



# South Mākirikiri School

## Term 4 Week 3 2023

### Whāia te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe me he maunga teitei

*Seek the treasure you value most dearly: if you bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain*

This whakatauki is about aiming high or for what is truly valuable, but its real message is to be persistent and don't let obstacles stop you from reaching your goal.

#### **Tēnā koutou katoa,**

I would like to thank all those who feed back how much they enjoyed the cross country at Duddings Lake. It was an amazing afternoon and the students showed some great determination and resilience running at a new venue. The area worked brilliantly for parents to watch and the terrain was a little more challenging than the golf course. This Friday we have 17 students representing our school at the Hunterville Inter-school cross country which is another very challenging course.

On Friday as staff we have thought we could get into the Rugby World Cup spirit with a mufti day to dress supporting the All Blacks. We will combine this with Gumboot Friday which is the following week. Students can bring along a gold coin, dress in black and we will send some video messages to the All Blacks in France.

Later this week Room 4 will be heading to Wellington for their EOTC experience. It is brilliant having 17 parents supporting the class on this trip. Over the next 7 weeks we have EOTC experiences happening for each of the classes. These range from city visits, beach experiences and bush adventures. These experiences are always challenging for students as some it is their first experience of staying away from home. What is really impressive is our staff are always looking for different experiences and places to hold camps so that students get a wide variety of experiences. This takes a huge amount of time, organising and planning and I appreciate what our staff do for these experiences.

Last week we held an information evening about the Health and Sexuality Education programme we have as part of the Health Curriculum. It was great to see some parents attending to gain a better understanding of what the programme consists of. During this term the two main themes we are focusing on are Staying Safe and Relationships. Classes have sent out details on when these sessions will take place and parents can request students not participate by emailing the teacher or me directly.

**Crocs/Jibbitz:** We know that crocs have made a comeback and with this it brings challenges with Jibbitz. These are very appealing items for students to have. They are very hard for teachers to manage especially when they go missing. We do talk to classes about respecting others property and belongings and that it is not ok to remove others jibbitz.

We also need students to be prepared for events that happen where appropriate footwear is needed. Sporting events or technology. Crocs are not suitable or safe footwear to have on so please encourage students to be prepared for what events they have each week with the right equipment.

**FOS AGM:** If you have thought about how you can support South Mākirikiri School in some way, the FOS could be a great way to contribute to the wider experiences that South Mākirikiri School can offer. This group of parents are always looking for more members to support a range of initiatives. We will be having our last FOS meeting on Thursday 2nd November at 7pm at Cooks Garden Bar. This meeting will be our AGM, and also my last meeting as

chairperson so would love to have as many of you there as possible.

**Electives:** Last Friday across the school we had our first session of electives where students have a variety of activities to engage in. To make these electives work we have some wonderful parent support to support the staff taking these electives. If you can also help at Golf and sailing we would really appreciate a couple more helpers to support the students.

**Friday Sailing:** Students will need togs and a towel along with a bag to put wet clothing in.

**TOD:** Monday the 20th of November, school will be closed while our staff undertake professional

development on the refreshed curriculum. As a staff we will be collaborating with Clifton School and Marton Primary School to work through some new resources, investigate possible localised curriculum plans and including digital resources. This is part of the MOE initiatives to provide schools time to become familiar with the Refreshed Curriculum.

**Greg Allan, Principal**

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEE NEWS

We had 14 responses from our Health, Physical Education, and communication community survey. Thank you to those of you who took some time to share your views with us - we will be analysing these at our Board meeting this evening. Thank you also to the six parents that came along to the Health, Sexuality & Relationships Education Parent Information Evening last week. I am sorry I was not able to join you as I too was looking forward to it, however, our 5 parent reps on the Board were involved at a NZ School Trustees Association seminar on School Planning and Reporting.

