



# NEWSLETTER

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## MAURIA TE PONO: BELIEVE IN YOURSELF

Tena koutou Whānau,

It fills me with immense pride and joy to reflect on the incredible **Wearable Arts showcase** that took place this week. The creativity, innovation, and amount of effort displayed by our ākonga was truly outstanding. Each piece told a unique creative and inspiring story, highlighting the diverse talents and imaginative minds within our school. Our students drew inspiration from the **Matariki stars**, aligning their creations with the spirit of the Māori new year. They dove into and explored the stories and meanings behind Matariki and through various materials and innovative designs, they brought these stories and timely messages to life in wearable art. Our team has done an amazing job preparing, creating, modifying and inspiring students to create unique designs. It takes a huge amount of planning to enable this learning to happen.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone in the community who came to support this event and it showed your commitment to seeing our students shine in the visual arts. Your enthusiastic presence and support made a significant difference, as many students expressed their anxiety about going on the stage. It is so amazing seeing our tamariki step up to the challenge and as a result the increase in students' confidence. It's moments like these that truly demonstrate the strength of our school-whānau partnership. Thank you for supporting such a vibrant and supportive environment for our tamariki to shine.

It was very evident the caring nature of our community as we had one student have an unfortunate accident while waiting for their turn to model on stage. It is so reassuring to have a number of staff bounce into action along with members of our community stepping in to support. As they say 'The show must go on!' and I loved seeing the way our students showed their care for their friend and then being able to switch onto showing their wearable arts off.

### **Evolving Our Reporting: A New Approach to Student Achievement**

On Friday at some stage mid-year report general comments and achievement in Reading, Writing and Maths will become live on HERO. This is our first time reporting against the revised MOE curriculum levels. We know that this change can result in a change to their current level of achievement. Below is an explanation from the MOE on this shift.

#### **Statement from the Ministry of Education to Support Schools with Reporting to Parents**



As part of our focus on lifting student achievement we have introduced new, knowledge-rich and internationally-comparable curriculum this year for Maths in Years 0-8 and English in Years 0-6, and Te Reo Rangatira Years 0-6 and Pāngarau Years 0-8 wāhanga ako.

This means we are currently changing from the old to the new curriculum. We want to acknowledge that schools and kura will only have been using the new curricula from the start of 2025, which includes new teaching and assessment methods and content.

Because of this you could see a change in your child's progress or achievement compared to previous years which may be the result of changes in the curriculum expectations for your child's year level. If you have concerns or questions about your child's achievement, we strongly suggest you talk with your child's teacher or kaiako. They will also have used their own observations, classroom tasks and other tests to report on the progress your child is making.

The primary shift in this new reporting approach is moving away from traditional, broad 'levels of achievement' towards a more detailed reflection of your child's progress against specific curriculum phases and their capabilities. This means:

- Deeper Insights: You will receive more specific feedback on what your child can do, what they are working towards, and how they are progressing in relation to the curriculum's learning intentions.
- Focus on Progression: The reports will emphasize the progress your child is making over time, highlighting their individual learning pathway rather than solely comparing them to a fixed benchmark.
- Holistic View: The new format aims to provide a more holistic view of your child's development, including their key competencies and values, in addition to academic learning.

We believe this new reporting style will offer more meaningful insights, empowering you to better support your child's learning at home and fostering a deeper understanding of their educational journey. We will provide further information and examples of the new report format next term and this will also be great to talk with class teachers with the upcoming parent conferences that will be available to book on HERO. The dates for these conversations are Tuesday the 15th and Wednesday the 16th of July.

**Coffee Connect for parents:**

On Thursday mornings on week 1, 4 and 8 we will have a Coffee Connect for whanau. This is an opportunity to gather as parents over a coffee at school. It will be a chance to meet other parents, find out about what might be happening in the term from a school perspective or an opportunity to hear what is happening with the FOS. From 8:30-9:00 we will have a coffee time for any of our community to come along. We look forward to our whanau creating new connections with one another and getting to know a little more about what happens in the term. The dates for these coffee connections will be 17th of July, 7th August and the 11th of September.

Ngā mihi nui, and on behalf of all the dedicated staff here, we wish you a safe, restful, and enjoyable two weeks during these upcoming school holidays.

**Greg Allan, Principal**

# OUR STUDENTS

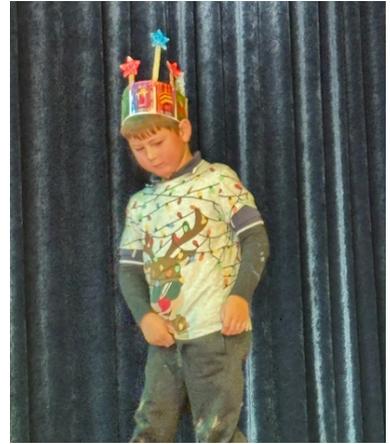
Aria Jones and her earthquake learning in room 4



As a special treat for such an amazing term, Mr Allan brought a bouncy castle out to school for the the classes to enjoy.



