



South Mākirikiri School

Term 2 Week 7 2023

Tēnā koutou katoa

Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi

With your food basket and my food basket the people will thrive

Last week I was fortunate enough to attend the New Zealand Rural Principals' Conference where around 200 Principals from small 6 student schools up to those with approximately 200 students in rural settings got together to reflect, refresh and reconnect. We are facing challenging times, and like all aspects of our communities, the challenges seem to continue to be mounting. What is evident is that all in the Rural Sector feel that schools continue to be the place to add more to. It is worth reflecting on how many hours we are trying to pack a very wide curriculum into each day.

On top of this, we have the ever-changing health and well-being needs along with needing to support many social issues that are constantly changing. We then have a variety of extracurricular activities in the Arts and Physical Education setting.

We also have many opportunities to participate in events that shape different aspects of the whole child. All this is packed into a five hour learning day or a 25 hours a week of learning. Time is constantly being stretched to fit as much into each day as possible.

As a school we are constantly feeling this tension. We are fighting to find the time to get no disruptions, making every opportunity meaningful and making learning happen for all our tamariki.

What was reinforced to me in the past week is controlling what we can control. Providing the opportunities to barrier-free education, providing effective teaching across the curriculum, focus on the efforts put in and not always on the outcomes and reflect, this gives us all the opportunity to consolidate understanding. So my reflection to my last week's sessions is we need you to continue to take an active role in all aspects of learning. Seek out how you can support learning at home with the classroom teacher. Spend time learning alongside our tamariki, get them to explain what they have learnt, what they have

worked hard at during the week and celebrate the effort they are putting in.

It has been released today that NZEI teacher pay negotiations have been settled. While this is positive for teachers and effectively all our learners, there is going to continue to be massive challenges presented to education. I absolutely feel for Principals in U1-2 schools as they now will be earning less than a teacher at the top of the scale with some management units.

This week it was brought home to me personally how we are still being impacted by Covid. The ripple effect is still massive for education. While it is not wholesale, classes are being impacted we have disrupted weeks, students with sickness, staff with sickness, staff with family sick and all the while trying to keep things as normal possible. It is inevitable there will continue to be disruptions to our plans, to our weeks and to what we thought would happen; it is how we adapt and continue to be positive in what is presented.

Agrikids- Fundraising Mufti-day/Sausage sizzle Friday 23rd June: Lucy, Millie and Ella will be organising a mufti day alongside a sausage sizzle to support them heading to the National Finals in Timaru in the next school holidays. The girls have been working hard each week on increasing their knowledge in a range of areas over the past few weeks. They will be heading to some sessions at City Honda and WaterForce for some practical training, and some experts will be heading into to school to share some more knowledge with them. The South Mak Heifers (as they are known) will send out details on the theme for the mufti day along with details for ordering sausages for lunch.

Greg Allan, Principal

South Makirikiriki School Matariki Celebration

On Friday, 30 June 2023, (last day of term 2) South Makirikiri School will be hosting a Matariki celebration. The event will be filled with fun and engaging activities, particularly Māori traditional games, which will be played in rotations based on school house groups. We warmly invite whānau to join us on this special occasion. The games that will be featured include Ki o Rahi, Maui Matau, Tatau, Whano Whano, Poi Patu, Poi Raupo, Hakariki, and Horohopu. In addition to the games, there will be a delightful Hangi prepared, with preparations starting as early as 6 am. We are grateful for the support of Te Rūnanga o Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa and Sport Wanganui who have been working alongside us in making this event possible. The Matariki celebration will kick off at 10:30 am, and food will be made available to students and whānau from 12:30 pm onwards. We look forward to a joyous and memorable celebration together.

Without your support, this day may not be possible. We understand these are hard times, but thought a day like this to end our term may bring joy to our school community. If you could please send a food donation and/or wood donation, big or small, we would be very grateful. If you cannot, we hope that you will still join us on this day. Here is a list of things we require:

Disclaimer any meat must be from a certified factory or certified place of the sorts like a supermarket

- Potatoes
- Chickens
- Pumpkins
- Lamb (Leg)
- Stuffing (Bread)
- Pork
- Kūmera
- Koha (donations of money so we could buy food for the hangi)
- Also, if you are able to supply firewood, for the hangi, that wood that would be awesome too!

