

# Marotiri Messenger

## From the Principal's Desk

Wednesday 8th May 2019  
Week 2, Term 2

Kia ora Koutou,

Greetings to parents and members of the Marotiri School Community. I hope you all managed to share some quality family time over Easter and are ready for a new and exciting term.

Thank you very much to our families and staff who worked so diligently to bring together our Cultural Celebration at the end of Term 1. Even the torrential rain could not dampen the spirits as we gathered together to share a wonderful evening meal prepared for 230 guests, followed by musical entertainment.

Food was prepared at school and cooked in two spits, two hangi kai cookers, a South African Braai, BBQ and at the Tihoi Venture School. The array of meats and vegetables, were supplemented with cultural dishes provided by parents. It was a wonderful celebration, only made possible by the generosity of our families in donating their time, meat and vegetables.

Thank you to Finn Riley and his grandfather for entertaining us with their musical performance after dinner, and to Rebecca Kelly who provided the rest of our music.

Term 2 has begun amidst a flurry of science experiments as our students and their teachers delve into our new Student Inquiry - Physical and Chemical Changes resulting in things that Fizz, Foam, Bubble, Pop and Bang. A range of exciting science in a Box resources have been sourced through the House of Science.

This term we welcome Mrs Philippa Semini as our Room 2 teacher, following the return of Hannah Foley to the UK. Philippa has a long standing connection with Marotiri School as a classroom and Reading Recovery

teacher, and more recently as a reliever.

Mrs Suzie Aislabie will commence teaching in Room 3 as a fixed term reliever while Rebecca Kelly is on Maternity Leave. Suzie comes to us from Taupo and is an experienced teacher, having had experience in teaching at all class levels.

Thank you to those who have returned the Bible in Schools Survey Forms sent out last term. Based on the responses received, the board have made a decision that Bible in Schools programme will not continue. Our School Virtues Programme will continue to focus on promoting ROCK SOLID values.

This week our teaching staff will be attending a NZEI Paid Union meeting. The school will remain open for instruction with some teachers attending a morning meeting while others will attend an afternoon meeting. Classes will be covered by two relievers and myself.

Nominations for parent representatives for the upcoming Board of Trustees elections close noon Friday 24 May. Nomination forms will be posted to all people on the voting roll.

**Quote of the week: "Whiria te tangata. Weave the people together."**

Ngā mihi

*Rose Symes*

### May Birthday Celebrities

On the 11th Kora turns 6, Linay turns 6 on the 14th, Lila turns 7 on the 16th, Jaygar turns 10 on the 17th, Nixon turns 6 on the 20th, Jaz turns 11 on the 27th, on the 30th Kellie & Lexie turn 12 & Elijah turns 7. Happy Birthday to you all.



**Interaction this Friday 1.45pm**

Hosted by the junior students and the senior classes will be presenting

Next Marotiri Messenger 21st May

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## Term Two Inquiry Physical & Chemical Changes - things that Fizz, Foam, Bubble, Pop & Bang!

### What's On This Term

6-12 May	Road Safety Week
14 May	Year 7 & 8 National Young Leaders Day, Hamilton
24 May	Young Leaders Day – Taupo - for School Leaders.
29 May	Taupo Inter-school Ripper Rugby Tournament
3 June	<b>Queen's Birthday holiday</b>
6 June	Winter Sports – Mangakino Year 4-8
19 June	E-Pro 8 Challenge Taupo– for selected Year 5-6,7-8 teams
21 June	Year 0-3 Pinelands Dance Festival –Mangakino
24 June	Science Van visiting
26 June	Pinelands Speech Competition – Year 4-8
27 June	<b>Teacher Only Day – School Closed</b>
4 July	Administration Officers at Admin Conference
5 July	Last Day Term 2

### Celebration of Culture Evening

Thank you to Grant Sandford for co-ordinating this event and the following people who donated a large amount of time to making this event successful. Kelly Fraser, Japie Nortje, Louette Breignan, David Dysart, Willy Smith, James Croft, Sean Meyer, Kaya Waiariki, Karli Knowles, Santana Katene.

Thank you to Grant & Anika Sandford and David & Elizabeth for supplying lambs for the spit; Hine & Ofa Fotu and family for the lamb chops, Wayne Mankelow for the roasts, Brett Kearins for the venison; and for the South African Sausages, thank you to Japie & Yolandi Nortje & Sean & Ashleigh Meyer.

We are grateful to Tihoi Venture School for the use of their ovens, Omanu Surf Club, Mt Maunganui for allowing us to use their gazebos and to Grant Sandford for travelling to collecting these.

Daryl & Jamie-Lee Karipa & Wayne Mankelow for the use of kai cookers and to Tihoi Tavern for the use of their spit.

