



MARUIA SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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TERM 2
WEEK 6



WHAKATAUKĪ OF THE WEEK

He waka eke noa

We are all in this together.

KŌRERO TUMUAKI – PRINCIPAL'S KŌRERO

Kia ora e te whānau,

Since our last newsletter, I've had the privilege of attending the NZ Rural Principals' Conference in Ōtautahi. It was such a rewarding few days connecting with other teaching principals from across the motu – swapping ideas, sharing laughs, and gathering fresh inspiration. I'm buzzing with possibilities around refining our local curriculum, strengthening our strategic planning, and making our systems for reporting and communication even more purposeful. Watch this space... my goal is to keep building a school where student and community voice genuinely shape the way we learn and grow.

Back at school, we've had a real community vibe lately with some special visitors joining us. Constable James has now begun our Keeping Ourselves Safe programme. It's been lovely welcoming him into our kura. He brings warmth, empathy, and a clear passion for working with tamariki. We look forward to his next session on Monday 9 June.

We've also had a joyful visit from Kelly and Harold from Life Education. It's always such a treat having Kelly's energy and enthusiasm in our kura, and our tamariki absolutely loved the hands-on experiences she provided. Kakaruai students (Years 0–3) explored the ideas of friendship and feelings – how to be a good friend, how to recognise how others might be feeling, and the concepts of bucket filling (showing kindness) and bucket dipping (unkind actions). These are such powerful conversations. Piwakawaka students (Years 4–8) are also learning about friendships, as well as how we make decisions – exploring the difference between reacting and responding, and how to tune in to what others might be feeling. Check in with your child at home about their learning, we know that when our students can discuss their learning at home it strengthens their new knowledge.

Looking Ahead...

The Great Moo-venture is coming to town! On Wednesday 11 June at 9:30am, a real milk tanker will be visiting our school.

That same evening, Wednesday 11 June at 5:30pm, we warmly invite you to the Piwakawaka Photography Exhibition. Held in the school library, this will be a special celebration of the incredible work our older students have produced. There'll be kai, student speeches, and maybe even a wee performance! We'd love to see as many parents, whānau and community members there as possible. Come and see the world through our students' eyes. Check out the flyer attached!

Friday 20 June is Matariki, a public holiday. Monday 23 June is a Teacher Only Day, where I will dive into the new maths curriculum. This means a four-day weekend for our tamariki following Matariki.

I'm excited for what's ahead, and can't wait to see many of you at the exhibition next week!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 9th June

Keeping ourselves safe #2 with Constable James

Wednesday 11th June

The Great Moo-Venture visit at 9:30am

Piwakawaka Students Photography

Exhibition at 5:30pm – the whole community is welcome!

Friday 20th June

Matariki – Public Holiday

Monday 23 June

Teacher Only Day – Maths Curriculum

Wednesday 25th June

Ryan Buller Sports – Years 1 – 8

Friday 27 June

Last Day of Term 2

Monday 14 July

First Day of Term 1

Butter Fundraiser – Thank You!

What a churn-tastic success! A huge thank you to everyone who supported our homemade butter fundraiser – it's been a wonderfully wholesome (and delicious!) way to raise funds, and we're so grateful for the community backing.

A special thank you to Noelle, who came up with the brilliant idea and got the wheels turning – we loved the initiative behind it. From there, Vicki absolutely rolled up her sleeves and brought it to life, managing the process with care and efficiency from start to finish. And of course, a big thanks to Gracie for being on hand to lend support and keep things flowing smoothly.

We love seeing ideas grow into something this awesome through teamwork and community spirit. Thank you all!

Ngā mihi nui,
Alex Wilson
Tumuaki – Maruia School



Help!



We need crafty people or sewers to help us with the creation of our costumes for our production, The Kiwi Gruffalo. If you are keen to lend a hand in any way please email Alex.

A Heads Up

MID-YEAR REPORTS & CONFERENCES

A heads-up that mid-year learning conferences will be held in Week 2 of Term 3. You'll receive your child's mid-year report at the conference, rather than ahead of time.

