



South Mākirikiri School

Term 3 Week 3 2023

Whaowhia te kete mātauranga - Fill your basket of knowledge

Tēnā koutou katoa

It was with great pride to have received messages and images/videos of our tamariki performing at the Rangitikei Cluster Cultural Festival at the end of week 1. It was brilliant seeing the tamariki proud to perform and the mixture of waiata, ukulele and guitar being so successful. Miss Coleman, Zettie and Sam have put a huge amount of effort into the progression of our students and we are very proud of the result. It will be great to share this with all our whanau at our Showcase Event at Te Matapihi in Bulls on 30 August. It will also be exciting to see the variety of class items that will be included in the performance. We also have our Kiwilele players taking part in the regional Kiwilele Jam next Friday, where we know they will be amazing.

Thank you to all those whanau who made time to connect with teachers in the Parent/Teacher conferences last week, and those who have made time to catch up with teachers at alternative times. From our online bookings, we had close to 50 percent of whanau connecting last Tuesday. For those who have not yet connected or made arrangements, our team will be touching base to establish a time to meet or have a conversation with you.

From these sessions staff have been working on getting goals onto HERO which will show students meeting goals within their curriculum level as the term progresses. Some of these goals may last a short time and others for a longer time as we make sure the students have a solid understanding. You will find these goals on the same page as reports. These goals will then create a picture for you on what your tamariki can do as a learner. We feel this will be more as the learning happens and not waiting to hear about what the students can and can't do in a report.

Last week Rooms 2, 3 and 4 went on an adventure to the Esplanade in Palmerston North with a visit to the Wild Base Recovery Centre for birds and a blast at the road safety track. This was an opportunity for students to see some of our native birds being rehabilitated and learn about what the purpose of the centre is. As a result of this trip, I know the classes have a variety of learning opportunities that are being directed by the students.

There are plenty of ideas on attracting more native birds to our kura and the potential to do some predator eradication is of interest to some of our students.

Hopefully, the weather will play its part and enable the Halcombe Sports Exchange to take place tomorrow. The students in Year 5, 6, 7 and 8 have been preparing for rugby, soccer and netball but the weather really has had an impact on these training sessions where we have had to close the field due the ground conditions. Later this term we will also participate in the Rangitikei Cluster Quad sports where hockey will also be an option. We would really appreciate parent support with taking these teams as we try to enter as many children as possible in each sport.

On Friday we had our Learning Celebration led by Room 2, and it is so special to see our youngest students support each other to take control of the presentation, help each other out when they are stuck and show their confidence and character. During term 3 we have moved these celebrations to Friday (still at 2pm) to enable more parents to attend.

For the rest of Term 3 and 4, Room 1 will have Mrs Spiers and myself teaching them together. Mrs Spiers will be in the class Monday to Wednesday and I will have the class on Thursday and Friday. We are both looking forward to this challenge and continuing the learning opportunities they already have.

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.

Greg Allan
Principal

SCHOOL NOTICES

Disco at South Mak School: Our Friends of the School group invite you to a fun disco at South Makirikiri School Media Centre this 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!

Kiwileles 2023: The New Zealand Ukulele Trust is a not-for-profit organisation that uses the ukulele to enrich children's lives through music. Each year, they help young people at schools around Aotearoa New Zealand get involved in music through their Kiwileles Programme, Ukes in Schools initiative and NZ Ukulele Squad Programme. This year's Rangitikei Ukulele Jam will be held on Friday, 11 August at Te Matapihi in Bulls from 11am to 2pm with students from South Makirikiri School participating. We'd love to see you there!

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

Thu 3 August.....Halcombe Sports Exchange
.....Board meeting
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 RoadShow at Nga Tawa
Fri 25 August.....Rangitikei Tough Kids
Wed 30 August.....Showcase Event
Thu 31 August.....Board meeting
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).

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: Room 2's amazing tui artwork.



RANGITIKEI KIWILELE JAM

Come play along with schools in the Rangitikei region.

When: Friday the 11th of August (Friday W4 T3)

Time: 11:00am-2:00pm

Where: Te Matapihi - Bulls Community Centre (4 Criterion Street, Bulls 4818)

Wear bright colourful t-shirts like a hawaiian shirt.



Dear the Board of Trustees.

We had an idea to make school caps as part of our winter uniform. We think that having a cap will help keep our hair out of our eyes. This will mean that there will be less accidents on the playground because we won't crash into each other as much. We have noticed that there are still some sunny days in winter so a cap will keep the sun out of our eyes. The cap will also soak up our sweat. We think lots of kids will want one because we think they look cool!

Thank you for reading our letter,
From Angus and Keanu.