



South Mākirikiri School

Term 3 Week 1 2023

Kia mate ururoa, kei mate wheke.

Fight like a shark, don't give in like an octopus

Tēnā koutou katoa

Welcome back to term 3. As you may have already seen in some of the posts via HERO, Term 3 is going to be a very full and challenging term with many events within school and across the region. There are a huge amount of opportunities for our tamariki to be involved in. The challenge for all staff is balancing the whole curriculum, and next week you have the chance to meet with class teachers and establish goals or plans for supporting curriculum and personal development.

Parent/Teacher Interviews: Last term we launched Milestone reporting through HERO. This is where ongoing reporting on student progress will be happening and the great feature is that it is cumulative in that you will be able to track progress over the years of your child's learning. Our teaching team is also working on establishing goals and/or next steps for learning that will also be visible to you as parents. These will begin to be populated on your students profile over the course of this term. Teachers will also be updating comments on some curriculum areas to show what has been achieved during the term. We thank those of you who have provided feedback on this system as we are always looking to how this will best work for teachers, tamariki and whanau.

Classroom teachers will be posting information regularly about what is coming up, and students need to be prepared each day for sports practices, music and even academic practices.

Mathex training has begun for our students who will be participating in the Manawatu competition later this term, and we have our whole school participating in the Rangitikei Cultural Festival at the Marton Town Hall this Friday. We are going to be onstage between 1:10pm and 2:00pm. Because we know that space will be limited, we will be holding an Arts Showcase later in the term where classes will also be doing individual items as well. More details of this will follow in due course.



South Mākirikiri School's AgriKids National Finalists, the Heifers (above), travelled to Timaru to compete in the AgriKids Grand Final. The team members were Millie Greer, Lucy O'Neill and Ella Thomas. The finals involved 22 teams from schools throughout the seven Young Farmer Regions. The special feature of The South Mak Heifers is having a team of girls showing they have the skills, knowledge and teamwork to compete to the highest level in a traditionally male dominated event. It was inspiring for the girls to see the Young Farmer winner being a female for the first time (Emma Poole from Waikato). The finals presented challenges involving tractor driving, knowing all about quad bike safety and load distribution, farm safe practices and a 40 minute exam. Before the event, the girls spent time researching and honing their skills in practical aspects at City Honda, Transag and Ravensdown along with

having specialists from H&T Agronomics teaching them about cropping and seeds. Along with doing the training, the girls also sought sponsorship from local businesses like Marton New World, H&T, Coastal Spring Lamb and Cloudyards Stock Agents which was greatly appreciated. The team also put in a solid day tree planting at the Bonny Glen Landfill helping with some riparian planting for fundraising along with running sausage sizzles and muftidays.



While the girls were disappointed by not placing in the top three, making the finals is a huge accomplishment and one they should be very proud of. We recently received the final results where the girls placed 13th, which is a great result. We would also like to acknowledge the hard work by all the families for getting the girls not only down to Timaru but also being heavily involved in the training prior to the event. Since the inception of the AgriKids competition, South Mākirikiri School has been regular finalists in the national finals and we take real pride in sending as many teams to the regional competitions at the beginning of each year. Towards the end of this year, we will be organising teams of three for the regional finals which happen very early in 2024.



Above: Tree planting at Bonny Glen.

Rippa Rugby: In the last week of last term, we had three teams compete in the Whanganui schools Rippa Rugby tournament. The skills and teamwork shown by our students was a credit to them and a result of the time they had put in practicing. What is so wonderful to see is the way the students encouraged

each other, made sure everyone was involved and focused on our teams playing to the best of our abilities. All teams had wins and losses, but the focus of the day was about participating.

Learning Celebrations: For Term 3, we have moved Learning Celebrations to Fridays. These will continue to take place from 2:00pm on even weeks in our Media Centre. NB: There will be weeks where these won't take place due to other pre-booked events that involve large numbers of the school. The celebrations are an opportunity for classes to share what they have been learning in the week, demonstrate their learning or showcase something they are proud of, and to recognise those who have been showing the school values either in class, on the sports field or around the playground. Parents are welcome to come and share in these celebrations which are lead by different classes each fortnight.

Wednesday Milos: On Wednesday mornings, our Room 1 senior students run a Milo cafe with the support of the Marton Christian Welfare providing the Milo. This is an opportunity for our tamariki to come along have a nice warm Milo and catch up with their friends.



Pet day: Our 2023 pet day will be on Thursday 21 September with the postponement day on Friday 22 September if required. This is to fit with whanau not having to continue feeding lambs and calves through the holiday break. We look forward to having lambs, calves, dogs, cats, chickens, worms or whatever animals our tamariki care for. There will be leading and handling awards for lambs, calves and dogs, with care and attention awards for other animals as the day goes along. This is a fun day where our tamariki get to show how they look after their pets.

During the next few weeks some of our students will be part of wider Marton/Rangitikei teams in events, both internationally and regionally. We know Ginny and Charlie Rayner will have an excellent time showing off their Highland dancing skills in Australia. There are also plenty of Marton rugby players preparing for the Taupo rugby tournament at the end of the term.

Greg Allan
Principal

SOUTH MAKIRIKIRI SCHOOL MATARIKI CELEBRATIONS - Important Update!

We would like to inform you about an important update regarding the Matariki Celebration scheduled for Friday, 4 August (Week 3). After consulting with the BOT (Board of Trustees), it has been decided that meat for the event can be home kill, provided it is appropriately chilled and packaged.

