



South Mākirikiri School

Term 2 Week 3 2023

Kia ora Parents and Whanau

As I look out the window my initial thoughts are with the whanau of the family of the Whangarei Boys High School along with all those involved in the decision-making. It shows how easily a decision made can have tragic impacts. We have also reached out to Lytton Street School which has long connections to South Mākirikiri and who have had a tragic loss of a student on Friday after school. As we have experienced something similar, it is nice to acknowledge the impact these events have on a school and community.

I would also like to acknowledge the wonderful community event for the 150th Jubilee. It was so special to have a huge age range and variety for the day. The organising committee that took the idea and made the day what it was can be very proud. Those students that provided entertainment, tours or just showed what

South Mākirikiri School is like in 2023 did an incredible job.

Winter sports started for some teams last week and the majority will be underway this week. Those that are supporting the coaching or managing are such a wonderful asset and we all appreciate your time and effort in giving these students the opportunities. I would also like to acknowledge the sports associations which are also volunteers and giving up their time to make sport happen for our tamariki. The associations need more parent support so that they can run the sports as efficiently as possible, getting draws out, making sure grounds are suitable and organising referees. I know these associations are always looking out for more support to spread the load so if you are willing to be a part of the Hockey or Netball association please get in touch.



In the media, at present, we have plenty of information about potential education strikes. Currently, this is only impacting Secondary and Area Schools. There are many issues within education which are being thrown around at the moment. Our commitment is to continue to have our school operating as normally as possible. If there are changes to how this will look due to strikes we will keep you informed.

Nga mihi
Greg Allan, Principal

Left: Collaborative ANZAC mural created by Room 1 at the end of Term 1. Please come in to view the mural in our school office.

FROM THE BOARD

150th Jubilee: What an amazing day our 150th Jubilee was! It was a real treat for the senses: The school looked fantastic (thank you, Petel!); felt warm, welcoming and fun; the speeches and performers sounded excellent; the BBQ meats and curry smelt amazing and they, along with the FOS slices, tasted delicious! It was so lovely to see past students, staff and parents back in our school and to hear their stories and experiences at South Mākirikiri School. THANK YOU to everyone who was involved in creating, organising, and participating, and who was present for our special day.

We had extremely generous sponsors who supported our Jubilee and this enabled us to run the event at a fraction of the cost, so I ask that you support these businesses and express gratitude from our school next time you are communicating with them.

I must share my significant gratitude to Kylie Knox who offered to take on the Event Coordinator role for the Jubilee at a time when there was a chance that it may not have happened this year. Kylie gathered a great team of support to create the committee, provided excellent communication and organisation and provided us with an outstanding day, all on top of her very busy work and home commitments. Thank you, Kylie!

Structured Literacy and HERO information evening:

Next week on Thursday 18th May, our teachers are delivering an information session on Structured Literacy - what it looks like, how it works, and why we as a school believe in it. In the past, this has been a Junior School focus, we are now excited that our Senior Team has adopted this pedagogy and is supporting the kaupapa (work) in their classrooms too. I have attended two of these sessions in past years and have found them so beneficial for my own understanding and to guide how I can support my daughters when they are learning at home. I highly recommend attending this session on Thursday 18th at 6pm.

Following on from the Structured Literacy session, we will learn about the next steps in our HERO journey due to roll out this term. There are some significant changes to how our children's learning and achievement will be reported and presented - no more

twice-yearly piece of paper with the ticks and dots! Come along and find out how this will look, and why we have chosen to adopt this style of reporting.

School Board Update: We have a number of school board professional development workshops coming up in the next week. We as board members want to serve our parents, school staff and ultimately our students to the best of our ability, so we have committed to attending and engaging in regular professional development opportunities. This includes workshops, meetings, webinars, professional reading and guest speakers.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 11th May. Items on the agenda include:

- Submission and publication of our Annual Report
- Adopting a board work plan
- Scrutinising the Principal's report
- Reviewing the Auditor's report
- Personnel updates including staff well-being
- Co-opting on a cultural advisor
- Board succession planning
- Launchpad Bibles in Schools programme request
- FOS update
- EOTC docs for camps

Thank you for your ongoing support of our fantastic little school.