On that note, we have two simple questions we will be asking you in the coming weeks that will support our strategic planning, so have a think about them now:

1. What do you value most about our school?
2. What do you value most about your child's education?

I would like to congratulate Greg and, our fabulous teaching and support staff for a fantastic school cross country held at Duddings Lake on Friday 13th October. I felt proud both as a parent and as the Presiding Member of our school. We had excellent support from our school community, the event was run over a great course that made it a dream for spectators to see our runners trying so hard for the entire race, and I was most impressed by the effort our tamariki/children put in to their running prior to the event and of course giving it their all on the day. I am in a privileged perspective through my work as the Rangitikei Healthy Active Learning School's Community Connector as I get to attend many events like this across all of the Rangitikei primary schools and I can assure you, that our event is nothing short of outstanding - so congratulations to our runners, our organisers and our supporters!

**Libby Rayner, Presiding Member**

*Below: Cross country at Duddings Lake*





## SCHOOL NOTICES

**NZ Modern School of Music:** NZ MSM is starting up a little singing group for children! This is an opportunity for children to sing with other children, learn some fun songs, and perform at events in Marton. If you think your child (and/or your child's friends) would be interested, come along to the singing group on Wednesdays at 6pm at the Bible Chapel, 9 Hereford Street, Marton. For more information, please contact Zettie at [zettieformusic@gmail.com](mailto:zettieformusic@gmail.com) or 021 1118308.

**Room reminders** (NB: the links may not work through this newsletter. Please log into Hero to access them):

**Room 3** - Thanks to FOS and our fundraising opportunity (tree planting at Bonny Glen) we have two days of EOTC planned for this term. The two dates planned are Friday 24 November and Friday 1 December. We will be requiring parent help/transport for both days. Please see the details below:

**Day 1 - Beach/Rural Day on Friday 24 November** (times are approximate). 8:30am Depart school for Turakina Beach. 8:45am Arrive at Turakina Beach. 8:50-9:30am Beach Clean Up. 9:40-9:50am Morning tea. 9:50 - 10:30am Driftwood/Sculpture Challenge. 10:30am Depart Turakina and make our way to the Morrison's at 68 Coombe Road. 11:00am Meet up with Laura and Richard Morrison, have a quick snack/lunch while hearing about the farm activities planned. 60-90minutes of farm activities to be done in three groups of six until around 1:00pm. 1:00-2:00pm Bush walk as a whole group. At this

point, families/children not opting to do the later activities can go home, or will be taken back to school. The remainder of the Rural Experience By Choice includes the following:

- a swim
- early dinner (burgers)
- bonfire and a sleep-over

Those wanting to stay need to be accompanied by a parent. There are limited cottage spaces. This will be a first-in, first-served option and families will need to let me know their preferences by returning the notice which was sent home on Monday 16 October. This will include a gear list.

**Day 2 - Around Town on Friday 1st December** - 8:30am Depart school for Springvale Bike Park. 9:00-11:00am Springvale Bike Park (morning tea /snacks within this time). 11:00 am Depart for Riverland Family Park. 11:30-12:30pm Mini Golf. 1:00 - 2:30 pm Whanganui Splash Centre. 3:00 pm Students will arrive back at school and those families who aren't on the trip will need to collect their children.

Kind regards, Sharyn Drylie

**Friday Touch Rugby** - Our touch teams are performing very well with many having their first attempt at the sport, and we have already notched up a few wins!



## TERM EVENTS

Wed 25 October.....Board meeting @ 6pm  
Thu 26 October.....Room 4 overnight trip to zoo  
Friday 27 October.....Senior electives  
-----Interschool Cross Country @ Hunterville  
Tue 31 October.....Room 1 leaves for camp  
Fri 3 November .....Junior 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 November .....Junior and Senior electives  
Sat 11 November...Armistice Day Service, Marton RSA  
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 beach trip  
.....Senior electives  
Fri 1 December.....Room 2 class trip  
.....Room 3 Around Town trip  
.....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



# 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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