

NEWSLETTER

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Room 3 students learning hockey skills

Hauhake tū, ka tō Matariki The harvest ends when Matariki sets

In the month of Haratua (around May), you can see the Matariki star cluster set with the sun in the west. When this happens, it's a sign that the season for harvesting food has come to an end. This whakataukī is used before winter begins to remind people to prepare themselves for the cold months ahead.

Matariki is a time to reflect, share stories, and plan for the New Year.

Kia ora koutou whanau,

Last week we had a wonderful opportunity for our tamariki to work with their buddy classes on Matariki activities. We had the preparation of kai, creating the stars of matariki, planting seeds and collaborating to share in the learning. It was a great way for our tamariki to understand more about the meaning of Matariki. We also had a group of students participate in the local Rangitikei School cultural festival where they performed waiata accompanied by ukeleles. Zetti and Miss Coleman had been practising for many weeks before the performance. We are very proud of these students being prepared to perform on the stage at Te Matapehi in Bulls. This group will also perform in the learning celebration this week.

At the end of this week, there will be formal reports available on HERO. These reports are to show how each student is achieving in Reading, Writing and Mathematics across the curriculum. We utilise a graph to show progress on where the student is learning within the desired curriculum for their age. At this time in the year, it is a chance to see how students are progressing and together with whanau plan for how we can continue to make progress in the future. Our team spend time moderating student progress and achievement along with writing meaningful reports on what students can do along with the next steps for their learning. If at any stage you would like more clarity on where to go with supporting your child's learning please don't hesitate to make contact with the class teacher. In week two of Term 3, there will be a formal opportunity to book a time to discuss the next steps and how together we can support progress for the tamariki.

Currently, any graphs or previous report comments have been turned off on HERO while teachers complete these. We will be uploading the mid-year comments on Friday and they do take some time to appear. If you don't have any reports appearing for your child/children please let me know and I will attempt to remedy it as soon as possible.

Caretaker/ Cleaner:

Earlier this week we received Pete MacKinley's intention to finish as the caretaker and cleaner to take up a Rural Delivery Postal run in Palmerston North. Pete has been with us for the past 4 years constantly looking at ways to improve our grounds, buildings and facilities for the students to enjoy. Pete will leave a massive hole to fill in our managing of the school property and there are so many areas that he has developed for the students. Most recently he has been replacing all the landings and decks in the playground along with improving the front of school shelters and hedging. We will be advertising on Seek in the coming days to fill both of these positions. If you know of anyone that may be interested in either of these two roles please have them get in touch with us.

Attendance:

Thank you to those who have been informing us of your intended absence from school due to holidays during term time. You will notice in reports on HERO that there will be indications of attendance. As part of the government directives, these absences are recorded as holidays during term time and have an impact on attendance statistics.



Room 3 and 6 were in charge of making pumpkin soup



Shared lunch for Matariki
- The kai was made by the tamariki



FOS Quiz

Early next term the Friends of School are running a quiz night to raise money for our school camp. Each class will be creating a hamper to be raffled off. Students will bring home raffle books on the first day of Term 3 (1 book per student) there will be some spares in the office. Tickets are \$2. We are asking each child to bring an item to go into their class hamper no later than the end of week 1. All raffle books sold or unsold will need to be returned by Wednesday 14th August. The winner will be drawn at the quiz night (16th August) and winners will be contacted if they are not at the quiz. Ideas for items to donate for the hamper are non-perishable food, sauces, bottles of oils, wine or treatments, and soaps. These are just some ideas and we know you will be creative with what could go in the hamper.

Class movement:

As many of you will have seen Room 7 is just about ready for a class to move in. At the start of term 3 students who are currently in Room 1 will be relocating back to Room 7. This will enable us to establish music tuition spaces, intervention teaching and Teacher Aide working spaces back in Room 1. We will also be looking to continue to develop our Science/ Technology and hands-on learning in this space from term 3.

Greg Allan, Principal

South Makirikiri School Sports results

Netball:

South Mak 6/7/8's: Played a great game against JCS Tuakana. It was an even game so the girls worked hard on attack and making the most of their opportunities. You should all be proud of your efforts. Player of the day went to Mila for excellent defence and Dyllan for being versatile in a range of positions.
South Mak B: Close game against the Clifton rockets, but we came out on top 14-13. Player of the day was Sophie
South Mak YR 3 & 4 - It was a tough game against Huntley. The girls played well and showed great progress and team spirit.

Hockey:

YR 3 & 4 Cyan - It was a hard fought game against Hunterville #1, we went down 5-1. The team is really starting to work well together, leading to Carly getting a great goal. Jasper received player of the day.
YR 5& 6 Silver - Played against Taihape Bears who haven't lost a game. We defended well, with some great saves and only lost 4-1. The team showed amazing sportsmanship and never gave up. Caleb and Devon were awarded joint players of the day.



