

Marotiri Messenger

From the Principal's Desk

Wednesday 9th March 2022
Week 6 Term 1

Kia ora Koutou,
Greetings to parents and members of the Marotiri School Community.

On behalf of our staff and students I extend a very warm welcome to Hillary Lourie who has joined our staff as a teacher trainee. Hillary is studying through the University of Waikato, and will be completing her teaching practicums with us. She will be working in Room 1 with Miss Holdsworth and the Senior students. Hillary and her husband Dave live at Tihoi Venture School.

As Omicron numbers continue to spike within our community, we wish those who have been affected a speedy recovery. We currently do not have any positive cases amongst staff or any students on site. Please continue to be vigilant for symptoms, and get tested if you or your child show signs of COVID. If any household members (parents or siblings) test positive, all household contacts must self-isolate for 10 days and receive a negative test result before returning to school. It is important to let the school office know if anyone in your family has tested positive. All other children are expected to continue attending school unless unwell.

While New Zealand grapples with Omicron, I feel it important to acknowledge the current state of unrest in Ukraine. Our thoughts are with those in Ukraine and any family members living in New Zealand. Please be aware of the affect that the media coverage may have on your child. This can be unsettling for some, particularly when there is a level of heightened anxiety as a result of COVID. It is at times like this, that we truly appreciate how lucky we are to live here at Marotiri.

On a more positive note, planning is well underway for our 2022 Marotiri Trail Ride next weekend, 19th March. Thank you to the fantastic team who are labouring away to make this day not only possible, but even bigger and better than last year which saw 417

riders taking part, and that didn't count local riders who were marshals. The organising committee is being led very capably by Richard Webber. COVID's Red Traffic Light status means there will be restrictions under which we need to operate to allow this event to go ahead. Anyone on site must present their Vaccination pass. Car parking will be in bubbles of 100. We need people to help as parking marshals and others to assist on each of the Car park registration tables. If you are able to help, please phone Sarah Walters, ph: 027 2249213. All money raised from the Trail Ride goes towards funding our wonderful teacher aides, and is an essential part of our annual budget.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we are still seeking donations of clean top soil and five large boulders approx. 1.2mt in diameter to be used for the landscaping of our school office entranceway. If you are able to help supply either of these, or have some experience in laying pavers please contact the office. Thank you in advance.

Finally, as our swimming season draws to a close, we congratulate each of our students on their swimming accomplishments. Last Friday each class participated in our swimming sports. Year's 1-3 shared a swimming display, while Year 4-8 competed in a number of swimming events. Well done all! A special thank you goes to Mark Jurado who again has kept our swimming pool in a pristine condition. Our new pool cover and maintenance on our solar heating has meant our swimming season has been extended.

Quote of the week: *The more you read, the more things you will know, the more that you learn, the more places you'll go.* Dr Seuss.

Nga Mihi
Rose Symes

Our Powhiri was held on Thursday 17th February to welcome all our new students and staff over the past year. Thankyou to Matua Grant for leading this event.



Birthday Celebrations

Turning 6 is Maddex (15th), Turning 7 is Karly (18th),
Turning 10 is LeBron (16th), Turning 12 is Kayden (18th)



We are extremely grateful for the ongoing support of local families whose children have moved onto intermediate, college and beyond, yet continue to support our Marotiri School Community. Please know that your efforts are appreciated and never taken for granted.



Next Marotiri Messenger date - 23rd March

Next Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday 22nd March

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What's On This Term

16th Mar	Kiwisport Interschol Athletics TBC
17th Mar	Yr 7-8 routine HPV & Boostrix Immunisations (Parent Consents will be obtained)
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.

SUPER STUDENTS

Week ending 25th February -

Senior Studio— Isla Anderson, Mack Peckham
Room 2— Greer Robinson, Damian Pepper
Room 4— Ben Sargent, Jacob McCormack
Room 5— Ari Karipa,



Week ending 4th March-

Senior Studio— Mila Karipa, Connor Bridgens
Room 2— Elijah Whitehead, RJ Hawke
Room 3— Harix lee, Holly Anderson
Room 4— Rose Webber, Karly Dillon
Room 5— Beauden Patterson, William Finlayson

Principal's Awards:

Ari Karipa, William Finlayson, Kyjah Lee, Ariel Williamson

HELLO FROM THE BOARD

Though the nights have thankfully been cooler, summer is definitely still here. No doubt the children have been appreciating the pool this year!

