



NEWSLETTER

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Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari kē he toa takitini

“My success should not be bestowed onto me alone, it was not individual success but the success of a collective”. This whakatauki acknowledges team effort, that one’s success is due to the support and contribution of many. Just as it takes a village to raise a child, it takes community/a team to enable an individual’s success.

This week is the culmination of many weeks planning and preparing. It is hard to believe that come 7:30pm Friday night the production will be over. The Button box has come to life through the organisation of Rowena, musical talents of Zettie, Sam and Brian who have supported the musical groups and individuals. Also the dance skills of Georgia Hunter who has supported all students to perform on stage. This year's event has been a wonderful celebration of creativity, hard work, and collaboration, featuring everything from live music to impressive performances.

For many of our students, they love productions and for others, this can be an experience in persevering. What has impressed me is the way our teaching team have been able to build the confidence in each class item.

Inter-School Cross Country

Last week we had 16 students represent South Makirikiri School at the Hunterville Inter-School cross country. This is a physically challenging course and our students always remember the size of the hills they have to conquer. This year saw a few schools from outside our Rangitikei Region attend and present more challenges in the running field. This year saw Halcombe School bring a team that had many students who regularly participate in the Feilding Moa harrier club.

We had these students participate and finish the following places in their respective grades.

Harry O'Neill -5th, Harriet Simpson -6th, Hamish Knox -16th, Leah Maas -4th, Ryder Jones -17th, Alecia Fogden -17th, Oscar Auret -9th, Rylee Bell -29th, Milton Auret -18th, Kendall Nairne -12th, Lauren Taylor-Yeates -19th, Toby Nitschke -12th, Alexia Fogden -31st, Jayton Yeates -29th, Indy Jones -13th, Peyton Murray-Tumahai -22nd.

Teacher Only Day

Monday the 11th of November we have a Teacher Only day to support the implementation of the refreshed Literacy and Maths Curriculum for the start of 2025. Our staff will be spending the day getting familiar with the new documents provided by the MOE. We appreciate that this may be an inconvenience for families to manage but it is essential for our staff to stay up to date with the refreshed curriculum.

School Van

Without the support of the FOS, Bonny Glen trust and the Board we wouldn't be in such a positive space to be able to afford to purchase a school van. As many of you will be aware we love for our tamariki to be involved in as many sporting, music and cultural events as possible. By having a van accessible all the time to transport groups around the region it will enable us to get to many more opportunities and reduce the amount of time spent trying to find support for transport. For the start of 2025 we will have a Ford Transit 12 seater to get our students around. As always we are looking at ways to support the ongoing costs and there is a group from the Board who will be seeking sponsorship to support this venture.

Class Arrangements for 2025

Over the past few weeks our team have been working on how to structure our student numbers for 2025. We are staffed for 6 classroom teachers and have 8 year levels of students so we will have composite classes across most year levels. One change we are putting into action is having a very transitional New Entrant/ Year 1 class where, as our five year old students show they are ready for formal learning and meet the foundational steps, they will progress to Room 3. For some students, this may take 5 to 10 weeks for others it may take 6 months.

This is an exciting change to how we have done things in the past. We have been exploring this transitional space across the first 3 year levels from our visits to other schools nationwide. We will be sharing with New Entrant parents what the foundation skills look like and these can even be worked on prior to students starting school.

At this time of the year this is what our intentions are with classroom arrangements. As always there is the possibility that this can change over the Christmas break, but this is how we see the year groups of students being managed.

Year 7/8 Class -All Year 7 and 8 students.

Year 5/6 Class- All Year 6's and some Year 5's,

Year 4/5 Class- All Year 4's and some Year 5's

Year 3/2 Class - All Year 3 students and some Year 2's.

Year 1/2 Class- All Year 1's and some Year 2's.

Year 1/ NE Class- All New Entrants and some Year 1's

Currently, we are seeking a new teacher to replace Sharyn Drylie, once we have this sorted we will be able to finalise where each of our teachers will be teaching.

Greg Allan, Principal

STUDENT NEWS



**Georgiana Maas, Leah Maas and Alecia Fogden played in the U13 Lower North Island Hockey tournament in Wanganui over the holidays (Georgiana and Leah for Manawatu and Alecia for Rangitikei).
Well done Girls!!**

CAMP UPDATE

Dates for camp are 2nd-6th December.

Costs will be

Yr 7 & 8 - \$160

Yr 5 & 6 - \$110

Yr 3 & 4 - \$65

Yr 0-2 - \$30

Any parents attending camp will be contributing \$60 each.

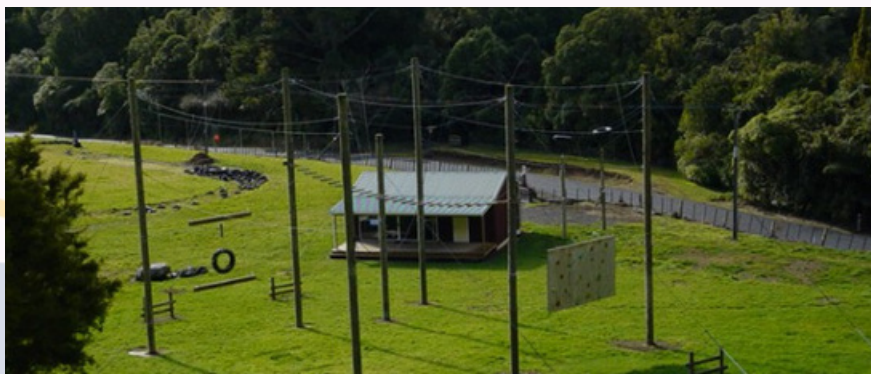
We are currently working on a information pack which will include a run down of activities and a list of everything the students/parents will need to bring.

