

# Marotiri Messenger

## From the Principal's Desk

Wednesday 23rd February 2022  
Week 4 Term 1

Kia ora Koutou,

Greetings to parents and members of the Marotiri School Community

Our learning programmes are off to a great start, with a school-wide focus on our Term 1 Inquiry – Ngā Huanga – Marotiri as an Enviro School. Students are familiarising themselves with our school grounds and discussing ways in which they can enhance and change our school environment so that it is sustainable for future generations. We look forward to sharing some of the innovative ideas.

Following the completion of our recent building and school painting projects, we are now in the planning stage for the landscaping of the entrance way leading to the school office. This is our final project funded through the Ministry's School Investment Package allocated for enhancing our school environment. We are grateful to Serena Waterworth for her landscaping expertise. We are now looking for donations of clean top soil and five large boulders approx. 1.2mt in diameter. If you are able to help, or know of someone who could, please contact the office. We are also looking for someone with experience in laying pavers to help create a new pathway to access the school buses.

Members of the Marotiri Trail Committee met recently to discuss plans for the 2022 Trail Ride. Given the level of support for last year's ride, we are excited to be going ahead with this event, albeit with some organisational changes to meet Covid requirements. Please mark 19<sup>th</sup> March in your diary and keep an eye on the Trail Ride Face Book page. Thank you to Colin and Dale Armer and their farm managers for allowing us to use their property. A huge thank you to Power Farming for being our major sponsor this year. Funds raised will be used for Teacher Aide Hours to support our learners.

As national Covid numbers grow, we continue to work within the

Ministry of Health and Education requirements. Classroom ventilation, use of masks for staff and students from Year 4-8, good hygiene practices and use of hand sanitiser all help ensure the safety of our students. The use of masks on the bus is mandated for Year 4-8, and encouraged for younger students. Phase Two requires us all to take increased responsibility for our own contact tracing. Therefore, it is essential that anyone coming on site (beyond the carpark) must scan in at the office, and for any parent having contact with students eg Breakfast Club, please scan your vaccination passport on your first visit.

The Ministry of Health have advised that the vaccination mandate for educational workers has been extended to include the requirement for a booster for all school staff or parents/volunteers working with students, within 183 days from the date of your second vaccination, or if that time period has lapsed, then 1 March. This includes parents attending school trips or camps.

If a positive case is confirmed at Marotiri School, we will follow the Ministry of Health guidelines and advise our school community as to whether groups of students and staff are required to isolate. Our staff are well prepared to deliver distance learning programmes if, and when, this may be required. The school will not close unless advised to by the Ministry of Health. Please remember to keep your child home if they are unwell, and we ask that parents do not come onsite if unwell either. Thank you for your continued support.

**Quote of the week:** *Calmness is the cradle of power.*

Our school community creates an awesome team. Please remember to be kind to one another and reach out if you need help. We have got this!

Nga Mihi  
Rose Symes

## SwimWell Swimming Lessons



Swim School Supervisors were at school last week demonstrating and working with children in water safety and swimming techniques. Each class had a 1/2 hour session each day. Thankyou to AC Baths Swim School for this opportunity.

## Birthday Celebrations

Turning 6 is Indie (23rd) & Candice (25th), Turning 7 is Amy (27th), Turning 10 is Aubree (27th), Turning 11 is Isla (26th)

**Happy Birthday to you all !!**



**to Marotiri School**

A warm welcome to the following student who has joined us at school:- Alex in Rm 6

Next Marotiri Messenger date - 9th March

**Next Board of Trustees Meeting**

Via Zoom Thursday 24th Feb

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## What's On This Term

24th Feb	Senior Studio day trip
25th Feb	Meet & Greet Parent/Teacher Powerpoint Presentation available
	Marotiri Swimming Sports Date to be confirmed
16th Mar	Kiwisport Interschool Athletics TBC
17th Mar	Yr 7-8 routine HPV & Boostrix Immunisations (Parent Consents will be obtained)
17-18th Mar	Rooms 2 & 3 Camp
19th Mar	Marotiri School Trail Ride
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.**

Please note, we will not be attending the Pinelands swimming events under our Current traffic light restrictions.

## SUPER STUDENTS

Week ending 18th February -

Senior Studio— Mack Peckham, Fletcher Broadbent  
Room 2— Harlan Pennington, Deekoda Leach  
Room 3— Harley Broadbent, Carleigh O'Connor  
Room 4— Nico Armer-Te Pou, Daniel Lindsay, Zara Waterworth Amy Wood  
Room 5— Sam Shaw, Candice Leach  
Room 6— Nui McIvor, Alaina O'Connor



**Principal's Awards:** Ethan Whitehead and Tristin Fletcher



Sincere thanks to **Nick Pepper & Michelle Hine** for the generous donation of 1 Steer in January for the benefit of Marotiri School, which saw an injection of \$1,745.10 into our school bank account.

