



NEWSLETTER

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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/achievements.

Kia ora koutou, whanau

It has been a pleasure this week to have our tamariki fully immersed in learning for a complete week. We have welcomed many new whanau and tamariki, and it is so amazing seeing the way new students are supported and welcomed by their peers. As you walk around our kura (as I have done in the past few weeks with visitors and new whanau) it is evident that our staff have settled students into engaging learning programmes. Our staff is very focused on the urgency of seeing students progress. All teachers have been sending home notices about what is happening in each of their spaces, expectations for homework and how you can support the learning that happens in class. We invite all parents to make contact with teachers if they need any clarification about what will be happening in each class. We have also purchased extensive resources to support reading, and send home readers to support students to practice what they have learnt in reading sessions. Please ensure these resources come back each day.

As you will have seen in the first notice last week, our term is already very busy, and I know many classes and teams have more events planned, so please keep checking the school website where the calendar of events will be updated regularly.

It is exciting that we have 37 students in Years 3 to 8 registered for the Mt Biggs Tough Kids which runs on Friday 22 March. More details for those registered will come out in due course.

Many local sporting opportunities are available during term 1, and we will continue to advertise these via Facebook and/or our newsletter. We welcome parents who are keen to facilitate teams and enable as many South Makirikiri students to participate as possible. Please make contact if you can help with any of the sports. This term, cricket will be a big focus, with South Mak support the Marton Saracens Club with their teams.

Starting this week, builders will be onsite doing remedial work on Room 7 which may cause some congestion around the pick-up and drop-zone at the start and end of each day. This has been a long-term project to get the MOE to recognise there is a fault and to finally see work starting is exciting. Please note that we have huge numbers of vehicles coming in at each end of the school day. We encourage parents to model using the walkway and crossing zone in the centre of the car park with students. We understand the dental caravan causes extra congestion and do not want to see students walking across the car park to meet parents.



Friends of the School
Sweetcorn fundraiser
12 cobs for \$10



Room 7 remediation
...underway now!



Congratulations, Lauren!
Overall winner of the
159th Highland Games

During the holiday break, it was neat to be sent the achievements of students participating in a range of activities. Lauren Taylor-Yeates competed in the 159th Highland Games and was awarded overall winner. Well done, Lauren, and it is great to know highland dancing is very popular amongst our school community.

We would like to thank Bryce and Peter Crawford for the work they did during the holiday break to clear a space for our school Optimist yachts at Duddings Lake. It means the yachts are out of sight and safely undercover during the winter months. We look forward to getting back on the water this term to coincide with the water safety learning our students will be doing. We know the weed in the lake is a real problem and will be working with Horizons to see what we can do to support them to make the space a usable area for water sports.



Following on from the earlier notice about the FOS hay fundraiser, it was amazing to see the turnout last Thursday and Friday. This support provides funds for projects that benefit all our tamariki and it is a unique aspect of what happens in our rural kura. I am regularly talking with rural principals around the country, and they cannot believe how well this is supported by our families.

Music tuition: Sam Walsh has created her timetable for music tuition which has 32 students participating in ukelele, guitar, piano, and violin for 2024. To make this tuition work, students will be given time slots that may impact on some group or personalised teaching and learning sessions. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to expand their knowledge in other curriculum areas. Music tuition classes are now full, and students wanting to join will go on a waiting list.

Students with phones at school: If for any reason students have brought phones to school, they need to be brought into the office each day. We don't have any need for phones at school and recommend they stay at home.

Last Friday we had a wonderful Learning Celebration where Room 2 (our newest students to school) led the afternoon sharing of what has been happening around school. It was brilliant seeing their confidence and character shining through. These celebrations take place fortnightly at 2pm on a Friday, either outside or in our Media Centre. There will be weeks when other events take priority and we will notify you all via HERO.

Greg Allan, Principal



Friends of School Update

Welcome back to school for 2024! We hope you all had a wonderful summer and are enjoying settling back into school life.

Hay Fundraiser: A massive thank you to everyone who has been out doing hay this season. This is our main fundraiser and allows us to support our students in providing them with amazing learning opportunities. On that note, we would like to thank Hamish Wing for coordinating the hay fundraiser this year!

Sweetcorn Fundraiser: Students will have brought home a sweetcorn fundraising sheet last week, 12 cobs for \$10. Funds raised will go towards camps. Information regarding collection times will come out via Hero. Please return the form to the school office with your child's name and room number by Friday 16 February. Payment can be returned with your form or paid into the **Friends of School bank account 03 0683 0140909 00** with your child's name as a reference.

Term 1 Meeting: Our Term 1 meeting will be on Tuesday 20 February at 7.00pm in the staffroom. New families are always welcome. Bring a friend and come along for a drink and nibbles.

Bike Track Project: We will have our first Bike Committee Meeting on Tuesday 27 February at 7.00pm in the staffroom. It would be great to get a group together

to plan, organise, and implement this project. Please come along if you are able to help.

Athletics Day Fundraisers: Room 5 will be running a sausage sizzle and Room 4 will be selling lunch packs for Athletics Day to fundraise for

their camps. A form will be sent home with students prior to Athletics for you to pre-order, with cash sales also available on the day.

If you would like to join our Friends of School email list please flick us an email at

fos@southmak.school.nz. Please also join us on Facebook.

Tessa Nitschke, President



Board report

Welcome back to school for 2024!

