

Marotiri Messenger

From the Principal's Desk

Wednesday 9th February 2022
Week 2 Term 1

Kia ora Koutou,

Greetings to parents and members of the Marotiri School Community,

We have begun the school year under the Red Traffic Light system with all the guidelines that brings with it. As mentioned previously, within every school community, we have the full range of views on masks, mandates, vaccines, and other requirements at each alert level. However, I feel proud of our school community who have worked with us to allow the staff and Board to focus on maintaining the safety of all students while continuing to provide an innovative learning programme

As principal and Board, our leadership decisions must be based on direction from the experts in this field. Our responsibility is to enact required procedures and mandates from the Ministry of Health and Education as best as possible to cater for all. Unfortunately, this does mean that some planned events are unable to go ahead, or need to be modified to mitigate any risk to our students. While we have included the list of scheduled events in our 'What's on this term', please note that we will only take part in events that involve other schools or regions if we are under the Orange Traffic Light system. At this stage, we will not be participating in the Pinelands swimming events for that reason.

Please let your child's teacher and office know immediately if your family is in any way affected by COVID. If a positive case is confirmed at Marotiri School, we will carefully follow Ministry of Health Guidelines, and it will depend on the nature of the case as to whether groups of students and staff isolate, or we continue business as usual. The school will only shut under advice by Ministry of Health & Education. Our school community will be kept informed.

Our Term one inquiry focus is entitled 'Ngā Huanga - Marotiri as an Enviro School'. We will be working with students to inquire into what it means to be an Enviro School, and explore ways in which we can change and enhance our environment.

Our school wide goal is to Look after Ourselves and relate skilfully to others, a most important life skill to learn during these uncertain times.

Quote of the week: Even the smallest act of caring for another person is like a drop of water – it will make ripples throughout the pond".

Nga Mihi
Rose Symes



Farewell from Marotiri School

A sincere farewell to all our students who have moved onto Intermediate and College. We wish to thank every one of you for your tremendous input into Marotiri School. All the best for your future achievements. Thankyou to all the families of these students for your contributions and help during their school years at Marotiri School.

We would also like to thank the students and families who have moved out of the district.



2021 Prizegiving

Photos from prizegiving on the 10th December 2021 including performances and receiving certificates and trophies
More inside!!



to Marotiri School

A warm welcome to the following students and their families who have joined us at school:- Stella, Hunter, Nui, Amelia in Rm 6 and Jackson in Rm 5

Birthday Celebrations

Turning 9 is Allie (11th) & Carleigh (15th).

Happy Birthday to you both !!



Next Marotiri Messenger date - 23rd Feb
Next Board of Trustees Meeting
End of Month

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What's On This Term

11th Feb	Triathlon—Students only
14-18th Feb	Swimwell Swimming Lessons—All children are to bring their togs and towels
17th Feb	Powhiri—Students only
22nd Feb	Yr 7-8 Education Session—HPV & Boostrix Immunisations. (please note: this is not a Covid immunisation)
24th Feb	Senior Studio day trip
25th Feb	Meet & Greet Parent/Teacher Virtual Presentation
3rd Mar	Pinelands Junior Swimming Sports to be held at Whakamaru School
4th Mar	Pinelands Senior Swimming Sports to be held at Mangakino School
16th Mar	Kiwisport Interschool Athletics
17th Mar	Yr 7-8 routine HPV & Boostrix Immunisations (Parent Consents will be obtained)
16-18th Mar	Rooms 2 & 3 Camp TBC
19th Mar	Marotiri School Trail Ride TBC
14th April	Last day of Term 1
15th April	Easter Good Friday
2nd May	Term 2 begins

Please note: These events are subject to the Covid Traffic Light System. Marotiri school will only participate in other schools sports events under Orange Traffic Light.

STATIONERY

Please ensure your child has their stationery order completed ASAP. Class stationery lists are available from the school office or the school website and stationery can be purchased from the office at competitive rates. Stationery will be issued on receipt of payment.

