

SOUTH MAKIRIKIRI

SCHOOL

Wednesday 17th May 2017:
Week 3, Term 2

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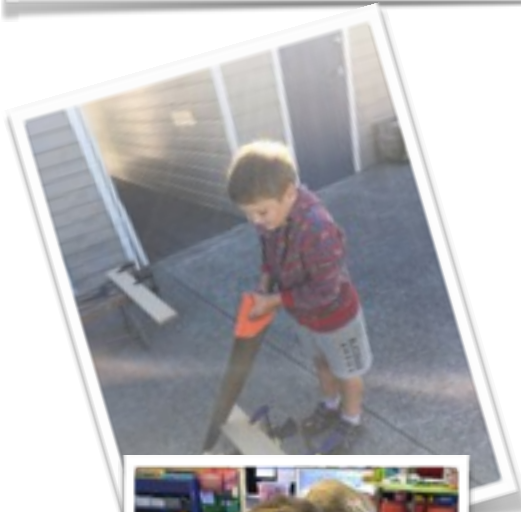
It feels like winter is just around the corner with the climate getting noticeably cooler. Another sign of the cooler months approaching is the start of winter sport getting underway. It was a great start to the hockey season on Friday night with 2 of the 3 South Mak teams having wins over their opposition. Many of the teams have players that have never played before. It was marvellous to see the more experienced members of the teams supporting and guiding them throughout the games. The netball season commences this weekend and with rugby and other sports already underway, it will no doubt be busy weekends for families moving from one ground to the next.

Last week I had the pleasure of visiting most of the teachers in their classroom and observe them teaching for a block. This was a thoroughly enjoyable experience and gave me some valuable snapshots of what is happening in the classrooms. Themes from across the school I observed were:

- The high level of independence that was demonstrated by students while working away from the teacher. Students were engaged on the learning task and showed enjoyment in what they were doing,
- Teachers provided opportunities for students to have choice in their learning. While interacting with the senior students, there was a real sense that they were discovering a lot about themselves as a learner.
- Many of the initiatives and strategies that we have discussed at a staff development level are being implemented into the classroom programmes.
- Teachers were using positive strategies to deal with inappropriate student behaviour.

As a Principal (and a parent), it gave me great confidence that we have an incredible bunch of teachers at South Makirikiri who are committed, passionate and reflective in their practice.

As reported in the last newsletter, our 'Golden Time' programme commenced on the first Friday of the term. The feedback from the students and teachers has been extremely positive. We are all looking forward to round two this coming Friday!



PUTIKI MARAE VISIT

One of our main focuses at school at the moment is preparing for our whole school trip to Putiki Marae next week. Below is a reminder of the basic programme for the two days. **For students in Year 7 and 8 please read the additional newsletter regarding medical information, food, transportation and gear list for the over night stay.**



Day 1 - May 25th Year 7 and 8 Only	Day 2 - May 26th Whole School
<p>12:00pm Lunch at school</p> <p>1:00pm Depart from school</p> <p>1:45pm Arrive at Marae</p> <p>1:50pm Powhiri</p> <p>2:05pm Marae tour</p> <p>2:20pm Waka trip preparation and safety debrief</p> <p>3:00pm Waka Trip (weather dependent)</p> <p>4:00pm Back to Marae – change and quick snack</p> <p>4:15 History of the Marae</p> <p>5:00pm Kai and Wharekai preparation</p> <p>6:00pm Kai</p> <p>6:30pm Students assigned various chores</p> <p>7:00pm Evening activities</p>	<p>9:15am Depart from school</p> <p>10:00am Arrive at Marae</p> <p>10:10am Powhiri</p> <p>10:30am Karakia</p> <p>10:35am Morning tea and play</p> <p>11:00am Stations/Activities brief</p> <p>11:10am – 12:15 Rotations of Stations Stations (to be completed in house groups – mixed ages)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Marae History ● Kowhaiwhai – drawings colouring in etc ● Marae Complex ● Rakau, String Games etc <p>12:15pm Karakia</p> <p>12:20 Lunch - Hangi</p> <p>1-1:30pm Waiata and Parts of the Whare</p> <p>1:30pm Poroporoaki/Farewell</p> <p>1:35pm Depart Marae</p> <p>2:20pm Arrive at school</p>

