

# Marotiri Messenger

## From the Principal's Desk

Wednesday 12th May 2021  
Week 2 Term 2

Kia ora Koutou,

Greetings to parents and members of the Marotiri School Community,

We were fortunate to host the Trek (The Variety Bash) on the second to last day of term. A unique collection of vehicles descended upon us amidst the flair of creative costumes and music. They were greeted by staff and students dressed up as their favourite book characters. The Trek team presented us with a most generous donation of library books and \$1,700 for the purchase of new i-pads. The visit concluded with a presentation to our Year 6-8 students by Mark, an inspirational young man who shared the highs and lows of his journey through school and University, with Cerebral Palsy. The message he delivered supports our updated school virtues of Excellence, Resilience, Respect, Creativity and Empathy.

Term 1 concluded with our Trail ride; a momentous occasion which attracted 419 riders from throughout the Central North Island. We are indeed indebted to everyone involved. The money raised will help fund our Teacher Aides who play an integral role in helping to support our student learning. There is a more detailed report included in this newsletter.

Term 2 will see our school undertake a STEAM focused Inquiry; a programme which takes an integrated approach to learning and teaching. Students will apply meaningful maths, science, technology & engineering content to solve real-world problems through hands-on learning activities and creative design. The context for our inquiry will be the Zoo. Rooms 5 & 6 will visit Hamilton Zoo for the day, while Rooms 2, 3 and the Senior Studio will experience a number of technology and science challenges at Hamilton Museum prior to staying overnight at the Hamilton Observatory, located next to the Zoo. The next day will be spent at the zoo. Ministry funded facilitators, Amanda Ferguson and

Stephen Ross will continue supporting our teachers this term to implement the STEAM & digital curriculum. Part of this programme will involve a Teacher Only planning day in week 4.

Our staff joined other teachers from the Taupo Kahui Ako (Community of Learning) for a professional development day in the holidays. As a COL, our schools are committed to strengthening student's oral language and vocabulary across all levels of the school and developing a better understanding of Te Tiriti o Waitangi. To support these focus areas our Junior classes are involved in the implementation of the Better Start literacy programme and we will be holding a Marotiri School shared breakfast in the last week of this term, followed by the planting of a native tree to celebrate Matariki. We plan to have a community hangi in Term 4 once the weather is warmer.

This week we will be introducing an eight-week school-based mindfulness and well-being programme 'Pause, Breathe, Smile', in Room's 2, 3 and the Senior Studio. The programme is designed to improve focus and attention for better learning outcomes, and is supported by the Mental Health Foundation of NZ. The programme will be introduced by a trained facilitator and will involve 10 minute daily well-being activities.

Sadly, due to an ongoing injury, after 22 years of involvement with Marotiri School, we have accepted the resignation of Elizabeth Thomson as our school cleaner. We wish Elizabeth all the very best for the future and thank her for her commitment over these years. A morning tea will be organised to formally farewell Elizabeth. We welcome Emma Wills as our new school cleaner.

**Quote of the week;**

*A well-educated mind will always have more questions than answers' Helen Keller*

Ngā mihi

Rose Symes



**TREK visit & World Book Day Dress up.** What a great day we all had with the children & staff dressed up as their favourite book character much to the delight of the Trek visitors. Trek made a donation to the school for \$1760 for I-pads to help support learners with dyslexia.

## Birthday Celebrations

Turning 6 this month is Max (21st), Turning 7 is Jacob (17th), Claya (26th), Turning 9 is Lila (16th), Lachlan (26th), Turning 12 is Jaygar (17th).

**Happy Birthday to you all !!**



Next Marotiri Messenger date - 26th May 2021

**Next Board of Trustees Meeting**

Tuesday 18th May 2021



## Welcome to Marotiri School

A warm welcome to the following students who have joined us at school:- Emily, Henry, Sam & Robbie in Rm 6. Elijah in Rm 3, Ethan in Rm 2

## Farewell from Marotiri School

A sincere farewell to the following students and their families who have left our school.- Lily in Room 4, Quinn, Jordan & Caitlyn in Room 3, Libby in Senior Studio.

We wish you all the best with your new farming ventures.



