



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 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 at week 5 for term 1, 2025. So halfway through the term. The term is progressing really well. Swimming lessons have finished, however we will keep the pool open while the weather is warm so keep sending swimming gear with your children. We will let you know once we close the pool. In the classroom our learning routines are becoming more established and I'm happy to report that there are quite a few students showing the value of motivation - trying the best they can in their learning.

With the Duffy books we have a book each week which goes to a person who is showing strong Makuri Values. This week's recipient is Taylor for her hard work in adapting to routines in Mr G's class. Well done Taylor. Also well done to the previous weeks winners, Ivy, Zara, Ada and Bo.

There are a lot of events coming up for various groups at school. The year 7 and 8 students are starting VLN classes this week. The chosen subjects are Spanish and Maths. Exciting. A Will Pike overnight camp is next week on Tuesday and Wednesday. The group will go to Totara Flats Hut in the Wairarapa. Technology is on Friday this week and next week.

Parent/student/teacher Meetings:

The Parent/student/teacher meetings have been completed and now we hope to get visual reminders out to parents and to students. This should happen at the end of the week or first thing next week.

Minor Sports:

Minor Sports is on this Friday, 7th March at the Pahiatua Bush Multisport Stadium for our Y1-2 students. We will need to leave school around 9.00am. It starts at 9.45am and finishes at 2.00pm. Children will need to wear their school uniforms. We will take their school hats. They will need to take their lunch, snacks and plenty of water. Lisa Hull will be going in with the students.

Life Education:

We have 2 days of Life Education and Harold next week. These are on Monday 10th March & Thursday 14th March. The juniors are learning about resilience and the seniors are learning about substances. On Monday the juniors will go into Mangatainoka School in the morning. Their lesson is from 10.00am to 10.50am in the mobile classroom. Then the seniors will go in the afternoon from 1.00pm to 2.30pm. We will travel to Mangatainoka by bus. On Thursday Life Education is at Makuri School. On both of these days we will start school at 9.00am and finish at 3.00pm.

School Camp:

A notice went out on Skool Loop last week. The Board will assess the camp RAMS at our meeting tomorrow night and then we intend to have another meeting just to tie up loose ends such as transportation, equipment, food and health and safety. Meeting date will be next Tuesday 11th at 2.00pm. A permission slip is on Skool Loop for the camp.

Rural Schools Senior Swimming Sports:

This year we went to Tararua College to participate in this event. The pool was great and the indoor option provided a good space. The Makuri Students performed really well and a good number are going through to the Bush Swimming tomorrow in Pahiatua.



Bush Swimming Sports:

This is in Pahiatua at Tararua College. Start time 10am. Information has been sent out to the whanau involved.

Kids' Corner:

The senior class had a quick visit up at Pipinui Farms last week to witness the Starship Shearing event. From this we had some good discussions about shearing and I learnt how much the children know about shearing. We also did a bit of research about the history of shearing in New Zealand and Australia. So some great learning experiences for all. This week's writing is about shearing. The students had to pretend that they were a shearer and describe what it is like to shear one sheep.

See below.

How to shear a sheep

How to shear a sheep. You flip it and shear its belly and back. Then you put its wool in a fadge and push the sheep down the shoot.

By Jimmy

Shear For Starship

You shift the sheep into the holding pen, then the shearer flips the sheep. The Shearer picks up the handpiece and the shearer pulls the cord. The handpiece cuts the wool really smooth. The Rousie takes the wool and puts it in a pile. After this the Rousie puts it in the wool bale machine. The bale comes out the back.

By Miles

Shearing

I get a lamb from the holding pen. I pull the cord. Now I am shearing the lamb. You start under their tummy. After that you shear their head and you share their legs. Still got more to go and all my lambs legs are really woolly. Now it is hard to do it because they are really woolly. Now I have three more legs to go. Now the sheep is almost done. I have done one leg so two legs to go. Now I have one leg to go. Half of a leg to go. Thank you.

By Taylor

Shearing

On Monday we had a big shearing day at Pipunui Farms. I got up early to watch them. They started at 5:00am. There were a lot of fast shearers. One of the shearers did 50 in half an hour. I did some rousing for a bit. Me, Miles and my friend Zac were flipping sheep. You have to drag the sheep out onto the stand. The first part of the sheep to do is the belly, legs, noggin and the long blow round the back of the sheep. Send it down the shoot. The Rousie sweeps it to the pile of wool. They put it in the wool press and it turns into a bale.

