports

2nd Mar Marotiri School Swimming Sports

4th Mar Junior Pinelands Swimming Sports— Whakamaru

5th Mar Senior Pinelands Swimming Sports— Mangakino

10th Mar Yr 7 & 8 overnight trip—Waihohonu Hut

11th March World Book Day—Dress up

11th Mar Trek visit 8.50—9.30am

13th Mar Marapolooza Music Festival

23rd Mar Board Meeting

23-25th Mar Student Led Conferences

31st Mar Go Girls Cricket Tournament Yr 4-6

2—5th April Easter

16th Apr End of Term 1 . 17th April Trail Ride

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HOUSE LEADERS FOR 2021

Pakonui:

Leaders Jaz Wynn and Devaydin Sherman

Deputies Grace Wylie and Libby Morris

Kaahu:

Leaders Storm Webber and Rachel Gibbons

Deputies Mischa Brass and Brooke Gibson

Wereta:

Leaders Isla Hilton and Tai Karipa

Deputies Kyzier Harris and Brianna Fletcher

Arataki:

Leaders Caroline Pepper and Cam Walters

Deputies Zoey Hawke and Jaygar Lee

Tihoi:

Leaders Hunter Ward and Grace Harcourt

Deputies Lucas Hill and Jessie Wynn

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BUS MONITORS FOR 2021

Kinloch: Lucas Hill, Tristin Fletcher, Jessie & Jaz Wynn

Southern: Kyra Sherman, Jaygar Lee, Storm Webber

Northern: Hunter Ward, Caroline Pepper, Rachel Gibbons, Cam Walters

Marotiri School Board

Casual vacancy for a parent representative

Last year, a casual vacancy became available on the school board for an elected parent representative.

The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection.

If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent to:

Steph Russell

Marotiri School Board of Trustees

1569 Tihoi Road

RD 1

Mangakino 3492

Email: steph.russell@marotiri.school.nz

By: 24 March 2021

Room 6 Camp Writing

I like eating the food - By Flynn

I like sleeping at school - By Isobel

I saw the moa skeleton at the museum - By Cooper

I liked the caravan at the museum - By Ari

I liked sleeping in room 5 - By Sonny

HELLO FROM THE BOARD

The board have been busy as ever - getting ready to welcome new members, finalising the 2021 Charter, 2021 Budget and 10 year Property Plan just to name a few things!

We have a focus on fundraising and are looking at new ideas all the time. Thank you to those who have kindly supported our Livestock Scheme. We had pledges of empty cows at the beginning of the season, so when the PD results come in, think of us! Any animal donation, whether in full or part will be gratefully received and put to good use.

At our meeting last night we voted to amend our constitution, taking our total number of members to 7 from 8. We also welcome newly co-opted member Michelle Hine to the fold. We are looking forward to working with her. Also, to fill the casual vacancy left last year, we intend to select Brad Woodford who received nominations at the last by-election. Please see the notice regarding the selection process in this edition of the Marotiri Messenger.

We are looking forward to the 'Meet and Greet' on Thursday and hope to see many of you there. It'll be an easy way to get together view the classrooms and let the children have some fun together.

Student-Led Conferences

Tuesday 23rd March & Thursday 25th March

Appointment times are available through the Skool Loop App.

SLC's will be held on :-

Tuesday 23rd March - 1.15pm Start

Thursday 25th March - 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.



Rooms 5 & 6 overnight camp at school

OTHER NOTICES

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.

Friends of the School (FOS)

Marotiri FOS is a team of parents that fundraise for the School by selling sausage sizzles, hosting discos, having a stall at our yearly Ag Day, organising fundraisers such as Spring bulbs, Oxford Pies and Kids artwork. We aim to raise around \$5k per year that goes towards books, literacy programmes, teacher aides and anything else that support the Marotiri School programme.

Spring Bulb Fundraiser for Marotiri Friends of the School

Bulbs are easy to plant, fun to grow and will reward you with gorgeous flowers year after year. Bulbs are supplied by Garden Post which source bulbs from New Zealand's best growers. Prices are less than normal retail and FOS will make a 30% profit on all sales. Prices start from \$4.50 for Sweet Pea seeds or up to \$11.00 for 10 Daffodils. Order forms can be picked up from the office, sent to you by email, downloaded off www.facebook.com/Marotiri-Friends-of-the-School. Feel free to share the flyer on your Facebook page, or drop an order form in your neighbours letterbox. For examples of bulb packs visit www.gardenpost.co.nz. Orders and payment need to be in by Friday 26th March.

Boxes of Tissues

Our boxes of tissues store has been depleted and we are needing to restock our supplies for the new year. 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.

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.

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February—Marotiri School has reached \$571.86 of their \$1000 target with thanks from the following Members:

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To see if you can help too: contact North Fuels 08004843543 Or www.northfuels.co.nz

Thankyou Tim Redstone for your ongoing sponsorship.



Marotiri School Motorbike Trail Ride Meeting

Thursday 25 March 7pm in the school staff room, straight after "Meet the Teachers" event at school.

We have a ride venue and a date – if you would like to be on the organising committee, or can offer support please come along. Search Marotiri School Trail Ride on Facebook. Call Richard 021 475 436 if you have any questions.

Marotiri Swimming Sports

A reminder that these are being held **Tuesday 2nd March**. Our Swimming Sports will be separated into Junior and Senior events.

Juniors start - 9.30am (Rm 4, 5, 6)

Seniors – 10.30am (Senior Studio, Rooms 2 & 3)

All parents and community members are welcome to come along and watch.

The Junior classes will be holding a display of swimming skills, which they have acquired.

The Senior classes will compete in a range of swimming races: Flutterboard, Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke followed by House Relays.

Students will swim in 'Age' and 'House Groups'.

Can you please ensure that your child brings the following items to school on Tuesday:

Togs : Towel : Warm top/jersey
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