



Term 3 Week 5 2023

Tēnā koutou katoa

Thank you, everyone, for your co-operation and support yesterday with collecting children when we were forced to do an emergency closure due to power outages. We know this is really frustrating for you all and can be a huge inconvenience - we appreciate the way people made it work.

There are Ministry of Education guidelines we must follow to ensure that we have a safe school, and we followed those guidelines yesterday. We were forced to close due to interruptions to our essential services that lasted more than one hour and the advice we received was not likely to be restored until at least 1:30pm. While in the past we have been able to get water running, we are not able to have the ablutions working which is a health and safety hazard. We had some power restored around 11:00am, but it wasn't stable and, at the time of making the decision, the power company could not provide us with the assurance of having ablutions and heating running. This may initiate some more planning from the Ministry of Education on providing backup power supplies for schools that have regular power interruptions.

On a positive note, this has been a great opportunity to see that our communication systems work and as a result have been able to fix some gaps in the communication tree. Thank you all for the co-operation and support in making this emergency closure work so well.

Today, some of our Year 5, 6, 7 and 8 students are participating at the Mathex competition in Palmerston

North. Mathex is a challenging and fast-paced mathematics contest where teams of four students compete against each other to answer questions as quickly as possible. Practical challenges take 20 minutes, and Quick fire, 15 minutes. There are total of 20 questions in this round. The competitive round is for our most capable mathematicians in the region. At the end of the round, practical scores and quickfire scores will be added together.

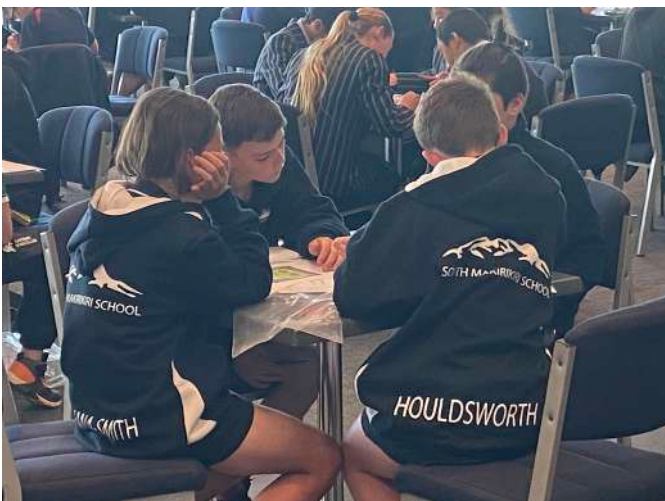
We would also like to thank our Friends of the School group for our new trampolines (one is still to be manufactured).

Our tamariki are already enjoying the trampoline. Thank you to all the parents who assembled and installed it on Sunday.

It was awesome to see all the tamariki attending the disco two Fridays ago. This was a great evening for all students to enjoy dancing, eating well and playing in the school setting outside the normal school day. This was such a great evening and was well organised by those on the FOS.

Greg Allan
Principal

Left: Our Year 8 Mathex team in Palmerston North today



Kōrero from the Board

Power Cut: At 9:00am on Wednesday morning, the power was cut across the school. PowerCo estimated that it would not be reconnected until 1:15pm. After communicating with the Ministry of Education, it was clear that we were required to make an emergency closure - in this situation, there is no water, no ablutions (flushing toilets) and limited communication methods.

This is a difficult, frustrating and undesirable situation with everybody having to navigate at short notice.

We want to thank those who were in a position to uplift students quickly, and we understand that some aren't as readily available.

Just before 11:00am, some power was reinstated, but it was not school-wide.

Please appreciate that our staff are doing all that they can to navigate this type of situation, and would appreciate kindness and understanding from our school community.

Meeting items: In our recent meeting some of the items that were discussed included:

- the results of the recent ākonga (student) well-being survey
- ākonga (student) achievement
- excellent performance at the cultural festival
- camps
- health curriculum whānau/community consultation
- Room 1 staffing for Terms 3 and 4
- current number of enrolled students and what can be done to increase this

- reports from NZSTA conference and take-aways specific to our kura needs

- Principal's mid-cycle performance assessment

The Board wishes to reassure our community that we are confident that our Principal can manage the balance of both teaching two days a week alongside the ongoing management and running of our school. We have the wellbeing of our students at the forefront of mind and providing the students in Room 1 with consistency was very important to us.

Thank you to our parent volunteers for organising a fun and engaging school disco that was well received and appreciated by our tamariki. Thanks must also go to the Pidwell family for opening up their (brand new) home to our school community for a delicious post disco meal!

Tēnā kōrua Angus and Keanu

Thank you for taking the time to write to the Board of Trustees, we appreciate the effort that has been put into this request for a school cap. We would like to invite you to pitch your proposal to members of the Board in person, along with your cost analysis. We are committed to giving this further consideration once a little more detail is received.

Ka rawe te mahi tamariki! Excellent work boys - you are to be commended for your initiative and problem-solving skills. We look forward to meeting with you soon.

Libby Rayner, Presiding Member

Below: A full house at Mathex



SCHOOL NOTICES

Rugby fundraiser sausage sizzle, raffles, etc: A reminder that we are having a sports-themed mufti day and sausage sizzle tomorrow (Friday 18 August). Results from the lolly jar guess, and raffle draws will also be advised.

Book fair opens tomorrow: The books have arrived and are available to view in our Media Centre tomorrow. Please come and see what's on offer before school from 8:15am, and from 2:15pm to 3:00pm. Eftpos is available.

Rangitikei Tough Kids: Entries for Year 3 to Year 8 students close at 2:30pm today. Please complete the [form here](#) if you would like your child/ren to participate.

