



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 rererē 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

Tena koutou katoa (*greetings to all*),

We are into our 3rd week of the term. There is a lot on at the moment. We are swimming everyday while the weather permits. Junior Swimming is today. Our Juniors will travel to Alfredton and spend the day there participating in swimming and other activities with senior students. Our senior students George and Zara are organising an activity as well. This is a good opportunity for them to take on a leadership role representing our school in the wider community.

Plans are being finalised for a school camp from the 19th -21st of March. More details to follow in this newsletter.

Our next Bush day is this Friday the 4th April. With a very busy term it has been difficult to fit a bush day in this term. We have set traps in the Nga here (Bush). These have been checked twice now and so far we have caught 2 stoats and 2 hedgehogs. So a good tally.

Pataka Kai. The students have written information about our school Pataka Kai. This you will soon see out on the roadside on the Titoki and Pongaroa/Pahiatua Roads hopefully by the end of the week. More information below.

The virtual learning network has begun this week for our year 7 & 8 students George and Zara. They had their rural group class today. They discussed what the Wellington Camp is going to look like. Lake Rerewhakaaitu School has joined as well as other schools of Haast, Ngamatapouri, Half Moon Bay, Tapanui and Mulberry Grove Schools. The camp is planned for the week of May 12-17th. This is early in term 2.

Zara participated in a Will Pike challenge yesterday with students from Alfredton School. They had to do a day walk to the Blue ridge hut near Mount Bruce.

In the classroom we are establishing routines. We have introduced a new homework programme for the year 3 - 8 students. The structured reading programme and numicon maths programme are gathering momentum. There is professional development which our staff are involved with this term. This will provide good support and we hope to further foster our programme development. The students are learning about how to self regulate. We are having conversations about how to recognise our feelings. And also a few tips and hacks to be calm or resolve problems. This will be ongoing through the year.

So in summary we have started the year off with a BANG! and have a lot in store to look forward to.

Parent/student/teacher Meetings:

We are making our way through the interviews and it is great to have these conversations and discussions. It is setting us up well for the year, nice and early.

School Camp:

We had a great parent meeting last week and as a result we have some updates. We have booked self-catered accommodation at El Rancho. Our group size meant that catered options weren't available. The group will split into a junior and senior group and do 2 different programmes on Thursday. We'll come together again that evening. On Friday we will need to be out of the accommodation by 10am. There is touch rugby on that afternoon. As mentioned we are finalising details and then will send out a more comprehensive plan of the camp programme. Thanks for your patience.

Technology:

A reminder that Y7 & 8 students have their first technology day tomorrow.

Kids' Corner:

Pataka Kai:

Introducing the Makuri School Pataka Kai. A community roadside store run by the students of Makuri School. Please read the information below to gain an understanding of the idea.

Makuri School's Pataka Kai

Passing Makuri School? Why don't you look at the Titoki Road intersection and you will find a little shack called the Makuri School Pataka Kai. Consisting of a variety of resources like pine cones, kindling, worm juice, horse manure, sheep manure, tomatoes, fruit (that will "go-off" quickly so come and get some fast!) and free cucumbers.

You can also donate to us if you want to. For example you can donate fruit or veggies.

You can either pay online or pay in the cash box. Let's go 2025!

By William and George

Welcome to the Makuri School Pataka kai.

A Pataka Kai is a storehouse where people can leave some of their food and take what they want.

By Jed.

It is for making money for the students of Makuri school. It for our school camps and school equipment

By Fergus

Pataka Kai

We would really like some donations

If you would like to donate these items: 1.5L bottles, fruit and veges, 'big dog' food bags, sacks and jars for the pataka kai supplies, it would be very kind and we would really appreciate it.



By Lucy and Ivy

Makuri School

Hello

First, a big thank you!

for buying from our stall. We have two payment options here if you have spare change you wish to spend please pay by putting it in the honesty box. If you don't you can pay online. Our details are 02 0724 0079762 50 thank you. 😊

Makuri School Students

By Zara

Miss Paton's Class – Writing

The dragon flies high in the sky.

By Olive

I shot a deer. It had 40 points. Then I put it in the buggy and took it home.

By Bo

The dragon is flying high in the sky.

By Ceejay

The dragon was scary. It had armour on. Dragon's are like dinosaurs. If I was a dragon I would fly to Egypt. It has red and white scales.

By Ada

The dragon breathes fire. It flies. It is yellow and orange. It has scales like armour.

By Wade



The dragon flies in the sky! The dragon has sharp claws.

By Shelbee

I like chickens.

By Ruby

I like dragons. It is orange.

By Amelia

Today I saw a mountain stone weta at school.