2021 SCHOOL PRIZEGIVING AWARDS

Trophies:

Worthington Cup for Best All Rounder—	Cameron Walters
Laidlaw Cup for Perseverance & Endeavour—	Hunter Ward
Gredig Family Trophy for Cultural Activities—	Devaydin Sherman
Stringfellow Trophy for Sportsmanship—	Jazmin Wynn
Jason Albert Memorial Cup for Positive Attitude—	Caroline Pepper
Tom Lind Trophy for the Student who best upholds the Marotiri School Values—	Rachel Gibbons
Tihoi Young Farmers Trophy for Academic Excellence—	Cameron Walters



Senior Studio Awards:

Academic Achievement—	Cameron Walters
Upholds Marotiri School Values—	Caroline Pepper
Endeavour—	Rachel Gibbons
Achievements in Sports -	Devaydin Sherman
Best All Rounders—	Isaac Ramsay and Jessie Wynn

Room 2 Awards:

Academic Achievement—	Harrison Robinson
Upholds Marotiri School Values—	Zach Scarlet
Endeavour—	Brianna Fletcher
Achievements in Sports—	Matthew Walters
Best All Rounder—	Taiari Karipa

Room 3 Awards:

Academic Achievement—	Greer Robinson
Upholds Marotiri School Values—	Georgia Chamberlin
Endeavour—	Mila Karipa
Achievements in Sports—	Axle Lowe
Best All Rounder—	Connor Bridgens

Room 4 Awards:

Academic Achievement—	Harix Lee
Upholds Marotiri School Values—	Carleigh O'Connor
Endeavour—	Holly Anderson
Achievements in Literacy—	Annabell Shaw
Best All Rounder—	Jack Farr

Room 5 Awards:

Academic Achievement—	Claya Breingan
Upholds Marotiri School Values—	Amy Wood
Endeavour—	Zara Waterworth
Achievements in Sports—	Jaxon Wilcox
Best All Rounder—	Daniel Lindsay

Room 6 Awards:

Academic Achievement—	Ari Karipa
Upholds Marotiri School Values—	Maddex Reece
Endeavour—	Emily Drysdale
Achievements in Sports—	Samuel Shaw
Best All Rounder—	Indie Donaldson

2021 YEAR 8 LEAVERS



OTHER NOTICES

HELLO FROM THE BOARD

Welcome back to all! I hope you're settling back into school routines and enjoying the bit of rain. It's been a busy holiday at school really, with some larger projects ticked off.

The new shed's up and our school buildings look great with the fresh paint. Anyone that's driven in will have noticed the carpark and we look forward to having markings painted on it once the metal has settled.

We thank you all for your understanding while we all adjust to another layer of normal - there's a lot of information flooding in at the moment and Rose and the team are to be commended for so capably responding to all requirements.

The Board plans to meet later in the month via Zoom; the date will be publicised once confirmed and visitors will be welcome.

Stay safe and be kind,
Steph Russell

Marotiri School Board of Trustees

Presiding Member	Steph Russell
Principal	Rose Symes
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	Richard Simpson
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	Michelle Hine

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.

Breakfast Club

We need one more parent to join our roster of supervising the Marotiri Breakfast Club. It is just 8.30am to 9.15am one morning a week. (Vaccine passport needed).

If you are able to help please text Michelle Hine 0212509757 for more info about the breakfast club.

Ms Tourniers Farewell



Early Childhood Education

- * **Marotiri Playgroup** Each Tuesday morning—resumes 1st March at Marotiri School Hall.
- * **Kinloch Kindergarten** is now open. For further information, contact Jayne on kinloch@centralkids.org.nz
- * **Kiwi Steps Preschool**, 42 Tihoi Road, Whakamaru 8am–5pm for all children 0–5 years. Open school holidays. Bicultural learning environment. ECE, Primary and Te Kohanga Reo qualified teachers. 20 hrs FREE for 3&4 year olds. 07 8828234 or 027 9330368 office@kiwisteps.co.nz
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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.

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