



South Mākirikiri School

Term 4 Week 5 2023

He iti te mokoroa, nāna i kati te kahikatea

The mokoroa (grub) may be small, but it cuts through the kahikatea.

This whakatauki reflects that small things can have a great impact. It encourages us to think big. Although numbers or resources may be small, like the mokoroa, it is possible to achieve great tasks or achievements.

Kia ora te whānau

Wow, what opportunities our tamariki get! Room 4 arrived back at school sharing all the amazing experiences they had with the 17 adults at their EOTC experience at the Wellington Zoo, Zealander, swimming pools and Te Papa. We underestimate how exciting it can be for our tamariki to travel together in vans for extended amounts of time.

Last week, our Year 7 and 8 students also got to experience a range of activities in the Wairarapa region, from the bush through to the sea (right). As I was leading this experience, it really brought home to me how well our students connect and support each other. It is so rewarding seeing them not needing technology at their fingertips and not needing to have adult support for every aspect of the camp. While for some students staying away from home is huge, for others being in the ocean catching waves can be daunting, to others finding activities with heights testing their comfort level, or even making some homemade fun on the sand dunes.

Having time to explore and investigate or trial ways to solve problems is something we like to incorporate into learning and not just on EOTC experiences. We, as educators, need to remember that not all learning happens in class or from using textbooks and this was really brought home to me as the students made fires, cooked their lunch, played in streams, or turned over rocks on the rocky shore.

This week Room 6 has been exploring Wellington, and even with a challenging day weather-wise



yesterday, have been to the police museum, the high-ropes course in Petone, commuted via the train into the city, then visited the Cater Observatory, parliament buildings, travelled on the cable car, and explored the city streets. Today they are finishing with some water-based fun and will arrive back tired and, no doubt, with many stories to tell. What is great is to be able to connect back to the experiences and then add more learning which each of the classes does once the EOTC experience has finished.

In the next few weeks I will be sending some questions to parents who have attended camps to get your feedback on what worked well and what we could do better in the future. With your feedback we will continue to modify and work on making these experiences even better in the future.



Education Outside The Classroom (EOTC) is a big focus for us and we want to ensure that every student has the opportunity to participate,, no matter what year level they are. This is something we will continue to build on each year.

On Monday, we took the opportunity to welcome some new students to school as part of our Monday morning school gathering. We welcomed some 5-year-olds starting this term along with a couple of older students in Year 2 and 5. Welcome to Vanessa Fourie, Killian Gaskin and Mabel de Bruyn who have joined Room 2; Taniora Quin and Mason Rowe in Room 3; and Tarla Quin with Miss Lester in Room 6.

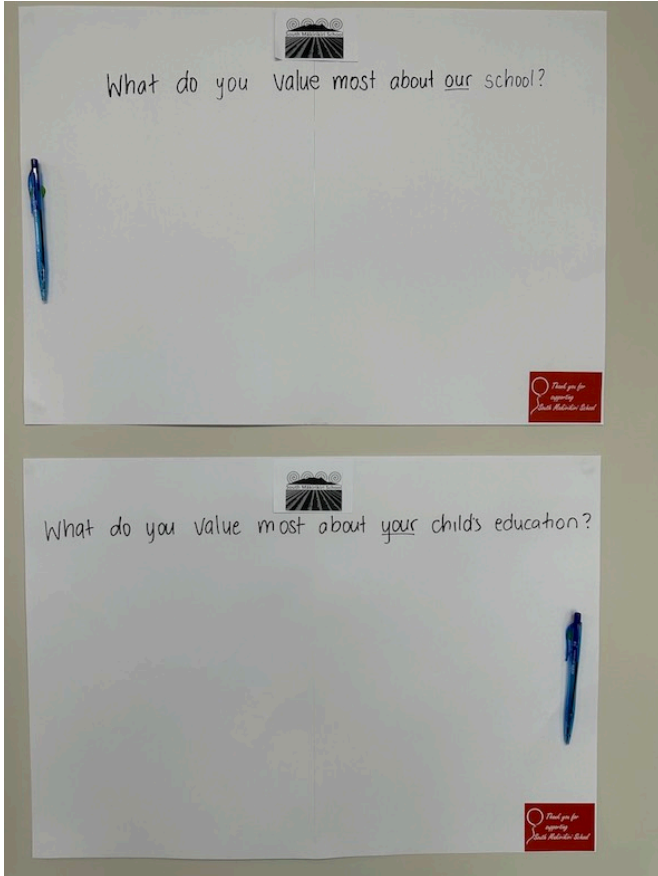
Greg Allan, Principal



Photos this page: Room 1 students at camp

BOARD OF TRUSTEE NEWS

Good morning! I have put two posters up in the office, and I would like to encourage anyone coming in to jot down what they value about our school and their child's education. Post it notes will be available on the reception desk if you'd rather write on these, and then "post it" on the paper.



This is part of our community consultation and really does help us shape the school into what you, our community, want for your learners.