Ngā mihi nui, Libby Rayner, Board Presiding Member

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SPORTS RESULTS

Hockey

Year 3 & 4, South Mākirikiri vs Marton - won 4:1

Year 5 & 6 South Mākirikiri vs Marton - won 3:0

Year 7 & 8 - development day (no game)

Netball

Year 3 & 4 South Mākirikiri vs Bulls - lost 4:7

Year 3 & 4 South Mākirikiri vs Marton - lost 4:3

Year 5 & 6 South Mākirikiri vs Marton - won 4:3

Year 5 & 6 South Mākirikiri vs Marton - won 3:7

Year 7 & 8 South Mākirikiri vs Bulls - won 10:1

Year 7 & 8 South Mākirikiri vs Marton - won 13:0

SCHOOL NOTICES

Lucky Book Club - Issue 3: Catalogues for Issue 3 have been sent home with children. Please place your order online at scholastic.co.nz/LOOP or download the LOOP app. Orders close at 9:30am on Friday 12 May, and every order earns FREE books and learning resources for our school.

Senior Camp: All senior students will be attending camp this year with the support of whānau, student fundraising and Friends of the School. As a staff, we have decided that this year will be a smaller camp compared to previous years. Room 1 and 5 will be attending Waimanaaki Camp in Riversdale. Room 1's camp will be held from 1 November to 3 November. Room 5 will camp from 31 October to 1 November. Room 6 will be attending Silverstream Retreat in Lower Hutt from 31 October to 1 November.

We will be asking for a donation of \$80 for Room 1 students, \$60 for Room 6 students, and \$40 for Room 5 students to go towards accommodation costs. If you

would like to start paying towards camp this can be paid via internet banking. Details are:

South Makirikiri School 03-0683-0143704-00
Reference: Student's Name Code: Room 1, 5 or 6

If we have additional parents over our ratio, these costs will be divided amongst all parents attending. More information will come out after our fundraising option at the end of this term. We will look to do another fundraising option in Term 3.

Thank you to those who have already completed the form sent through our school app. We would appreciate if you could complete it as soon as possible if you haven't already done so.

TeeJay Campbell, Charlotte Lester, Lucy Richards

Donated Uniform: We have lots of donated polar fleeces, some polo tees and a few skorts, shorts and pants. If you would like some pre-loved uniform, please come into the office and take home what you need. NB: Please ensure you re-name it!

TERM EVENTS

Thursday 11 May.....Board of Trustees meeting

Thursday 18 May.....Learning celebration at 2pm

Thursday 18 May.....Junior school's literacy evening
HERO introduction

Thursday 1 June.....Learning celebration at 2pm

Monday 5 June.....Kings birthday (no school today)

Thursday 8 June.....Board of Trustees meeting

Tuesday 13 June.....School photos

Thursday 15 June.....Learning celebration at 2pm

Thursday 29 June.....Learning celebration at 2pm

Friday 30 June.....Last day of Term 2 2023



Please [click here](#) for our school calendar (this can also be accessed from our HERO app).

Good luck, Sophie! Sophie Middleton (Room 1) leaves on 18 May to compete in an overseas competition. She has worked really hard, often training for 3 hours after school, and we wish her all the best!

K.O.B 2023 (for kids aged 8 to 12 years) - 4:30pm to 6:00pm, St Andrews Hall

Kids on Broadway is back for term 2! Join them for music, food, games and korero on 27 April, 4 May, 11 May, 18 May, 25 May, 1 June, 8 June, 15 June, 22 June and 29 June. More information, please phone Faith on 020 4171 1119.

SALT YOUTH (ages 13+): Wednesdays, 6:00pm to 9:00pm, St Andrews Hall

Join us for games, kai, music and more on 10 May, 17 May, 24 May, 31 May, 7 June, 14 June, 21 June and 28 June. Please bring your own food for a shared meal. For more information, please phone Faith on 020 4171 1119.