



MARUIA SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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TERM 4
WEEK 8



WHAKATAUKI OF THE WEEK

Poipooia te kākano kia puāwai.

Nuture the seed and it will bloom.

We all need love and care to fully realise our potential.

PRINCIPAL'S KŌRERO

Kia ora koutou ngā whānau katoa o te kura Maruia.
Nau mai ki tenei wiki te panui kura me te hapori.



As we approach the final stretch of the school year, I would like to take a moment to celebrate some wonderful events and happenings here at Maruia School.

Congratulations to Ria! A huge congratulations to Ria for representing our school at Canterbury Athletics in the 60m sprint. It's an amazing achievement, and we are so proud of her for competing at such a high level. Well done, Ria!

Pool Opening & Swimming Fun: With the recent hot weather, it's been amazing to see our students enjoying the pool. The warm temperatures have made it the perfect time for everyone to cool off, and it's great to have this facility available for them.

Piwakawaka Students and the Reserve Project: Jason from Buller District Council visited our Piwakawaka students to discuss their ideas around the new reserve area. He is keen to return and work with the students on bringing their ideas to life. It's wonderful to see our students so engaged with projects that can have a real impact on our local environment.

Theresa's Visit with Treats: We were lucky to have Theresa visit our school once again with her usual treats. This time, she brought Christmas pencils and candy canes for every student! Her generosity is always appreciated, and we are grateful for her continued support of our school community.

Market Day Preparations: As you know, our school is busy preparing for Market Day, which will take place tonight! It's shaping up to be a fantastic event, and we can't wait to see everyone's hard work on display.

School and Community BBQ & Pool Opening: We are looking forward to our School and Community BBQ & Pool Opening at 12:30pm on Tuesday 10th December. Everyone is invited to join us. It's going to be a great opportunity to catch up with the community, enjoy a sausage sizzle and celebrate the season together.

End of Year Celebration – 6pm Monday 16th December: Our End of Year Celebration will be held on Monday 16th December at 6pm at the Maruia School Hall. This year, we won't have a production since we celebrated that earlier in the year, but we will have our prize-giving ceremony, followed by kai (food). Please bring some finger food to share, and let's make it a special evening for our students and families. Anyone in the community is welcome! There will also be a visit from Santa's helper - so please come along!

River Safety Day – Tuesday 17th December: We will be having a River Safety Day on 17th December, which will be a great learning experience for our students - thank you for completing the permission forms/consent. I will send more information out about this next week.

Finally, we'll wrap up the year with a half day on the Wednesday 18th December, marking the end of a busy and exciting school year. The school bus will run on this day with the first bus leaving school at 12:30pm.

Thank you all for your continued support and involvement in our school community. We are looking forward to these last few weeks, and I hope to see many of you at our upcoming events. Let's finish the year on a high note!

Ngā mihi nui,
Alex Wilson
Principal



UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 6th December

Market - Innovation Celebration

Tuesday 10th December

12:30pm - 2:30pm

School BBQ and Pool Opening - the whole community is invited!

Monday 16th December at 6pm

End of year celebration and prize giving

Tuesday 17th December

River Safety Day - Inland Adventures

Wednesday 18th December

Last Day of School 2024 - half day, school will close at 12:30pm

Wednesday 29th January 2025

Goal setting hui - conferences to be booked through the school app closer to the time

Thursday 30th January 2025

First day of whole school teaching



Christmas Treats from Theresa!



End of Year Celebration
is at 6pm on Monday
16th December in the
Maruia Hall - please
remember a plate of
finger food.

MIHARO AWARD!

Congratulations to these
awesome students who have
received the Miharo Award:

Ellie Thomson
Bergette Isolana
Paula Sheldon
Phoebe Hart
Rose Brailey-Batt
Clara Sanders
Maddie Bolitho
Phoenix Sherwood
Willow Lord
Ria White

Please remember that
Santa's helper is
coming to the end of
year celebration!

Camp 2025
Please check out
the Skool Loop
app for the first
notice and consent
forms!





Join us at the

Maruia School

SUMMER BBQ

Enjoy a sausage sizzle and celebrate the opening of our pool and community garden!

12:30pm - 2:30pm Tuesday 10th December

All members of our wonderful community are welcome!

Bring togs, a towel, sports shoes (for a game of backyard cricket) and remember there is a sausage sizzle (for free).



COMMUNITY NEWS

Newsletters will continue to be communicated during even weeks of the school term. Please email principal@maruia.school.nz if you would like anything included. The cut off time for notices is 3pm the Thursday before they are published.

1.

Table tennis



Table Tennis
Come along for some
table tennis.
Friday Nights
Maruia Hall
7pm

2.

Postal Center



Please collect your
mail after 10am

Garin College 15-17 January AGES 8-13

This holiday programme will be designed around the theme of INSECTS! Participants will rotate through Art and Engineering, Cooking and Science, and Science and Engineering during the 3 days, spending one day in each area.

Art and Engineering-the creation of insects! Each student will create an amazing sculpture designed around an insect-real or imaginary.

Cooking and Science-eating insects? You bet! Students will bake cookies using the high protein insect flour! They will create other food items around the insect theme like 'dung beetle energy balls' and possibly some 'stainglass' insect wings!



Science and Engineering-electronics! Participants will create a few different insect robots, learning about balance, design, soldering, electrical circuits, and much more.

We hope you all enjoy this thematic approach to the programme and have a great time!

