



South Mākirikiri School

Term 4 Week 1 2023

Tama tu tama ora, tama noho tama mate

An active person will remain healthy while a lazy one will become sick

Tēnā koutou katoa

Welcome back to term 4. We hope you have had a quality two weeks with your whanau and, as we hit the ground running on Monday, the students have come back engaged and are looking forward to the term ahead. This is an exciting term with many class trips/camps and sports events. Without our amazing parent support for the upcoming camps, we would not be able to offer the experiences for our tamariki at the least impact in regards to costs to you. We work really hard to provide as many opportunities for our tamariki at little or often no cost and in today's climate, this is something we are very proud of. The support of the FOS and the hard mahi people that put in during the hay season enables so many opportunities for our students.

During the holidays, Miss Charlotte Lester has indicated she will be finishing at the end of the year to follow her partner Tom Clark-Puia to his first teaching position in New Plymouth. While this is sad for our team, school and our community, we know that the decision has taken a huge amount of thought, time and consideration on her part. As Charlotte indicated to all our staff, if she could commute, she would. Charlotte has taken on all challenges at South Mākirikiri School and we have seen her grow as a teacher, and know we have helped develop her potential as a future leader in education. As a school, we will acknowledge more of the contribution throughout this term. We know that the move for Charlotte and Tom is a very positive part of their development in education. During this term, Mr Clark-Puia is going to work alongside me in Room 1 on Thursdays and Fridays to help ease the load.

During the holidays we had painting contractors make a start on a full school paint. This will be a work-in-progress with the way the weather is. There may be some disruption moving around buildings while the tradesmen complete this job and we apologise if there is any inconvenience.

We have also installed some permanent volleyball poles and already have students out utilising this on the grass behind the playground. Kere Marino donated his

time and engineering skills to have these made up. We really appreciate the work you have done for this, Kere.



Above: Students enjoying a game of volleyball

Cross-Country this Friday: We are excited to be holding the cross-country at Duddings Lake. After seeing the Whanganui Secondary Schools course there earlier in the year, we decided we should try a new local venue. We have most of the action occurring in front of the Hall as you drive into Duddings Lake. Year 4 to 8 will complete a complete circuit of the lake with some added loops for Year 6 to 8. For Year 0 to 3, the course will stay on the hall side of the lake. We would

appreciate any help keeping the students in their designated areas to watch the events and not roaming around the course. We are happy for parents to be around the lake edge to support. Times and distances are approximate:

- Year 6/7 Year 8 Girls/ Boys - 1:00pm 2.6km
- Year 4/5 Girls/ Boys - 1:20pm 2km
- Year 2/3 Girls/ Boys - 1:40pm 1.2 km
- Year 0/1 Girls/Boys - 1:50pm 700m

Students can wear mufti (athletic clothing, shoes are ideal but bare feet will be fine)

At the conclusion of the event, students will be able to leave with parents. Please advise the class teacher if you are taking your child/ren home with you.

Tonight we have four students taking part in the Marton Lions Club speech competition. We wish Ella Thomas, Ryder Jones, Georgiana Maas and Johnny Shoebridge all the best for their presentations tonight.

The calibre of speeches which were presented at school made the judging really tough. What was encouraging to see in the class presentations was the feedback and support each of the tamariki received from their peers. We had a wide range of topics being presented all driven by students interest and research.

It was also great having the year 7 and 8 finalists presenting their speeches to the whole school.

We have not set Learning Celebrations in the first seven weeks of this term, which is due to us trying an elective programme. In the senior school we have two specialist groups in Cricket Whanagnui and Golf NZ running programmes along with our teachers facilitating the six week experience for students. In the junior school there

are also electives happening across the classes based at school. This is an exciting opportunity for students to experience something they have chosen, and getting an extended amount of time doing so with expert support. We will be continuing to acknowledge recipients of the Values awards which may be on Monday mornings when we gather together as a school to attempt some fine motor skills or physical challenges to engage the mind and body.

