

# Marotiri Messenger

## From the Principal's Desk

Wednesday 24th March 2021  
Week 8 Term 1

Kia ora Koutou,  
Greetings to parents and members of the Marotiri School Community,  
We have Student Led Conferences scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday afternoons this week. Thank you to those who have availed themselves of this opportunity to discuss their child's achievement and collaboratively set learning goals for the year. If you are unable to attend this week, you are welcome to contact the office or your child's teacher to organise a time to meet.  
The Maropalooza Music festival provided a wonderful afternoon's entertainment in the sunshine for our community. Thank you to the Hall Trust for organising this event and the fabulous Friends of the School (FOS) who provided a wonderful array of tasty food.  
Last week I had the pleasure of joining the Senior Studio on their tramp to the Waihohonu Hut off the Desert Road. The class stayed overnight as the first of their Senior Challenges for the year and were able to explore some of the natural wonders of the area before returning the next day.  
Rooms 3 and 4, last Thursday, visited the Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari, where they learned about the unique flora and fauna of a mainland ecological island which is surrounded by one of the world's longest pest-proof fences. As a sanctuary for endangered species, Maungatautari offers an informative educational programme.  
Planning for the Marotiri School Trail Ride is well underway. There has been a lot of interest in this event which will be on the first Saturday of the holidays, so don't miss out! Dust off those bikes, and come and join us. We need volunteers to help set up the course the week before the ride and marshals to assist on the day. We require donations of old electric fence standards for marking the track. These, can be left in the blue drum at the end of Room 2. FOS are seeking help with baking, and/or serving food on the day. Funds raised from the ride will go towards funding our Teacher Aides, so please spread the word. We want our inaugural event to be one that everyone will remember.  
We continue our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations, with a whole-

school tour of the community this week, beginning with a visit to the site of the old Tihoi School, the original Trading Post, Tihoi sawmill and to view the Pa site from a distance. We will spend time at Kakaho DOC campsite and Rimu Walk to learn about the significance of the Pureora Forest. Ex-student Stuart Falconer, last week shared with our students, his memories of the school and district. We are grateful to those members of the community—Marilyn & Peter Kidd, Rob Laidlaw & Stuart Falconer who are joining us this week to act as guides and share their knowledge of our district.

Next Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March, we are holding a '1961 School Day'. Classrooms, teaching programmes and sporting activities will replicate that of a 1961 school. We look forward to staff and students dressing in theme. Roll out those knitted jumpers, pinafores, ankle socks and leather satchels. Parents are welcome to join us for a shared morning tea.

Ngā mihi  
Rose Symes

If a child is to keep alive his inborn  
**sense of wonder**, he needs  
the companionship of at least  
**one adult who can share it**,  
rediscovering with him the joy,  
excitement, and mystery  
of the world we live in.

Rachel Carson

AZ QUOTES



## Birthday Celebrations

Turning 9 this month is Mila (27th), Turning 8 in April is Annabell (4th), Turning 9 in April is Damian (3rd).

**Happy Birthday to you all !!**



A team representing Marotiri School attended the Interschool athletics in Taupo on Thursday 18th March.

Results—

Yr 5—Axle 1st in High Jump

Yr 6—Storm 3rd in 100m Sprints, 2nd in 400m Sprints, 5th in High Jump

Yr 7&8—Cam 3rd in 400m Sprints

Grace H 1st in 800m Sprints

Hunter W 1st in 800m Sprints

Well done to all for their effort and participation.

A huge thankyou to Danni Lowe, Sarah Walters, Darryl Karipa, Jess Harrison and Mel Gibbons for providing the transport to and from Owen Delaney Park.

## Farewell from Marotiri School

A sincere farewell to the following students and their families who have left our school.— Nukumai in Rm 3, Isla H in Senior Studio. We wish you all the best with your new ventures.

## Welcome to Marotiri School

A warm welcome to the following students who have joined us at school:- Indie, Maddex and Mya in Rm 6.