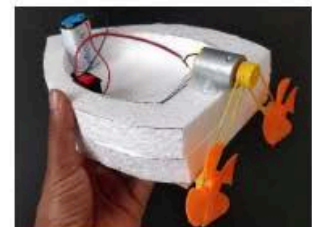
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Nelson Intermediate- 20-22 Jan and 23-24 Jan AGES 8-13

This holiday programme will be designed around the theme of OCEAN and BOATS!

Participants will spend their time in *Art and Engineering* learning about buoyancy, density, design, and electronics while the *Cooking and Science* will also learn about buoyancy and density as related to cooking while creating lots of Ocean themed food! The last day EVERYONE will come together to design and build a cardboard boat! *This programme may involve getting wet and/or falling into the NIS pool!*



Monday/Tuesday-Art and Engineering or Cooking. **Wednesday** all doing boat challenge.

Thursday-Art and Engineering or Cooking. **Friday** all doing boat challenge.

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Firewood wanted



**Firewood or firewood trees wanted.
I'm after a couple of trailer loads. Happy
to buy and or donate to school.**

**Please call: - Chris Jones 027 435 4523
(Springs Junction)**



Creating efficiencies for a productive workplace on farm

Wednesday 27 November

11:00am - 1:00pm

Jon and Vicki Nicholls (FO), 436 Matakitaki Road, Murchison. SN 32037

Learn how on farm practices including milking frequency and use of technology can increase efficiency and improve workplace productivity.

Throughout a season on a New Zealand dairy farm, up to 57% of the time is spent milking. Milking frequency and efficiency can be an effective on farm practice to improve people productivity. Understand how changes within your milking system and use of technology can benefit your cows, staff and production while maintaining a profitable dairy business.

Flexible milking is widely used across farms in the Top of the South. Whether it is Twice a Day (TAD) with a variation post-Christmas, right through to Once a Day (OAD) milking all season. Jon and Vicki Nicholls have recently changed to a OAD system and introduced the use of wearable technology.

Hear from DairyNZ Farm Systems Specialist **Mark Speight** on recent research into the implications of variable milking frequencies and how they relate to the change in system on the Nicholls farm. Also, how the introduction of wearable technology within the system will benefit the farm and its future endeavours.

Find out more about:

- Different milking opportunities such as OAD, TAD or flexible milking
- MaxT - a strategy to milk cows at a predetermined time based on milk volume. This results in less time in the dairy for staff and cows without affecting milk production or udder health
- How using technologies like automatic teat sprayers, adjusting pulsation ratio, training staff on milking routines and cupping techniques can benefit your farm practices
- DairyNZ tools that can assist on this topic, including the MilkSmart app and the Milking Time Planner

Lunch kindly provided by FarmSource.

Contact: Alice Grave on 022 853 6839 or alice.grave@dairynz.co.nz



Fundraising Program

USE THE DISCOUNT CODE

FUNDMARUIA

for **5%** discount on all Pepper & Me products*

AND

15%

of all sales using the discount code
will be **donated** to support

Maruia School



At checkout please use the code above. Valid from 14/10/24 to 03/11/24.

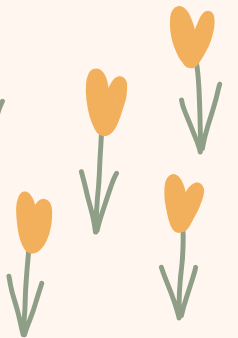
* Excludes Addicts Monthly Bundles.



JOIN US AT



The Maruia School MARKET



Students will be selling hand-made
goods and foods.

Anyone is welcome to sell items.
If you would like a stall, please contact
Alex Wilson;

email: principal@maruia.school.nz



6pm - 7pm, Friday 6th December
Maruia School



Neuro know how

Celebrating kanorau ā-roro:
Neurodivergence on Te Tai o Poutini, West Coast



Saturday, 25 January 2025
10am – 4pm

Westland Recreational Centre, Greymouth

- Workshops & Talks – Skills & insights for neurodivergent whānau
- Neuro Marketplace – Sensory tools, kai, & resources
- Interactive Zones – Hands-on activities for all ages

Interested in a stall or workshop?

Register with the QR Code

or

Contact Zee Tana 027 280 9403
zee.tana@poutiniwaiaora.co.nz



**Bring your whānau and be part of building
an inclusive community!**



BULLER
DISTRICT COUNCIL
Te Kaunihera O Kawatiri

Waste Management & Minimisation



Share your thoughts for better waste management and minimisation.

We want to hear your thoughts on where we propose to focus our energy to improve waste management and minimisation on the West Coast.

What we're asking:

- What waste management and minimisation actions should Council prioritise?
- Which policies are most important to improve waste management and minimisation?
- Which product recycling scheme would you use if they were available in your district?
- What would encourage you to keep more waste out of landfills?
- How can we strengthen our waste infrastructure and services to be more resilient in emergencies or disasters?



If you prefer a hard copy, you can find key documents and the submission form at Council's offices in Westport, the Reefton Visitor and Service Centre, the Sue Thomson Casey Memorial Library in Westport, the Karamea Information Centre and the Ngakawau Information Centre.

Everyone creates waste, so join the conversation on how we manage and minimise it. It will only take 5 - 10 minutes, and most questions are optional.

Your feedback will inform the West Coast Regional Waste Management and Minimisation Plan for the next six years.

Give us your feedback between Monday, 18 November, to Friday, 20 December 2024, at 5pm.



Do it online

Scan this QR code and complete this survey online

This link will take you to: letstalk.bullerdc.govt.nz