A reminder that there is no cost for this experience but we are requesting that **families contribute to food for our hangi by providing a large vegetable e.g. a large potato, kumara or pumpkin (one vegetable per child.)** If you managed to grow a decent pumpkin from the seedlings that were distributed at the end of last year - this would be a great use for it! Can all donations of vegetables come to school next **Monday (22nd May)**. This will give us an idea of how much we have and plenty of time to source more if needed.

A big thank you to parents who have offered to assist with supervision and/or transport. Classroom teachers will be in touch with you to confirm details on requirements and expectations.

ARBOR DAY PLANTING

Another exciting day to look forward to is the planting of native trees on the eastern and western boundaries of the school. Plants and trees have been ordered so we are awaiting their delivery. We hope to have the whole school help with this planting experience and we invite families to attend to assist us with the huge project. If you are keen to help out, keep **Thursday 1st June** free and bring your spade and gumboots along to join the fun!



Important Dates

- Thursday 18th May - BoT Meeting
- Friday 19th May - Wheels Day
- Wednesday 24th May - Assembly
- Thursday 25th May - Year 7&8 Marae trip
- Friday 26th May - Marae Visit
- Thursday 1st June - Arbor Day Planting & Assembly
- Friday 2nd June - Teacher Only Day
- Monday 5th June - Queen's Birthday
- Thursday 15th June - BoT Meeting
- Monday 26th - Friday 30th June - Book Fair
- Thursday 29th June - Junior School Parent Conferences
- Wednesday 5th July - Celebration of Learning Evening
- Friday 7th July - Reports go home. Last day of Term 2

**School Bank
Account details**

03-0683-0143704-00

WHEELS DAY

This Friday is Wheels Day where the students are invited to bring along their bikes, skateboards, scooters, rollerblades etc to play on during morning tea and lunch. Please ensure they bring helmets and any other safety gear they require. It would also be a good opportunity to check that the wheels equipment are all in sound, working order before they come to school.

TECHNICRAFT

Our Year 7 and 8 have started a new programme this term at Rangitikei College. This term the Year 8 students are at Woodwork while the Year 7 are in the Science Lab. We are looking forward to seeing what creations are made and the new learning that has been explored.

NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY

On Monday the Year 8's in Room 7 attended the (NYLD) National Young Leaders Day in Palmerston North. The NYLD is where children go to feel inspired and feel like they have potential - we were told to think of ourselves as a seed born for greatness. People that are well known in New Zealand attend to speak to the students. They inspire them to never give up and try their hardest. Don't listen to people that tell you, you can't do something that you want to do. Our hosts for the show were Liz and Christian and the speakers were Te Waka McLeod, Trina Tamata, Matt Brown, James Bech, Alistair Davis, Zane Scarborough and Aaron Jackson. All the Year 8's had a great time as they had the opportunity to play basketball and even try out a VR simulator and had a dance battle. It was an absolute fun time and everybody from all the schools loved it. Dylan Puklowski

SPORTS FEES

A reminder that sports fees are now due. For 11-aside and South Mak 1 and 2 hockey teams the fees are \$65 per player, Mini Sticks \$45 per player and Fun Sticks \$20 per player. Fees for the A and B netball team are \$50 per player and \$40 per player for the C team. Payments can be made via internet to the school bank account - details to the left of this page.

WELCOME

We welcome McKayla Cox, Leah Maas and Olivia Jeffree who have joined Room 1 recently.

BOOK CLUB

A reminder that book club orders need to be returned by this Friday.

Nga Mihi nui
Stu Devenport, Principal.

