



# MAKURI SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## Makuri Makes it Happen

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### Makuri School Vision

*With strong community support, Makuri children will have the best possible opportunity to grow as confident, self-directed learners.*



**‘He iti te kopara ka rēre I te puhi o te kahikatea’**  
*Though the Bellbird is small, it can soar to the crown of the kahikatea*

## MESSAGES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia Ora Whanau,

We are in week 6 of the term. There is a lot going on with swimming events, minor sports, bush day to name a few. The school camp is coming up also and will be in week 10. This year we are planning to split the camp into a year 0-3 student camp at Makuri School and a year 4-8 school camp at Lake Taupo. The details are being finalised and a camp meeting will be held this week.

### **Bush Day**

Horizons regional council has kindly lent the school an educational kit with traps and monitoring equipment for pest control. We spent the last bush day becoming familiar with the kit and equipment. The students have set this equipment up around the school grounds to practice using and checking it. The idea would be to use this in our local bush. I am in contact with DOC to gain permission for this. At this stage we are in the process of creating a community agreement. There are steps to this so we will progress through these steps as soon as we can. The kids have written a couple of stories about some encounters with pests. This was quite an exhilarating discussion and some of the descriptions in their writing are vivid.

### **Rural Senior Schools Swimming Sports Y4-8:**

This was held on a pleasant day at the Pahiatua swimming pool. The rural schools of Ballance, Kumeroa, Mangatainoka, Makuri, Alfredton and Pongaroa were there. The Makuri Children swam very well. They challenged themselves by entering in a good amount of events. A couple of 8 year olds swam the length races. Another student swam the Medley, 2 lengths Freestyle and Breaststroke, Backstroke events. Three students have qualified to represent the School in the Bush Swimming, to be held this Friday at the Tararua College pool.



## Minor Sports:

Some of the recent minor sports held in Pahiatua. The students seemed to have a great day doing lots of different activities.



## Rural Junior Schools Swimming Sports Y0-3:

This event was held last week on Thursday. A postponed date due to poor weather on Tuesday. The swimming activities went well. Mr G was in the pool with Emma from Alfredton. The junior swimmers were able to show off their swimming skills in the indoor Alfredton pool. While there were a variety of activities for swimming groups outside the pool area.

## Harvesting Produce:

We have more produce harvested. There are plans to use this produce at school however I believe there will be a surplus. If anyone is interested or would like a pumpkin, potatoes, courgettes, beans, beetroot. Please contact or drop into school, offer a donation to the class fund account and we can help you out.

## School Camp:

A meeting for school camp is this Friday at the school from 5pm. Come down and bring the kids as well.

## Weetbix Tryathlon:

6 days to go.

## Healthy Eating:

Yesterday we travelled into town to do some research on healthy food at our local supermarket. We are in the midst of an educational food unit in support of the NZ heart foundation and Te Whatu Ora. Below is a link with further detail about the unit.

[Food for thought](#)

## Kids Corner:

### Mr G's Class - Write

*This is the children's part of the Newsletter where they add writing that they have created. Our budding writers are also expected to edit their work. You may find errors in spelling or grammar. It is to be noted that this is their work; the deeper features that we are celebrating here are their voice and ideas. Please enjoy.*



## Pest encounters

Ferrets eat native bird's eggs. It is fast food for them. So if we don't put traps out they will soon be extinct (and we don't want that to happen). Ferrets get into my Chicken coop and a lot of others too. It is annoying because they will kill the chicks. They have little strong legs. Did you know their whole life is about surviving?

By Ivy



### My pest encounter

When we lived at 'Rangedale' we took the ute up the road with Josh, Charlotte, dad, and I. When we were driving up the road dad kept on running over possum's. We stopped and dad took the rifle out and obliterated it in the head. We saw another one, dad passed the rifle to me and I shot it in the stomach. After that we saw another one!

Dad tried to pass it to Josh. He did not want to shoot the rifle so we drove home.

By William

### Pest encounter

One time when the Perrys came over, we decided to shoot some possums. we started with the tree next door by the hideaway "There he is," I whispered "Oh yup right there" Ferg pointed out. We shot him and Trev thought it was great. "Where's it gone"? I said. "On the other side of the fence,"shouted Miles.

We shot two more on the way to the gate by the new Loading yards and one on the road we chucked them in the creek.

“Newtrishus” I said

**By Zara**

### **PEST ENCOUNTER**

Once we had a little possum hunt. We drove up the driveway and straight away we saw a possum on a post. All it did was stare at us. Dad took a shot, boom! He hit it on the hind leg. It fell off the post and for some reason it ran at us, then it ran back! Dad couldn't shoot the possum because it was too fast. Finally Dad hopped off the ute and picked it up and wabang! He hit it on a rock. Dad hopped on the ute and we drove off. Later I was staring at the possum because it was moving, I touched it and it jumped up and flew off the ute! I don't know why? I thought it was dead... We drove back and picked it up. Afterwards we threw it into the offal hole.

**By George**

### **Possum's**

Possums are smart but when they are in your trap they are really dumb. Possums were brought to NZ in the 1800's. At night their eyes are red. Do you know where they go when it is in the daytime? they live in a burrow

In trees they are really cool to hunt. If you manage to get one, You could pluck it and sell it.

**By Jed**

### **Pest encounter**

George came for my birthday. We drove down the road for a possum hunt. Man, there were a lot of possums!!! When that was over we counted all of the possum's. Oh! Didn't I tell you we shot a hare too. It was a pretty big one. Anyway back to the possum part. There were 10 possum's including the hare. That's the end of my story.

**BY FERGUS**

### **Pest encounter**

Fergus and Miles came to our house. We walked down the hill to the creek. We bought some bait down with us to use it in the creek. We waited for ages. Suddenly we saw a wesel. We chased after it. George said it slipped under the bridge. Me, Fergus and Miles said it did.