# WEARABLE ARTS



**Waitatapia WEAR-A-BULL ARTS**  
**16 August 2025**  
**SHOWS START 6PM**



Licensed Bar Te Matapihi, Bulls

**BOOK SEATS NOW!** [office@bulls.kiwi](mailto:office@bulls.kiwi)  
\$25 each, Koha welcomed for 13 & under  
Complimentary drink & nibbles

**Competitors Enrol for FREE**  
[office@bulls.kiwi](mailto:office@bulls.kiwi)



# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Kia ora koutou,

At our board meeting last week, we reviewed the first lot of our newly drafted policies. These have now been shared to staff and will be shared with you all early next term before we formally adopt them. We are looking forward to hearing your feedback and will continue to trickle a few after each meeting. I want to acknowledge Maria Clayton for the huge amount of time and effort it has taken to complete this enormous task. Policy isn't a particularly exciting topic, and she has been steadfast throughout her tenure to get this job done and has done so to a very high standard. Thank you, Maria!

## Triennial Elections

Next term we begin the process of our three-yearly board election cycle. This year we have chosen to engage "Schooled" as our returning officer. This is an online platform, and you will receive your voting information, nomination forms and voting papers to your email address. We will let you know closer to the time what this will look like and when it is coming. Do keep an eye on your spam folder in case it gets diverted from your inbox.

Finally, I want to thank our staffing team and parent supporters who contributed to the amazing success of our Matariki wearable arts showcase - what an impressive display of creativity and skill! Thank you also to those quick responders who supported on the day to ensure that safety and enjoyment were the priorities for our community.

It has been an action-packed term, our kids are tired, and I hope they are able to have the opportunity to rest and recharge their batteries over the coming two weeks. There are some great holiday activities and programs happening in Marton and Bulls on most days throughout the term break, check out the Rangitikei District Council Facebook page for the details.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Libby Rayner  
Presiding Member  
South Mākirikiri School Board

# FRIENDS OF SCHOOL

Our Travel Raffle is officially underway and we've had a fantastic response already - thank you! Every ticket sold helps, so please keep selling over the school holidays. If you need more tickets, just pop in and see Mrs Marino at the office.

We're also really looking forward to launching **Coffee Connect** next term. Whether you're new to South Mak or simply keen to stay connected with others in our school community, we'd love you to come along. It's a relaxed chance to meet, chat and feel more connected over a hot cuppa.

And finally, a reminder that our next FOS meeting is on 11 August at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome - We'd love to see some new faces!

Cheers,  
**Nina & Herman**



The graphic features the word "WIN" in large, bold letters, where each letter is filled with a different scenic image of Queenstown. Above the letters is the South Mākirikiri School logo. To the right, it says "Supported by: emtravel" with an airplane icon. Below the "WIN" text is a black box with white text: "WIN A LUXURY QUEENSTOWN ESCAPE WORTH \$4,000!". To the left of this box is a ticket icon that says "Tickets: \$20 each". To the right is a list of items that the prize can include.

South Mākirikiri School

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**WIN A LUXURY QUEENSTOWN ESCAPE WORTH \$4,000!**

Tickets: \$20 each

Prize can include:

- Jet Boat Ride
- Accommodation
- Skyline Gondola
- Flights
- TSS Earnslaw
- \$50 Fergburger Voucher

Terms and Conditions: Prize is a Queenstown travel package tailored to the winner, up to the value of \$4,000 NZD. Travel must be booked through Emtravel and completed within 12 months of the draw date. Travel is subject to availability and excludes peak periods such as public holidays, school holidays, and major event weekends. Specific blackout dates may apply. If the total cost of the package exceeds \$4,000, the winner is responsible for the difference. Prize is non-transferable and not redeemable for cash. The winner must contact Emtravel to begin the booking process within 3 months of the draw. Raffle will be drawn on 01 August 2025, and the winner will be contacted within 48 hours. If the winner cannot be contacted within 7 days, a redraw may occur. By entering, participants agree to these terms and conditions. South Mākirikiri School accepts no liability for any loss or injury associated with participating in the prize.

# SPORTS UPDATE

FOR WEEKS 7 AND 8



## South Mak Blue Socks

South Mak Blue Socks had an awesome game under the lights. The team absolutely loved the opportunity to play the late game and we had a dominant 4-0 win over Taihape. Our Player of the day was Charlotte Maas.

