

Marotiri Messenger

From the Principal's Desk

Wednesday 23rd March 2022
Week 8 Term 1

Kia ora Koutou,
Greetings to parents and members of the Marotiri School Community,
Congratulations and an enormous thank you to everyone who played a role in making our second annual motor bike trail ride last Saturday such a 'roaring' success. The Red Traffic light restrictions required a lot of additional and careful planning. However, 588 riders from throughout the central North Island came along to enjoy what Marotiri had to offer. An enormous thank you to Colin and Dale Armer and the Oliver family trust for the use of their farms and the generosity of our sponsors. You will find a full report on the day enclosed in this newsletter.

As Omicron numbers continue to increase in our school community, we are grateful for the consideration shown by families in immediately notifying the school of any family members affected by this. The seven-day isolation period is crucial to stemming the spread of COVID amongst our students and staff. While class numbers have been low over the past ten days we have managed to maintain our normal learning programmes in each class. Please contact the office if anyone in your household has tested positive and keep your child home if they are unwell. This too will

pass!

We are now in week eight, of an eleven-week term, with the last day for this term being Thursday April 14th, the day before Easter Good Friday. Our Term One Inquiry has seen students and staff focused on exploring what it means to be an Enviro School. The school grounds positively reflect the increased understanding and ownership shown by students for making our school environmentally friendly, attractive and sustainable for future generations.

I would also like to extend a special thankyou to our dedicated team of parents and community members—Brad, Michelle, Nikki, Emily and Wendy who are part of an organised roster and come along daily to run our Breakfast Club. The breakfast club is sponsored by Sanitarium and Fonterra who supply all the weekbix and milk. This ensures all children are able to start the day with a healthy breakfast.

Quote of the week:

The strength of the team is each individual member.

The strength of each member is the team.

Phil Jackson

Nga Mihi

Rose Symes

Trail Ride Photos—Report inside



Birthday Celebrations

Turning 6 is Jackson (4th April), Turning 9 is Annabell (4th April), Turning 10 is Mila (27th March), Damian (3rd April).



Next Marotiri Messenger date - 6th April
Next Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday 29th March

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What's On This Term

28th March Hockey Taster—Rms 1,2,3 9.30am
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.

SUPER STUDENTS

Week ending 11th March -

Senior Studio— Grace Brandao, Harrison Robinson
Room 2— Joel Brown, Alice Breingan
Room 3— Harix Lee, Hannah Russell
Room 4— Daniel Lindsay, Jacob McCormack
Room 5— Henry Anderson, Luca Chamberlin
Room 6— Hunter Lindsay, Stella Joustra-Smith
Principals Awards: Erica McCormack, Alice Waterworth



Week ending 18th March-

Senior Studio— Rachel Gibbons, Grace Brandao
Room 2— Joel Brown, Deekoda Leach
Room 3— Kaiden Frankhouser, Khorun Lee
Room 4— Samantha Wylie, Ben Sargent
Room 5— Sonny Evans, Cooper Dudley
Room 6— Alex Wood, Maddison Denholm
Principal's Awards: Alex Urbahn, Ethan Whitehead



Trail Ride Report

The Second annual Marotiri School Trail Ride was held on Saturday and attracted 588 riders from all across the North Island.

The track consisted of a main loop of 38kms, with several harder sections along the way, and also an 8km novice loop – which proved popular later in the day. The terrain was a mix of farmland and forestry and proved to be a challenge for even some experienced riders.

Special thanks have to go to Armer Farms and the Oliver family for generously donating their land for this ride and also to our major sponsor, Power Farming, who really added another dimension to the day. Look out for some footage from the Power Farming marketing team over the coming days. Thank you Richard Clarke and Andrew Johnson

Thanks also to our other sponsors Ballance Agrinutrients, Midlands Rural Transport, Central Livestock, Event Hire and Rural Safe.

Our medical team from Tihoi Venture School were kept busy and the support from St John and the Greenlea Rescue Helicopter was much appreciated. Special thanks to Peter Evans and James Mclean for leading the First Aid response.

Special mention has to go to Armer Farms Waihora Station manager David Briscoe and also Nathan Wylie who accommodated us on their property for several weeks during set-up and putting up with the disruption on the day.

Rose Symes and Sarah Walters lead the administration team of many and kept everyone safe, following MOH guidelines for events under the red traffic light setting.

Thanks to Steph Russell, Anna Webber, Vicki Armer, Mel Gibbons, Rachel Gibbons, Nic Chamberlin, Michelle Hine, Caroline Pepper, Geoff Symes, Brad Woodford, Craig Render, Tanya Wood, Caitlin Walters, Stu Dillon, Tom Managh, Heather Kelly and Suzy Aislabie for their help on the day and also Shirley McKinley & Heather Kelly who did a lot of work behind the scenes.

