



# 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 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

Nau mai hoki mai (welcome back) to our latest newsletter instalment. We are into week 3 of term 2, 2024. Lately at school we are learning about bones in our bodies. We have identified parts of our skeleton and what jobs our bones do for our bodies. We continue to practice our reading and writing and maths regularly. A focus this term for Maths is on geometry and shape.

### Rural School Cross Country:

Yesterday was a big day for the school. We participated in the rural school's cross country held at Kumeroa School. It was a great day with cool settled weather, clear skies and sunshine. The temperature reached a warm 17 degrees in the afternoon.

Makuri students have practiced well this term running around our school track and also venturing down domain road, the mud track and around the Makuri Domain. They have a great attitude towards the training and running challenges. Yesterday this all paid off with many children coming in the top 10 places of each race entered. Well done to those students. The Bush cross country will be held on Thursday the 6th of June.



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## School Lunches:

We are heading into the colder months of the year and so we would like to offer warm ups as a lunch choice. As much as possible we would like this to be actioned by the children themselves. Therefore, the school asks that parents provide warm up options that are easy to warm up. Warm up days are **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays**. These can be put into the oven to be heated up or in a toastie maker. The school still has an obligation for healthy food options. Please don't send 2 minute noodles.

**Nutritional Guidelines:** If you're unsure about healthy foods firstly ask yourself, is it in a packet? If so, it has been processed to some degree. Check the Nutritional information on the packet. In the per 100 grams column look for this information: Fat- equal to or less than 10 grams, Sugar- equal to or less than 10 grams, Dietary fibre equal to or greater than 5 grams and Sodium (salt)- equal to or less than 400 milligrams. There is more information, but this is a general and easy option to make a quick decision in the supermarket aisle. I've inserted a table below to show the information in another way for those who like tables. Do a test with 2 minute noodles. I believe they are too high in salt. Let me know if I've got that wrong.

Nutritional Information	
Quantity per 100g	
Fat, Total	=/< 10g
Sugar	=/< 10g
Dietary fibre	=/> 5g
Sodium=salt	=/< 400mg

## Life Ed:

Harold and Holly are coming to visit next week on Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> May. The plan is to dip into the strategies for being out on the playground and covering the concept of WITS with our junior students in the morning.

Then while everyone is together between morning tea and lunch we can focus on the body and Harold's pataka, which is another way of looking at food groups. A focus on where our food goes and why it is important to make a good choice (when we have the option to choose).

After lunch I'll work with the senior students and go further into what we receive from each food group, how much is ideal for us to eat, what that might look like etc. We have done some work around reading the nutritional panel on packages. We can go over that again, and this will be a chance for the students to put what they have already learned into practice and become the superstars of the show!

## Teacher Only Day:

School's have 2 teacher only days this year for professional development. Makuri has booked this day on Tuesday the 4th of June. This is the day after King' Birthday. Our academic focus this year is on the maths curriculum and we have a Kahui Ako focus as well to do with our achievement challenges. These will be the makeup of the day. So children get to have a day off on this day.

## Our Environment:

Please note the reward poster below. If you do have these on your place and they aren't being used please bring them into school and we can get them back to Horizon's. Thank you for reducing and reusing.



## Kids Corner:

*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.*

### Mr G's Class - Write

The past couple of weeks we have been learning about bones and our bodies. The students are reflecting on this and writing about what they have learnt.

#### **Bones**

For the last couple of weeks we have been learning about bones, and what their job is. I am going to tell you about two things I find interesting.

So did you know you start off with 300 bones and end with 206. There is one floating bone. It is called hyoid bone.

**By Ivy**

#### **Dem Bones**

For the last 2 weeks I have been researching dem bones and the human body. And now I learned that bones can come together to make bigger and bigger bones. Like the skull is made of small bones.

I also learned that we have a sacrum which is the butt bone. We have a nose bone and it helps us smell things. An eye bone helps us see. The ear bone helps us hear things.

