



NEWSLETTER

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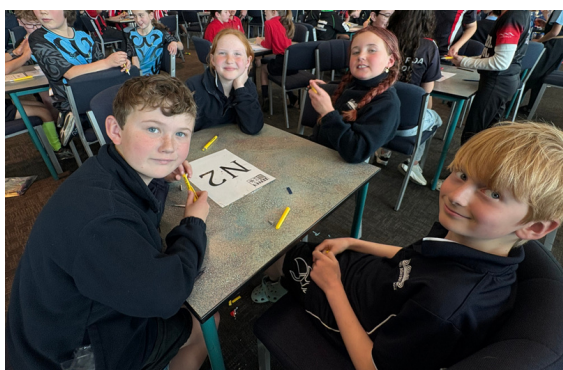
Kia ora koutou whānau,

Class Performances:

It was an absolute pleasure to see Kōtare and Kākāpō take the stage at last week's Learning Celebration. There is some real talent in our senior class, and watching the different ways they took to the stage was brilliant. I am sure you all could relate to seeing one or two of the road crew somewhere around NZ. Seeing our younger tamariki proudly share their performance items was a real highlight for us all.

Mathex:

A huge ka pai also goes out to our Year 5–8 students who represented our kura with pride and determination at the recent Manawatū Mathex competition. This is a challenging space, having complex maths problems to solve with time pressures. You did us proud!



School Carpark:

Many of you will have seen our senior students take on the crossing duty in the carpark. This initiative was instigated by Milton and it is great seeing his idea making it safer for all our tamariki. You will have noticed Mr Nobel's handy work with the signs, and around many of the spaces. It is awesome to have him making our school grounds amazing.



Roll Growth & Planning for 2027:

In recent weeks, it has been wonderful to welcome a noticeable number of new whānau looking to enroll their children at South Makirikiri School. While this strong interest in our school is fantastic news, it does bring some logistical challenges regarding our roll. We are currently working closely with the Ministry of Education (MOE) to ensure we have the necessary staffing and facilities to comfortably accommodate our student numbers across all year levels. We have been very fortunate to enjoy smaller class sizes in some areas, but looking ahead, this will not always be possible. With our 2027 planning already underway, Mrs. O'Neill, Miss Lagah, and I are actively exploring classroom structure options. If you are planning to transition your child to another school in 2027, please let us know as early as possible. Knowing your intentions early helps us make the best possible decisions for our classroom setups and staffing.

EOTC & Upcoming School Camps:

Over the coming weeks, several classes will be sending out detailed information regarding upcoming school camps. I absolutely love seeing our tamariki out learning in the local environment, though I know just how much teacher planning goes on behind the scenes to make these experiences happen.

We simply could not run these camps without the generous support of our parent helpers. If you are planning to support an upcoming camp, please respond to camp requests as soon as practical. Early responses allow us to complete necessary budgeting and process Police vetting in a timely manner.

Thank you all for your ongoing support and partnership in your children's learning.

Our busy calendar continues:

Over the coming weeks we have a large number of students heading off to Quad Sports Netball, followed by the Tough Kids competition next Friday, then Quad Sports Hockey on Friday 11th. While we love seeing our tamariki out in the community actively participating in such a rich variety of events, we are always mindful of the balancing act involved. Providing these high-value opportunities while maintaining a strong, steady focus on academic progress for every single child is something we continuously strive for.

Run Club taking off:

Each week students are getting the opportunity for extra fitness with a range of running sessions. It is great seeing students pushing themselves to get fitter during their lunchtimes.



Ngā mihi,

Greg Allan, Principal

FRIENDS OF SCHOOL

Hey Everyone...

Hey everyone!

A big thank you to everyone who came along to last week's meeting. It was a great night, with lots discussed – and fabulous to welcome a new member to the team! 🎉

We also allocated the funds from our pie fundraiser. Just shy of \$5,000 raised – amazing effort everyone!

