

Marotiri Messenger

From the Principal's Desk

Wednesday 6th April 2022
Week 10 Term 1

Kia ora Koutou,

Greetings to parents and members of the Marotiri School Community,

This is our last newsletter for Term 1. Next week, brings to a close a term that has been different to any other with the challenges that COVID has brought to our school and community. We wish those who have been affected, a speedy recovery.

The school has been a busy place with our term one Inquiry focused on exploring what it means for Marotiri to be an enviro school. Each class has developed a vision map for what they would like to see put in place to improve, enhance and sustain our school environment for future generations. You can read some very cute vision statements from the students in Room 5.

We see evidence of a strong environmentally focused culture developing with a range of programmes, including recycling, worm farms, a new Room 6 vegetable garden, enhanced native bush area, cleaned and polished school signs, and the building of bug houses amongst many other school projects. There has also been a strong Technology focus in Room 1 with Fee Holdsworth, Craig Render and Hillary Lourie working together to offer a wide range of learning opportunities. The 3D printer has proved a real hit.

Term 2 is shaping up to be very exciting with a science focus including the engagement of a group of well-known scientists who are eager to work with staff and students to build an exciting field-based STEM programme (an educational approach to learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics for guiding student inquiry, dialogue and critical thinking). Tony Jones is the founding director of Field Based STEM and will lead the exploration of geology, natural science and space.

Tony will be supported by Ruud (Bug Man) Kleinpaste, who hosted Animal Planet series *Buggin' with Ruud*, and promotes the

protection of endangered native NZ Birds, and an appreciation of insects, spiders, and other terrestrial arthropods. Haritina (space girl) worked at NASA and the Mission to Mars project - she is an 'out of this world facilitator' with a Master's in Horticultural Engineering and in Astrobiology and is passionate about space sciences, biosecurity, horticulture and celestial navigation. As part of her delivery, Haritina offers students access to an Astrobiology Dome, a portable planetarium along with a model Mars rover and telescopes. These programmes will support our ongoing enviro focus. We will be looking at holding two 'Teacher Only Days' as part of this programme in early Term 2—Dates will be confirmed as soon as possible.

Sadly, amidst all of this planning, I have to advise our school community that I have most reluctantly accepted the resignation of Shirley McKinley as one of our highly skilled and valued School Admin Officers. Due to personal reasons, Shirley will be leaving us at the end of this term. On behalf of the students, staff, parents and Board members, I would like to thank Shirley for the amazing job she has done. Shirley is highly valued and is a well-respected member of our staff, sick-bay nurse, honorary Grandma to all of our students, and an absolute work horse in the office. Shirley will be missed by us all, and especially Heather and I. We wish Shirley every happiness for her future. This position will be advertised in our newsletter.

I wish you and your families a very happy Easter and holiday break, and look forward to seeing you back in Term 2.

Quote of the week: "I believe education is all about being excited about something" *Steve Irwin*

Nga Mihi
Rose Symes



Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club operates every school morning from 8.30—9.00am before start of school and is run by a group of volunteer parents and community members. All children are able to have a nutritional breakfast of Weetbix and Milk supplied free to the school by Sanitarium and Fonterra.

Farewell from Marotiri School

A sincere farewell to the following student who has left our school.—Alex U in room 5. We wish him all the best for his future achievements

Birthday Celebrations

Turning 6 is Emily (10th), Samuel (14th), Henry (19th), Turning 7 is Kaleb (12th), Noel (15th), Nico (23rd), Turning 8 is Danni (14th), Khorun (23rd), Turning 9 is Ariel (20th), Turning 10 is Elijah W (10th), Deekoda (26th), Turning 11 is Bentley (13th), Royden (25th), Mack (7th May), Turning 12 is Satevah (11th)

Happy Birthday to you all !!



to Marotiri School

A warm welcome to the following students who have joined us at school:- Shaylah in Rm 1 & Alex B in Rm 6

Next Marotiri Messenger date - 11th May
Next Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday 24th May (TBC)

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WHAT'S ON THIS TERM

14th April Last day of Term 1
15th April Easter Good Friday

TERM 2

2nd May Term 2 begins
3rd May Student Led Conferences 1.15pm—6pm
5th May Student Led Conferences 3.15pm—5.45pm
Book your time through the Skool Loop APP

SUPER STUDENTS

Week ending 1st April -

Senior Studio— Connor Bridgens, Axle Lowe
Room 2— Georgia Chamberlin, Kyjah Lee
Room 3— Molly Peckham, Khorun Lee
Room 4— Ben Sargent, Claya Breingan
Room 5— Henry Anderson, Indie Donaldson, Beauden Patterson
Room 6— Alice Waterworth, Amelia Dillon
Principals Awards: Robbie Woodford, Mila Karipa, Grace Brandao, Ryder Candy



KIWI COMPETITIONS

The University of Canterbury is delighted to offer the annual Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science competitions for Primary, Intermediate and Secondary schools in years 5 to 10. The skills based Kiwi competitions are written by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students and closely align with the New Zealand Curriculum. The online competitions will be run in the last 3 weeks of Term 2 and the first week of Term 3. Parents/caregivers will be provided with an individual student report outlining student performance distributed by the school. All participating students will be awarded a certificate and a prize will be awarded to the top student in each competition. The cost for a student to participate is \$9.50 per competition entered. We will issue the entry forms at the start of Term 2 and payment must be received with entry form.