It is essential that we communicate this clearly to all families, so everyone is aware of the options available. If you prefer not to consume meat from home kill, please email tcampbell@southmak.school.nz or your child's teacher, indicating your choice to opt out of participating in this aspect of the event.

To facilitate a smooth process, we kindly request that those families who plan to provide home-kill meat [fill out the form](#). This form will enable us to estimate the quantity of meat available and plan accordingly. We would appreciate it if you could submit the form by Thursday 27 July 2023, so we can adequately prepare for the celebration.

Considering this new change, if there happens to be an excess amount of food, we will promptly notify you and make the necessary adjustments. Your understanding and cooperation are greatly appreciated in helping us create a successful Matariki Celebration. If the weather is looking to be bad we will need to postpone the event hence why we would prefer the meat to be delivered after school the day.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to celebrating Matariki together.

Nga mihi

TeeJay Campbell, Deputy Principal and Rm1 Teacher

BOARD OF TRUSTEE NEWS

Early in Term 2 the Board received a request to consider hosting the weekly Launchpad Christian Values Education programme at South Mākirikiri School.

I would like to thank those of you who took the time to complete the board survey. The majority of respondents were supportive of the programme being delivered at South Mākirikiri School.

Unfortunately, the Launchpad team were not supportive of delivering their program in our requested after-school time slot. Therefore, this will not be an option for our students at this time.

There are a number of Christian Values-based programmes on offer in Marton and the wider Rangitikei community, some of which are regularly advertised in this newsletter.

I wish to thank you for your input on this matter.

We have so much planned for this term - there will be lots of opportunities to see your tamariki learning, performing and interacting with their peers and school community. I hope you are able to join us for a few of these events.

How was your experience of the Hero mid-year report? I was delighted with the depth and thorough account of what my children were achieving, learning and beginning to explore.

We have Milestone Conferences (Parent/Teacher Interviews) next Tuesday, I encourage you to make an appointment to discuss your child's learning and how you can support from home, what they're learning in the classroom.

Libby Rayner, Presiding Member

SCHOOL NOTICES

Parent/Teacher Interviews - Tuesday 25 July 2023:

Bookings are now open on HERO for Parent/Teacher Interviews (Milestone Conferences). If you have any difficulties making your booking via the app, please contact our school office.

Disco at South Mak School: Our Friends of the School group invite you to a fun disco at South Makirikiri School Media Centre on Friday, 4 August from 5pm to 6pm. Children of all ages are welcome, and there are prizes for the best dressed (dress up or down). Cost is just a gold coin entry to the disco, and a gold coin for a sausage sizzle and drinks. We look forward to seeing you there!

Pet Day - Thursday 21 September 2023: We would appreciate it if families who are interested in bring

pets could complete the pet day entry form by clicking on the QR code (left). A link to the form will also be sent out through HERO later today. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

If you would like your child/ren to have a lamb for Pet Day but don't know where to get one, South Rangitikei Vets may be able to help! You are welcome to call either the Bulls or Marton clinic (06 3222 333) to see if they've heard of any available from their farming clients.

They're sure that over the coming weeks, especially if the weather turns, there will be a flush of little ones looking for a loving home!

Below: A photo from last year's Pet Day competition.



TERM EVENTS

Fri 21 July.....Schools Cultural Festival
Tue 25 July.....Parent/Teacher Interviews
Fri 28 July.....Learning Celebration at 2pm
Wed 2 August.....Halcombe Sports Exchange
Fri 4 August.....Matariki and Learning Celebrations
Fri 11 August.....Ukulele Festival, Learning Celebration
Thu 17 August.....Mathex PN
Fri 18 August.....Learning Celebration at 2pm
Mon 21 August.....Book Week Begins
Wed 23 August.....Book Dress Up Day
Thu 24 August.....Science Road Show at Nga Tawa
Fri 25 August.....Rangitikei Tough Kids
Wed 30 August.....Showcase Event
Fri 1 September.....CanTeen Bandanna Day
Tue 5 September.....Senior Quad Tourney
Wed 6 September.....Ki-o-Rahi @ Manchester St Sch
Thu 7 September.....Junior Quad Tourney
Fri 8 September.....Winter Sport Assembly
Mon 11 September.....Maori Language Week
Thu 21 September.....PET DAY!

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



Above: Quad bike safety at AgriKids.

HUNTERVILLE SHEMOZZLE: It is that time of year again, registrations for the 2023 Shemozzle Entry to races will open on 1 August. Historically, races have sold out very quickly, within a few hours in fact, so if you are wanting to enter, you need to get online as fast as possible when registrations open at 9am on the morning of the 1 August! A great day out for the whole family with lots of fun, free things for children to do on the day, and much, much more! For more information, please visit their website here: www.shemozzle.co.nz or phone (027 436 6995).

IBIKE4KIDS IS BACK: After a successful event in 2022, we are once again running our cool cycling event for kids on Sunday 10 September, 2023 at the Victoria Esplanade in Palmerston North. iBike has been run by the Manawatu Mountain Bike since 2006, and over that time thousands of kids have had fun riding their bikes at our event. At our last event in 2022 we had over 250 entrants from around the region. This year we are running the event slightly earlier on 10 September so that participants have the opportunity to attend the Manawatu Mountain Bike Club summer rider development program starting in October. Entries are online only at any of the links below. There are no entries on the day. Our website: <https://www.ibike4kids.co.nz/>

Below: One of the many new books available from our school library.

