



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 rerere 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

Principal's Blurb:

Kia ora koutou,

We are into the 7th week of this term. The weather is warming up and we have tomatoes, peas, potatoes, strawberries and lettuce in the garden so we're off to a good start since Labour Day weekend. Throughout the last week and a bit the students have participated in their end of year assessments. This has also gone according to plan. The student attendance this term has been fantastic so far. Since the start of the term the students have regularly practiced Athletics. This really paid off yesterday at our rural schools athletics day with many Makuri children achieving good results across the range of athletic events. Tino pai! to the Makuri children, 'mauri mahi, mauri ora!' (do the work, get the treats).

Hockey:

We had a slow start this year due to the weather however of late there has been a couple of rounds in Pahiatua at the turf every Tuesday afternoon. It was recently mentioned to me by a Pahiatua local, how impressed they were with the fact that such a large percentage of Makuri students play Hockey. Henceforth I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the stellar work of our Makuri Parents who make this happen. It's a wonderful experience for our children.

Behaviour Plan Review:

The staff and the Board are in the process of reviewing our behaviour plan. The document is attached. There will be some small changes that we make to this plan. Mainly in the way that we record behavioural incidents. However this is a good time for parents to see how the school approaches behaviour. If you, as a parent, have any questions please feel free to email Mr G.

Sunsafer:

The weather is becoming increasingly sunny and so it's an appropriate time to remind parents about our sun safety procedures at the school. See below.

Makuri School Sun Protection Practices

- We ensure that sun protection is considered for all outdoor school events and activities, on-site and off-site, including sports and EOTC. We try to plan outdoor activities to minimise exposure to the sun (UVR) during the summer (i.e. we consider timing and use of shade).
- Students and staff are encouraged to make use of shaded areas when outside.
Students eat lunch in the shade or inside, as appropriate.
- We encourage students and staff to keep hydrated by drinking water.
- We require students to wear hats that shade the face, neck, and ears whenever they are outdoors during school hours and/or activities, e.g. interval and lunch breaks, P.E., sports days, outdoor EOTC trips, and other school activities. Students at school without a hat must remain in an allocated shaded area or (if allowed) inside at break times. Hats must be broad-brimmed (min. 7.5 cm), or legionnaire/bucket hats (min. 6 cm brim, deep crown).
- We encourage students and staff to protect themselves with broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen of at least SPF30. The school provides sunscreen.
- We encourage students to wear clothing that protects the skin (e.g. long sleeve tops, rash tops) when at risk of extended sun exposure (such as at sports days, school camps, and picnics), or when swimming outdoors.
- Staff are encouraged to model appropriate sun protection practices.

We aim to prevent sun-related harm. Any adverse events, such as sunburn or heat-stroke, may be recorded to help manage student and staff health and to collect information for risk management.

We ask that parents and whanau support the school in reminding children of these sun safe procedures. Some of the children like to wear caps however they don't provide the greatest protection of ears and neck. If you can apply sunscreen before school and we apply at lunch time this would help however we need to be consistent with this each day.

Rural Schools Athletics:

Yesterday was one of those days where the weather couldn't make up its mind. The event went ahead despite this and fortunately we had a good day. The conditions were muggy but overcast most of the day which was to the participants' benefit. The Makuri students participated extremely well. We were really well supported by parents and overall it was another great event. The rain did threaten towards the end of the day which resulted in the 800m and Relay events being cancelled.



Moving forward Conference:

On Tuesday this week, Mr G and the 4 students travelled into Tararua College to attend the Moving Forward Conference. This is a careers based conference for students of intermediate age. It runs once every 2 years and is organised by Principal Marg Hyslop of Saint Anthony's with the support of REAP Wairarapa. It consisted of a keynote speaker of someone inspiring for our young audience. This year our keynote speaker was Keshaan Te Waaka, a young woman from our area who is the youngest councilor, sitting on the Tararua Council as Maori Warden.

The students then attended 3 workshops of careers they are interested in. This year we had careers such as, Digger driving, Mechanics, Motorcycle maintenance, Hairstylists, Dance, and firefighting to name a few. The Makuri students had a very enjoyable day and I hope they have a couple of takeaway thoughts as to what they would like to learn more about for their future careers.



Bush Agriculture Day:

Last Thursday we had 3 students, Jed, Taylor and Arthur, represent Makuri School at the Bush Agriculture Day in Pahiatua. The results are as follows:

Arthur - 2nd in Junior Romney Lamb

Jed - 4th in Intermediate Romney Lamb

Taylor - 2nd in Intermediate Romney Lamb and Reserve Champion Romney Lamb over all age groups.