Thank you to parents who helped prepare the vegetables; Andrea Campbell, Corinna Walker, Richard Simpson, Kaya Waiariki, Rebecca Selwood, Shelley Timu, Sina Heller, Nina Dew, Natalie Picco, Nic Chamberlin & the girls from the senior class.

Thank you Paul & Theresa Lee for providing the bread to make the stuffing and to Karley Webber & Karli Knowles for making the delicious stuffing.

Karli Knowles for transporting vegetables to Tihoi and for time spent cooking these and to Damian Firth for returning them to school.

Thank you to all of our families who donated food; bread rolls, potatoes, kumara, pumpkin, butter and supplies. This was a huge joint effort and we apologise if there is anyone we may have missed. Please know we appreciate your support.

### Thank you...



Thank you to Kevin Brown from Whakamaru Pump Services who reinstated our school flag.

Thank you to our Caretaker Colin's sister in law, Jacqui Ottoway who has donated her late husband Rick's tools to the Caretakers tool collection. These will be put to good use.

**Bulb Fundraiser**-Thank you to those who purchased bulbs in Term 1 supporting the fundraiser which raised \$235 for the school. Thank you Bryony Wylie for organising this.

Thank you to Grant Sandford & Willy Smith for marking the school sports fields.

**FOS Fundraiser:** Thank you Elizabeth Dysart, Bryony Wylie & Natalie Picco for waitressing at the Kidd Family wedding.

Thank you Glen Wilcox for the stag meat and to Mangakino Homekill for processing this for FOS at no cost.

**The office will be utilising this free app more often to communicate with parents.** Receive notifications of events, cancellations, notices, newsletters, permission slips, absentees. Free download and choose **Marotiri** once installed.



### Reminders

**Tummy Bugs** - If your child has had a tummy bug, please ensure they are kept at home until 24 hours from the last incident of vomiting or diarrhea.

**No Dogs** - Dogs are prohibited on the school grounds.

Our senior Y7 & 8 students spent a morning with Jane Yeoman from St Johns as part of the ASB first aid in schools programme, learning all about first aid skills and being first responders...

These life skills will be super handy for the winter sports coming up!! A

huge Thank you to Jane, ASB Bank & St Johns



### Board of Trustees Triennial Elections

Nomination forms will be posted to families this week. Nominees need to supply an introduction of up to 400 words with a photo. Nominations close noon Friday 24 May. Voting papers will be posted to families by 29 May, voting closes 7th June.

The new BOT take office 14 June.

The senior students have been busy thinking like scientists and unpacking some great experiments exploring questions and formulating hypothesis.



### Room 6 Writing

I saw a fish and put it back. By Khorun  
Shantay was a doctor. By Katie  
We filled the balloon with water.  
We put the balloon in the freezer.  
By Hannah  
My Mum went shopping. By Lucy  
We blew the liquid with a straw. It was fun racing with Jzharklan. By Jack

# Marotiri Sports News



## ❖ Rippa Rugby Tournament



We are excited to have three teams from school entered into the upcoming Taupo tournament. Students are well underway with lunchtime practices and thoroughly enjoying the sessions. Many thanks to all who have returned their permission slips to date, and to those who have offered help with transport. Please keep the permission slips coming in.

There is a possible date change for the tournament from May 29th to June 5th, due to unforeseen circumstances. Once this is confirmed we will communicate directly with parents who have offered transport for the day.

## ❖ Marotiri Soccer Club



Great to see all our teams underway and playing in the weekend, both at Crown Park and here at Marotiri School. Thanks to Michelle Hine for all her hard work on the administrative side ensuring teams were organised and ready to play. Well done to coaches, managers and parents for the support given our players. Please remember to let coaches and managers know early if players are going to be absent from games.

## ❖ Marotiri School Netball



Thanks to coaches, managers and parents for a great start to the season at Owen Delaney Park on Saturdays. A reminder please to let coaches and managers know early if players are going to be absent from games. Each player has been given a contact list with names and contact numbers on them to support this communication.

## ❖ Marotiri School Miniball Team



The 9 week competition is now underway on Wednesday afternoons at the Event Centre in Taupo. Great to see the positive attitude and enthusiasm shown by the players. Practices are held at Tuesday lunchtimes.

## ❖ Hockey Taster Sessions



Last term we were fortunate to have hockey coach Phillip Edwards in school to provide Y4 to Y8 students with an opportunity to be involved in learning a new set of skills. The coach remarked on the great enthusiasm, skill set and attitude our students demonstrated, which was pleasing to hear. There were a number of students keen on continuing to play hockey so if there is a parent interested in coaching we would love to consider a school summer hockey team when the season comes around. Please contact Sheryl Firth to discuss if you are able to help.