Health and sexuality education: During term 4, classes will be exploring this aspect of the New Zealand Curriculum. Classes will (and have already) been sharing what will be part of the lessons. For this year, we are focusing on two themes, ie, Staying Safe and Relationships. As per our school policy, there is an opportunity to come in to hear how the learning is differentiated for each year group, or through talking to the class teacher for an overview. As a school, we use the resource "Navigating the Journey" sexuality education, from the NZ Family Planning Association. We have resources dedicated to Year 1-2, Year 3-4, Year 5-6 and Year 7-8. Teachers use this resource to guide lessons. An outline of what is being taught is communicated with the year groups before we start and this is a opportunity for you, as parents, to have conversations at home about Staying Safe and Relationships.

An information hui will be held at 5:30pm on Tuesday 17th October in Room 1.

Greg Allan, Principal

Below: Congratulations to Alecia Fogden who came second in an Upper Hutt gymnastics competition held in the holidays. What an awesome result!



BOARD OF TRUSTEE NEWS

Pet Day: How amazing was our Pet Day in Week 10! It was a super day for our school community and on the back of the Arts Showcase at Te Matapihi. Thank you to our staff and students for the additional work put into both of these events. I loved the variety and cultural links to the class performances in the evening show, and the artwork (including cakes!) on display throughout the classrooms on Pet Day - clear evidence of rich and diverse learning taking place in our kura/school.

My favourite category of Pet Day is the "Other Animal" section - sooo many different species and passionate little carers of these unique beings. This day is so special to our school and a unique point of difference over other schools in our rohe/region, it is definitely something to be enjoyed and celebrated.

Community Consultation: On Pet Day, we opened our community consultation survey. This helps us to build a curriculum that is unique to South Mākirikiri's wants and needs through the voice of you - our parents, whanau and community. We asked questions about our Health and PE curriculum, our school communication, and reporting. Thank you to the NINE people that have completed the survey - we really appreciate you taking the time to share your feedback. I strongly urge the rest of you to take 15 minutes out of a busy day to help us out here - this is a constructive way to share with us what we are doing right, what opportunities we can look into, and what we can be doing better. Not to mention it's a much more effective method of creating change than car park conversations.

You might think that everything we're doing is fine so you don't feel motivated to do the survey - we can only take onboard responses and create change from the feedback we are receiving, and they may be saying something very different from your perspective so please share your thoughts with us. This survey is completely anonymous.

You can find it here:

<https://forms.gle/xWmXRVoegKtThwg99>

Friends of the School - Lead vacancy: I want to thank Alannah Marino for her time as the FOS Chairperson. Alannah agreed to take on this role as a new parent to our school community last year and has done an excellent job in the role and I have particularly appreciated her communication and organisation. Since taking on the role, Alannah has started a new job, opened a new business with husband Kerre, and is now studying for a Bachelor of Accountancy. Alannah's words to anyone considering supporting our school in this role:

"You get to work with a great team of people who are super supportive! The job can actually be a lot of fun and isn't difficult at all. It's also something you can add flair to and really inject something exciting into our school." If this sounds like something you could be interested in, or are prepared to step into for a year, please feel free to contact Alannah, Greg or myself.

While we're on the topic of FOS, we are looking for a hay coordinator for the coming hay season. Jen Simpson did a stellar job this year and Rob Simpson was outstanding prior to that. This job is essentially answering the phone from farmers who require their hay to be stacked. The hay season is usually from mid-January to early March. You need to put the call out to our school community to come to the property to load the hay onto vehicles and stack it into the sheds, ensuring we have enough people and vehicles to complete the job. This is our major fundraiser each year and we get paid \$2 per bale. In recent years we have raised between \$20,000 - \$40,000 for our students! No prior knowledge is needed, you don't even need to go to the jobs - this can be a pure logistics and communication role. However, we do have a great time at these jobs, it is a family friendly fundraiser where there is a role for everyone of all abilities, and an ice block, snack and cold drink reward at the end of the job. Again, please contact Alannah, Greg, Jen or myself if you can help us out for the 2024 hay season.

Major project: With the money we have already raised and money to be raised over the next couple of years, we would like to focus on a major project to work towards as a collaboration between the Friends of the School and the School Board. We will be surveying the students on what they would like to see in their school, and we welcome your input too. Some ideas thus far have been:

- a bike track
- a school van
- a roof over the turf to create an all-weather play, sport and event area
- a playground extension
- drainage of the playing field to make it usable year round

A working group will be formed to put the plan into action once we have settled on a project. Again, there will be a call out for parents, grandparents, friends of the school etc to support this when the time comes.