Friends of School Update

It has been an absolute delight to see the students in Room 2 using the play-based resources we purchased to support their learning. They have been engrossed in construction, building all sorts of creations using the Connetix and Polydron Cogs.

We also recently approved funding for a range of resources for Room 3 and 4. We are looking forward to seeing how these are incorporated into the learning environment next term.

Clearing Sale Fundraiser (Camp Fundraiser)

We will be running a BBQ at Bruce Gordon's Clearing Sale on Wednesday 17th July. Please let us know if you will be around to help at this event.

Quiz Night (Camp Fundraiser)

Find a team and pop into the office to book your spot or email fos@southmak.school.nz.



Donations

We have received some amazing donations to auction at our quiz night in August. If you or anyone you know is able to donate items, vouchers or experiences please let us know.

Christmas Minis Photoshoot (Camp Fundraiser)

A big thank you to Lauren Connors for donating her time and expertise for this fundraiser. We have sessions available on Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th October. 3 digital photos for \$60. Extra photos \$5 each. Book now at fos@southmak.school.nz.

Term 3 Meeting

Our Term 3 meeting will be on Tuesday 13th August at 7pm in the Staffroom.

Tessa Nitschke, President

Board report

Kia ora e te whānau o South Mākirikiri!

South Mākirikiri School Board Vacancy Process - Reminder

Following on from the last newsletter, we have up to three spaces vacant for our School Board. The Board has decided to fill the vacancies by selection **unless** 10% or more of our eligible voters request a by-election. The timeline to express your desire for a by-election closes on **15th July 2024**. Thank you to those that have posted, emailed or texted their request.

In other matters

Last night, Kate Nitschke and I attended the first of a three-series Board Training session on Giving Effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi that was organised and funded by the Southern Rangitūkei Kāhui Ako and delivered by Poutama Pounamu. This was a hugely insightful and confronting experience and I am looking forward to learning more in this space and how we can best support our whole school community.

Ngā mihi

Libby Rayner, Presiding Member



South Mākirikiri School Board

L-R: Greg Allan (Principal); Libby Rayner; Kate Nitschke; Maria Clayton; Sharyn Drylie (Staff Representative) Michale Knox

South Mākirikiri School Board Casual vacancy for a parent representative

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative. The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection. If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent to:

Presiding member (chair) Libby Rayner
South Mākirikiri School Board
Address: 945 Mākirikiri Road, 4789, Marton

by: 15th July 2024

Or by emailing lrayner@southmak.school.nz

Subject: board vacancy - Text: your choice of either selection or election

Ngā mihi,
Libby Rayner
Presiding Member
South Mākirikiri School Board
0272418021
www.southmak.school.nz

Student Achievements

We always love hearing about our students achievements outside of school, be sure to keep us in the loop.

Lauren, Charlie and Ginny all competed at the New Zealand Nationals for Highland dancing over the weekend and had incredible results

Lauren had an incredible weekend. She received 1st in 5x dances, 2nd in 5x dances, 3rd in 4x dances and New Zealand runner up champion for novice 10yr and over.



Charlie received places in multiple dances including 3rd in the Broadsword and 4th in four different dances.



Ginny received places in multiple dances including 2nd in Scottish Lilly and 3rd in Sword dance.



Molly Simpson competed in her 2nd gymnastics competition and came away with 2nd on the bars and 3rd on the beam. These results mean Molly now progresses to the next competitive step.



Mosese and Vernon Bason both representing New Zealand Under 20 rugby team currently in South Africa. Vernon and Mosese brother Aswhin and sister Samara are very proud of their siblings. It is amazing to see ex-students succeeding from our rural school.

CALENDAR

Friday 2nd August
Whole School Disco

Friday 9th August
Rangitikei Tough Kids - yr 3 to 8

Monday 12th August (all week)
Scholastic Book fair

Thursday 15th August
Book Character Day

Friday 16th August
Friends of School Quiz Night

Friday 23rd August
Quads Sport - Netball

Friday 30th August
Quads Sport - Hockey

Friday 6th September
Quads Sport - Soccer

Friday 13th September
Quads Sport - Rugby

Wednesday 25th September
Pet Day



Some fun events happening in and out of school

QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 16TH AUGUST

\$60 Team of 4 or \$90 Team of 6
7pm · Best Dressed Team Prize
BYO · Auction · Raffle

South Makirikiri School
Media Centre
Register at
fos@southmak.school.nz

SRVS
SOUTH RANGITIKEI VETERINARY SERVICES LTD

OPEN DAY

Come and see our brand new Marton Clinic. There will be behind the scenes tours, coffee cart, dog poker walk and dress up, face painting, competitions & more!

6TH JULY
10AM - 2PM

420 Wellington Road, Marton

SOUTH MAKIRIKIRI

DISCO Night

2 AUGUST
5PM - 7PM
MEDIA CENTRE

TICKETS \$5
INCLUDES ENTRY, SAUSAGE, DRINK & GLOWSTICK

FOS@SOUTHMAK.SCHOOL.NZ