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## What's On This Term

12th May	Netball Taster Session—Rooms 1-4
12th May	Epro8 Challenge—Yr 5-8, 5-8 pm
17th May	FOS School Lunch—Pre order forms sent home
17-23rd May	Bully Free Week
20-21st May	Yr 7&8 Overnight Trip Hamilton Zoo
24th May	TEACHER ONLY DAY (School closed to Students)
27th May	Rms 4,5,6 day trip to Hamilton Zoo
31st May	Yr 7&8 visit to Tokoroa Career Expo
4th June	Pinelands Winter Sports—Yr 4-8 at Mangakino
	Postponement date 11th June
7th June	Queens Birthday Public Holiday (School Closed)
8th June	Room 2 Overnight Trip Hamilton Zoo
9th June	Room 3 Overnight Trip Hamilton Zoo
9th June	Monarch Butterfly Stage Performance 11.30am School Hall
14th June	NZ Playhouse—Rumple Stiltskin 9am School Hall
23rd June	Pinelands Speech Competition at Marotiri
24th June	Yr 5&6 Grade 1 Cycle Skills at School
25th June	Yr 6 Grade 2 Cycle Skills in Taupo (only if student passes Grade 1 on 24th June) - Day 1
25th June	Junior Dance Festival, Yr 1-3 at Mangakino
28th June	Orienteering Taster Session, Yr 5-8, 9am
29th June	Yr 6 Grade 2 Cycle Skills in Taupo—Day 2
1st July	FOS Disco Details to follow
6th July	Matariki Celebration: Shared Breakfast & Tree Planting
6th July	Celebration of Learning
9th July	Last day of term, Reports & Portfolios sent home

## SUPER STUDENTS

### Week ending 9th April -

Senior Studio—Devaydin Sherman, Brook Gibson  
Room 2—Kyra Sherman, Isla Anderson  
Room 3—Harlan Pennington, Richie Frantzetsis  
Room 4—Jayda Webber, Carleigh O'Connor  
Room 5—Lacey Gibson, Jacob McCormack  
Room 6—Luca Chamberlin, Isobel McTainsh



### Week ending 16th April -

Senior Studio—Caroline Pepper, Tristin Fletcher  
Room 2—Hoterene Le Comte, Lana Breingan  
Room 3—Alice Breingan  
Room 4—Carter Bridgens, Eddie Pepper, Adell Saunders-Haynes  
Room 5—Rose Webber, Amy Wood  
Room 6—Beauden Patterson, Max Farr

### Week ending 7th May -

Senior Studio—Jessie Wynn, Jaygar Lee  
Room 2—Tai Karipa, Zach Scarlet  
Room 3—Mila Karipa, Roydon Hawke  
Room 4—Danni Harrison, Ariel Williamson  
Room 5—Kaleb Budd, Sam Wylie  
Room 6—Indie Donaldson, Harper Derbyshire

## Trail Ride Report by Richard Webber

What a day we had for our Trail Ride! A huge **Thank You** to all 419 riders that turned out to support our cause. Raising over \$14,500 for Marotiri School!

We could not have done it without the support of our land owners Colin & Dale Armer and farm managers David & Shelly Briscoe and Alex & Trish van Maren - they have been an absolute pleasure to work with.

**Thank You** to all the sponsors that stepped up to cover our fixed costs or provide products or services:

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Peak Safety (First Aid) also did a great job. Highly professional. No major accidents on the day to deal with.

The Friends of Marotiri School smashed it out of the park with the food and proved to be popular with the riders – **Thank You** to Bryony, Holly and the team & Tim Redstone (Northfuels) for his effort on the BBQ. A separate thankyou from FOS on next page.

**Thankyou** to our tremendous committee for all the organising and help to run this event: Richard Webber, Clarke Boyd, Chris Riley, Guy Pennington, John Anderson, Tony Chamberlin, Dylan Hilhorst, Ashley Waterworth, Mike Sargent, Robbie Sherriff, Geoff Symes, Brad Woodford, Richard Simpson, Steph Russell, Sam Dudley, Royden Hawke, Rose Symes, Sarah Walters & Team, Chris Wynn, Marotiri Teachers—Fee, Michelle, Suzy & Laura. – a great team effort.

A **Special Thank You** to Clarke Boyd, Chris Riley and Guy Pennington who were major forces in helping to set up the track.

**Thankyou** to Peter & Sarah Walters for covering the cost of the Porta Loos.



## OTHER NOTICES

### HELLO FROM THE BOARD

Hi everyone

Hope you've been enjoying the glorious autumn weather! Even a bit of rain to keep the farmers happy.

