



# 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 kopāra ka rereā I te puhi o te kahikatea’**  
*Though the Bellbird is small, it can soar to the crown of the kahikatea*

**School Values:** **M**otivated, **A**daptable, **K**ind, **U**nited, **R**esourceful, **I**nvolved

### MESSAGES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Nau mai Hoki Mai (welcome back) to another instalment of the Makuri School Community Newsletter.

The weather has been mild for this time of year with frosty mornings and clear days and not a lot of wind down in the valley. Over in the Manawatu they have not had a lot of rain at all.

Here at school, we are into the 3rd week of term 3 and we are picking up speed. There are quite a few things going on. The students have begun their speeches. The Makuri speech night will be on the 21st of so it is not far away.

Last Friday we visited Wai Splash to continue our commitment to providing swimming opportunities for the children throughout the year. It was good to see the students practicing their swimming strokes again and building their confidence in the water.

The year 5-8 students are off today to compete in the 7 aside tournament. Our students are combining with other rural schools to make up a team. The chosen sports are Hockey, Soccer and Rugby. This is a great chance for our seniors to get stuck into the sport with peers of their age and ability. Kia Kaha seniors.

Today we had a parent meeting for the junior camp. Here we answered questions and sorted out some of the finer details about the camp. This is not far away as well, Thursday and Friday the 15th and 16th of August.

We are building a Pātaka Kai (food storehouse). This we plan to put on the roadside and have items such as food and other good things for passersby to purchase. We have been painting and getting the Pātaka Kai ready for assembly. More to come on this.

It is a Technology week so our year 7/8 students will be attending this on Friday at the college.

## Health Education Statement:

Attached to the parent/caregiver newsletters is a draft health education statement for Makuri School. Could parents and caregivers take the time to read this? On Skool Loop there is a copy of the document and a form to fill in for parents/caregivers to acknowledge that they have read it. You can provide feedback, ask questions and confirm your acceptance that we adopt this document.

## Parent and Visitor Code of Conduct:

As part of our review cycle of our school policies and procedures we have realised that this code of conduct needed to be presented to parents and volunteers to provide clarity on conduct expectations.

A copy has been provided with the parent/caregiver copy of this newsletter. There will be a copy on Skool Loop and the school website. We ask that parents and caregivers read, sign and return this to the school?

## Science Roadshow:

This event is to be held at Tararua College. It is for the whole school beginning at 12:25 and finishing at 1:35pm. Please see Skool Loop for a permission slip.

*The Science Roadshow is a mobile science discovery centre. Annually traverses the length of New Zealand in a 15 metre truck and trailer. This initiative brings an array of captivating interactive science and technology exhibits directly into communities. The Science Roadshow's mission is to bolster science education in New Zealand schools through science outreach.*

## Makuri Speech Night:

This will begin at 5:30pm on Wednesday the 21st of August. It will be broken into 2 parts with the junior students (year 1-3) presenting their speeches first. We plan to have a meal break (Parents and Caregivers to bring a plate). Afterwards we will get into the competitive part of the evening with the seniors Year 4-8 students presenting their speeches. There will be a pause as judges deliberate and the results will be announced towards the conclusion of the evening.

Please book in this evening, come along and support our budding public speakers.

## Our Environment:

Please note the reward poster below. If you do have these in 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:

### 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.*

### **OLYMPIC GAMES**

Opening ceremony

Lots of continents

Young people compete

Medals to be won

People compete from all over the world

International teams

Contribution

Getting ready to race

An exciting game

Mostly professionals

Entering the competition

Scary but fun

**By William**

### **Olympics**

The Olympics take place every 4 years. The Summer Olympics are held in August. There is a torch that gets carried around the world to light the Olympic flame.

**By Fergus**

### **Acrostic Poem**

Olympic games

Lots of people

Young professionals competing

Most people are good

People have fun

It's interesting

Come and watch the olympic games

Get ready to race

All the people are good

Medals to win

Everybody gets cheered on

So many people

**By Ivy**



### Olympic Acrostic Poem

On every 4th year.

Lots of fights.

You can enter to

Mega sports mega fun

Play your favorite games

It's so much fun and lots of sports

Continue supporting your nation

So much fun so much sports

Give it a try

Always do your best

More fun sports to choose from

Eat some tasty food

Some win medals for their country

**By Croydon**

### Olympic Games

Opening Ceremony

Lighting the fire

You can go to the Olympics

Most games in the world

Playing the games

In France

Come to the Olympics

Getting ready to go

All were competing

Medals being won

Eating at the Olympics

Starting to get scared when go to the Olympics

**By Jed**

### Acrostic poem

Olympic Games are held every 4 years.

Lots of sports.

Young men and women compete.

Many people come to watch.

Playing sport can be hard

Infinite flame that goes for the whole Olympics.

Coming to watch is fun

Getting excited ready to race.

Always looks good.

Most people are ready.

Eating yummy food.

Some medals were won.

