



# NEWSLETTER

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## **Ma whero ma pango ka oti ai te mahi:**

***With red and black the work will be complete***

**This refers to co-operation where if everyone does their part, the work will be complete. The colours refer to the traditional kowhaiwhai patterns on the inside of the meeting houses.**

Since our last newsletter, our school community came together to enjoy a vibrant showcase of talent and hard work during the much-anticipated production. The event was a resounding success, with students shining brightly in every aspect of the performance.

A particular highlight of the evening was the outstanding leadership displayed by our student musicians, singers and dancers. Under the guidance of their teachers, these young performers took charge, delivering captivating solos and harmonies but also leading their peers with confidence and professionalism. From powerful vocal renditions to skilled instrumentals, their passion and dedication to the art were evident and deeply inspiring.

The audience was especially moved by the mixture of soloists, range of dances and creative arrangements developed by the student-led music team. These pieces added a unique flair to the production, showcasing the immense creativity and teamwork fostered within our school.

Feedback from the community has been overwhelmingly positive, with many praising the students' ability to showcase their talent and confidence through their music, singing and dancing.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all the students who participated in this memorable production. Your hard work, talent, and leadership have made us incredibly proud. Let this be a reminder of the incredible things we can achieve when we nurture our passions and support each other. Also to our staff and music teachers who brought the production to life we thank you for all the hard work.

Here's to many more performances filled with student-led excellence!

**Camp:** Hopefully, you have all received all the relevant camp information. Logistically, this is going to be huge. We have so much parent support that we nearly have a 1:2 ratio for the final night at the camp. Our team have been working away at getting the timetables sorted so that we have a fabulous time. As you can all appreciate, the housing of everyone is a bit of a struggle. We want to reiterate that the way the accommodation works is that there will be student bunk rooms and parents will be close by or in some cases next door. We don't have parents sleeping in the student sleeping arrangements. If we have students who struggle at night, they can be with their adult until they are settled. We will be taking some tents to ease pressure and if you think you would like some space you are more than welcome to take a tent for yourself.

### **Farewell Miss Drylie:**

Next Friday the school will be formally farewelling Miss Drylie from her time teaching at South Makirikiri School. We are holding a celebration at 1:45 in the media centre followed with the opportunity for families to share in an afternoon tea from 2:30. As school will be finished at 2:30 any students staying on will need to have parent supervision for this event

**Greg Allan, Principal**



# Production







# 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 wont 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

Monday 2nd-6th Dec  
Whole School Camp

Thursday 12th December  
Yr 8 final assembly

Monday 16th December  
6pm End of Year Prize Giving  
@ Rangitikei College

Tuesday 17th December  
Last day of term 4. Finish at 12

Thursday 30th January  
First day of school for 2025

Thursday 6th January  
Waitangi Day - No School

Friday 7th February  
School closed - no school

Friday 21st March  
MT Biggs tough kids

Friday 11th April  
Last day of term 1

Monday 28th April  
First day of term 2

# From the Board

Recently, I attended a webinar hosted by the NZ School Boards Association on the future plans for tackling attendance in our schools. Minister David Seymour, who has been tasked with this role, outlined some of the plans for the coming 12 and 24 months. In short, there will be a new simplified system introduced for January 2025, there are attendance percentage thresholds; indicators to alert community wrap-around services and there will be stronger consequences on parents who enable students to be absent. In the past, school boards have had the responsibility of lodging legal action against parents, but from next year, the Ministry of Education will be leading the prosecutions. Finally, our school board is to have an attendance action plan in place by January 2026. There are still some significant decisions to be announced so I will be interested in where this goes.

Our role forecast for 2025 is pleasingly stable, meaning we will maintain our staffing quota and our students will continue to be well

supported by both our teachers and support staff.

At our last board meeting, we discussed our school values and how they fit in with our school culture. The values of self managing, contributing and mindfulness are well understood by our students due to specific teaching and acknowledgement over the past two years. A review of the values will take place early next year.

I am really looking forward to attending our whole school camp - I enjoy seeing our tamariki in a different light, watching strengths emerge, kindness and support of one another, a whole lot of giggling and eyes wide open to new adventures and lifelong memories.

Thank you in advance to our Friends of the School for their funding support to enable these amazing opportunities to happen, and to our staffing team for spending months on the logistics and behind the scenes planning. I look forward to getting to know more of our parent community during this time too.

Ngā mihi, Libby Rayner - Presiding Member

## New Member Introductions

### Jacob Moore - Mātauranga Māori portfolio

Tena tatou South Mākirikiri Community

I am a 34-year-old father of 3, my wife Anna and I, live on a small block of land at Crofton. I'm excited at the opportunity to be involved with South Mākirikiri School as not only a parent but now part of the school board.

I'm born and bred in this area and have strong links to the people and whenua (land). Currently I'm the owner of a shearing business run locally, prior to this I have lived in and shorn in multiple corners of the world.

Although not being in the education field at the moment, I am a qualified physical education teacher with strengths in outdoor education and Kaupapa Māori.

I look forward to linking my diverse, lived, cultural experiences to our community at South Mak and to ensure our tamariki (children) know who they are and the history that informs such culture.

Nga Mihi  
Jacob Moore





# COOL EVENTS IN OUR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY



Marton Market day is Saturday 7th December. It's a great day out for the whole family.



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

