



NEWSLETTER

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Learning Celebration last Friday

Kia ora koutou, whanau

There is one thing in education that cannot be measured and it has been evident over the past two weeks. Hearing the excitement or seeing the smiles on students' faces as they challenge themselves to something they didn't think they could do. As educators, there is nothing more rewarding than providing opportunities for students to learn in unique and exciting ways.

At Athletics Day last week, our team of teachers adapted and provided the students with a day to showcase their skills in a range of activities. I would like to thank the parents who also assisted our staff in making each of the events run smoothly. We couldn't run the day efficiently without your support as it is very tough to manage students, mark, measure and record the results.

There were some great individual achievements and it was also great to see the Year 8s arrange house relays to complete the day. The house winner of the relay was Rangitawa and the house has had a great reward provided by the FOS for their team's effort. Ella and Peyton were very chuffed to sort the reward for the students at school on Tuesday and Wednesday.

We will be sending out information for those students who have been selected to represent South Makirikiri School at the inter-school athletics in Hunterville before Easter weekend.

As you can see in some of the photos in this newsletter the excitement of learning in a real-life situation is so exciting for our tamariki. Well done to the Junior School teachers for making an exciting day happen at Foxton Beach. Again our parents' support makes these events so rewarding. Having such a large number of parents prepared to stand in the water for hours on end just amazes us all. I want to acknowledge our teachers planning to make these experiences happen. Next week there is an adventure to Rafting at Mangaweka which is taking the water safety lessons to another level it is clear not only the students are excited as the number of parents wanting to attend means we will have to make two raft trips happen. Again our teachers being able to modify plans to enable parents' involvement is to be commended.



Technology
Connor making
Shrewsbury biscuits



Student information
Please complete the
google form [here](#) if
you haven't already
done so. Thanks!



Foxton Beach fun!
Thank you to Libby
Rayner for the great
photos

On Sunday afternoon our Year 8s will be heading to the Tongariro Crossing to complete their physical challenge. We have just as many adults wanting to complete the challenge alongside their children which is exciting. We are looking forward to some calm weather and great **memories.**

Camp Out: Friday's camp out has been postponed due to the forecasted rough weather.

Winter Sports Registration: Please scan the QR code below to complete the form to register for Hockey and Netball. We would also like to have as many parents as possible assisting with each team to share the load through the season.

It was great to see Sophie and Harriet Simpson take on the challenge of the Inter-School Triathlon in Palmerston North on Wednesday. This was an opportunity to compete against a wider range of students. Harriet came second in the Year 5 girls event, which is a stunning achievement, and Sophie placed 12th in the Year 6 girls. Well done to both girls for taking on an opportunity outside our region.

Greg Allan, Principal



Friends of School Update

Friends of School would like to congratulate all of the students that participated in Athletics Day last week. It was wonderful to see you all trying your best and supporting your classmates.

We would also like to thank all of the teachers and helpers. The sausage sizzle and bake sale were a huge success. Thank you to everyone who purchased items to support this camp fundraiser.

Sports Uniforms: A reminder that all sports uniforms need to be returned to the school office ASAP. Please come along and help sort the sports uniforms on Tuesday 16th April at 7pm in the Media Centre.

Hay Party: Lock in Friday 12th April for the annual Hay Party! Location TBC. This is a great event to celebrate the end of the hay season and to connect with our South Makirikiri community. Adults only.

Clearing Sale Fundraiser: Friends of School will be selling food and drinks at a clearing sale on Tuesday 26th March. If you are a baker, helper, or keen on the BBQ we would love some extra support for this event.

If you would like to join our Friends of School email list, flick us an email at fos@southmak.school.nz. Please also join us on Facebook.

Tessa Nitschke, President

SEEKING SUPPORT

Is there anyone in our wider school community who is able to support us re-instate a Kapa Haka group?

We are also seeking support at Board level on Te Ao Māori. These roles don't necessarily need to be the same person. If you can help, or if you know someone who could support our school in this area, please let Libby Rayner know.

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Board report

Kia ora e te whānau o South Mākirikiri!