**By Lucy**

Bunnies are cute and adorable. They eat carrots. They are pets not pests! Also they like to go underground and they are fast and they love to jump. They are super cool because they have super senses.

**By Croydon**

### **Tory's Class - Writing**

On Thursday we went to Alfredton School and did some swimming and played games. It was cold.

**By Jimmy**

Last week we went to Alfredton School. We swam through a hoop. I played games.

**By Taylor**

Last week we went to Alfredton School to play and swim.

**By Ada**

We went to Alfredton School and played games and swimming.

**By Miles**

Last week on Thursday I was floating on the ball and running to keep warm.

**By Shelbee**

Last week on Thursday we swam in the pool with Patrick and Mr Clown (but he is actually Mr G). It was fun and cold.

**By Bo**

Last week on Thursday I was swimming in Alfredton's pool. The pool was freezing cold.

**By Patrick**



## OTHER SCHOOL NOTICES

### Calendar of Events

**2024**

**Term 1**

**March**

Monday 18th - Bush day

Tuesday 19th - Weetbix Tryathlon

Friday 22nd - Technology

Friday 29th - Good Friday (school closed)

**April**

Monday 1st - Easter Monday (school closed)

Tuesday 2nd - Easter Tuesday (school closed)

Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th - School camp

Friday 12th - Technology

- Last day of term 1

## Scholastic Book Clubs:

Scholastic brochures are attached to school families' newsletters. Orders are due back at school by Wednesday 28th March. Please hand to Mr Grimmer or Mrs Burn. Parents are now able to pay for their books online. See order form page for details. It would be appreciated if payment for orders were made online, although cash is acceptable. Please make sure you put Makuri as your school, as all books are delivered to the school. Books purchased from Scholastic Book Clubs not only support your child's reading achievement – over 20% of your order goes directly back into our school in the form of library books or other teaching resources.

## Yummy Stickers:

Don't forget to collect your yummy stickers and send them to school. If you need a new sheet let me know. As we don't get enough stickers to redeem them every year, we keep on collecting them until we do.

## School Policies & Procedures:

SchoolDocs has developed a comprehensive core set of policies and procedures applicable to all New Zealand/Aotearoa primary, intermediate and secondary schools, that are customised for each school. We have worked alongside SchoolDocs to ensure the policies and procedures on the website are tailored specifically to our school and community. SchoolDocs updates, modifies, or creates policies in response to changes in legislation or Ministry guidelines, significant events, reviews/requests from schools, and regular reviewing from the SchoolDocs team.

By having online access, our school community can access, review and give feedback on all policies before they are implemented. We will advise you when policies are up for review and how you can take part. To access the Makuri School Docs copy and paste the address below.

<https://makuri.schooldocs.co.nz/Logon.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f>

**Username: makuri**

**Password: titoki**

## BOT

### Community Thank You:

👋!!Thursday 4th April!! 🎉

Mark it on the calendar, Makuri School have set the date for our community thank you evening to which you are all invited, so pencil it in cos it's gonna be a goodie! Hope to see lots of our community there!

## Board Meeting:

Our next BOT meeting is Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm at school. All members of the public are welcome to attend.

Our agenda is as follows:

STRATEGIC DISCUSSIONS

Roll return

Approve Strategic Plan and Annual Plan

Budget monitoring

10YPP update

Annual Goal 1 Progress

School Docs policy reviews

ERO update

Community Thankyou  
PPGC Update  
School Camp  
Giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi  
Monitoring reports as circulated to members prior meeting

Any questions on the above please forward to [principal@makuri.school.nz](mailto:principal@makuri.school.nz) or [daniel@makuri.school.nz](mailto:daniel@makuri.school.nz). Thank you.

## Makuri School

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 **POLARIS**  
Think Outside  
MASSEY FERGUSON

**MAKURI**  
*Time*



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**RURAL EXCAVATION  
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To download our app: In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose School once installed.

## COMMUNITY



**HILL COUNTRY WALK** **23 MARCH 2024**

WITH ALFREDTON SCHOOL

Set in the heart of Alfredton, come along and experience a hill country farm walk featuring spectacular views alongside rural hospitality at its finest.

11 km Short Walk - 15 km Long Walk  
Catered Lunch Included

\$55 per person

BBQ & Beverages at the finish line (cash only)

**REGISTER ONLINE**

[www.eventbrite.co.nz](http://www.eventbrite.co.nz)

✉ [alfredtonhillcountrywalk@gmail.com](mailto:alfredtonhillcountrywalk@gmail.com)

Checkout Alfredton School Hill Country Walk on Facebook for further details and updates!

## Wai Splash Triathlon:

Wai Splash are hosting a local triathlon on Sunday April the 7<sup>th</sup>.

The distances and age groups will be number dependents but we have a goodie bag for each entrant until we reach capacity so we are urging parents to register now so we can get some more goodie bags if we need to.

Registration is online at: <https://waisplash.org/wai-splash-triathlon>

The cost is \$10 for Triathlon and for those not so confident in the big pool or on a bike we have added a "Splash & Dash" for the little children at \$5 this year.



**WAI splash** **SAVE THE DATE!**  
**SUNDAY 7TH APRIL 2024**

**Wai Splash Triathlon**  
**All ages & abilities**  
Includes a splash & dash  
~limited entries~

\$10 Entry includes cap, swim bag & drink bottle ~ Splash & Dash \$5 includes swim bag & cap



## Wendy's Brainteaser:

This week's puzzle.



Previous newsletter puzzle and answer.



**Answer: Tall order** . Well done Tory Allan, Gareth Young

**It takes a community to raise and educate a lifelong learner"**