We are still buzzing from the resounding success of our inaugural trail ride fundraiser! It was a fabulous day with over 400 riders taking part and happily all went home safe. We owe massive thanks to Colin and Dale Armer, for without their generous offer of the use of their land, we could not have gone ahead. Special thanks also to Richard Webber, who capably led the charge (and the lovely Anna, who was a trail ride widow in the lead up!) Clarke Boyd also generously gave his time and expertise to us, thank you as well. There were many hands on deck throughout the organisation and on the day, we are so grateful for your contributions! It would be remiss not to mention the FOS and their awesome menu too. Already looking forward to the next one!

During the holidays the Board has organised the installation of security cameras to monitor the entry and exits to our school. We hope this will help eliminate any vandalism to our school and grounds. Thankyou to everyone who utilises the school grounds respectfully.

Signed: Steph Russell—Presiding Member (Chairperson)

### Marotiri School Board of Trustees

Presiding Member	Steph Russell
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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.

### FOS Trail ride Thankyou

Thank you so much for all the help and donations FOS received to make the Trail ride a success, we made just over \$2000!

In particular a big thank you to the following :

**Helpers:** Michelle Hine, Vicki Armer, Nikki Budd, Serena Waterworth, Julia Brandao, Nic Chamberlin, Suzy Aislabie, Michelle Fletcher, Anna Webber, Chris Wynn, Brad Woodford, Sam Dudley, Mike Sargent, Holly Dudley and Bryony Wylie

**Bakers:** Bex Selwood, Leith Thomas, Julia Brandao, Nic Chamberlin, Michelle Fletcher, Emily Hilhorst, Nikki Budd, Nicole Woodford

**Donations of Eggs:** Carla Harcourt, Louette Breingan, Emily Hilhorst, Becky Sargent, Holly Dudley

**Donations of Bacon:** Nikki Budd, Tanya Wood, Amie Newman, Steph Russell, Louette Breingan, Nic Anderson, Nic Chamberlin, Julia Brandao, Serena Waterworth, Roydon Hawke

**Donations of Meat:** Brad & Nicole Woodford

**Coleslaw:** Holly Dudley

**Organising Countdown voucher:** Becky Sargent

### Spring Bulbs Fundraiser Thankyou

Thanks to all who supported the Spring bulb fundraiser, we received 11 orders and raised \$173.35



We are extremely grateful to PERRIN AG for their ongoing support. They have kindly donated over \$400 towards the purchasing of new library books.

Sincere thanks to **Keith & Kath Lane** for the generous donation of 1 beast in April for the benefit of Marotiri School, with an injection of \$1096.56 into our school bank account.



Sincere thanks to Scott & Mel Gibbons who facilitated the sale of scrap metal and have made a great contribution towards the Senior Studio's fundraising efforts for their school trips this year. Much appreciated.

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Thankyou Tim Redstone for your ongoing sponsorship.

### *The Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products (Vaping) Amendment Act 2020 commences on 11th November 2020.*

From 11 November 2020, the existing prohibition on smoking at schools is extended to include **vaping**. This includes any part of the school, whether inside or outside, at any time of day.

### Marotiri Hall News

The Marotiri Hall is a community owned asset, it is not funded by the MOE nor by Taupo District Council. It is operated by a trust comprising of members of the Marotiri community. All maintenance and improvements in the hall are made possible through fundraising or through grants.

Recently we have been lucky enough to receive \$8000 from the NZ Lotteries Commission to go towards the rejuvenation of the Hall floor – a \$15,000 project! We have more recently been granted \$1000 from the Taupo District Council through the Mangakino/Pouakani Community Grants scheme to go towards 18 new trestle tables for the hall (a \$6000 total cost). We hope to take delivery of our new tables at the end of May.

Did you also know the Hall Trust supplies and maintains the AED (Automated External Defibrillator) which is available for anyone in the community to use in an emergency and is located in the wooden box at the entrance to the hall.

Our Quiz Night series is returning soon, held at the Tihoi Tavern. Three Quizzes will be held starting on Friday May 28, June 11 and June 25. Like the Marotiri Community Hall Facebook page for more information and updates about the quiz nights.

Planning has also started for a winter social function - date and details TBC.

Richard Webber

Chairman Marotiri Community Hall

### Boxes of Tissues

With Winter upon us, our boxes of tissues store needs restocking. 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.

**PARENTS, if you are picking up your own, or other child/ren, and they normally travel by bus, 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.**

### Our Tuwharetoa tour

Senior Studio and Room 2 enjoyed an educational trip with Kristy Northcroft from Tuwharetoa aboard the Floating Classroom.





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