Rangitikei College Music Showcase: We are looking forward to welcoming students from Rangitikei College to South Mak tomorrow afternoon. The band will be performing in the Media Centre.

Rangitikei Hockey Invitation: Players, coaches, managers, umpires and parents are invited to an end of season celebration at Rangitikei College Hall on Friday 25 August from 5.30pm.

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 (below).

A link to the form has also been set up on our website here: <https://www.southmak.school.nz/calendar/>



If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Lambs for Pet Day?
Scott and Toni Welsh breed Valais Blacknose sheep at their farm in Dannevirke (Scott is a past-pupil of South Mākirikiri School). This

breed is naturally docile and friendly, making them great pets. They get their name from their beautiful black noses, with the black colour extending up the face to the eyes and surrounding them. Each year they have a limited number of bottle babies available to purchase - lambing is about to kick off so get in touch if you would like to secure one of these beautiful babies for Pet Day! Phone: Toni on 027 378 3229 or Scott on 027 416 5122 Email: ruahinevalais@gmail.com

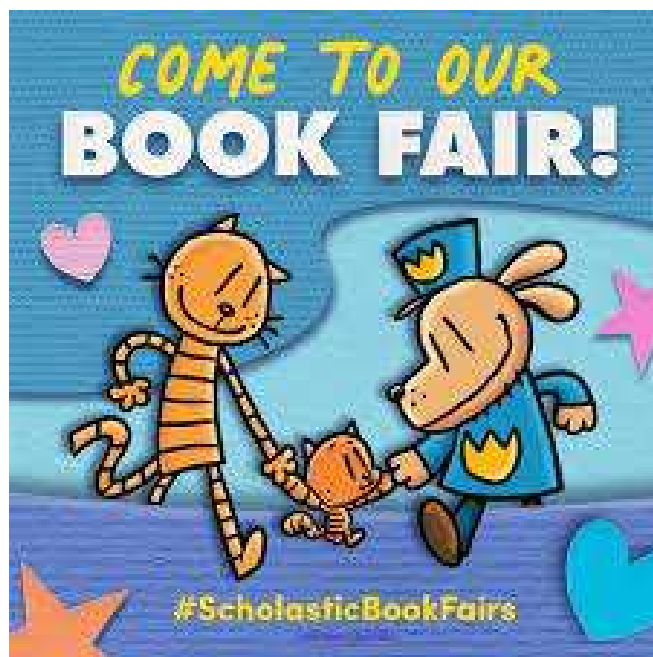
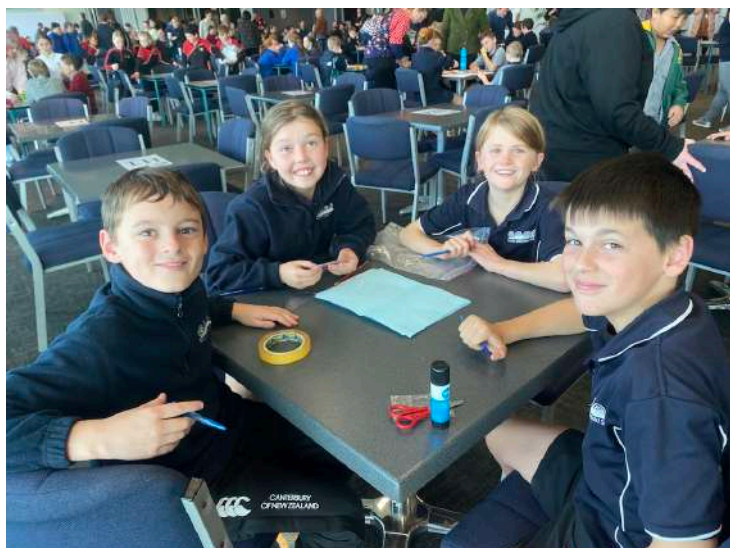


Above: A Valais Blacknose lamb

TERM EVENTS

Thu 17 August.....Mathex PN for Yr 5, 6, 7 & 8
Fri 18 August.....Rangitikei College Music Showcase
.....Rugby trip fundraiser barbecue @ 12.30pm
.....Sports-themed mufti day
.....Sixtus Lodge working bee for Yr8 students
Mon 21 August.....Book Week Begins
Wed 23 August.....Book Dress Up Day
Thu 24 August.....Science RoadShow at Nga Tawa
.....Book Fair sales open
Fri 25 August.....Rangitikei Tough Kids, Yr3 up
.....Rangitikei Hockey End of Season Celebration
Wed 30 August....Arts Showcase Event @ Te Matapihi
Thu 31 August.....Board meeting
Fri 1 September.....CanTeen Bandanna Day
.....Learning Celebration @ 2pm
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
Tuesday 19 September.....Blue Light PT Challenge
Thu 21 September.....PET DAY!

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



Above: Our Year 5 and 6 Mathex teams

Above right: Kotahi's awesome "Battle of the Mountains" artwork.

Right: Books are for sale at school for the following few days - 17th to 21st August. Books can be viewed and purchased in the mornings from 8:15am and in the afternoons from 2:15pm to 3:00pm. There will be eftpos available.

SOLWAY COLLEGE INTER-SCHOOLS DRESSAGE COMPETITION:

The Inter-Schools Dressage Competition will be held in Masterton on 20 September 2023 at the Solway Showgrounds. This could be an opportunity for South Makirikiri students to aspire to next year. If you would like more information as to what may be required, please contact Libby Rayner.



IBIKE4KIDS IS BACK: This year's event is on Sunday 10 September, 2023 at the Victoria Esplanade in Palmerston North. 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/>