

# South Mākirikiri School

# Term 3 Week 9 2023

# Tēnā koutou katoa

With a population of over 875,000 Māori people living in New Zealand and thousands of various nearby islands and countries, the existence of Māori Language Week holds great importance. It is celebrated through language, song, dance, cultural displays, and community events. The overarching theme for the 2023 Pacific Language Weeks is sustainability.

Māori is a Polynesian language that roughly 185,000 people living in New Zealand are native speakers of. It's the first language for most if not all of the indigenous Māori people living in New Zealand and other Polynesian islands. As of 2018, it was the second most widely spoken language in New Zealand, where 185,955 (3.96%) speak it.

Like any language, Māori has a lot of interesting characteristics that make it stand out. Unlike English, Māori only features 20 different characters -  $A \bar{A} E \bar{E} H I \bar{I} K M N O \bar{O} P R T U \bar{U} W$  NG and WH. The NG and WH are considered individual letters since they each represent a single sound.

Earlier this year our staff engaged in increasing our confidence when speaking te reo, this will continue to be our focus were we each are at different levels of confidence or ability. Just like many of our tamariki, this is something we will continue to work at to improve.

Over the past few days we really have noticed our tamariki looking and feeling pretty drained. This maybe an indication of how much we have packed into this term. and we aren't finished. We are really excited to be able to share our Musical Arts / cultural talents with you tonight at Te Matapehi in Bulls. This is our first time using this facility for a school event which is exciting.

Last week our senior students led a wonderful sports assembly recognising individuals along

with thanking the sports coaches who had contributed to their teams each week during the winter. What was really special was the students sharing what they loved about participating in each sport. Letting us know they loved developing their skills, competing against other teams and playing alongside their peers.



Above: Our staff dressed up as their favourite book characters for our recent Book Week

I would also like to reiterate how appreciative we are for the contribution of so many parents taking sports teams. Without your continued support these teams would not be able to have the opportunities they are presented with each week. This culminated in our two teams having their final games of basketball in Marton on Monday night. This initiative from Sport Whanganui is well supported by a range of schools and we look forward to basketball continuing next year.

## **Greg Allan, Principal**

# **PET DAY 2023**

Our Pet Day will be held next Thursday on 21 September 2023. Following is a timetable for the day but please note the times are approximations and may vary slightly on the day. Also, if your child is bringing a pet, please complete an information/entry form by Monday 18 September.

A link for the form is at the bottom of the page on our website here:

https://www.southmak.school.nz/calendar/

# Timetable:

- 9:00 to 10:00am: Arrival of pets. There will be a noticeboard by the office with designated areas for where pets need to be taken. All dogs are to be tied up except when being judged, and then they need to be on a leash. Cats should be securely caged. Caged pets must remain in their cage at all times.
- 9:00am: Roll students to meet in classrooms.
- 9:45am: Welcome and information. From 10:00am tea, coffee from inside Room 5. A barbecue will also be available between 11:00am and 1:00pm. Students will have specified times for purchasing sausages. Classes will be sharing this fundraising opportunity.
- 10:00am: Judging for cats (Yr1-3), other animals (Yr4-5), *calves (all year levels)*.
- 10:30am: Judging for other animals (Yr1-3), cats (Yr4-5), dogs (Yr6-8).
- 10:30am: AgriKids preliminary final on the back field.
- 11:00am: Judging for lambs (Yr1-3), dogs (Yr4-5), cats (Yr6-8).
- 11:30am: Judging for dogs (Yr1-3), lambs (Yr4-5), other animals (Yr6-8).
- Midday: Judging for lambs (Yr6-8).
- Midday onwards: classrooms will be open to observe the photography and art displays; senior cake decorating (silent auction), AgriKids grand final and picnic lunch.

- 1:00pm: Parade of best dressed lamb (outdoor classroom).
- 1:30pm: Prizegiving (outdoor classroom).

There will be a raffle in Room 5 and a cake stall in Room 2.

### Locations:

- Lambs on the field by Room 2.
- Cats outside office and Room 5 on the wooden seating.
- Dogs along fence-line by boardwalk.
- Other animals under the covered area (tunnel) outside Room 6

CRITERIA: Lambs and dogs will be judged in two sections, ie, leading and handling and care and attention.

Care and Attention Criteria: Healthy appearance evidence of correct feeding, clean skin, well-groomed, clean halter, hooves, tail, mouth and nostrils. Evidence that the animal has been well-treated. Lambs - docked. Lambs must not be washed prior to Pet Day.

Lambs: The children will need to lead their lamb around a course. Care and attention will be taken into account.