The track team put in a huge amount of time leading up to the event and on the day. Special thanks to Richard Webber, Guy Pennington, Tony Chamberlin, Mike Sargent, Ashley Waterworth, John Anderson, Jarrod and Axel Lowe, Clarke Boyd, Andrew Johnson, Tom Wylie and Cam Dillon.

After the dust settled, \$24,500 was raised for the school to support teacher aides and learning resources!

Bus Reminder

Buses leave 30 minutes earlier on Friday. We have a half hour lunch break to compensate.

School Swimming Pool is now closed

The school swimming pool is now **CLOSED** for the season. If you would like you can return your pool keys to the school office for your \$10 refund.

Room 4 Environmental Work

Room 4 people have been working to enhance our school environment. We have been thinking about how we can improve our school signs. The signs are important because they are designed to keep us all safe at school. We have written about our working bees and taken photos too.



Yesterday we worked around the little golden elm tree. A bush had started to grow under it so we dug it out. The golden elm tree had dead twigs and branches so we got rid of them. Now it looks like the happiest tree I've ever seen at our school. I polished the mosaic tiles around it. The Governor General, Dame Silvia Cartwright planted the golden elm tree in 2005. The greatest thing is that we worked together. **By Clara**



Today we had our third working bee. I was down by the five kilometre sign and I was working with Nico. We had to do some more sanding and then we painted the post white. We had cones around us to keep safe in case cars drove in or out of the gate. There were two spiders on the post and Nico was scared of them. He killed one of them and one of the spiders got paint on it. We emailed the Sunsmart lady and she is sending us a new sunsmart sign because the sun had faded our one. We also harvested the potatoes. We have two buckets of potatoes and they weigh twelve kilograms. Some of them are big. **By Amy**



Yesterday we cleaned the five kilometre sign on the driveway. We used a bucket with Jiff and warm water. We really had to scrub it hard. We had to use chairs because it was high up. At lunch time we sanded the post. Next week we are going to paint the sign post. **By Ben & Kaleb**

OTHER NOTICES

HELLO FROM THE BOARD

Wow, what a weekend! We are absolutely buzzing from the success of the second annual Marotiri School Trail Ride on Saturday. The money raised is a much-needed injection into our school's operating budget; we simply cannot run as we do without it. Massive thanks is owed to all involved (both directly and in support from home) - landowners, sponsors and the many dedicated feet on the ground on the day - all directed so capably by BOT Member Richard Webber. We are very grateful to you all. Though this major fundraiser has been front of mind, there's still plenty going on behind the scenes. In September this year, the 2022 Triennial Board Elections will take place. This is a great time for you to get involved in the governance of Marotiri School. More information regarding dates will follow shortly. The Board meeting scheduled for 22nd March has been postponed to 29th March. Visitors are welcome, phone the school office for details. Stay well
Steph Russell

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 Sports Notices

Marotiri Soccer Club—Grade Team Enrolment 2022
Enrolment forms have been issued are due back into the school office by 25th March.

Marotiri Netball Club—Enrolments for 2022
Enrolment forms have been issued. Can we please have them back into the school office to sort teams.
Any queries for the above, please contact the school office.

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 MOOOment!

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.

Thank you for supporting Marotiri School

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Relief School Cleaner required

We seek an additional relief cleaner for 4.5 hrs a day to cover when our current cleaners are unavailable, If you are interested please contact Rose Symes 0292500042 or the school office.

House to Rent

Seeking a house to rent in the district. If you have one available please contact the school office. 07 3728273

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Early Childhood Education

- * **Marotiri Playgroup** Each Tuesday morning 9.15–11.30am at Marotiri School Hall with REAP coordinators Kim & Bay.
- * **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
- * **Whakamaru Playcentre** Corner Arataki & Tihoi Roads. Fridays 9.30am–12noon. This is a free, parent-run programme for children aged 0–5 years. Phone Holly 021 2426066 or Becky 027 6373670 whakamaru.playcentre@gmail.com
- * **Country Kidz ECE** is a community based centre for preschoolers from 6 months to 5 years old. We warmly welcome new families to the area. Morning session 8.30am - 12.30pm, Full day session 8.30am - 3.30pm 20 free ECE hours available for 2, 3 and 4 year olds - conditions apply. Please contact us on 07 333 9111 or at office@countrykidz.co.nz Centre Manager: Hayley

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