Sincere thanks to **David & Elizabeth Dysart (Apple Tree Bridge Farm)** for the generous donation of 1 Cow in March for the benefit of Marotiri School, which saw an injection of \$1,326.78 into our school bank account.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES (SLC)

Appointment times are available through the Skool Loop APP
SLC's will be held on :-

TUESDAY 3rd May —1.15 start

THURSDAY 5th May - 3.15pm Start

Instructions:- Open App, Tap the Interview Tab, Select Teacher, Select Date & Time, Complete the booking form and receive notification & email to confirm the booking. Please sign.
If you do not have the Skool Loop App on your phone, please phone the school office as soon as possible and we will book your time for you.

PLEASE BOOK YOUR TIME BEFORE DAY 1 TERM 2, 2ND MAY—TO ALLOW TEACHERS TO PREPARE

Children whose appointment times are within an hour of the start time can remain at school. Others will need to travel home on the bus and then return later for their scheduled SLC appointment.

School will finish at 12.30pm on TUESDAY ONLY.

Bus children will be home 2 1/2 hrs earlier than normal

Bus will leave school at the normal time of 3pm on THURSDAY

MOBILE DENTAL UNIT

An update from the Dental Nurse—Marotiri School is on the radar for this year. They have 4 schools to visit before coming and 2 of them are town schools with larger roll numbers. Hopefully by the end of the year??? If your child has severe toothache or in need of being seen by a dental nurse, please phone 07 3789470 to discuss.



SENIOR STUDIO 3D PRINTING

A huge Thank You to Matua Craig for letting us, room one, use your 3D printer and teaching us how to print our designs!! -it has been quite addictive (I think there'll be a few 3D printers on Santa's list this Christmas)!!



3D PRINTING A whirling noise fills the classroom. The laptop sitting aimlessly waiting for dozens of emails to flood into the inbox. All the kids mindlessly programming their virtual structures to print and have as their own. That inbox updates, that 3d printer starts slaving away. Time is precious, and it would take an hour to print just one thing. Just to make it worse, looking at the printer do its work made it seem a whole light-year longer than it actually is. The third bell of the day struck and ended morning tea. Kids flowed into class and saw one of the structures was complete. It was white as foam and the fresh outer layer was awaiting to be ripped off and was destined to the trash. Keep your structures at a reasonable size and get creative. There are endless possibilities.

BY Harrison



SENIOR STUDIO CODING MICROBITS

An exciting morning coding microbits to carry out tasks allocated by students and give a response! Thanks Mr Render, now we can set up sensors to monitor and give up responses that will tell us when to water our plants!!



A huge THANK YOU to Sam Dudley and his team for our new PE shed shelving and to masters Connor and Axle for their sweat and strength in shifting All the gear into the new shelves!

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OTHER NOTICES

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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.

LOST PROPERTY

PLEASE CHECK THE LOST PROPERTY COLLECTION FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR ITEMS. **THERE IS A FULL LAUNDRY BASKET FOR TERM 1.** 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.



Signing children out during school hours

Please ensure you sign your child out on the iPad **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.

Boxes of Tissues



Our boxes of tissues store needs restocking for the winter. 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.

ROOM 5 WRITING

TO IMPROVE OUR SCHOOL:

I have a vision map to improve our school and I want a mango tree and I would like a plum tree and a feijoa tree.

BY Luca

I want a pizza stand. I want a dog at my school.

BY Beauden

We look after the swan plant flowers. The butterflies like them. I think Mrs Brandao will buy some more swan plant flowers.

BY Sam

I want an Ice cream truck. I want a water slide at my school.

BY Cooper

I want a calf to keep at school.

BY Jackson

To improve the school I want a waffle maker for free. I will have raspberries on my waffles.

BY Flynn

I want a zoo at my school.

BY Maddex

I want a school dog and a tramp and a food shop and a fish pond and an ice cream truck at my school.

BY Indie

I drew a trampoline and a water slide on my vision map to improve our school.

BY Ari

I want a bike track and a trampoline to improve my school.

BY Henry

I want a slide and a fish bowl and an apple tree at my school.

BY Candice

WETA STORY TO SHARE WITH YOU BY SAM

Wetas have spikes on their legs and antennae. Wetas can walk a long way, five hundred metres. Wetas eat leaves and can climb trees from predators. This is a tree weta. They also like to eat other little insects for prey. Wetas lay eggs. Rats eat weta. Weta hide in leaves from predators.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

FUEL FOR SCHOOLS

Northfuels School Sponsorship Programme

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The school has redeemed their points and are awaiting on the delivery of a Sports Package and a Sphero Mini Bundle.

To see if you can help too: contact North Fuels 08004843543

Or www.northfuels.co.nz

Thankyou Tim Redstone for your ongoing sponsorship.

SITUATION VACANT

We are seeking a part time Office Administrator at Marotiri School for 3-4 days per week.

The successful candidate will be a highly-efficient and self-motivated team-player who is able to work collaboratively, have good communication and interpersonal skills and show commitment to the corporate life of our school. This position complements and works closely with our finance officer.

Previous school administration experience preferred with knowledge in using eTAP. Good computer knowledge essential. Position to commence Term 2. A job description is available on request. Please apply by email to principal@marotiri.school.nz

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.

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

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