**By Croydon**

#### **Dem bones**

For the last fortnight the class has been learning about bones, the human body, and what their job is. A thing that I want to share with you is that when you are born you start with 300 bones and when you are 20 you have 206 bones. In your body you have hard bones and spongy bones. In your body you have red and white blood cells.

**By Jed**



### **Dem bones**

For the last couple of weeks we have been learning about bones, the human body and joints. I am going to talk about two things about bones.

1. Hard bones and spongy bones are just normal bones but spongy bones are when you have little holes in your bones that's why they are called spongy bones.

**By Lucy**

### **Dem Bones**

For the last couple of weeks we have been learning about dem bones. I am going to tell you two different things that I learnt.

I learnt that when you are just born you have more than 300 bones in your body. When you get older you have less bones in your body. Wow!! That's amazing right?

My 2nd thing that I learnt was that your spine is made out of so many little bones.

**By Fergus**

### **Dem bones**

For the last 2 weeks we have been learning about bones and what they do to help us. Our Body's bones move us around or help us use our strength to lift heavy things. So today I am going to tell you about three simple things I have learnt.

1 On your body there are such things called ligaments. Ligaments are things that go around your joints and muscles.

2 Inside our body there is a thing called tendons, tendons attach our muscles to our bones.

3 There are two kinds of bones in our body called spongy bones and hard bones. Our spongy bones are SQUISHY.

Hard bones are HARD.

**By William**

### **Dem bones**

For the last three weeks we have been doing dem bones, we learnt about what all of our bones do and how they help us move, protect our organs, and produce blood cells.

#### Protection

We have a lot of bones which do different things. For example, some of our bones protect our organs or other squishy things. Your skull protects your brain, your ribs protect our heart and lungs and your vertebrae protects your spinal cord. To be continued

**By Zara**

### **Dem bones** 🧠

For the last couple of weeks we have been learning about bones, muscles, the human body and what job the bones are.

#### What I have learnt

I will share with you and talk about stuff I learnt.

#### The spongy bone

The spongy bones live at the end of the long bones such as the thigh. They are called spongy bones because the bone has holes in it. You may be wondering, is the spongy bone hard? Yes the spongy bone is hard but not as hard as the hard bones.

#### When you're bones stop growing?

Your bones stop growing until you're twenty but they get hard when you are thirty

What's inside of your bones?

The inside of your bones are calcium, that's what I thought but it also includes bone marrow and red and white blood cell production.

**By George**

### Tory's Class - Writing

Yesterday I went to cross country and it was fun.

I came in fifth place.

**By Ada**

Yesterday we went to cross country. It was fun and I got second place.

**By Taylor**

I went to cross country and when I was there I was doing some exercise. After that I was running.

**By Shelbee**

I was going to cross country and I did a lot of running and I got fifth.

**By Patrick.**

I've been running the fastest with Pat. When I got out on the paddock I ran past a few people. I came seventh.

**By Bo**

Yesterday i went to cross country it was fun. There were lots of kids and I tried my best to get 4th place.

**By Jack**

*When I was at the cross country I got second place.*

**By Wade**

Yesterday we went to cross country and it was so much fun. I passed a few people and dad was walking with me. Mum was so proud of me.

**By Amelia**

We went to the cross country and I ran as fast as I could go. People were cheering me. I came fifth.

**By Jimmy**

Yesterday we went to cross country and I came fifth. Then we went back home with Mum.