The Board is meeting this evening and agenda items include:

- staff presentations (this will be a regular occurrence at each meeting going forward)
- school site walk around to identify progress and needs in our physical spaces
- Discussion and plan regarding strategic goal 2 (the wellbeing of our students, staff and community) including our community consultation feedback
- Māori students achieving as Māori
- Discussion and decision around exiting from the MOE enrolment scheme (school zone)

This week I attended a NZSTA training seminar on the Board's role in suspensions. It is pleasing that we have not had to use this process but important to understand the requirements and know where to find the support and resources nonetheless.

Congratulations to our whole school for a successful Athletics Day! There was a great vibe about the day and the house relays were a highlight. I look forward to hearing which house came out on top with all of the participation and place getters points to be tallied up!

I had the privilege of attending the Junior School Water Safety trip to Foxton beach on Tuesday. Water Safety is a New Zealand curriculum requirement that schools provide students between 5 to 11 years old. Swim lessons such as stroke training are not required by schools and the focus is around learning how to be safe in water in our New Zealand settings. The Foxton Beach Surf Lifesaving Club gave our tamariki an awesome experience learning how to be safe in the sea whilst still having a great time. Thank you to our Junior Teaching Team for such a fantastic day.

Ngā mihi

Libby Rayner, Presiding Member



Athletics Day Results

YEAR 1:

- First Place: **David Penny-Baker**
- Second Place: **Harper Penny-Baker**
- Third Place (equal): **Mabel De Bruyn and Noah McDonald**

YEAR 2:

- First Place (equal) - **Molly Simpson and William Boyd**
- Second Place: **Colt McAlister**
- Third Place: **Chloe Illston**

YEAR 3:

- First Place - **Taniora Quin**
- Second Place - **Flynn Nitschke**
- Third Place - **Owen Marshall**

YEAR 4 AND 5 BOYS:

- First Place - **Harry O'Neill**
- Second Place - **Oscar Auret**
- Third Place (equal) - **Connor Jeffree and Caleb Marshall**

YEAR 4 AND 5 GIRLS:

- First Place - **Harriet Simpson**
- Second Place - **Alexia Fogden**
- Third Place - **Charlotte Maas**

YEAR 6 AND 7 BOYS:

- First Place - **Hamish Knox**
- Second Place - **Mitchell Thoms**
- Third Place - **Milton Auret**

YEAR 6 AND 7 GIRLS:

- First Place - **Leah Maas**
- Second Place - **Indy Jones**
- Third Place - **Bella Timmo**

YEAR 8:

- First Place - **Alecia Fogden**
- Second Place - **Dyllan Nairne**
- Third Place - **Mila Thoms**

HOUSE RELAY WINNER - Rangitawa (red)



Left: Carter and Ryder making Shrewsbury biscuits. Why are they called Shrewsbury biscuits? A Shrewsbury cake or Shrewsbury biscuit is a classic English dessert, named after Shrewsbury, the county town of Shropshire. They are made from dough that contains sugar, flour, egg, butter and lemon zest; dried fruit is also often added.



Made for Girls.
OPEN DAY
Friday 22 March, 10am
 For full details and to register, visit ngatawa.school.nz/opacity
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 Calico Line, Marton

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 NGA TAWA
 DIOCESAN SCHOOL

CALENDAR

- **Thursday 14 March:**
Board meeting @ 6pm
- **Friday 15 March:**
Senior swimming
- **Monday 18 March:**
Tongariro crossing
- **Wednesday 20 March:**
Junior School Trip – rafting
- **Friday 22 March:**
Mt Biggs Tough Kid event
Senior swimming
- **Tuesday 26 March:**
Junior athletics at Bulls School
- **Thursday 28 March:**
Interschool athletics, Hunterville Sch
- **Friday 29 March to Tuesday 2 April:**
Easter – no school
- **Thursday 4 April:**
Swimming sports
- **Friday 5 April:**
Learning celebration @ 2pm
- **Friday 12 April:**
End of term 1
FOS Hay Party – details to come
- **Monday 29 April:**
Start of term 2
- **Thursday 16 May:**
Board meeting @ 6pm



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