**By Lucy**



### **Acrostic poem**

**O**pening ceremony

**L**ots of fun

**Y**ou can do it

**M**en and women competing

**P**eople cheering on their countries

**I** want my country to win

**C**ompeting with other athletes

**G**oing to franc

**A**ll of the competitors are nervous

**M**edals are the goal

**E**veryone is excited

**S**o much sport

**By Zara**

### **Olympic Acrostic Poem**

**O**pening ceremony

**L**ots of different sports

**Y**ou might win a medal

**M**any seats in the stadium

**P**lay your best

**I** watch the olympics

**C**oming to Paris

**G**et set Go!

**A**lways try your best

**M**ost countries are there

**E**veryone watches the olympics

**S**ports are the only thing in the olympics

**By George**



### **Miss Paton's Class – Writing**

We made a lava bottle and there was lots of gases. But it was good and I was happy and I thought it would make a splash.

**By Ada**

### **What we need**

Jar

Vinegar

Oil

Colouring

Denture tablets

**By Shelbee**

The bubbles were going down and up.

**By Bo**

I wanted it to explode but it didn't. I wanted it to go in my face.

**By Wade**

It nearly exploded and I was really happy and then it went back down.

**By Miles**



It was rising and I was happy. The bubble was going up and down. It was fizzy.

**By Taylor**



## OTHER SCHOOL NOTICES

### Calendar of Events

**2024**

**Term 3**

**August**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> - Technology

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> – Science roadshow

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> - BOT meeting

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> / Friday 16<sup>th</sup> - Junior camp

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> – Makuri Speeches

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Technology

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> – Swimming lessons at Wai Splash

**September**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> – Bush speech competition

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> - Technology

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> – Technology

### **New Web Page:**

We have a new website through Skool Loop. Copy the following address -

<https://www.makuri.school.nz/home>, as if you google Makuri School it still takes you to the old web page. Sometimes it can take days or weeks for the old website to disappear but sometimes Google sites can remain active for 30 days after deletion.

### **Reading Books:**

We notice that some of the decodables are coming back to school quite damaged. These books are very expensive and can't be replaced as a single book as they come in sets. Could parents and caregivers help the school care for these books by checking that the children are putting the decodable back in the book bag and into their school bag straight away. Thank you for supporting our school's value of being "resourceful".

## Absences:

We would like to ask parents that on a Monday and Friday when Wendy isn't in the office that parent's phone the school and leave a message, as well as filling out the absentee form on Skool Loop, if your child is going to be away from school.



## 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:

Makuri School reviews its policies and procedures throughout the year. This term's review is based on the topics below

### Term 3 review topics

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| • <a href="#">Concerns and Complaints</a>  | Board review |
| • <a href="#">Media</a>                    |              |
| • <a href="#">Performance Management</a>   | Board review |
| • <a href="#">Professional Development</a> |              |
| • <a href="#">Protected Disclosure</a>     | Board review |
| • <a href="#">Staff Conduct</a>            |              |
| • <a href="#">Staff Leave</a>              |              |

If you would like to read more about these policies and procedures click on the links above. If this doesn't get you in, go to the School Doc website and enter the username and password below. There is a search option to find the policy that you are interested in or you could open the current review tab for the above topics.

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

**Username: makuri**

**Password: titoki**

A link can also be found on our website page <https://www.makuri.school.nz/home>

# BOT

## Makuri School

Thanks to the below businesses for sponsoring our school app:



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## Community News:

### Tararua College:

Tararua College welcomes new enrolments for our 2025 year. Applications need to be submitted by the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Use this link if to enrol online <http://tararuacollege.nz/enrolments/>

or our website link: <http://www.tararuacollege.school.nz>)

Please contact the college office on 06 376 8344 ext 600 or email [admin@tc.school.nz](mailto:admin@tc.school.nz) if you have any queries.

### Community Bus Society Battery Drive:

**Do you have an old lead acid battery lying around making your shed look untidy???** Tractor, Truck, Car or motorbike batteries, we can take them all!!

The Bus Society could remedy this problem for you by recycling the battery. Proceeds from this will go towards supporting the community bus. Contact the school for more information.

**Update!** We have had a number of responses and Mr G. took a load of batteries over to the recycler last term. We earned about \$50 for that load. Don't be shy about coming forward. Rumour has it that there are more batteries out there. Get in touch with Mr G. at school and we can arrange a collection or drop off.

Your "tidy shed" will thank you for it.





## Wendy's Brainteaser:

### This week's puzzle.

With the Olympics starting, here are some trivial questions.

1. In which athletics field event might you use the technique known as the O'Brien shift?
2. In which sport would you loop, chop, double bounce and sidespin?
3. The Fosbury flop was developed in which sport?
4. What distance is covered in one circuit of a modern outdoor running track?
5. What is the final event in the decathlon?

### Previous newsletter puzzle and answer.

1. How long is an Olympic swimming pool?  
**50 meters**
2. How many judges score each figure skater in the winter Olympics?  
**12**
3. To what music did Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean perform at the 1984 winter Olympics?  
**Ravel's Bolero**
4. How many times has the summer Olympics been cancelled?  
**3 times - 1916, 1940, 1944. Each time due to war.**
5. In which city were the first modern Olympics held?  
**Athens**
6. Zola Budd was blamed by some for the fall of which runner during the 3000 meters at the 1984 Olympics?  
**Mary Decker**
7. Who is the only athlete to have won seven gold medals in a single Olympics?  
**Mark Spitz**

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