The Board has had a busy start to the year, reviewing our 2022 Charter and school budget, as well as continuing to plan the landscaping and access improvements and awaiting completion of the carpark project.

We're really looking forward to the trail ride on the 19th March - there's been another huge effort to date and many thanks go to all involved. Not long to go now! Check out the Trail ride FB page.

At our last Board meeting, I was re-elected as Presiding Member. The vote of confidence is much appreciated! This term will last until the triennial Board elections in September. These would normally be held mid-year, but have nationally been postponed.

The next board meeting is scheduled for 22 March 2022 - visitors are welcome.

Stay safe and enjoy the sun!

Steph Russell

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BUS MONITORS FOR 2022

KINLOCH: Tristin Fletcher, Harrison Robinson
Brianna Fletcher, Greer Robinson/Georgia Chamberlin

SOUTHERN: Jaygar Lee, Kyjah Lee
Allie Wilcox

NORTHERN: Matt Walters, Richie Frantzetz
Caroline Pepper, Rachel Gibbons

Lilliput Farm Visit—Room 6



Bev put a worm on my hand. I fed the lizard—BY Alex W
I put pellets in my hand and I fed the deer—BY Stella

I patted a deer, it was soft—BY Amelia

Children climbed into the horse feed trough—BY Emily

Nui and Alice went in the cage.—BY Hunter

I fed the pigs some pellets.—BY Ryder

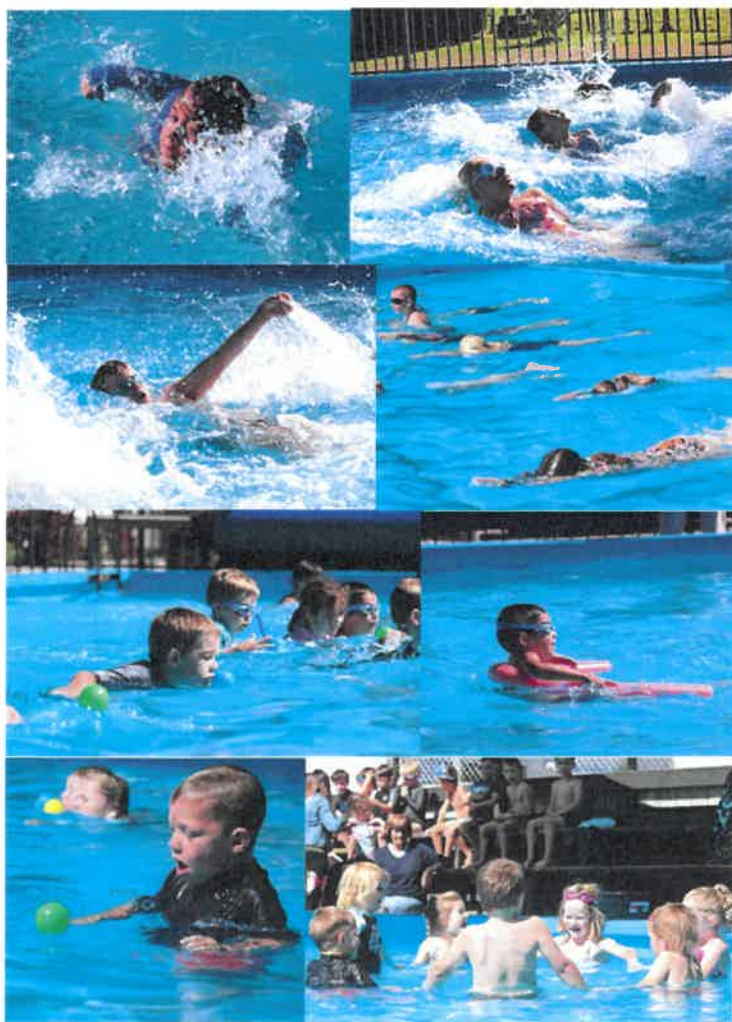


Boxes of Tissues

Our boxes of tissues store needs restocking. For those unsure of the process, we ask families to donate a box of tissues each year 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.



Swimming Sports 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.

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EMPATHY	SIBLING RIVALRY	TEENAGERS AND BOUNDARIES
SETTING LIMITS	PAUSE TIME IN	ARE YOU DOING TOO MUCH
PERSONALITY TYPES	PRAISE VS ENCOURAGEMENT	QUALITY TIME

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Marotiri School Trail Ride

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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

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

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