## **Marotiri School Board of Trustees' Election 2019**

### **Parent Election Notice**

Nominations are invited for the election of six (6) parent representatives to the board of trustees.

A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters.

You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself. Both parts of the form must be signed.

Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on **24 May** and may be accompanied by a signed candidate statement and photograph.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

Voting closes at noon on **Friday 7 June**.

Signed *Leith Thomas*

Returning Officer

<p><b>Whanau Nature Day 11th May 11-1pm.</b> Tongariro Domain. Kids will be able to make a gift for mum straight from Papatuanuku - no plastic required! <b>Community Planting Day 5 June</b> Owen Delany Park www.greeningtaupo.org.nz www.kidsgreeningtaupo.org.nz</p>	<p><b>Kiwi Steps Preschool</b> <b>42 Tihoi Rd, Whakamaru 8am – 5pm for all children 0 – 5 years</b> Open school holidays. Bicultural learning environment. ECE, Primary and Te Kohanga Reo qualified teachers. 20 hrs FREE for 3 &amp; 4 year olds. <a href="mailto:office@kiwisteps.co.nz">office@kiwisteps.co.nz</a> (07) 8828 234 or 027 9330 368</p>	<p><b>WORKER AVAILABLE</b> Window cleaning services, inside and out. Good rates. Experienced reliable relief milker. Can start immediately. Ph: Rebecca 027 398 1774.</p>
<p><b>Marotiri Ladies Night</b> <b>Thursday 23rd May 6.30pm</b> An evening with Liz Fry, Self Love Mentor along with drinks, nibbles, kombutcha demo &amp; tasting, spot prizes &amp; goodie bags. Tickets \$20 available for purchase (no door sales). All event proceeds go to support Taupo Family Centre. Email <a href="mailto:marotiriladiesnight@gmail.com">marotiriladiesnight@gmail.com</a> or find us on facebook @marotiriladiesnight Heidi 0211012310 Anika 0272748884</p>	<p><b>WHAKAMARU PLAYCENTRE</b> <b>Mondays &amp; Fridays 9.30 - 12:00 noon</b> <b>Corner Arataki &amp; Tihoi Roads.</b> This is a free, parent-run programme for children aged 0-5 years. E: <a href="mailto:whakamaru.playcentre@gmail.com">whakamaru.playcentre@gmail.com</a> Phone Lisa 07 2120025 or Alley 027 3722858</p>	<p><b>Marotiri Yoga</b> Sessions Monday 10am, Tuesday 6.30pm \$10 per session. Open to all levels with half of the earnings going to the Marotiri Hall fund. Please bring yoga mats, water &amp; something warm. For updates follow Marotiri Yoga on Facebook</p>
<p><b>Family Drive-In Movie Night</b> Taupo Blue-light have organised a family event for Queens Birthday Weekend June 1st, Waipahihi Reserve, Richmond Ave Tickets available <a href="http://www.eventfinda.co.nz">www.eventfinda.co.nz</a></p>	<p><b>Goat Wanted</b> A goat is wanted for a lifestyle property. Please contact 0212054904 if you can help.</p>	<p><b>For Sale: Ág Brand bale feeders</b> (2). Second hand good condition. 5 cattle capacity. \$400 each. Handy location. Phone 027 233 0478.</p>
<p><b>Chrissy Metcalfe</b> Teacher of Modern Style Piano, Keyboard and Theory. Yrs 1-8 Spaces available for lessons in school time on Tuesdays. Possible sibling share options Ph: 07-377 4901 or 022-106 5938 Email: <a href="mailto:Clairmont.p@xtra.co.nz">Clairmont.p@xtra.co.nz</a></p>	<p><b>COUNTRY KIDZ ECE</b> 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. <b>Morning session 8.30am - 12.30pm</b> <b>Full day session 8.30am - 3.30pm</b> 20 free ECE hours available for 2, 3 and 4 year olds - conditions apply. Please contact us on 07 333 9111 or at <a href="mailto:countrykidz@xtra.co.nz">countrykidz@xtra.co.nz</a> Centre Manager: Sandra Evans</p>	<p><b>GARDENER REQUIRED</b> Keen, reliable gardener wanted in Kinloch area. Please phone Natalie on 027 629 0208.</p>
<p><b>Looking for Parent Help</b> in Week 3 to prepare new readers for the junior classrooms. <b>Seeking Volunteers for Classrooms</b> Volunteers are needed to support our junior classrooms with learning. This will involve listening to children read, supporting maths activities and other activities. Please contact the office for further details.</p>	<p><b>Thank you to the Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund</b> for granting our soccer &amp; netball clubs \$500 each for petrol vouchers to ease the costs of travelling to Taupo for weekly games. These petrol vouchers will be distributed by the Team Managers once the season commences.</p>	<p><b>WEANER PIGS</b> Available now Please contact Barry on 0274955518 or Kurt 0272475300</p>