**By Miles**



## OTHER SCHOOL NOTICES

### Calendar of Events

2024

Term 2

**May**

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Life Education

**June**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – King's Birthday (school closed)

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> – Teacher Only Day

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> – Bush Cross Country

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> – Technology

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> – Postponement date Bush Cross Country

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> – Technology

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> – Cultural Festival

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> – Matariki (school closed)

**July**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term 2

### **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**

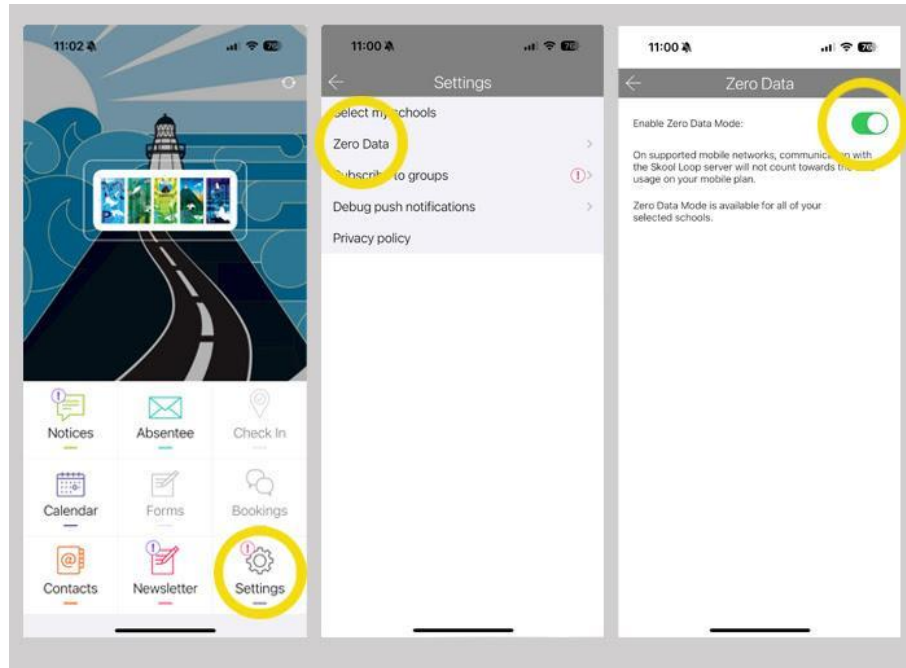
### **Skool Loop & Zero Data:**

For some school parents and caregivers, the cost of mobile data can be a barrier to accessing school information and communications!

Not anymore!

We are excited to announce Skool Loop has aligned with Zero Data removing this barrier by providing free access to your school app.

Please feel free to use the following graphic in your school newsletters, FB page and website to help parents use this fantastic resource.



## Book Club rewards your School!

Every purchase you make earns your child's school 15% of your order value in Scholastic Rewards that can be used to purchase valuable educational resources that benefit your child.



Families order from Book Club.



The school earns Scholastic Rewards.



The school redeems Scholastic Rewards for additional resources

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### BOT

Next Board of Trustees meeting is on Thursday 23rd May, 7pm at the school. All members of the public are welcome to attend.

Agenda as follows:

- 10ypp Update
- ERO update
- Annual Report progress
- Annual Goal 2 progress
- Principal Professional Growth Cycle update (PPGC)

- School Docs Review - Topics under Employer Responsibility Policy
- Community Consultation Term 2
- Giving effect to Tiriti o Waitangi - Board Training
- Monitoring reports - these are circulated to the Board prior to the meeting and include Principals Report, Finance, Property, Health and Safety, School House and Fundraising. A copy of these reports is available on request prior to the meeting.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the above, please email [principal@makuri.school.nz](mailto:principal@makuri.school.nz) or [daniel@makuri.school.nz](mailto:daniel@makuri.school.nz).  
Thankyou

**Makuri School**

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

## Community News:

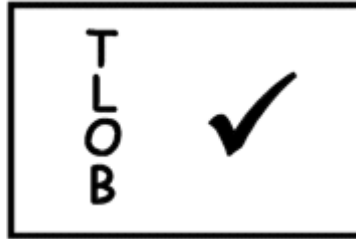
### Aratoi, Wairarapa Museum of Art and History:

This Aratoi exhibition is family friendly and hands - on.



## Wendy's Brainteaser:

This week's puzzle.



Previous newsletter puzzle and answer.



**Answer:** Excellency. Well done Trish Cuttance

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