How great have the pictures from our school camps on Facebook been!! Thank you to our staff and parent supporters who have taken the time to capture and share these memories with the rest of our community to celebrate such special adventures. Never have I wanted to be a 12 year old more than when I was scrolling through the Room 1 surfing photos from their camp last week! Not to mention a sleepover at the zoo! What amazing experiences our tamariki are living.

It is timely to acknowledge those awesome families that support our camps by turning up to our hay fundraisers at the start of each year. We earn \$2 for every bale lifted which has meant we can provide these camps at very little cost to our community.

I want to express my sincere condolences to the Hansen family after the passing of Kirsty McBeth. Kirsty and Scum (Tony) have been huge contributors to our school over many years whilst Tom, Millie and Joe attended South Mākirikiri School in the 2010's. They played a significant role in the development and implementation of our beautiful fitness track among numerous other projects. We are still extremely grateful for their service and contribution to our school.

Those of us that were lucky enough to know Kirsty will miss her beautiful smile and engaging personality. Both the Friends of the School (of which Kirsty had been a member) and the school Board will be acknowledging Kirsty's passing with a gesture of remembrance and support.



Libby Rayner, Presiding Member

Above: A seal on the sea shore!

SCHOOL and COMMUNITY NOTICES

FOS AGM: FOS had our AGM meeting Thursday last week where we filled some new roles and reflected on what a great year it has been! I have thoroughly enjoyed my year as chairperson of FOS. There is an incredible team of parents always ready and willing to support our amazing school and students. Our annual hay fundraiser was a massive success and a lot of fun for all involved. There has been immense support come from FOS this year for many of our families in our community who have been through some tough times! I want to say a huge thank you to every person that has been involved and supported myself and FOS this year. I know 2024 will be another stellar year with Tessa Nitschke as our new chairperson. Thanks so much Tessa, you will do a fabulous job!

Don't forget our FOS social night is 1st December from 6.30pm at Cooks Bar. Come along and get to know some more of the families in our community - we really do have a great team of parents!

NZ Modern School of Music: You are cordially invited to the NZ Modern School of Music End of Year Concert. This will be held in the South Mākirikiri School Media Centre on Thursday, 30

November at 6:00pm, with guest performers, the Kiwileles.

FOS Christmas Party: Our Friends of the School invite you to join to celebrate the end of a fantastic school year. Eat, drink and be merry at Cooks Bar, Marton from 6:30pm, Friday 1 December. See you there!

When Christmas Comes to Town - New Stage Productions: This coming December, New Stage Productions are staging four massive christmas concerts around New Zealand, one of those being at the Regent on Broadway on Saturday 23 December at 3:00pm and 7:30pm.

Our show features the best Christmas music around and will be a great build up to the day. For tickets, please visit www.ticketek.co.nz or the Regent on Broadway Website. You can also check us out on Facebook by searching New Stage Productions.



The poster for the 2023 Palmerston North Brick Show features a central image of a white wind turbine and several green and brown brick structures. The text is arranged in a clear, organized manner with a color-coded background.

2023 Palmerston North Brick Show

25th Nov 9am - 5pm	26th Nov 9am - 4pm	\$5 Entry EFTPOS Available
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Fly Palmy Arena, Pascal Street

Get tickets now: www.well-lug.nz/tickets



The poster for the Christmas party has a dark background with warm, glowing string lights at the top and bottom. The text is written in a mix of bold, colorful fonts and cursive.

EAT, DRINK & BE MERRY

SOUTH MAKIRIKIRI FRIENDS OF SCHOOL

christmas party

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER 6:30 PM

COOKS BAR, MARTON

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE END OF A FANTASTIC SCHOOL YEAR!

Palmy Brick Show: The Palmy Brick Show is on the 25 and 26 November at Fly Palmy Arena. There will be over 130 exhibitors showing off their latest Lego creations along with brick pits, a large mosaic and other interactive activities that are sure to keep everyone entertained. This year's show is raising funds for Parafed Manawatu with entry being \$5.00. More information can be found on the Palmerston North Brick Show facebook page.

Marton Market Day - 25 November, 2023:

Marton Market Day is Rangitikei's largest event and the most vibrant day in the district's calendar. Market Day takes over the town with over 250 stalls and great entertainment - all day long.

Marton Market Day is the very best place for all your Christmas shopping with something on offer to suit everyone.

A huge variety of stalls, including garden art, quality children's toys and clothes, furniture, jewelry, pottery, food, plants, makeup, body products - and even the pets are catered for. Entertainment will have you laughing, singing, and joining in the dance.

Be sure to put it in your calendar so you don't forget to join us. Come along, bring your friends and family and make a day of it. Looking forward to having you join us in Marton.

TERM EVENTS

- Fri 10 NovemberJunior and senior electives
- Sat 11 November...Armistice Day Service, Marton RSA
- 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
- Thu 30 November.....End of Year Concert @ 6pm
- 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.....Prizegiving @ Rangitikei College Hall
- Fri 15 December.....School finishes at midday
- Wed 31 December.....Term 1 2024 (TBC)