<p><b>Families needed to host French Exchange Students</b> Students from France will be arriving in early June who will live with a host family and attend a local private school for 3 months. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact Sandra Harders on 0800 440 079 <a href="mailto:info@studentplacement.co.nz">info@studentplacement.co.nz</a></p>	<p><b>MAROTIRI SCHOOL RELIEF CLEANER</b> If you would like to offer your services as a relief cleaner at Marotiri School, please phone the school office 07 3728273 or Elizabeth 07 8828 123.</p>	<p><b>Whakamaru Garden Circle Outing for Tuesday 21 May 2019.</b> This month we will go to the Rotorua Government gardens leaving Taupo at 10am, driving directly to the gardens. Please arrange car pooling. Lunch will be at Third Place cafe above the old Maori village Ohinemutu then on to Kurau Park and finally Palmers garden centre. Please confirm your attendance to Rio Rive 07 3788697 or 021 468746 or email <a href="mailto:riorive@xtra.co.nz">riorive@xtra.co.nz</a></p>
<p><b>Protection Against Measles</b> The Ministry of Health is urging New Zealanders to stay alert to symptoms of measles and ensure children between 15months-4years receive their MMR vaccinations. Measles is a highly contagious airborne virus which affects children &amp; adults. If you think you have measles, phone your GP first before visiting your Doctor to avoid spreading the virus in the waiting room. The first symptoms of measles include a fever, cough, runny nose, sore and watery 'pink' eyes. This is followed by a blotchy rash. Vaccination is free. You can check your child's vaccination status by contacting your GP or by looking in the Well Child Tamariki Ora Book. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.health.govt.nz">www.health.govt.nz</a></p>	<p><b>ROAD SAFETY WEEK</b> <b>6-12 May</b> Taupo District Council is running a road safety campaign with the theme "Adjust your speed for rural roads". The campaign is to raise awareness that country roads are not like motorways and have many different risks. There is a colouring in competition in the month of May for rural schools in our district. Colouring pages will be given to children this week. <a href="http://www.roadsafetyweek.org.nz">www.roadsafetyweek.org.nz</a></p>	<p><b>Basestep classes</b> (similar to Salsa dancing) every <u>Tuesday</u> – 7pm at Josh's Bar, Grandeur Thermal Bar, 281 Spa Rd, Taupo OR <u>Thursday's</u> at Taupo Primary School hall at 6.30pm. No partner required, beginners welcome. Have fun, get fit and meet new people. Receive your first class FREE.</p>
	<p><b>Pyjama Drive 6th-26th May</b> Marotiri School is a collection point 6-26th May for PJ's, nightwear, singlets &amp; socks. Collection box is in the school office. Coordinated by Soroptimist International Taupo supporting Taupo Womens Refuges &amp; Pregnancy Help Taupo <a href="http://www.siswp.org">www.siswp.org</a></p>	<p><b>Barbershop Hair Salon</b> <b>Coming Soon to Whakamaru</b> "DO or DYE Hair" opening soon by G.A.S Whakamaru. Contact Kelly Parker 0211339695</p>
		<p><b>WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL</b> <b>Drop-in days to discuss Healthy Rivers/Wai Ora Proposed Plan Change 1.</b> These will be held at the South Waikato Vet Clinic in Whakamaru from 10 – 2pm 15th May &amp; 12th June. These Drop-in days are for farmers in the area to come and have a chat. <i>Katherine Glasgow, Sustainable Agriculture Advisor</i> 072132617, 021719525</p>

### ***A Note from Leith Thomas***

Thank you to the Marotiri School staff, students and community.

As I embark on the next chapter in my life, I want to thank you all for the kind wishes expressed on my recent retirement from the office. Now I have had a chance to process the magnitude of the changes I will be facing and reflect on the variety and richness of my time at Marotiri, I am even more convinced that there is no better place I could have spent the past fifteen years.

I am not leaving the district, and will still be popping in and following weekly/fortnightly news and Marotiri Messengers showcasing the work of the school's achievers, enjoying various celebrations of learning and enthusing at presentations of wearable arts and musical shows.

A school is not defined by its physical boundary, but by the interest and input of its community. This school and community is very rich and well endowed, as illustrated by comments from visitors coming through the gates, for whatever reason; extolling the richness of the environment, the beauty of the gardens and surrounds and ambiance within the classes and learning areas. These are the values that enhance a school's reputation. Marotiri children reflect these values.

Thank you all for your support over the years; I feel very blessed.

Leith Thomas

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