



Week 3 Term 1 2023

Kia ora Parents and Whanau

“Waiho i te toipoto, kaua i te toiroa”

Let us keep close together, not far apart

It was brilliant to see so many of the community come along and join the picnic and camp-out opportunity last Friday night. This is a great way to connect and just share in a school environment together. It was also great having many of you come in to see classrooms and teachers informally, and get an understanding of what may be happening in your tamariki's class throughout the year. It is clearly evident by the way tamariki were all over the school site that they enjoy just hanging out with their peers. It is a wonderful aspect of our school that we can have these experiences happening. Thanks to those who contributed to cooking up a bit of kai for breakie and it sounds like the crew that made it along to the hay fundraiser organised by the FOS was incredible.



We have introduced the new communication system HERO which is working really well from all reports. We have the capacity to send text messages and emails very easily. We are looking forward to being able to share student learning as it happens through this platform. Please contact the office if you haven't received any emails or text messages from school.

We are very close to having Room 6 back in action after a long-term water leak. This has been a distraction and inconvenience for both Miss Lester's and Miss Richards' classes and the way the students have worked around the tight spaces has been amazing.



Swimming:

Swimming sessions will be postponed this week due to the weather and there will be changes to the Showcase date in March (tba). Water safety will continue to be our focus for swimming programmes where we will be teaching skills that will assist our tamariki to have confidence around water. There is an element of stroke development but our focus is on providing skills to assist their confidence in the water. Rooms 2, 3 and 4 will be utilising the Turakina School pool which is brilliant for having each class in the water all at the same time.

The Senior classes of Room 5, 7 and 1 will be using the Marton pool for their sessions. Each class will be notifying you of swimming times and days. We will be busing the students to the venues and both teams have swimming celebrations and sports already sorted for in a couple of weeks.

Athletics:

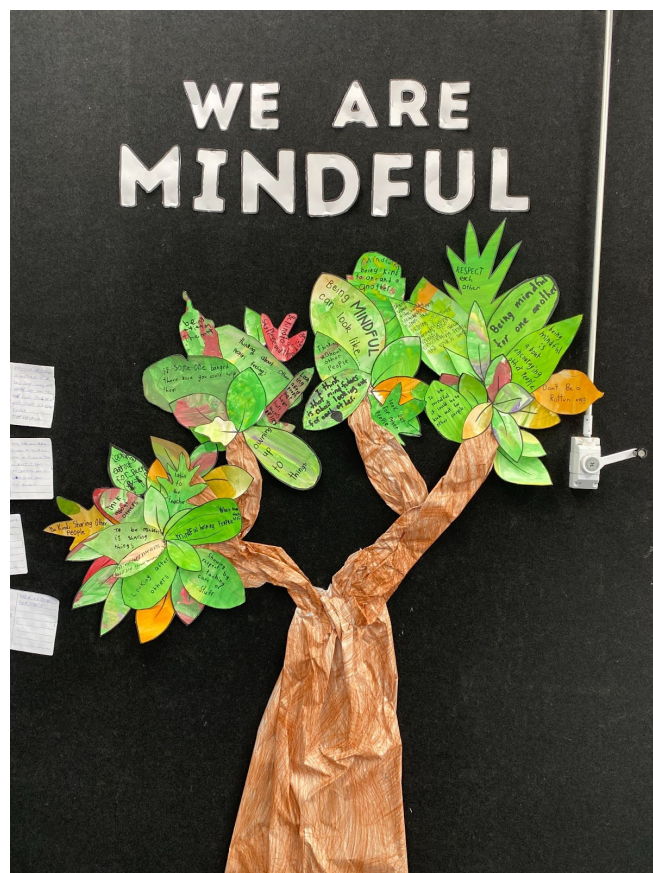
Our Whole School Athletics days will be held on Wednesday 22 March. Times and equipment requirements, etc, will be advised closer to the date.

Week 3 and 4 classroom focus:

For the next fortnight, classes will be focusing on Self-Management with students receiving vouchers when they demonstrate times of self-management. Self-managing learners are able to make choices, persist, solve problems for themselves, access resources for their play ideas, and use social skills to get others to help them. Vouchers are then collected and a junior and senior voucher draw is held at our fortnightly class led celebrations of learning for a prize. The focus of these celebrations is examples of students' work, sharing learning or presenting new ideas to the school.

150th Jubilee Celebrations:

South Makirikiri School 150th Jubilee - we are looking for interest from the South Makirikiri School community, past and present, to form a Jubilee Committee.