Acknowledgement: I want to acknowledge and thank Rob and Annie Simpson for creating some great opportunities for our school community to come together for social events and build community spirit. The disco last term was very well supported and they followed this up with a screening of the Rugby World Cup opening game in the media centre, complete with a cooked breakfast. Keep an eye out for the next

opportunity as they are always fun and a great way to meet other families, particularly for parents who work full time and aren't always able to be present at school events during the day.

Website: Kerry, our wonderful Office Administrator is continuously updating our school website. This is an excellent resource for information including our school calendar, news and events. It is full of recent photos of our tamariki/children learning and loving their school activities. I encourage you to take some time to check it out as it is not just for prospective families, it is relevant to us all.

Board Meeting: Our next meeting is on Wednesday 25th October at 6pm. Agenda items include:

- Healthy Active Learning mid-point review summary
- Community consultation survey responses
- Zone enrollment scheme
- Staffing for 2024
- Extension and intervention teaching
- Room 7 MOE building tender update.

As a Board, we have agreed to move away from the School Docs website for policy, and to create our own policies specific and unique to South Mākirikiri School. Board member Maria Clayton has done a huge amount of work in this space over the past 12 months and continues to do so for us. We would be very keen to hear from anyone in our community who is a policy writer or has a background or passion for policy to assist us as we finalise this process prior to leaving School Docs. If you would be happy to assist us in this, please contact Maria, Greg or myself, we would love to hear from you!

Emails for contacting us (all available on the website!):

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- Kerry Robson office@southmak.school.nz
- Maria Clayton mclayton@southmak.school.nz
- Alannah Marino fos@southmak.school.nz

Libby Rayner, Presiding Member



Above: Charlotte Stewart's wonderful Pet Day artwork.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Lucky Book Club: The last issue of Lucky Book Club will be sent home with every student this afternoon. We noticed that books took quite a long time to be delivered for the last book club, so orders will be closing a little sooner than usual this time around to try and ensure that books are received before the end of the school year. Please place your order through LOOP online by 9:00am, Wednesday 25 October (there are 50 extra books offered on LOOP). Thank you in advance for supporting our school.

Room reminders: Reminders were sent out for Rooms 4, 5 and 6 via Hero yesterday, as follows. NB: the links may not work through this newsletter. Please log into Hero to access them.

Room 3 - Homework is sent home on a Monday and books are due back each Friday for buddy testing and for marking. This week spelling came home on Monday, after spelling patterns were taught and readers started coming home on Tuesday. It's ideal if students can read each day/night, even if it's shared reading. Any reading is good reading. Our library day is Tuesday. Please try to have books back each week so that children can either reissue or issue new ones. We will be holding junior assemblies, along with some singing practice each Thursday in Room 3. We will be having a school values draw, where those who have earned a values card will be in the draw to win a prize. Our values are Self-managing, Mindfulness, and Contributing. This fortnight we are looking for students who can manage themselves both inside and outside the classroom. School bucket hats need to be worn in term 1 and term 4. If your child doesn't have a school hat, these can be purchased in the office for \$15. Our school's cross country is this Friday at Duddings Lake. Races will commence at approximately 1pm. The junior race will be at around 1:30 pm. We will run races as close to these times as possible. Class trips will be happening this term. More information to follow this week. We will require parent helpers/transport for our outings.

Room 4 - Homework went home on Monday, spelling words will come home next week but the children have readers and their normal homework sheet starting week 1. Please send all children to school with their South Makirikiri hat as they are required to wear it this term. I have attached a Google form for you to complete about transport for our camp. I will have a parent meeting soon. Thanks, Brenna

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc30MfY-4wcrGhLUug1DJ5WlfP0rsiUX4t5zfq_ls0bUZiKwg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Room 5 - Today has been a lovely first day back for term 4! Please remember to sign your child up for camp and pay \$40 for this online to the school bank account 03-0683-0143704-00 with your child's name and "CAMP" as the reference. We will be going on camp in week 9 of this term (4, 5, 6 December). [Link to sign up here](#). For homework, I would like students to finish

writing their speeches. These will be presented this Thursday. If they have already finished writing this, students can extend themselves by practising reading their speeches so they will not have to read off their script. School bucket hats need to be worn every day starting Monday next week. Thank you, Lucy Richards