All meat items would need to be brought to school on Thursday 29 June 2023 and all other items either Monday 25 June 2023 or Tuesday 29 June 2023. This will give us time to prepare the hangi pit.

A hangi is a traditional Maori method of cooking food using heated rocks buried in a pit in the ground. It is a popular cooking technique in New Zealand and is often used for special occasions and gatherings. Here's a general overview of how a hangi works:

1. Preparing the pit: A pit is dug in the ground, usually about one meter deep and one meter wide. The size can vary depending on the amount of food being cooked.
2. Heating the rocks: Large, volcanic rocks are chosen and heated in a fire until they are extremely hot, usually for several hours. The rocks should be able to retain heat for an extended period.
3. Laying the stones: Once the rocks are heated, they are carefully placed in the bottom of the pit using long-handled tools. It's important to handle the rocks with caution as they can cause severe burns.
4. Preparing the food: Food is traditionally wrapped in leaves or placed in baskets before being added to the hangi pit. The food can include a variety of meats, such as chicken, pork, or lamb, as well as vegetables like potatoes, kumara (sweet potatoes), and pumpkin.
5. Layering the food: The food is layered on top of the rocks in the pit. It's common to separate the meats and vegetables to ensure they cook evenly.
6. Covering the pit: The pit is covered with wet sacks, burlap, or damp cloth to create a seal and trap the heat inside. This helps to create a steamy cooking environment.
7. Burying the pit: Soil is used to cover the entire pit, sealing it and preventing heat from escaping. The food is left to cook underground for several hours.
8. Uncovering and serving: After the cooking time has elapsed, the pit is carefully uncovered, and the food is lifted out. The cooked food is usually smoky, tender, and full of flavor.

It's important to note that preparing a hangi requires careful attention to safety, especially when handling hot rocks and burying the pit. It's recommended to learn from experienced individuals or participate in community hangi events to ensure you follow the traditional techniques and safety precautions - Which is why we will have a local firefighter and experienced iwi from Te Rūnanga o Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa who will make sure everything is safe for our kura.

Please fill out the form sent via HERO if you are happy to help on the day, be part of the day or donate to our kura - we would love to hear from you!

Nga mihi

TeeJay Campbell

Deputy Principal and Rm1 Teacher



Above: Another great game to watch for this A team! Hunterville gave them a good run around and we only just came away with the win 6-7, nail biting stuff! Johnny made his debut last week and took out Player of the Day. Photo and report provided by Jen Simpson.

TERM EVENTS

- Tuesday 13 June.....School photos
- Wednesday 14 June....Rms 3 & 6 Bonny Glen planting
- Thursday 15 June.....Learning celebration at 2pm
- Tuesday 20 June.....Board of Trustees meeting
- Friday 23 June...AgriKids mufti day and sausage sizzle
- Wednesday 28 June....Rms 1 & 2 Bonny Glen planting
- Thursday 29 June.....Learning celebration at 2pm
- Friday 30 June.....Matariki celebration
-End of term 2
- Monday 17 July.....Start of term 3

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

SCHOOL NOTICES

Book Club - Issue 4: Catalogues have been sent home with all students. Please place your order online at scholastic.co.nz/LOOP before 9:00am, 15 June 2023 (this is to ensure orders are received before the end of the school term on Friday, 30 June).

School photos: PhotoLife flyers have been given to all students - please check your child's bag. You only need to return a signed copy of the form if you would like a sibling photo. After photo day (Tuesday 13 June 2023) you can go online to order your photos - your child will be given a Photo Keycode or it will be

emailed to you. Use your unique Photo Keycode to view your child's photos at www.photolife.co.nz. Orders placed before the free delivery expiry date will be bulk printed and delivered to school for your child to bring home. For more information, please visit the PhotoLife website or phone 0800 501 040.

Senior camp: All senior students will be attending camp this year with the support of whānau, student fundraising and Friends of the School. 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.

TeeJay Campbell, Charlotte Lester, Lucy Richards



Left: Room 3 made Matariki kites.

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

Below: Room 4 created a Mindfulness Mural