Next Marotiri Messenger date - 7th April 2021

Next Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday 13th April 2021

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## What's On This Term

24th March	60th Anniversary Bus Tour
25th March	Student Led Conferences 3.15—5.45pm
30th March	1961 School Day—Dress in theme for this day
31st Mar	Go Girls Cricket Tournament Yr 4-6
2—6th April	Easter Break
8th April	Y6-8 Tuwharetoa Floating Classroom
15th April	Celebration of World Book Day—Dress up as your favourite book character
15th April	Trek visit 8.50—9.30am (Variety Bash)
16th Apr	End of Term 1
17th April	Motorbike Trail Ride

## SUPER STUDENTS

### Week ending 12th March -

Senior Studio—  
Room 2—  
Room 3—Aubree Harrison, Mila Karipa  
Room 4—Eddie Pepper, Khorun Lee  
Room 5—Nico Armer-Te Pou, Skailah McLean  
Room 6—Joshua Spearpoint, Harper Derbyshire

### Week ending 19th March -

Senior Studio—Cam Walters, Rachel Gibbons  
Room 2—Matthew Walters, Brianna Fletcher  
Room 3—Deekoda Leach, Abby Meyer  
Room 4—Holly Anderson, Louie Hilhorst  
Room 5—Reece Johnstone, Daniel Lindsay  
Room 6—Sonny Evans, Cooper Dudley



A huge thankyou to the wonderful parents who came to the Yr 7&8 overnight camp on Mt Ruapehu staying at Waihothonu Hut. -Jamie Ward, Peter Walters, Cyn Smith and Karli Knowles and also for her yummy breakfast and lunch making skills. Students braved atrocious weather and were rewarded with a crazy roaring fire at the hut. Finishing off with a treat, soaking their weary muscles at the Turtle pools in Turangi. Thanks Cyn.



## HELLO FROM THE BOARD

So good to see the school looking sharp after the working bee - sincere thanks to the hands on the day and the contributions of food.

Work never stops on the fundraising front; there's so much happening behind the scenes for the trail ride on the 17 April - the committee and FOS are working hard to ensure it's a cracker!

Also, we have the unique opportunity to do a slink run this season. This has the potential to raise thousands of dollars but we need support. We are calling for expressions of interest to help with this - the more offers we get the easier it will be! To find out what's involved and how you can help, contact Steph [steph.russell@marotiri.school.nz](mailto:steph.russell@marotiri.school.nz) or 027 547 8374.

With most of the hard yards done regarding our 10 year property plan and SIP funding allocation, we are looking forward to seeing some great improvements beginning around the school in the next few months.

We welcome Brad Woodford to our board as the latest selected member and are looking forward to working with him. The next board meeting is scheduled for Tues 13 April 2021.

We are extremely grateful to PERRIN AG for their ongoing support. They have kindly donated \$1000 towards the purchasing of iPads to be used in the junior classes to assist children with dyslexia.



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



## Working Bee Thankyou

We are very grateful to all the families for their hard work on Wednesday 17th March, for the equipment and supplies and the wonderful baking to feed the crew for lunch.

What a wonderful effort—gardens were weeded, pruned and mulched, big trees were pruned-far side of field, waterblasting completed, painting of tables completed.