Above: Room 5's Mindful Tree

For those who have parents and grandparents who are past South Makirikiri School students, or if you are in contact with an ex-staff member, please invite them to be part of the Committee. Their knowledge about our school's history will be invaluable and their involvement will help ensure we reach everybody who has been part of the South Makirikiri community over the years, so we can all come together and celebrate this significant milestone for our school!

Please contact Kylie Knox 027 632 1446 with any questions, and details about registering to attend the Jubilee will be circulated in due course.

We need your support - without people to help make this work, we won't be able to have this event.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE NEWS

Tena koutou katoa!

I have really enjoyed watching the school activity and energy return to full steam over the past few weeks. Our tamariki have enjoyed returning to school and reconnecting with their friends, classmates and teachers after the holiday season. Another highlight has been welcoming new staff to our kura and South Makirikiri community, and witnessing the positive impact they are having on our students and environment already.

I want to thank all of those in our community who have contributed to the Friends of the School Hay Fundraiser. We are getting an awesome turnout to these events which makes it enjoyable (yes, really!) work, it doesn't take long and we enjoy a social catch-up at the end whilst the kids enjoy their hard-earned ice blocks!

Yesterday was a moment in history. We haven't had to close the school due to a power outage in the past six years anyway. We were amongst five other small rural schools in the Rangitikei-Whanganui region that all had to do so due to the power outage. It is a Ministry of Education requirement that we must follow in order to

put the safety (and health, when we are dealing with septic tank concerns) of everybody on our site at the highest priority. I understand that it was an inconvenience (my kids had to spend the day on a building site!), however, let's take perspective from our communities across the country whose schools, homes and businesses are completely underwater and cut off from all communication.

This evening is our first board meeting for the year, and we will be addressing the following areas:

- the draft Strategic Plan being released to you, our community, for input
- the annual budget
- annual variance report
- property updates
- Principal appraisal cycle
- student achievement data analysis

Board meetings are open for anyone to attend and listen to, though speaking rights need to be sought prior to the meeting. The meeting minutes are available for all to read and can be accessed from the front office.

Nga mihi nui
Libby Rayner
BOARD CHAIR

TERM EVENTS

Thursday 23 February.....	Learning Celebration at 2:00pm, Media Centre/around school
Monday 27 February.....	Rover Dental Van arrives
Thursday 2 March.....	Senior School Touch Rugby, Sport Whanganui
Date to be advised.....	Junior Swimming Showcase, Turakina School pool, 11:00am to 1:00pm
Wednesday 8 March.....	Senior Swimming Sports, Marton Pool from 10:30am to 2:00pm
Monday 12 March	Year 8 Tongariro Crossing
Wednesday 22 March.....	Whole School Athletics Day
Friday 31 March.....	Senior EOTC to Marton Museum/Centennial Park sports
Thursday 5 April.....	End of Term 1

SMASH PLAY CRICKET SESSIONS - Tuesday 14 February, Centennial Park, Marton

Fun game-based sessions are running from 4:00pm to 4:30pm for children aged from 4 years old to 12, at Centennial Park, Marton. Please see the sign-up link below:

<https://www.playhq.com/new-zealand-cricket/register/d8f174>

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL - Thursdays, 16 February to 16 March, Springvale Stadium

This is a chance to learn wheelchair basketball skills for all ages and abilities. Five free sessions are offered from 5:00pm to 6:00pm with the hope of creating a league in Whanganui. For more information, contact Jodie at jodie@sportwhanganui.co.nz

TOUGH KID AT MT BIGGS SCHOOL - Friday 24 March, Mt Biggs School

Tough Kid is a fun obstacle course run by Mt Biggs School. Please see the link below for details of costs and when the event will be more information will come as the registrations open.

There are two age groups, Year 3 to 6 and Year 7 to 8. Cost is \$7.50 per entry (whānau to pay per child). There is also a lunch pack available for \$6.00 for a sausage in a bun, snack pack of chips, apple and a cookie. Event shirts are also available, kids' shirts are \$22.50, adult sizes are \$25.00. [Please complete registration forms by 20 February.](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/manawatutoughkid/>

PULSE ROADSHOW - Saturday 4 March 2023, Vautier Park, Palmerston North

The Pulse is heading to Palmerston North and you are invited to join in on the fun! Players – there are two action-packed sessions for players to get active and have the Pulse players run them through some activities. Coaches – if you are a coach for players years 5-10 then you can come along too to learn more about the activities. There will be Pulse players, activity stations, NetballSmart, spot prizes, signings and photo opportunities after each session. Session times are:

Year 5 to 7, 9:10am to 10:30am, and Year to 10 - 10:30am to 11:45am. Sign-in will open 15 minutes before each session.

For more information, players go to: <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/229903> and coaches go to: <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/229904>

Nga mihi
Greg Allan
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