



# NEWSLETTER

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**I orea te tuatara ka patu ki waho**

**A problem is solved by continuing to find solutions**

**This whakatauki refers to the need for creative thinking, adaptability and perseverance.**

**In order to solve a problem you need to have all of these.**

**Kia ora koutou whanau,**

## **HALCOMBE SPORTS EXCHANGE**

Last week we had a very successful sports exchange with Halcombe School. We had 6 teams participate in Netball, Soccer and Rugby. The feature from my perspective was how our Senior students and leaders took on various roles to make the day a success. From the way the students welcomed Halcombe to competing and finally thanking and respecting them, it was a reflection of the opportunities our students all get to be leaders in some way. All the games were highly competitive and after receiving some heavy losses last year it was very encouraging to see closer battles along with a share of the wins. We had wins in Year 7/8 Netball and Year 5/6 Soccer and the combined Year 7/8 Marton Rugby team also added a win. It was great that we were able to adapt in providing the opportunity for our very limited rugby boys in Year 7/8 the opportunity to play. The Year 7/8 Soccer, Year 5/6 Netball and Rugby teams played very well together but didn't manage wins this time. It was pleasing to see the practice teams have been putting in enhanced these closely fought games. What was really evident was the determination all the students showed when they found the going tough.

## **PARENT/TEACHER CONVERSATIONS**

Thank you to those who made time to meet with class teachers to have conversations about how your tamariki are going with their learning. While often the focus is on academic achievement teachers enjoy sharing how students relate to others, develop resilience, manage themselves and are mindful in everything they do. If you have not had a chance to meet with the classroom teacher please call in or email to book a time. We encourage parents to book a time if you are unsure of what the learning looks like in class or to discuss how you can support the learning at home.

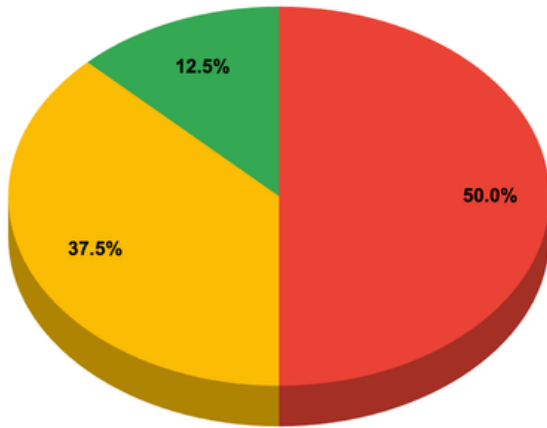
## **MATHEX**

On Thursday we had 4 teams of from Year 5,6,7 and 8 compete in the Manawatu Mathex competition. This is a great opportunity for our students who excel at maths to stretch their knowledge in a competitive environment. Our students did incredibly well with: Year 8 - Silver (equal with 5 other teams), Year 7 - Bronze (equal with 5 other teams), Year 6 - Silver (equal with 9 other teams), Year 5 - Bronze (equal with 2 other teams). We are very proud of you all.

In recent days, there has been plenty of news about the achievement of Year 8 students in mathematics. Recently we analysed our mid-year data and it is clear we are meeting the needs of our students in Mathematics. Those students who have spent the majority of their learning at South Makirikiri are achieving At or Above the curriculum expectations. What will be interesting for us in the coming months is to evaluate the new expectations, and strive to meet the new expectations as quickly as possible. Our students are in a great space to continue to excel in Mathematics and we will continue to develop their learning to be confident mathematicians.

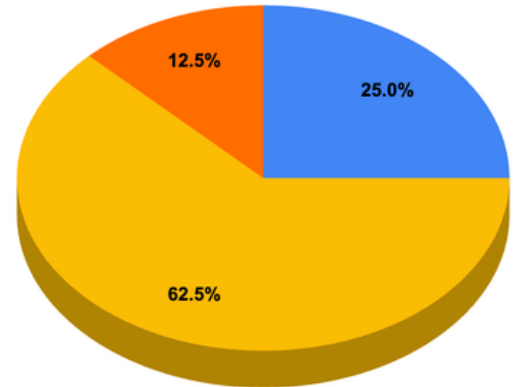
Year 8 maths data

- Above
- At
- Below



Year 7 maths data

- Exceeding
- At
- Well Below



Greg Allan, Principal

## HALCOMBE SPORT EXCHANGE PHOTOS



## From the Board

Kia ora e te whānau o South Mākirikiri!

### South Mākirikiri School Board Vacancy Process, UPDATE

The 28 days for our school community to request an election finished on the 17th July. We did not receive 10% or more requests from eligible voters in our school community to proceed with an election, so have sought advice from Te Whakarōputanga Kaitiaki Kura o Aotearoa (formally the New Zealand School Trustees Association) on our next steps. During this process, we learned that eligible voters are parents and/or guardians of our enrolled students, and that some families have two eligible voters, some have one, and some blended families have three or four eligible voters.