There were 20+ entries in each age group, so our students did extremely well. Well done!



End of Year Assessments/Reports:

End of year assessments in Writing, Reading and Maths have been completed. This information will provide detail for the Reports that are due to come home towards the end of the term.

Kids' Corner:

Mr G's Class

Due to a number of other priorities such as assessments, the Moving Forward Conference and Athletics we haven't completed writing to a published standard. The classroom focus currently is on writing information reports of the planets of the solar system. Next Newsletter we will have some writing for you.

Miss Paton's Class

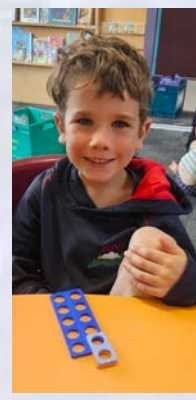
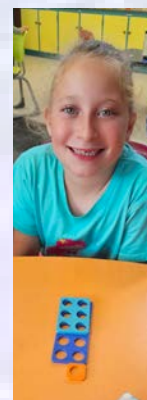
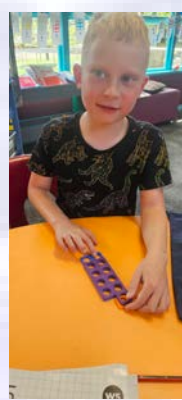
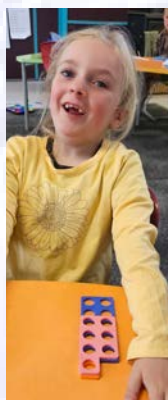
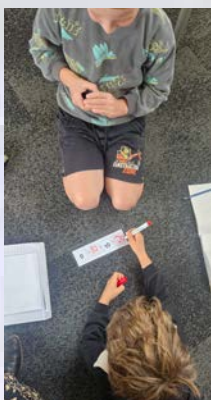
In this newsletter we wanted to share a maths update.

Junior Room Update

Our Year 1's have spent the week learning that grouping objects into 10-patterns without counting is a quick and efficient way to find out 'how many?' This led to skip counting in 10's. Then further exploration through their inquiry question - How many cubes in our cube box?



Our Year 2's started out learning how to add 3 whole numbers with the strategy of 'make 10' first. This activity also exposed them to algebraic thinking. $6 + ? = 10$. Building on these number facts to 10 they then applied this knowledge to make 11. Of course they were quick to notice the patterns. ($8 + 2 = 10$ so $8 + 3 = 11$)



Our Year 3's commenced their work on fractions. Developing the idea that fractions have places on the number line between whole numbers. They had to relate halving and quartering to distances travelled on a number line, and then use fraction notation to label the distances.



Our New Entrants have been spending time becoming familiar, and exploring with Numicon shapes.



OTHER SCHOOL NOTICES

Calendar of Events

Please note that these dates may change from time to time.

Term 4

November

Friday 28th - Bush Athletics
- Technology

December

Monday 1st - Bush Athletics Postponement
Wednesday 17th - Prizegiving
Friday 19th - Last day of Term 4 (possible beach day)

2026

Term 1

February

Tuesday 3rd - 1st day of Term 1

Friday 6th - Waitangi Day (school closed)

School Photos:

Please see attached letter from Belinda regarding ordering photos. I will also put it up on Skool Loop.

Library:

Library day is on a Friday. Could parents make sure that students have their library books in their bags on that day. Even if they haven't finished reading them, we can renew the books. We are finding that students are having a lot of overdue books.

Duffy Books:

Our "Caught Being Good" award recipient for week 3 was Ivy, week 5 was Arthur and week 6 was Amelia. We didn't have an award in week 4 due to it being a short week. We also presented Bo with a principals award.



The Hemi-Whyte Whanau are our Duffy Books in Homes Funding Partner. They have kindly agreed to contribute 50% of the cost of books for your students. We would like to thank them for their support.

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.

Prizegiving Cups:

We are still waiting on a couple of cups to be returned. Could we have them returned to school ASAP please. These need to be returned clean. Thank you to the families that have returned them.