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## South Mak Diamonds

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June - Another win under the belt means this team is moving up a grade next term. They played James Cook and won 21-3. Player of the day was Bella Timmo for her awesome work in the mid court.

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## Football

South Mākirikiri students have enjoyed the opportunity to play weekly football/soccer this term. Our mini team was made up of Thea Nitschke, Archie Norman, Will Callow, Carter Nitschke, Tate Nitschke, Evan Connors, Kyrie Cobb-Albrett and Kees Callow.

Our intermediate team included Toby Nitschke, Flynn Nitschke, William Boyd, Carter Nitschke, and Miles Jones. They were supported by players from Turakina School and Home School to make up the Rangitīkei United team. Unfortunately, the weather meant three weeks of games were cancelled, but we hope to get going again in Mid August for another few weeks.



## South Mak Ferns

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June - Due to sickness we were down a few players this game and had to call upon our yr 2 players to fill in. The team worked hard and came away with the win 15-5. Zara Webb was our player of the day for an outstanding game in every position she played.

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## South Mak yr 7-8 Hockey team

A tough game against Hunterville meant the team has their first loss 3-4. Lachlan Knox was player of the day.

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## South Mak Magnets

A well fought win for this team against Marton. the score was 3-1 and player of the day was Caleb Marshall for his consistent defence.

Also the team wants to say a big "thank you" to Jessica Knox for organising the school van as some of the games start at 3.30pm which is a quick turn around. We are very grateful for Jess and the school van getting our players to their games.



# WHAT'S ON AT SCHOOL AND IN THE COMMUNITY

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**  
**FREE HOLIDAY FUN**  
 28 JUNE - 13 JULY @ MARTON COMMUNITY HUB

WEEK ONE		WEEK TWO	
<b>SAT 28 June</b> Lego play, VR & Robot Coding 9-11am with Lashana and Minnie	<b>SUN 29 June</b> Sunday Closed	<b>SUN 5 July</b> Lego play, Messy play 9-11am with Lashana and Minnie	<b>SUN 6 July</b> Sunday Closed
<b>MON 30 June</b> Breakfast for kids @ YHQ 9:15-10:30am Gaming @ YHQ 11:30am-1pm Fabric Crafting - 1-3pm with Angela and Clara	<b>TUE 1 July</b> Fabric Crafting - 10am-3pm with Angela and Clara	<b>MON 7 July</b> VR - 10am-12pm with Lashana Robot Coding - 12:30-2pm with Minnie	<b>TUE 8 July</b> Breakfast for kids @ YHQ 9:15-10:30am Gaming @ YHQ 11:30am-1pm
<b>WED 2 July</b> Breakfast for kids @ YHQ 9:15-10:30am Gaming @ YHQ 11:30am-1pm	<b>THU 3 July</b> Paper Crafting - 10am-12pm with Matina	<b>WED 9 July</b> Paper Crafting - 10am-12pm with Matina	<b>THU 10 July</b> Breakfast for kids @ YHQ 9:15-10:30am Gaming @ YHQ 11:30am-1pm
<b>FRI 4 July</b> Slime Making 11am-12pm with Matthew	<b>SAT 5 July</b> Slime Making 11am-12pm with Matthew	<b>FRI 11 July</b> Slime Making 11am-12pm with Matthew	

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## SCHOOL CALENDAR

- **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July**  
First day of term 3
- **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July**  
Parent teacher conversations
- **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July**  
Parent teacher conversations
- **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July**  
Coffee Connect
- **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July**  
Learning celebration
- **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July**  
Basketball starts
- **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July**  
Halcombe sports exchange
- **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August**  
Coffee Connect
- **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August**  
Book Character day
- **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August**  
Rangitikei tough kid event

**ASK Winter Holiday programme runs daily from June 30th - July 11th, 2025**

**Cooking and Baking! Christmas Dress ups!**

**Trips! Market Day! Balloon Fun!**

**Winter Arts & Crafts! GOZONE!**

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## Firewood Raffle

**FIREWOOD RAFFLE**  
**\$20 A TICKET**  
**3.5 CUBES GUM**  
**FUNDS TO HELP GEORGIA SIMPSON**  
**(MRS SIMPSONS DAUGHTER)**  
**COMPETE IN BELGIUM FOR ROAD**  
**CYCLING.**  
**CONTACT SAM SIMPSON**  
**0275058460**



**RANGITĪKEI BASKETBALL LEAGUE**  
**MONDAYS DURING TERM 3 FROM**  
**WEEKS 2 THROUGH TO 10**  
**USE LINK TO**  
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