



MAKURI SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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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 Kōpara ka rērere I te puhi o te kahikatea’
Though the Bellbird is small, it can soar to the crown of the kahikatea

MESSAGES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to School for Term 2. We have had a great couple of days back with beautifully, sunny and settled weather. The students have come back with a positive air about them and we are getting stuck into the business of being back at school. This term we are preparing for some events such as the cross country. It is good to see the children have their running shoes and drink bottles. The lunches are looking great as well. The staff have noticed a good variety of healthy food choices and not a lot of packaged foods.

Another focus we have this term is dance. We have Lisa Hull taking this for 2 afternoons a week. At the end of the term in week 9 there is the cultural festival to look forward to as well. We are hoping to have something to present there to showcase dancing from our community heritage.

Last term we ended with a school camp. The senior students have some writing to share from their experiences at Omori, Taupo. The students had a number of challenges and successes. We called these missions (challenges) and medals (successes). You will see this mentioned in their writing.

School Camp:

During the last week of term 1 the senior students (year 4-8) trooped up to lake Taupo and stayed for 4 nights in Omori. The intrepid explorers were met with lots of challenges including biscuiting, swimming, fishing, canoeing and kayaking. There were land challenges such as walking, mountain biking and rock wall climbing. We had some good educational activities as well such as visiting the Whakapapa Isite, Te Porere Redoubt and Tokaanu hot pools walk. Then we had some nice activities such as soaking in the hot pools at Tokaanu. Thank you to the parents who catered for us. We had lots of food to fuel up with. The lake was cool after you were wet so it was good to get some good kai into the team.



Rural School Road Race:

This is to be held on Tuesday 14th May at Kumeroa School.

Time: At 9.30am there will be a Risk Management and General Housekeeping talk. An orientation walk of the courses will commence at 9:45am for 8 to 12+ year old runners.

Children are recommended to take part in this walk and must stay with the marshal on the walk. The Competition will commence at 10:00am. We will need to leave school no later than 8.45am.

We have been and will be practicing for this event, so can parents please make sure children come to school with the appropriate footwear.

There is no postponement date.

We will send out more information with the permission slip.

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. Sometimes there may be parts that don't quite make sense either. 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.

Camp at Taupo

More than 2 weeks ago we were at Taupo for school camp. On the first day we boated to a bay called Te Hapua Bay. My mission that day was working with Fergus, Jed and William to raft to a little beach that we couldn't walk to. However Jed and Fergus wanted to go back while me and Willie wanted to go further. Me and Willie jumped off the biscuit and swam to the beach.

On the second day we were rock climbing. Once I fell off the wall and when I started bouncing up, down, up, down I got sick. That's because we had fish, n, chips just before. My medals of all of the days were biscuiting because once I was off the entire biscuit but holding on with one hand. I felt good all of the days (except for the second). On that day I had been on Sam's boat biscuiting I felt a bit sick because when we were bouncing up and down on the biscuit it made my tummy ache.

By George

School Camp

At school camp in Taupo we just drove there and we set up. We were getting ready to go biscuiting and fishing on our boat. It was my dad, Mrs Stevenson, George, and myself. We were fishing on our boat. The Benoit's caught 2 fish and the Priors caught 3 fish. We caught 0 fish so while everybody else was fishing we were biscuiting. Later that night we had to do 1 mission and 2 medals. My first Medal was rock climbing. It was really fun because I had to test my limit on how high I could get before I couldn't grab on to anything. My first mission is trying to get to the top of the wall at the rock climbing center. My 2nd Medal was biscuiting it was really fun and hard at the same time. My 2nd Mission was knee boarding because I just started doing it and it sucks trying to hold yourself in place. Also it sucks when you lean back because if you don't pull back you might want an ice pack also when you are ready to go fast you end up getting the wobbles and you fall off .

By William

School Camp 2024

At school camp I was good at kayaking and I was good at biscuiting. My mission was to climb up to the top of the rock wall and stand up on the water skis. On Tuesday we hopped on the boat and drove down to the jetty to launch the boat. I caught a rainbow trout. It was quite big. My goals were to of course get to the top of the rock wall and go up the hills I climbed quite high.

By Lucy

School camp

On Monday we travelled to Omori school camp. We stayed at my house and our neighbours.

On Tuesday we launched the boats and did fishing and waterskiing. Ivy and Lucy were on a boat with me and they caught the first fish which was quite a nice size but I caught the biggest fish of the week which was my first medal. Afterwards, we boated Scenic Bay where we water skied and rode on biscuits.