By Fergus

Shearing Experience!!

If I was a shearer this is how I would shear, my feelings and describing shearing one sheep. First I walk into the holding pen. I pull the cord and the handpiece starts. I make sure to have the ewe between my legs. I make sure not to nick the sheep. I start off with the tummy and the side of the tummy. I do the front chest. After that I do the back and head and I almost forgot the legs. I do some finishing touches and I put the ewe down the shoot. The Rouises sweep up the wool and put it in the wool press. A bale comes out. I made sure to take off the blade of the handpiece although I have to shear six hundred more ewes. That's the life of a shearer.

My feelings: I would be tired, sweaty and proud of myself at the same time. After I shored these six hundred ewes I did it in two hours. I'm really fast.

Now we celebrate with beers and food!! After, we have tea. I love my tea, which means meat.

That night I had the best sleep. Oh I mean sleep ever.

Thank you for reading. Have you ever shorn a sheep?

By Lucy

Shearing Story

My name is Leo Hodges (Axell Hodges brother). I am in the middle of shearing a thick wool lamb. Let me finish this lamb really quickly... I'm back, so this is how I get dressed. "Ohh, that's tight." I have to wear Heiniger shearing pants and a "3-run-guns" singlet. Now we will start with dragging the lamb out of the holding pen and to the stand. I put the lamb under my legs and then the Rousie turns on the handpiece. I reckon I can shear a lamb in about 1 minute and 30 seconds.

It is very EXHAUSTING when you have to shear a lot of lambs. Now I flip the lamb on its feet and push it down the shoot and I'm done!

Well not technically, I still have around 300 Lambs left but it doesn't matter! All in a day's work.

Bye!

By William

Shearing Competition

My name is Paul and I am at a shearing competition.

It is muggy and hot. I have to grab the sheep and pull it back to the handpiece.

I pull the string to start the motor. I flip it onto its back. It is hard but I perceive and it is on it's back. I start to shear its tummy and then its back and head. But then there was a sudden OH NO!!!!!!! It bloody kicked my handpiece. I am sore and

I had to borrow someone else's handpiece. I finally finished the sheep.

By Jed

Steps How To Shear A Sheep

Step 1: Drag the sheep out of the pen.

Step 2: Get the sheep in position.

Step 3: Start the handpiece.

Step 4: Shear the sheep as fast as you can without giving it any nicks.

Step 5: Turn your handpiece off.

Step 6: Send the sheep down the shoot.

And you do that again and again and again until your day is over.

Now I'll tell you how to be a Rousie you have to get all of the wool away from the sheep and the shearer without touching them.

But you cannot forget about the yummy food.

Have you shorn a sheep before?

By Ivy

Shearing in the perspective of me

I woke up early in the morning and had my breakfast. I hopped in the van and saw my mates. It was a half an hour drive to the woolshed. We arrived at the woolshed at 5 o'clock, the sheep were already in their pens ready to go. I chose my spot and replaced it with my handpiece because I'm way better with it. I am motivated to do a whole day of shearing. It's time to start, I pulled out the first sheep luckily it wasn't daggy. I put it in between my legs. As soon as I put it in between my legs I knew it was a kicker so I had to concentrate. I pulled the cord and started from the back to the head trying not to cut the sheep. I started to do the legs and belly. Luckily I didn't hamstring it. I had finished the sheep and I was very proud. Finally I helped it down the shoot.

By George



Shearing

I'm just about to shear my last sheep for the day. I'm dripping with sweat. I let the sheep that I was holding down the shoot and the Rousie grabbed the wool as I sent the sheep down the shoot. I grab the last sheep and drag it onto the board and pull the cord. The handpiece vibrates and whirs as I start to shear the sheep using the bowen technique. First I grab the belly wool then the legs. I shear the back and the head. I sent it down the shoot and turned off the handpiece. I looked over the gate and the pens were full of sheep again. Hufffff!!!

By Zara

Miss Paton's Class – Writing

It is my birthday and I got a blue motorbike.

By Bo

Yesterday I got a new room with a map of space.

By Jack

The horse was eating grass.

By Ruby

In my castle it has dungeons and they are underground. If they try to dig out they will die. Out in the moat the crocs were hungry. The eggs were hatching and the mums were angry. Up in the keep the King was excited for the crocs. The King was organising a party. All the people were there, but then a tsunami of acid came. The curtain wall saved everyone. The moat was full of acid so the crocs ran out, the vets rushed out, some died. The King was sad.