This is the list of parent names that we have coming on camp. If you name is not on this list please let us know ASAP as we have started sorting rooms out.

Alisha Maas
Andrew Thoms
Emily Jones
Jayde Murray
Mark Jones
Nadine Nairne
Rebecca Maas
Kim Crawford
Libby Rayner
Naylor Timmo
Samantha Walsh
Simon Nitschke
Stacey Cooley
Cameron Heath
Daniel Thompson

Hamish Buttimore
Hamish Wing
Jack Simpson
Laura Morrison
Nina Martin
Sarah Judd
Dougal Pidwell
Cheree McPhee
Erica Buttimore
Herman de Bruyn
Jacob Moore
Kat Penny-Baker
Kate Nitschke
Lauren Connors
Megan Illston
Sarah-jane Clausen
Jonathan Sykes
Asha Kerr
Vincent King

Chris Rayner
Kere Marino
Kylie Knox
Marcus Nitschke
Mike Kirton
Amy McDonald
Chloe Gaskin
Amanda Digby-Smith
Daniel Boyd
Hollie Jones
Issac Albrett
Kat Penny-Baker
Kelly George
Anna Stantiall
Blair Jamieson



Friends of School Update

I would like to thank everyone who attended our AGM on Monday. FoS have had an amazing year and it was lovely to be able to reflect on our highlights together. Thank you to everyone who participates in and contributes towards FoS meetings, fundraisers, and events. The additional opportunities we are able to provide students with would not be possible without your ongoing support. On that note, a big thank you to Alannah Marino (Vice-President), Sarah Judd (Secretary), and Anna Webb (Treasurer) for the time they have invested into FoS over the past few years. While they are stepping down from these official roles, I am sure we will still see them around at our fundraisers and events in the future!

Our committee for the year ahead is:

President - Tessa Nitschke

Co-Treasurer - Steph Bell

Co-Treasurer - Anna Moore

Secretary - Sarah Clausen

Tessa Nitschke, President

HAY SEASON 2025

IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ

As the warmer months approach that means our biggest fundraiser of the year is just around the corner. Every year we pick up thousands of bales in the Rangitikei Region which means, in a few short months, we are able to raise thousands of dollars (the last 2 years have seen us raise around \$60,000), just imagine how many sausage sizzles or bake sales it would take us to raise that much!! We are so lucky to have a fundraiser like this as it means we are able to support the school in providing some seriously amazing opportunities and extras that wouldn't otherwise be achievable. The main problem we are facing now is the number of people helping. Last year it was about 6 families who carried the whole season on their shoulders and **WE CAN NOT CONTINUE LIKE THAT.** We desperately need more families to come join us this season! You don't have to spend the night picking up bales, we always need drivers (don't worry we won't make you back a trailer) and even people to help mind children (though it is always ultimately a parents responsibility to keep an eye on their child). So please come join a group of fun hardworking parents this hay season and help us raise money for **ALL** our kids. It's always a lot of fun (highlight of the year for our kids) and the chilly bin is always full!

Please Come see Alannah in the office so we can get your number put on the contact list for when we start to send out messages as the jobs come in.

CALENDAR

- **Thursday 7th November**
Production Show Night
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- **Friday 8th November**
Production Show Night
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- **Monday 11th November**
Teacher Only Day
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- **Monday 2nd-6th Dec**
Whole School Camp
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- **Thursday 12th December**
Yr 8 final assembly
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- **Monday 16th December**
6pm End of Year Prize Giving
@ Rangitikei College
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- **Tuesday 17th December**
Last day of term 4. Finish at 12
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From the Board

The Board is delighted to share with our community that we are purchasing a 12-seater Ford Transitz van with funding support from our Friends of School Committee and the Bonny Glen Trust. We look forward to the van's arrival during Term One. There will be sponsorship opportunities available to support the purchase, ongoing running and maintenance costs of the van, so stay tuned for more information on this in the coming months.



New Member Introductions

Tony Maas - Health and Safety

My name is Tony Maas, I was born and raised in Marton on a farm just 2km from South Mak. My wife Alisha and I moved back to Marton in 2015 to start new work roles; I opened the Farm Source store as the Manager and Alisha went from teaching at Rangitikei College to HOD of English at Nga Tawa. The main deciding factor of moving back was so our two girls, Georgiana (now Year 7) and Charlotte (now Year 5) could attend South Makirikiri as 5th-generation students. The girls' Great Great Grandmother attended in 1891 and their Great Grandmother is currently the oldest living ex-student, living in Marton at age 100. I now work for Harmony Farm, owned by Cameron and Jess Knox, as an Agricultural Contractor around the region. While working at Farm Source, I had many roles and responsibilities across the company in Health and Safety, which is why I have offered to take this role with the board.

I look forward to working with the new BOT and the community to ensure South Makirikiri continues to maintain its high standing in the community as a great rural school for future generations to come.

Jonothan Sykes - Financial

Kia ora South Mākirikiri community. I am delighted to be joining the school board to do my bit for this amazing school we have.

I'm originally from the UK where I met my now wife Sarah who is from a local Marton farm. We moved from the UK to Marton in 2014 and we have lived in this area ever since.

Our eldest child, Harriet (5), has just joined the school and we're looking forward to her two brothers, William (3) and Samuel (1), joining her in years to come.

My working background is in marketing and general management positions. Since moving to NZ I have worked for NZX, UCOL and have most recently been Chief Executive at Whanganui & Partners, Whanganui's economic development agency.

I am really looking forward to sharing my knowledge as part of the board and supporting all the great work Greg and the team do at the school.



COOL EVENTS IN OUR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY



Fastest kid on the block for Rangitikei is Friday 22nd November at Marton Park from 3.30pm to 4pm.