Sincere thanks to Peter & Sarah Walters, Brett & Ruth Steeghs, Matt & Tania Wood & Mark & Liz Robertson for the generous donation of weaner Calves (Calf Scheme) in January for the benefit of Marotiri School, which saw an injection of \$2,531.15 into the school bank account.



## Medical Alert

We have been notified of a case of chicken pox at school. We ask parents to be alert and check for signs and seek medical advice. If unsure. Please keep children home if they show signs and advise the school.

## ALERT—HEAD LICE (NITS)

Head lice has once again been detected at school. The school policy states that the treatment of head lice is the responsibility of parents'caregivers, therefore we need you to check your child's hair and treat if required, as soon as possible.

Visit the Ministry of Health website to find out how to check for head lice and treatment options: <https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/head-lice>  
Head lice treatment can be prescribed by your GP at a subsidised costs or purchased for the local chemist.



## Boxes of Tissues

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.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HOUSE LEADERS FOR 2022

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Harrison Robinson and Isla Anderson  
Fletcher Broadbent and Maple Sweetman

Kayden McCormack and Brianna Fletcher  
Tristin Fletcher and Mila Karipa

## Signing children out during school hours

Please ensure you sign your child out **AT THE OFFICE** if you are taking them early. This assists with our end of day procedures and ensures we are not looking for children who normally catch the bus.

## Triathlon Photos





## OTHER NOTICES

### Marotiri School Board of Trustees

Presiding Member	Steph Russell
Principal	Rose Symes
Staff Rep	Michelle Fletcher
Members	Richard Webber
	Richard Simpson
	Brad Woodford
	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.

### 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](http://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 and sign in on the electronic register.

### LOST PROPERTY

**PLEASE CHECK THE LOST PROPERTY COLLECTION FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR ITEMS. DURING THE TERM THIS CAN ACCUMULATE TO A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT.** When the lost property is not on display, it can be found in the old sick bay. Parents, please contact the office first. Unclaimed clothing at the end of each term will go into town to the Hospice shop.



### Fundraising with Bulbs

**WHO WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE BULBS THIS YEAR!!**

We are looking for feedback on who would like FOS to run the fundraiser this year!! Please contact the school office on 07 3728273 or by email to [adminoffice@marotiri.school.nz](mailto:adminoffice@marotiri.school.nz) to show your interest.



### Livestock Scheme Cull Cow Time!!

It's that time of year again when the cull cows come out in full swing! For many years, those in our community have donated a cull cow, or part of, with the proceeds to the Marotiri School Livestock Scheme. Cull cows are a great way of donating to the school without the time commitments of rearing a calf – So if you have thought about donating a cull cow to Marotiri School this year, now could be the perfect MOOment!

#### How to donate

**For Works Animals** – All you need to do is let your stock agent know that you wish to support Marotiri School by donating the value of x number of stock and complete a separate TB Declaration



If you have any questions, please contact Brad Woodford on: **021 589 444** or email [brad.woodford@marotiri.school.nz](mailto:brad.woodford@marotiri.school.nz)

Any queries made regarding the Marotiri School Livestock Scheme will be completely confidential and places you under absolutely no obligation to offer an animal.

**Thank you for supporting Marotiri School**

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Fuel for Schools

#### Northfuels School Sponsorship Programme

As a Northfuels customer, you can nominate a participating school to receive 50 cents for every 100 litres of bulk fuel that you have delivered. We accrue these funds and when a participating school has reached \$1000 through the programme they can choose to redeem either a technology, sports equipment or literacy package. To see if you can help too: contact North Fuels 08004843543 Or [www.northfuels.co.nz](http://www.northfuels.co.nz)

### Weekly Housecleaner Required

Housecleaner required 2-3 hrs per week.

Please contact Denys Gayton on 0274309517 for details

### Accidents & Emergencies

**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.

**Tihoi Venture School has available an Emergency Kit** that includes Oxygen, Blood Pressure, Blood Glucose, Nebuliser for asthma, Trauma Kit, Airway management and a defibrillator. All staff are trained First Aiders and can assist. Callum's contact is 021 029 31513 if no reply on 07 3728 416.

It has been suggested that the phone number for the Venture School (see above) be programmed into cell phones in case of an emergency which would provide closer assistance until other emergency support arrives.

# TAMPO DISC GOLF

## Give-it-a-Go Day

February 26th | 10am - 2pm

Spa Park Disc Golf Course

Next to Dirt Bike Jump Carpark

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