## Pinelands Interschool Senior Swimming Results

Yr 4 Girls	Heat 2 Lila 3rd 25m Freestyle
Yr 5 Boys	Heat 1 Connor 3rd 25m Freestyle
	Heat 1 Connor 1st 25m Backstroke
	Heat 1 Connor 1st 25m Breaststroke
Yr 5 Girls	Heat 1 Mila 1st, Caitlyn 2nd 25m Freestyle
	Heat 2 Mila 2nd, Caitlyn 3rd 25m Backstroke
	Heat 2 Mila 2nd 25m Breaststroke
Yr 6 Boys	Heat 1 Zack 3rd, Heat 2 Matt 3rd 25m Freestyle
	Heat 1 Tai 3rd, Heat 2 Zack 3rd 25m Backstroke
	Heat 1 Cullen 2nd, Matt 3rd 25m Breaststroke
Yr 6 Girls	Heat 1 Mischa 2nd, Satevah 3rd 25m Freestyle
	Heat 2 Isla 3rd, Heat 4 Storm 2nd 25m Freestyle
	Heat 1 Lana 2nd 25m Backstroke
	Heat 2 Storm 1st, Mischa 2nd, Grace 3rd 25m Backstroke
	Heat 1 Mischa 1st 25m Breaststroke
	Heat 2 Storm 1st, Satevah 2nd, Lana 3rd 25m Breaststroke
Yr 7 Boys	Heat 1 Jaygar 2nd 25m Backstroke
	Heat 1 Jaygar 1st 25m Breaststroke
Yr 7 Girls	Heat 3 Grace 1st, Jessie 3rd 25m Freestyle
	Heat 1 Grace 1st 25m Backstroke
	Heat 4 Jessie 2nd, Grace 3rd 25m Breaststroke
Yr 8 Boys	Heat 1 Isaac 3rd 25m Freestyle
	Heat 2 Cam 2nd, Isaac 3rd 25m Backstroke
	Heat 1 Isaac 2nd, Cam 3rd 25m Breaststroke
Yr 8 Girls	Heat 1 Jaz 2nd 25m Freestyle
	Heat 1 Jaz 3rd 25m Breaststroke

## OTHER NOTICES

### Student-Led Conferences

**Thursday 25th March**

Appointment times are available through the school office

**Thursday 25th March - 3.15pm Start**

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.

### Spring Bulb Fundraiser for Marotiri Friends of the School

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Thanks to the amazing efforts of the FOS team and everyone who supported our food stall at the Maropalooza music festival. FOS raised over \$800

In particular, a big thank you to the following:

Tanya Wood & Nicole Woodford—donating & cooking the Pulled Pork

Anna Webber & Jessica Lindsay—donating and cooking the Mince

Korina Brown—organising the Sauce and bottles

Emily Hilhorst—donating and making the Coleslaw

Nic Anderson—donating chutneys

Wendy Pickett—spinning the candyfloss

And the team of helpers on Friday & Saturday:

Nikki Budd, Becky Sargent, Anna Webber, Nic Anderson, Michelle

Hine, Tasha Lastinger-Sargent, Ashleigh Meyer, Bryony Wylie,

Holly Dudley and Sam Dudley

### Motorbike Trail Ride - 17th April

Friends Of the School (FOS) will be running a food stall and are looking for donations and helpers.

Donations of Bacon, Eggs

Donations of Baking

Helpers to prepare and sell food—2 shifts

Shift 1— 7am to 12pm

Shift 2— 11am to 4pm

If you are able to donate or help— contact Bryony 0276081337 or Holly 0212441882



NEEDED: Volunteers to help set up the course the week before.

NEEDED: Marshals to assist on the day.

If you are able to help please contact Richard on 021475436 or the school office 07 3728273

### 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.

**BUS STUDENTS—Parents, if you are picking your child/ren up from school, you MUST notify the office or the bus monitor. This assists with our end of day procedures and ensures we are not looking for children who normally catch the bus.**

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

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Thankyou Tim Redstone for your ongoing sponsorship.

### OLD ELECTRIC FENCE STANDARDS

We are looking for old electric fence standards to use for the Motorbike trail ride on 17th April. If you have any, would you kindly drop them at school in the big blue barrel at the end of room 2

### Reading Tutor Wanted

Seeking a Reading Tutor to work one on one with a student within the Marotiri/Mokai district. Please phone Emily on 021605702



## Teen Brain

Thurs 8 April 2021 : 7:30pm - 9:00pm  
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Hilltop School is proud to announce that the host of the documentary 'All in the Mind' and co-host of the TV Series 'The Secret life of Girls', Nathan Wallis, Aotearoa's renowned neuroscience educator, is coming to our community with his talk - Teen Brain.

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During adolescence, part of your teenage brain "shuts for renovations". This is the part of the brain responsible for controlling your teenager's moods, for understanding consequences and for thinking about the well-being of others. So whilst you can't expect teens to be able to display these behaviours consistently during adolescence, there are ways that you can enhance and maximise the times when they can. Understanding the changes that are taking place for your teen will help you to navigate successfully these important and formative years.

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