Now it's time to double down on Quiz Night prep! We've had some fantastic sponsorship offers already for our auction and spot prizes. If you have a business, know someone who might like to donate, or have a great prize idea, please get in touch!

Make sure you've got your team together and send your team name to fos@southmak.school.nz.

17 July Quiz Night Meeting: Tuesday 3 September, 6:30pm in the school staffroom

If you can lend a hand, we'd love to see you there! All funds raised will go towards this year's school camps.

Auction items will be shared before the night, so you can start planning your bidding strategy!

As always, reach out to myself or any committee member with questions.

Cheers, Nina



We would love to have these baskets full with lots of goodies ready for auction at the quiz night. Can students/parents please drop donations into the office

BOOK CHARACTER DAY



OUR SCHOOL & COMMUNITY

A BUSY TERM 3

As you can see, we have a busy and exciting term ahead. Throughout the term, there will be times when we need the support of our parents and whanau.

We will be sharing more information through Hero, including surveys that will ask you to give permission for your child to attend various activities, as well as indicate whether you are available to help. Please keep an eye on your Hero notifications and take a few moments to complete any surveys as they become available for your child or children. Your support and prompt responses help us with planning and ensure our events run as smoothly as possible. Thank you in advance for your ongoing support—we couldn't do it without you!

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

A big congratulations to Pieter Botes on his incredible success at a number of recent swimming competitions



School Calendar

- Friday 28th August
Quad Sports - Netball
- Thursday 3rd September
Learning celebration - Piwakawaka, Weka & Kereru perform
- Friday 4th September
Tough Kid Ohingaiti
- Friday 11th September
Quad Sports - Hockey
- Tuesday 15th September
PCT challenge
- Friday 18th September
Learning celebration - Tui & Kea perform
- Monday 21st September
Pet Day - back up date is Friday 25th September
- Tuesday 22nd September
Rippa rugby tournament
- Friday 25th September
Last day of term 3
- Monday 12th October
Term 4 starts
- Friday 16th October
Cross Country - Duddings Lake



CLASSES AND TEACHERS FOR 2026



Mrs Menges is teaching in the Kōtare space. She has year 0-1 students. Her email is gmenges@southmak.school.nz



Miss Coleman is teaching in the Pīwakawaka space. She has year 0-1 students and her email is rcoleman@southmak.school.nz



Miss Richards is teaching in the Kererū space. She has year 2-3 students and her email is lrichards@southmak.school.nz



Miss Lagah is teaching in the Kākāpō space. She has year 7-8 students and her email is nlagah@southmak.school.nz



Mrs O'Neill is teaching in the Tūi space. She has year 2-3 students and her email is boneill@southmak.school.nz



Mrs Maas is teaching in the Kea space. She has year 4-5 students and her email is amaas@southmak.school.nz



Mrs Minnell is teaching in the Weka space. She has year 5-6 students and her email is kminnell@southmak.school.nz

- Mrs Emma Ryder: eryder@southmak.school.nz (intervention and Tui Class on a Tuesday)
- Mrs Elana Peebles: epeebles@southmak.school.nz (Kakapo Class on a Tuesday & extension group)
- Mrs Katie Taylor: ktaylor@southmak.school.nz (CRT Release teacher)
- Mrs Vanessa Pryde: vpryde@southmak.school.nz (CRT Release Teacher)

Year: 0/1
Teacher: Glenda Menges
Space: Kōtare

Cloak Bay/Toilets- Whare paku

Year: 0/1
Teacher: Rowena Coleman
Space: Pīwakawaka

Space: Kiwi
Mrs Ryder
Intervention/
Extension

Year: 2/3
Teacher: Lucy Richards
Space: Kererū

Year: 2/3
Teacher: Brenna O'Neill
Space: Tui

Year: 5/6
Teacher: Kellie Minell
Space: Weka

Year: 7/8
Teacher: Nat Lagah
Space: Kākāpō

Space: Ruru
Library

Year: 4/5
Teacher: Anna-Louise Maas
Space: Kea

Office
Space: Whio