There are other rules that need to be followed in this process, such as:

- the board must consist of more elected members than selected members

This means that only two parent representatives can be selected onto the board at this time. However, we can co-opt up to five members onto the board in addition to the selected members. The absurdity of this, is that co-opted members are selected, yet it is recognised as a completely separate process from electing and selecting. Co-opted members are deemed to be required for a focus area or special project.

Therefore, the South Mākirikiri School Board seeks expressions of interest in joining our school board. Interested parties are to fill out an application and complete the eligibility declaration and submit this to either the front office or myself: [lrayner@southmak.school.nz](mailto:lrayner@southmak.school.nz) on or before 5pm Monday 19th August.

Hard copies of these forms can be uplifted from the school office or emailed to you by either Alannah or myself.

Areas of expertise we are seeking for support/skills/experience are in:

- Finance
- Property Management
- Policy
- Matauranga Māori
- as well as succession planning for our board past the next election cycle in late 2025.

### In other matters

We thoroughly enjoyed listening to our guest teacher report from Rowena Coleman at last night's meeting. She is so clearly passionate about her role in nurturing and developing our littlest learners. The mid-year student achievement data was presented, and it was pleasing to see some great progress in a number of areas - including Year 7 & 8 math, contrary to the governments statement yesterday. We will look forward to analysing the Student Wellbeing Survey at our next meeting, this will be completed by students Year 4 and above in the next few weeks.

### Enrolment Scheme Update (previously known as zoning)

Statement: At the request of your board, I have conducted a review of your enrolment scheme. In light of this review, I have concluded that there is no longer a continuing need for an enrolment scheme at your school to avoid overcrowding or the likelihood of overcrowding.

If in future the roll increases to the point where the school is again at risk of overcrowding, we will contact you and discuss re-establishing a scheme.

*Deanne Thomas*  
Manager, Integrated Services  
Te Mahau (Ministry of Education)  
Taranaki, Whanganui, Manawatū

Therefore, the abandonment of the enrolment scheme was activated on 22nd July 2024.

Some interesting points for those of you that may find this news unsettling:

- approximately 70% of our school population is made up by "out of zone" families.
- the (now abandoned) ballot system was deeply unsettling for our incoming families.
- there are three significant barriers that are contributing factors to why we are not in danger of overcrowding:
  - we are the **only** southern Rangitikei school that does not have lunch provided in school (not through lack of trying, we simply do not qualify for the government funding).
  - the cost of transporting children to school that do not live on the bus route is extensive.
  - the early school finish time does not align well with many working families.

It will be a pleasure to welcome incoming families who are prepared to still choose South Mākirikiri School because they value our school's rural setting, culture and educational opportunities for their child.

Hei konā mai,

**Libby Rayner, Presiding Member**



**Calling for:**

## **SCHOOL BOARD**

### **Expressions of Interest**

Pick up an application form and an eligibility declaration from the school office or by emailing [lrayner@southmak.school.nz](mailto:lrayner@southmak.school.nz)

Deadline for these to be returned is 5pm Monday 19th August

The Board will then select two applicants and co-opt on others that provide skills in the listed areas of development.

If you would like to know more about what is required of being a board member, please feel free to reach out to Libby Rayner, Kate Nitschke, Maria Clayton or Greg Allan



## South Makirikiri School Sports results

### Netball:

**South Mak 6/7/8's:** This week's game had us on the edge of our seats! The 6/7/8's played St Matt's Spirit and the team showed up and gave it their all really working hard at applying what is being learnt at training! Final score 14-13 to South Mak. Player of the days went to Lauren (versatility), Alecia (defence) and Kendall (attack).

**South Mak B:** Played an outstanding game against Bulls on Saturday and won convincingly. Eden Olney and Charlie Rayner were the players of the day.

**South Mak Yr 3/4's:** After returning from 4 weeks off the girls played their best game yet, taking out the win against Marton school. With no reserves they all pushed through playing a full game. the sideline support was amazing. you did us all proud, well done girls.

### Hockey:

**YR 3-4 Gold:**Last week we won our first game of the season which was super exciting! Every week the team is improving and the win was well deserved. Carter got a runaway goal with some excellent dribbling skills. There were some great team moments with players setting up goals for team mates and outstanding defence. Xavier was the player of the day.

**YR 3-4 Cyan:** On the 27th of July we had a hard fought loss against James Cook School, player of the day was Grace for her excellent defending. Last weekend on the 3rd we played Taihape Dragons. Playing really well together and linking some great passes to lead at half time. Taihape stayed in the game and managed to score late to beat us 4 to 3. Player of the day was Ginny for her strong defending. It is really great to see how everyone in the team has improved over the season and scoring some awesome goals.

**YR 5/6 Goldsticks:** We played Marton asteroids. The team played really well. A few injuries in the team meant we had no Subs but the team pulled together for a 7/1 win. This gave us a good chance try different positions. Player of the day was Connor for his "full commitment" when scoring goals.

**YR 5/6 Silver:** On the 26th of July we played Hunterville and lost 2 to 1. Last week on the 2nd we played James Cook. Even after everyone's participation in the sports exchange with Halcombe, we won 4 to 2. Everyone played really well and showing some great teamwork both on attack and in defence.

