



Week 5 Term 1 2023

Kia ora Parents and Whanau

In the past week we have had some great opportunities for our senior students to participate in a range of activities which encompasses what South Mākirikiri School does really well. Last week our Year 8 students contributed alongside a range of schools from the Rangitikei, on Leading Healthy Active initiatives in our schools. This was facilitated by Sport Whanganui and our students were actively leading sessions and demonstrating leadership with unfamiliar students. The skills they have been learning will be brought back to school where they will be active contributors to events and activities throughout the year.

It is very pleasing to see how our students take the initiative and integrate with other schools effectively.

On Saturday we had 12 students from Years 6 to 8 participating in the regional Agrikids event in Taranaki. Over the past week, the students had been engaging in learning a range of skills from knot-tying, identifying varieties of trees and flammable plants through to qualities and

characteristics of rams for breeding, as well as working together as a team. The students have some in-class tuition and then have resources to support their learning at home, which is then used in the one day regional finals.

Each of our teams have different strengths and what is evident, is that our students do really well in this competition. Millie, Lucy and Ella will now have the opportunity to represent the Manawatu/Taranaki region in the national finals in Timaru in July. For many of our teams they will also have the opportunity to try again next year, and we are always nurturing future talent to compete to the best of their ability.



Jubilee Celebrations:

We are very excited to be celebrating the South Makirikiri School 150th Jubilee and acknowledging this significant milestone in our school's history.

We are looking forward to hosting students and staff (past and present), whānau, and all



those with a connection to South Mākirikiri School over two days of reminiscing and connecting through our special school in the heart of the Rangitikei.

NB: You can register for the jubilee events by scanning the QR code above.

Friday 28 April 2023 - School in Action

12.30pm to 3:00pm at South Makirikiri School

The school will be open for walk-throughs to see our school in action. Collect your registration pack, look through old school photos and archives on display, followed by afternoon tea. For those who wish to continue the reminiscing and connecting, there will be an informal gathering at Cooks Bar from 5:30pm.

Saturday 29 April 2023 - BBQ Lunch and Jubilee Celebrations

11:00am to 4:00pm at South Makirikiri School

Registration Fee: \$30 per adult, all students free (includes digital copy of decade photos).

Collect your registration pack then enjoy a barbecue lunch, followed by student-led tours of the school, look through old school photos and archives on display, student

performances, speeches, burying of the time capsule, planting and blessing of the Jubilee tree, cutting the Jubilee cake, decade photos, followed by afternoon tea.

Saturday 29 April 2023 - Dinner & Dance

6:00pm until late at Marton Memorial Hall

Registration Fee: \$100 per adult (includes barbecue lunch and Jubilee celebrations at school).

Drinks and nibbles, followed by dinner and dessert.

Entertainment by local band; Brian Baillie and the Tinseltown Beggars.

A cash bar will be operating throughout the evening. ***NB: This is an adults-only event.***

Registration will be confirmed when payment is received into the following bank account:

South Makirikiri Friends of the School

03-0683-0008158-000

Please use your name as a reference.

Please complete the registration form for all members of your family attending the Jubilee. Registrations close Thursday 6 April 2023 - ***numbers are limited so please register early to avoid disappointment.***

Email: jubilee@southmak.school.nz if you require any further information.



PRESENT DAY PUPILS

Room 4's Cyclone Gabrielle Fundraising:

After learning about Cyclone Gabrielle and how it destroyed people's lives, we discussed how we, as a class and school, could help to make a difference to the people's lives in Hawkes Bay.

On Monday 20 February, Room 4 had a mufti day and raised \$638.90. Thank you for your generous donations. After lots of discussions about what the money would be spent on and what families would need, we decided we would buy a single bed for a child that is a similar age to us. We are working on how to get the bed to a family and will keep you posted with an update and photo of the child that receives the bed. Thank you for helping brighten up a child's day.

Central Districts Feild Days: We have the opportunity of taking the whole school to the Central District Feild days in Feilding on Thursday 16 March. We will be seeking parent support to manage students during the day. The last time we took the whole school was four years ago and we are very keen to have our learning being very interactive for a day. Please keep an eye out for class notices via HERO for this opportunity.

Swimming: Swimming sessions continue for the seniors until Wednesday next week. The Junior Water Safety Showcase will be held at the Turakina School pool on Tuesday 7 March from 11:00am to 1:00pm. The Senior Swimming Sports will be held in Marton from 10:30am. Parents and whanau are welcome to join us and cheer the children on.

Athletics: Our Whole School Athletics Day is scheduled for Wednesday 22 March. We are yet to have the date for the inter-school event finalised.

Sport: This Thursday (2 March 2023), Room 1, 5 and 7 students will be taking part in the Sport Whanganui Touch Rugby coaching where we will hopefully be able to compete in some touch competitions in the future.



Week 6 and 7 classroom focus: Classes are focusing on being a Contributor. To be a Contributor, **students demonstrate that they care about others and the community.** Students identify needs and take action to serve the common good. Community contributors volunteer their time, abilities, and skills in ways that benefits others and make the community a better place.

Vouchers are 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.

Parent/Teacher Interviews: Our Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held on Wednesday 15 March from 2:45pm. You can book your interview time through the Hero app from today. If these times don't suit,

please contact your child's teacher for an alternative time.



Left: South Makirikiri students at AgriKids

TERM EVENTS

Thursday 2 March.....	Senior School Touch Rugby, Sport Whanganui
Tuesday 7 March.....	Junior Water Safety Showcase, Turakina School pool, 11:00am to 1:00pm
Wednesday 8 March.....	Senior Swimming Sports, Marton Pool from 10:30am to 2:00pm
Monday 13 March	Year 8 Tongariro Crossing
Wednesday 15 March.....	Parent/Teacher interviews from 2:45pm
Thursday 16 March.....	CD Feild days School Trip
Wednesday 22 March.....	Whole School Athletics Day
Friday 24 March.....	Mt Biggs Tough Kids Event (Yr3-8 students who entered)
Friday 31 March.....	Senior EOTC to Marton Museum/Centennial Park sports
Thursday 6 April.....	Room 4 trip to Whanganui Museum
Thursday 6 April.....	End of Term 1

Please click on the link below to our school calendar (this can also be accessed from our HERO app:

https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=southmak.school.nz_aumtd2pja39gqt20jc51kf8f9g%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=Pacific%2FAuckland

KIDS 'N' COUNTRY - Saturday 4 March 2023, Manchester Square, Feilding

From 10:00am this Saturday, you can meet the alpacas, have a go at digger driving, toss a gumboot, try out pedal tractors, take part in hay bale races, and much more! For more information, go to:

<https://feilding.co.nz/articles/whats-on1/kids-n-country.html>

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

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, Principal