Calves: The children will need to lead their calf around a course. Children should be able to manage their calf without adult help. Care and attention will be taken into account. Calves will be very early in the time schedule so they can be taken away early.

Dogs: Children will need to lead their dog around a course independently and through a short obstacle course with one spoken command to sit at the end. Care and attention will be taken into account.

Cats and other pets: Children will need to speak about their cat and know how they look after it. Knowledge of the animal and the ability to speak about it will go towards the final grading. General look, care and attention of the cat will also be taken into account.

#### SCHOOL NOTICES

Thank you for your support: The players from the Marton Under 10s Junior Rugby Club would like to thank everyone from South Makirirkiri School and the wider Marton community for helping them fundraise for their Taupo Rugby Tournament. The team players are so very grateful for the support that everyone has given them, and it is going a long way in helping them get to Taupo. The kids are all looking forward to playing against teams from all over the country and world. There was a lot of excitement around school in the week leading up to Friday and, on the day itself, with lots of children trying to work out how many lollies were in the jar. It was great seeing so many children counting and then recounting trying to reach their final number guesses. The final count was 107 lollies. No one guessed the correct number, but Alecia guessed the closest with 111.

The raffle was drawn on Friday, with 3 lucky winners taking home their baskets:

1st Hudson Edwards 2nd Ms Drylie 3rd Kat Smyth



Thanks! From the Marton Under 10s Junior Rugby Club

# Descriptive writing by Rylee Bell (Room 4) - inspired by imagining she is a shoe:

Dear Diary - Today was a bad day for a shoe like me. When my owner went on a walk up the hill, a dog pooed and weed on me, but the day wasn't over yet! Next my owner got an ice cream and it dripped all over me. As my owner walked down the hill, he tripped up and I got ripped! But my owner didn't care. He started to run home as he was getting wet in the rain. Finally, at home my owner cleaned me, polished me and even fixed me up. I love my owner and he loves me too... (I think).

#### **TERM EVENTS**

Mon 11 September	Maori Language Week
Wed 13 SeptemberART	S Showcase at Te Matapihi
Tuesday 19 September	Blue Light PT Challenge
Thu 21 September	PET DAY!
Fri 22 September	End of term 3
Mon 9 October	Start of term 4

Please <u>click here</u> for our school calendar (this can also be accessed from our HERO app).

This recipe is on Pak 'n Save's website and is credited to Food in a Minute. More recipes are available on our school website at:

https://www.southmak.school.nz/information/

# **KIDS FRITTATA**

Serves 6 - Prep time 20 minutes - Cooking time - 20 minutes

Great savoury muffin recipe for the whole family to enjoy!

# INGREDIENTS

200g diced ham 1 diced onion ½ Tbsp oil 2 cups cooked pumpkin and potatoes 5 eggs, whisked 410g canned cream corn ½ cup grated cheese

#### METHOD

Preheat the oven to 180°C.

1. Heat oil in a large frying pan, add onion and ham and cook until soft and golden.

2. Add the cooked pumpkin and potatoes to the frying pan, and cook until heated though.



3. Grease two large muffin pans with a small amount of oil or butter.



4. Spoon the ham, onion and vegetables mixture into the muffin pans.

5. Combine the whisked eggs with the can of creamed corn and pour into the muffin pans on top of the ham and vegetable mixture.

6. Top with grated cheese.

7. Bake in the oven for 15-20 minutes or until golden brown.

\*\*Fritatta can also be cooked as a large meal in an oven proof dish rather than dividing into muffin pans.

Recipe by Katherine from Busy Happy Kids

FEILDING RURAL DAY - 6th October 2023: Rural Day is an iconic annual event held in Feilding CBD that attracts 1000s of locals AND visitors to celebrate our rural heritage. This free public event is aimed at celebrating all things rural that are important to our town, district and regional culture and economy. Rural Day brings our community together, attracts new customers and entertains locals and visitors alike. It's a great day for families and a lot of light-hearted fun! Manchester Square will be packed with farm animals, non-stop entertainment, rides, fun rural activities and competitions.

# Below: Lunch time fun in our school library and a spring poem by Ginny Rayner.



Poetic forms
Mane Ginny Rayner Date 4.9.23
Five Senses Poem
Your five senses are seeing, hearing, tasting, smelling and feeling.
Choose one of the following titles.
<ul> <li>Mowing the lawn</li> <li>First day at school</li> <li>Making popcorn</li> <li>Summertime</li> <li>A day on the farm</li> <li>A long car trip</li> </ul>
Finish the sentences to make a five senses poem. Title: I see daffod is
I hear bees bussing I taste icelfrost
I taste I smell fresh air
I feel Soft, baby lambs What a fantasti