Room 6 - Kia ora everyone, It has been a nice start to the term today, with some lovely weather! Weekly homework will start next week, I would like them to focus on their speeches which they are presenting on Thursday this week and finish their project homework, which the due date has been extended to Friday this week, thank you to those who have already handed them in. School bucket hats need to be worn every day starting Monday next week. I am still awaiting some replies for camp details from the places I have booked. In the meantime please remember to pay \$60 for camp, online to the school bank account 03-0683-0143704-00 with your child's name and "CAMP" as the reference. We are going in Week 5 of this term, 6th, 7th, 8th November. Thank you, Charlotte Lester

Room 1 - Welcome to the start of term 4. We are looking forward to an exciting term with many opportunities for our senior students to embrace and lead through the term. It was a great finish to last term with speeches presented by every student and a successful Pet day. We will continue to develop our skills playing ki-o-rahi with a tournament later in the term. Mrs Speirs will continue teaching Monday to Wednesday where she is focusing on Maths Number Knowledge, Reading/Writing skills, Art and Social Studies.

Mr Clark-Puia/ Mr Allan will be focusing on Maths Strand, Algebra, Statistics, and Probability, Literacy skills, Novel Studies and Comprehension Skills, Health and PE. Technology will continue on Tuesdays with Food, Science, Fabric, and Clay Art. Students need to make sure they have appropriate footwear (crocs are not suitable), and containers if they have food technology. During this term, there is a camp booked from 31st October to 3rd November at Riversdale. Activities: Waka Ama, Surf lifesaving Skills, Surfing, What lies between the tides, and visiting Pukuha (Mt Bruce) There will also be a range of team-building activities and beach survival activities throughout the four days. Mr Allan will be leading this camp.

Friday Touch - Marton. This term we have an opportunity to create some touch teams in Year 5/6 or 7/8.

[Please complete the form if you are keen to be involved.](#)
Rangitikei Schools 6-Week Touch Series

Two grades: Year 5/6 grade (if younger kids want to have a go they can join this team) and Year 7/8 grade.

- Friday afternoons from 3:30-5:30pm.

- 6 person teams (must have 2 girls).

If you are interested in helping please contact Libby by text or email: 027 241 8021

libby@sportwhanganui.co.nz

TERM EVENTS

Fri 13 October.....Cross Country @ Duddings Lake
Sat 14 October.....Election Day voting at Sth Mak
Tue 17th October.....Information Hui-Health and
Sexuality Education
Fri 20 October.....Junior and Senior electives
Mon 23 October.....Labour Day - no school today
Wed 25 October.....Board meeting @ 6pm
Thu 26 October.....Room 4 overnight trip to zoo
Friday 27 October.....Senior electives
Tue 31 October.....Room 1 leaves for camp
Fri 3 NovemberJunior and Senior electives
.....Room 1 returns from camp
Mon 6 November.....Room 6 leaves for camp
Wed 8 November.....Room 6 returns from camp
Fri 10 NovemberJunior and Senior electives
Wed 15 November.....Kī-o-rahi tournament, Yr 5 & 6
Fri 17 November.....Junior and Senior electives
Mon 20 November.....Teacher Only Day
Fri 24 November.....Kī-o-rahi tournament, Yr 7 & 8
.....Room 3 EOTC
.....Senior electives
Fri 1 December.....Room 2 class trip
.....Room 3 EOTC
.....Learning Celebration @ 2pm
Mon 4 December.....Room 5 leaves for camp
Wed 6 December.....Room 5 returns from camp
Wed 13 December.....Year 8 final assembly
Thu 14 December.....Prize giving (TBC)
Fri 15 December.....School finishes at midday

Right: Lachie Skerman's Pet Day artwork.



Marton Swim Club

Ages: 7 - 17
Tuesdays and Thursdays
5.30pm - 6.30pm

For fitness and lessons
(spaces limited)
FUN & AFFORDABLE

Terms 4 & 1
Contact: Bec Sorensen 0273219102
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FB: [Marton Swim Club](#)