We have a board meeting tonight, items of note on the agenda are as follows:

- appointment of a Presiding Member for 2024
- annual review of the strategic plan and the annual plan and goals for 2024; this is on the website available for anyone to view
- process of unsubscribing from SchoolDocs to having our own policies
- Principal's report
- CRT, Intervention & Acceleration availability
- draft budget for 2024

It was fantastic to see so many South Māikiriki students having a go at the duathlon last night - by far the school with the strongest representation!

Finally, I would like to tautoko/support Greg's sentiments from last week's newsletter, in wishing our sincerest condolences to the Managh family on the tragic loss of Brendan, a true family man who was an active supporter in our school community.

We also send well wishes to Miss Drylie and have her in our thoughts.

Ngā mihi

Libby Rayner, Presiding Member

Below: Flynn Nitschke on the cycle leg of yesterday's duathlon



Student Lunchtime Disco this Friday

Students are invited to bring an outfit to take part in a **Welcome Disco** at lunch time this Friday! Well done to the students in Room 6 who are organising the music and venue.

RANGITIKEI DO A DUATHLON SERIES

Tutaenui Reserve, Marton
3.30 - 6.00pm
Four Wednesday's,
starting 14th February

Age groups:
5-6yo
7-8yo
9-10yo
11-12yo
Open - 13yo+

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FREE to register:
<https://forms.office.com/r/taixdgU9DE>
 Join the Facebook page:
Do A Duathlon Series - Marton NZ

Do A Duathlon Series

- brought to you by Sport Whanganui

Participants who complete three or four of the series will receive a medal. There are spot prizes to be won, and McIlwaines Mitre 10 has sponsored the Open aged category for those 13 years to 100 years or older!

The Cancer Society is supporting the event and will be present for the series; free healthy snacks will be provided to racers; and a BBQ cooked dinner to purchase before going home! The link to register is here:

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=80g9--D8-UON-t3uaq0qnSnXqUY9yadDlpvMLq8vZrtUNjc4TEdBUIUzTlhUQLQzQ1RZT1hWNDJRNC4u>

And more information on our website: Do a Duathlon Series - Marton - Sport Whanganui

Other events brought to you by Sport Whanganui

- PAL's Leadership day at Te Poho o Tuariki – Friday 23 February
- Football in Marton for Term 2 - if you can help to get this set up, please contact Libby Rayner
- Basketball – 10 weeks in Term 3 input required regarding venue and days/times.
- Rangitikei Tough Kid: Friday 9 August hosted by Clifton School
- Touch Competition in Term 4
- Ki-o-Rahi Tournament Friday 15 November



Photos: Henry and Paisley take part in the Rangitikei Do a Duathlon Series



The dates for the 2024 'I Tri'd the Tri Series' are Mondays 12, 19 and 26 February and 4 and 11 March 4 2024. Kids tri entries for 2024 go to www.triclub.co.nz. The Primary/Intermediate Inter-Schools Triathlon is on Wednesday 13 March at Skoglund Park starting at 11am. The 2024 Manawatu Secondary Schools Triathlon is on Sunday 10th March at Linton Army Camp, starting at 9am.



GUMBOOTS BRASS AND WIND ENSEMBLE 2024

REGISTER NOW 2024 AUTUMN SHOWCASE

Thursday 4 April to Sunday 7 April 2024

Bulls, Manawatu

Cost per player \$100 for tuition and lunches Saturday/Sunday.

Lead tutor Harmen Vanhoorne

Harmen's back in the Manawatu. Here's your chance to showcase your skills to one of New Zealand's leading musicians and educators. We're talking workshops in schools on Thursday and Friday, before the full band gathers on Friday and Saturday in the central location of Te Matapihi - Bulls, and a free public concert on Sunday 7 April at 2pm.

REGISTER NOW Text your name, and GUMBOOTS to 021 689 005 or email us at gumbootsbrassandwind@gmail.com

About our lead tutor **Harmen Vanhoorne**

Renowned across the globe as one of the world's finest brass players and educators, Harmen conducts Auckland's premiere A Grade brass band, North Shore Brass. He was the musical director of the 2020/2021 National Secondary Schools Brass Band, and in 2023 was principal cornet of the National Brass Band of New Zealand. Harmen has been with the Gumboots Band from the start, and is eager to return to the Manawatu to create opportunities for young players in their region.

Central Districts
Brass Band Association
and member bands



Earle Creativity and Development Trust
in Manawatu and Rangitikei



RANGITIKEI
DISTRICT COUNCIL



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CALENDAR

Thursday 15 February:
Board of Trustee meeting @ 6pm

Tuesday 20 February:
FOS meeting in staffroom @ 7pm

Friday 23 February:
PAL's workshop for Year 8 students
Learning Celebration @ 2pm
(hosted by Room 3)

Tuesday 27 February:
FOS meeting in staffroom @ 7pm

Thursday 7 March:
Athletics Day from 10am

Friday 8 March:
Learning Celebration @ 2pm
(hosted by Room 5)

Tuesday 12 March:
Junior School Trip to Foxton Beach

Wednesday 20 March:
Junior School Trip - Rafting

Friday 22 March:
Mt Biggs Tough Kid Event

Tuesday 26 March:
Junior Athletics at Bulls School

Thursday 28 March:
Interschool Athletics at Huntville School

Friday 29 March to Tuesday 2 April:
Easter - No school for three days

Friday 5 April:
Learning Celebration @ 2pm

Friday 12 April:
End of term 1



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