MAKURI SCHOOL TRAIL RIDE

IN CONJUNCTION WITH BUSH RIDERS MCC
(MNZ PERMIT TO BE APPROVED)

Fundraising to provide additional staffing at our sole charge school

SUNDAY 1ST FEB 2026
278 Coonoor Road
Makuri

**ONLINE
ENTRIES
CLOSE
7.00pm SAT
31 JAN**

🕒 Sign in from 8.00 am
Riders Briefing @ 9.45am
All riders **MUST** attend



Course open from 10.00am - 3.00pm. First lap is Marshall lead
Large main track including a shorter loop.
Challenging "A" loops change
Mini track - only for learners/inexperienced young riders

<https://www.trybooking.com/nz/BAPX>

ONLINE ENTRY

\$50 Adult
\$25 Child (15yrs and under)
\$120 Family (4 riders, 2 adults max)

ON THE DAY

\$60 Adult
\$30 Child (15yrs and under)
\$150 Family (4 riders, 2 adults max)



Lunch Included
Spectator lunch \$15.00



- Helmets and appropriate footwear compulsory
- No gumboots
- Passengers not permitted
- No Alcohol
- Parents are responsible for mini/junior riders
- Food Stall - Cash only
Sweets, cold drinks and ice blocks
- No Side-by-side vehicles
- No helmet Cameras
- No dogs



Contact: makuritrailride@gmail.com



MAKURI SCHOOL HORSE TREK

Fundraising to provide additional staffing at our sole-charge school.

**SATURDAY 28TH &
SUNDAY 29TH MARCH 2026**

\$320

143 WOODVILLE AOHANGA ROAD, MAKURI

A medium grade ride along bulldozed tracks and open hill
country with creek and river crossings.

FULLY CATERED



FRIDAY 27 MARCH

From 3:00pm - Arrive, sign in, set up and dinner



SATURDAY 28 MARCH - DAY 1

7:00am - Cooked breakfast
8:00am - Ride out till 4:00pm (estimated)
Smoko and lunch provided



From 5:00pm - Nibbles, dinner, auction & live music (BYO)



SUNDAY 29 MARCH - DAY 2

7:00am - Cooked breakfast
8:00am - Ride out till lunchtime
Smoko and lunch provided



Entries close 20 March 2026 - [trybooking.com/nz/ZOV](https://www.trybooking.com/nz/ZOV)



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Community News:

ForMe Hairdressing:

HOURS OPEN

Wednesday 8.30-12.30 15.30-19.30
Thursday 8.30-12.30 15.30-19.30
Friday 8.30-12.30 15.30-19.30
Saturday 14.00-17.00
(Hours may vary)

HOURS CLOSED

Sunday Closed
Monday Closes
Tuesday Closed

MOBILE HAIRDRESSING available by pre-booking

Contact info-

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Text or call 0212142408

Cake Designer:



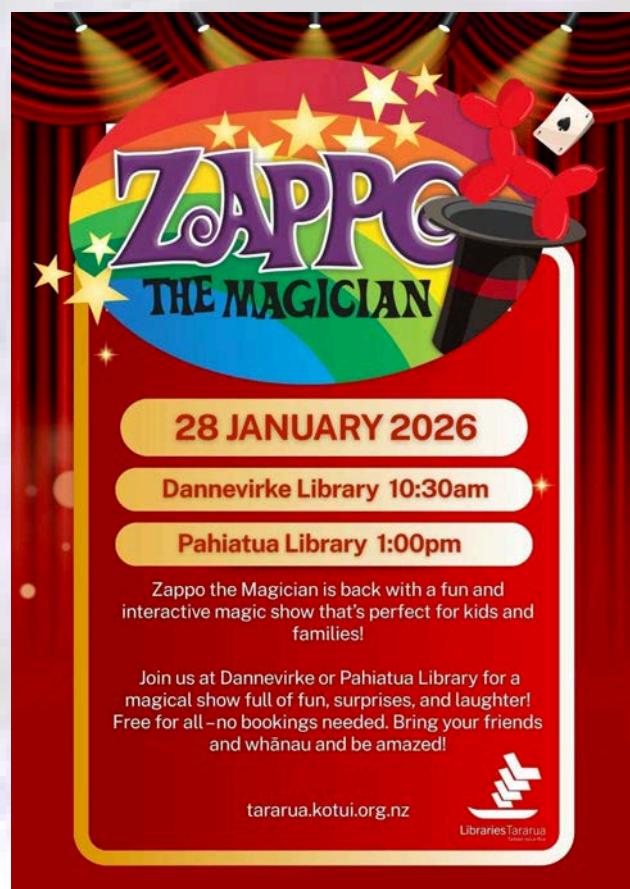
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Wendy's Brainteaser:

This week's puzzle.



Previous newsletter puzzle and answer.



Answer – Nothing good on television.
Well done Gareth Young.

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