**YR 7/8 South Mak n Cheese:** We had a bye last week. The week before we played Halcombe Black. Connah was player of the day for making a couple of good saves as goalie. There were some great moments in our game but we were unable to keep up with their goal count. Everyone of our players have great skills - we are just working on bringing everyone together as a cohesive team.

# CALENDAR

**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

**Thursday 26th September**

Back up day for pet day

## Friends of School Update

We are looking forward to the Quiz Night on Friday 16th August! Please note that we have changed the venue to **Tutaenui Hall**. The doors will open at 6.30pm, with an intended start of 7pm. This is a BYO event. We will provide nibbles, slices, and tea and coffee. Remember to choose a team name and dress up to win the Best Dressed prize!

### Term 3 Meeting

Our Term 3 meeting is on Tuesday 13th August at 7pm in the Staffroom. New families are always welcome!

### Christmas Minis Photoshoot

We are still taking bookings for the Christmas Minis Photoshoot on Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th October. Sessions are \$50 for five digital photos, with extra photos for \$5 each. Please email us if you would like to book a spot.

If you would like to join our Friends of School email list please flick us an email at [fos@southmak.school.nz](mailto:fos@southmak.school.nz). Please also join us on Facebook.

**Tessa Nitschke, President**

**QUIZ NIGHT**

**FRIDAY 16TH AUGUST**

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

TUTAENUI HALL  
4 Griffins Road, Marton  
Register by Monday 12th August  
fos@southmak.school.nz

# OUR STUDENTS

Room 7 all chose someone to interview. They had to come up with their own questions and then turn that into a story about their chosen person.



Robert Albert Death was born in August 1940 at Craighome, Hawera, New Zealand.

Robert grew up with his mother, father, sister and brother. Robert went to school at Ararata Primary. He grew up in Hawera, in a little shack. At just eight years old Robert developed polo - he said he woke up on holiday feeling like he'd been shot. He was flown to Waikato Hospital where he received treatment. He got better over time - he remembers the doctor said time would be his best friend.

Robert's favourite primary school teacher was Charlie Borrie probably because he never caned him. His best friend was John Tarrat.

Robert went to Hawera High School. His favourite hobby was learning to run the farm. His first car was an Austin. His favourite subject was arithmetic. Back then there were no numbers on the letter box; 'That's why I don't know his number.' He had a best friend, Bronco, the pony. They got first in the Hawera sports. Grandad's early life crisis affected him in some way but he never wanted to give up, and so he never did.

When she was 21, Inge traveled to Rome, Slovenia and Holland with her husband Ron. She got married at the age of 21 - that same year they had their honeymoon to Rome. In Rome all they ate was pizza. It was Ron's favorite food but Inge is different, her favorite food is bananas. In Rome, he refused to drink water. He only drunk coke by Inge, the healthy one and the lovely one looks after her body. She drinks water but the occasional treat of a can of coke. She said for her future she wanted to live old and travel to places like America, Canada, Iceland, Hungry, Portugal and Germany. But the place she wanted to go the most was Germany because she thought it was a beautiful and am amazing place to spend her honeymoon

I picked her because she has lots of memories and is a lovely lady to talk to and also a awesome neighbour. She is now 76 years old and a goes on walks to stay healthy and to help her stay fit

By Himishik



## MATHEX

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Year 7 - Bronze (equal with 5 other teams)

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Year 5 - Bronze (equal with 2 other teams)

We are very proud of all our students who competed in the mathex competition on Thursday. Incredible results for every team!!



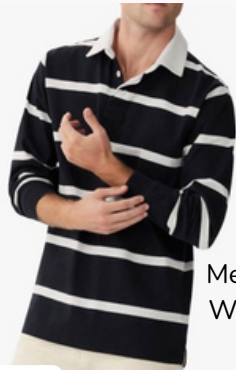
We always love hearing about our students achievements outside of school too. Both Harriet Simpson and Alecia Fogden achieved great results at a recent gymnastic competition! Congratulations girls!!



# THANK YOU



Womans huffer puffer vest



Mens RM Williams shirt



Custom-built fire pit



Hand-made crochet blanket

\$500 box of goodies



Fishing trip for 2



your child principal for the day



1 tonne of grain



a cut and colour



A massive thank you to everyone in our community for your incredibly generous donations to our raffle baskets and items for the quiz night.

The quiz night has had an awesome response (we had to move to a bigger venue!) and its gearing up to be a great night! We can't thank these business and families enough for their generous donations:

Pro Fert Spreading, Valley Engineering, Chemist Warehouse, Arable Solutions , Sam Walsh, Tony Maas, Rebecca Maas, Strong Room Feilding, Pips Barber Shop, Marton Vets, ITM, Fat Rabbit, Farmlands, Designer Direct - Bulls, Chloes Faerie Jewellery, Judd family, Illston family and South Makirikiri School.

This night wouldn't be possible without all these people/businesses as well as our community. All the raffle baskets and auction items will be on display in Room One next week, so come and check them out. If you want to put a bid on an auction item please see Alannah in the office, email Tessa at [FOS@southmak.school.nz](mailto:FOS@southmak.school.nz) or contact our auctioneer Andy Transom on 0275965160.