By Jack

OTHER SCHOOL NOTICES

Calendar of Events

2025

Term 1

February

Thursday 20th - Technology

Friday 28th - Rural Swimming Sports

March

Thursday 6th - Bush Swimming Sports

Friday 7th - Minor Sports (Y1-Y2)

- Technology

Friday 14th - Technology

Friday 28th - Ball Sports (Y5-Y8)

- Technology

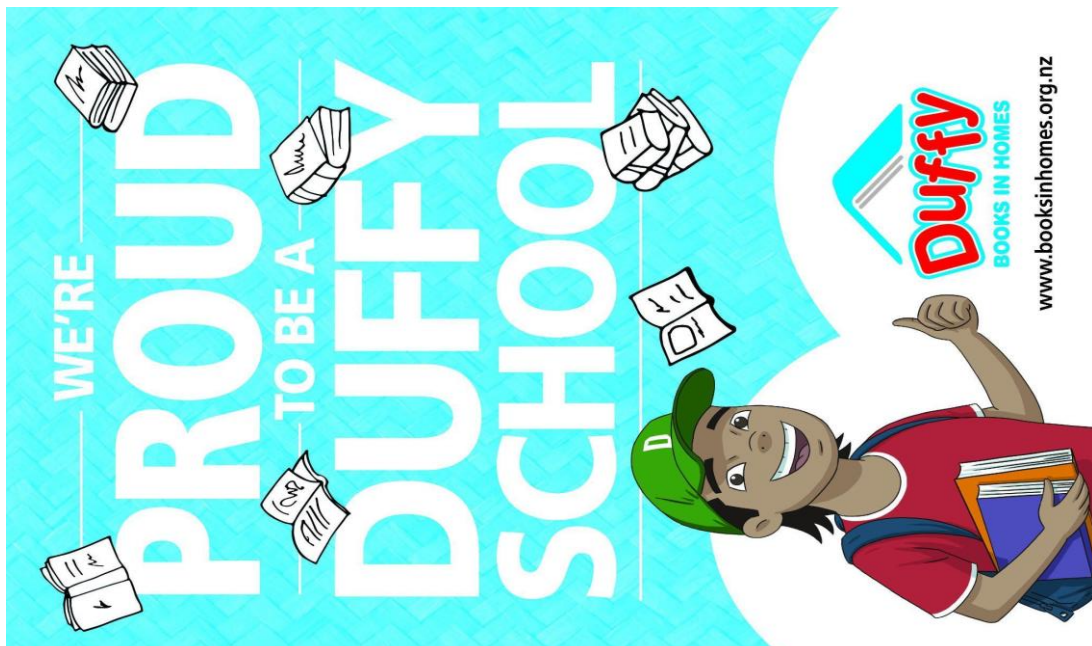
April

Friday 11th - Technology

Contact Numbers and Student Details:

Thank you to everyone that has returned this form.

Duffy Books:



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

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>

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Password: titoki

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Nominate your primary school for a chance to WIN one of four \$10K sports grants!

Hi Makuri School,

The Big Little Sponsorship is back and bigger than ever, so spread the word and nominate your school for the chance to win one of four \$10,000 sports grants. You can spend it on whatever you need, like new equipment, sports uniforms or coaching sessions. Anything to help your little champions play a little freer.

Entering is easy!

Winning takes teamwork, so get the whole community involved by nominating your school. Teachers, students, parents, friends and whānau can all share the love and show their support for your school by nominating here or by visiting aainsurance.co.nz/big-little

Entries are now open so get your nominations in today!

[Nominate](#)

*T&Cs apply. Entries close 11.59pm Sunday 16 March 2025

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Makuri School

Thanks to the below businesses for sponsoring our school app:



If you would like to advertise on the Makuri School Skool Loop App please email Content@skoolloop.com



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

Community News:

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. Your "tidy shed" will thank you for it.

WASTE-ED

with Kate

Looking to get wasted in a whole new way? Look no further than Waste-Ed with Kate!
This powerful, engaging session is perfect for consumers who want to make a real difference. Let's demystify waste, recycling, and greenwashing while sharing laughs, insights, and plenty of actionable tips.

TICKET

Tickets available from www.wastedkate.co.nz/tararua
Individual ticket - \$5.00 (+ \$0.13 service fee) - Admits ONE, get a reusable tool worth \$15rrp
Couples ticket - \$5.00 (+ \$0.13 service fee) - Admits TWO, get ONE reusable tool worth \$15rrp

DANNEVIRKE
Monday 7th April 2025
6 - 8pm
Dannevirke Town Hall
156 High Street, Dannevirke

WOODVILLE
Tuesday 8th April 2025
6 - 8pm
Woodville Sports Stadium
64 Ross Street, Woodville

PAHIATUA
Wednesday 9th April 2025
6 - 8pm
Pahiatua Town Hall
5 Kiwi Street, Pahiatua

Daytime sessions will also be available soon in Norsewood, Eketāhuna, Woodville, Pahiatua and Dannevirke - dates to be confirmed

Check out www.wastedkate.co.nz to learn more about Kate's work!

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Junior Indoor Bowls

If you are interested in giving indoor bowls a try, the Bush Ruahine Club are offering lessons every Tuesday from the 29th April - 25th June for ages 10-18. First lesson free then \$2 per week.



Please text Karen 021 266 9793 if your child would like to join in the fun.

Wendy's Brainteaser:

This week's puzzle.

PHROMATE

Previous newsletter puzzle and answer.

MUSIC 11 EARS

Answer – Music to one's ears. Well done to Gareth Young & Amiee MacDonald.

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