On Wednesday we rode our bikes to the boat ramp where we kayaked and same for a while. After that we did biscuiting. Ivy Lucy and I did it together but then Lucy and I rode it by ourselves and drove a lot faster. This was fun. Afterwards, we went home and had lunch. After that we went canoeing at lake Otamangakau but the water level was way too low and we kept getting stuck on the bottom. That was my mission because we kept getting stuck in the mud. After that we drove to rock climbing which was so fun but dad kept just about letting me free fall and then stopping me. Rock climbing was a medal because I was quite good at it. P.S. Don't ask about Thursday, Lucy and I had a nasty bug.

By Zara

School camp

Hi guys my name is Jed. It's camp 2024. In the car it was a long drive because I had two silly girls in the car. My first medal was the bike ride in the bush. I had to go in a rut. It was hard. My second Medal was fishing on the boat. I caught a Trout and I kept it. My mission was going on the biscuit going at 30 km an hour because I am really bad at it. A week after the camp, Mum and Dad drove us up to Taihape. We met Nana and Back. They took us up to Taupo but not to Omori. We were on the other side of the lake and we hopped in

the hot pool. Nana stole a pool noodle. The cave was 4m deep. It felt like I was going to die. I was really scared.

By Jed

School Camp

I am going to tell you about school camp. At school camp some of us water skied. But I could not ski because the skis were too big for my feet but I felt fine. I did biscuiting with Zara and Lucy. I was in the middle so if I lent over I would not fall off. When we were going to the hot pools after we were at the lake we saw a whole lot of people wall in. So we decided not to hop in and go on the walk. Near the hot pools. It smart so bad. Did I tell you about rock wall climbing? It was really fun. But when you wanted to come down you came down really slowly. My first medal was Biscuiting with Zara and Lucy. My 2nd medal was to catch a trout and I did it. My mission is to ski. I'm still working on that.

By Ivy

Camp

On Monday we drove up to Omori. The girl's stayed in the Benoit's beach house and the boys stayed in the neighbours. The next day we put the boats in the lake. Jed, Ivy, Zara and Lucy caught a fish. A mission for me was to work with Jed to kayak and a medal was for canoeing. Another medal was biking. That night we saw the glow worms. They were so colourful. After that we walked home and had dinner. We walked to bed. The next day we went back out on the boat we boated to this little beach.

BY FERGUS

School Camp

The giant chess game was so much fun and I will never forget that. I did not always keep my feet on the pedals on my bike. That was my mission. I was biscuiting with Mr G that was my medal number 1.

I was also swimming in the hot pools and after school camp ended, my mum and Marshall drove to the dinosaur house in Raetihi and to the snow man logo and then went home in Makuri.

By Croydon

Tory's Class - Writing

In the holidays Dad and I shot a fallow. Then we cut its throat and then Mum came with the buggy.

By Miles

In the holidays I ate chicken nuggets at Nanny and Poppa's house.

By Bo

In the holiday I helped my Dad and rid my bike.

By Jimmy

On the weekend when i was better me and jo were making bug hotels. I Had the big drill and i drilled bug hotels. I also did some shearing. Our sheep were too wooly.

By Patrick

On the holidays my dad killed a sheep and skinned it.

By Wade

On the weekend I went to Ivy's competition it was Good they came highly commended

By Ada

In the holidays i went to the museum. I saw the big dinosaur fossils. I had so much fun. I also heard the story about tane mahuta.

By Amelia

My dad shot a deer. The deer was yelling cause it got shot.

By Shelbee

On Sunday I was in the caravan. In the holiday it was my birthday.

By Taylor

This is me standing next to a dinosaur skelton.

By Jack

OTHER SCHOOL NOTICES

Calendar of Events

2024

Term 2

May

Friday 10th - Technology

Tuesday 14th – Rural Schools Cross Country

Thursday 23rd – Life Education

June

Friday 3rd – King's Birthday (school closed)

Thursday 6th – Bush Cross Country

Friday 7th – Technology

Tuesday 11th – Postponement date Bush Cross Country

Friday 21st – Technology

Thursday 27th – Cultural Festival

Friday 28th – Matariki (school closed)

July

Friday 5th – Last day of term 2

Scholastic Book Clubs:

Scholastic brochures are attached to school families' newsletters. Orders are due back at school by Wednesday 15th May. 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.

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Wendy's Brainteaser:

This week's puzzle.



Previous newsletter puzzle and answer.



Answer: Summary.



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