By Wade

Once upon a time there was a girl named Little Red Riding Hood. She was skipping down the path. She was going to her granmas. In her basket she had some lollies. She was going to give her granma the lollies but there was a big bad wolf. She killed the big bad wolf and gave her granma the lollies.

By Ada

I bounced on my tramp.

By Olive

I am swimming in the hot pool.

By Ceejay

My new room has a squishy pillow.

By Amelia

The pig is pottering in his pen and he is having fun.

By Shelbee



OTHER SCHOOL NOTICES

Calendar of Events

2025

Term 1

March

Thursday 6th - Bush Swimming Sports

Friday 7th - Minor Sports (Y1-Y2)

- Technology

Monday 10th - Life Education

Thursday 13th - Life Education

Friday 14th - Technology

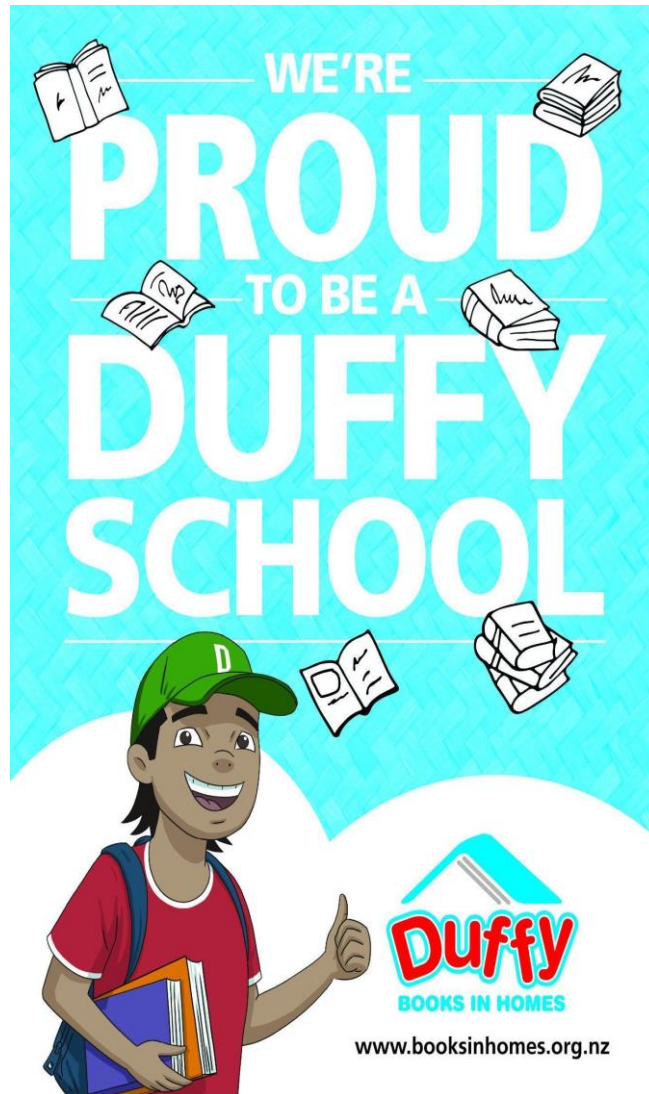
Wednesday 19th, Thursday 20th, Friday 21st - Kapiti Camp

Friday 28th - Technology

April

Friday 11th - Technology

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.

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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

Recipe from Whaea Jackie:

Whaea Jackie made this for her lunch. Some of us had a try and thought it was delicious and thought we would share it with you.

3 Ingredient Avocado Bread

1 over ripe avocado

1 egg

1 cup grated cheese

Mash avocado, add egg & cheese and mix until well combined. Add salt & pepper.
Line a baking tray with baking paper.
Preheat the oven to 200 degrees C.
Spread avocado mixture out on the tray flat (about 1-2 cm depth).
Cook for 10 minutes or until golden brown.

Enjoy ❤️

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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.

Bush Junior Hockey AGM:

When 11/03/2025

Where Bush Multi Lounge

Time 6.00pm

All Existing and New Member's welcome . If your child is intending on Playing Friday night or Sunday hockey in Palmerston North this season please feel free to come along and find out all the fantastic Junior Hockey club.



Made for Girls. Open Day

Friday 28 March, 10am

For full details and to register, visit ngatawa.school.nz/openday

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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



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

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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.



Previous newsletter puzzle and answer.



Answer – Mixed metaphor

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