With the significant changes underway in the New Zealand Curriculum, we want to make sure you feel confident and supported in understanding what the report means for your child and their learning journey here at school. This is just one of the ways we can ensure we're working together as the awesome team we are - ākonga, whānau, and kaiako! More information and booking details will be available on the app soon.

Congratulations

To Ria and Knox for representing Maruia School in the West Coast Cross Country. Ria placed 10th in the Year 6 Girls event. Knox placed 7th in the Year 7 Boys event.

Ka rawe!



Photography Exhibition

Come along and support our photography exhibition on Wednesday 11th June at 5:30pm in the Maruia School Library.

Have a look at the flyer attached!



Story Box

STORYBOXHUB.COM

We have a free trial to Story Box for one month - check out the Skool Loop app for log in details and get reading with your young person today!



Growth Mindset

We have been learning about what a Growth Mindset is and how it can have a positive impact on our learning at home and at school.

Check out the live newsletter by clicking the link in the email sent to you!



Miharo Award

- Ria
- Sophia
- Lucy x2
- Bergette
- Ben
- Willow
- Riley



MARUIA COMMUNITY NEWS

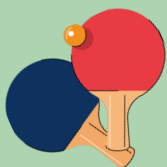
Newsletters will continue to be communicated during even weeks of the school term. Please email principal@maruia.school.nz if you would like anything included.

The cut off time for notices is 3pm the Thursday before they are published.

Newsletters in Term 2 will be issued on the following dates:
6th June, 20th June.

1. Table tennis

Come along for some table tennis!



Friday Nights
Maruia Hall
7pm

Any questions, call John

The first night is tonight (Friday 6 June) make sure you come on down for some table tennis fun!

2.

Water Testing



If you are heading to Nelson on Monday - Friday and are able to drop off the water sample from Maruia School that would be hugely appreciated! Please email or text Alex principal@maruia.school.nz 021 568 398

3. MARUIA BOOK

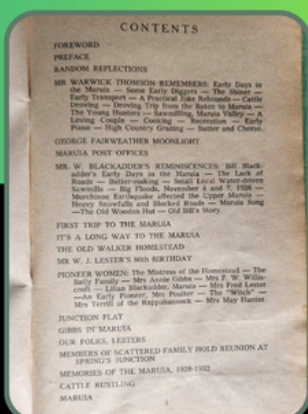
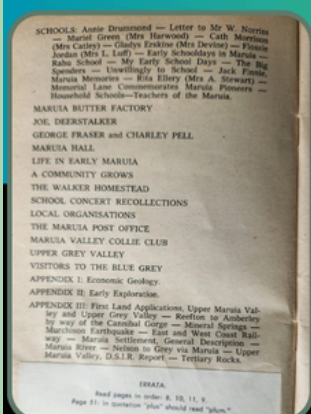
Due to interest, Maruia Rural Women are planning on having a selected number of the "Maruia" book republished.

Depending on numbers printed the price will be around \$12 - \$15.



ARE YOU INTERESTED?

Please contact
Colleen Hunter
523 8862 or
Ruth Thomson
5238982.



4.

June Service

Sunday 8th June Service at 2.30 p.m. Speaker Lance Howley
Sunday 15th June Service at 2.30 p.m.

ALL WELCOME

A Special Message



For Justine.

I would like to say many thanks to everyone for taking the time to share the life of a beautiful young woman that was taken far too soon.

To the Kelly family, Nathan, Maddie and Theo, I feel your pain deeply as I have lived the same.

As a community of The Valley, we will continue to celebrate Justine's life and the many memories we all have. All the amazing heart warming stories that come forward about her reflects who Justine really was. This shows just how much love she brought into our lives and the community as a whole.

This is also a time of reflection for us all. To take the time to reflect about life and what life really means.

So I ask you to all take a minute, and reflect on how lucky we are to be here. I know Justine will be watching and listening to our thoughts.

We need to understand how precious life is even as we carry on with our day to day life and busy schedules.

So I say to you all, live life as tomorrow may never come.

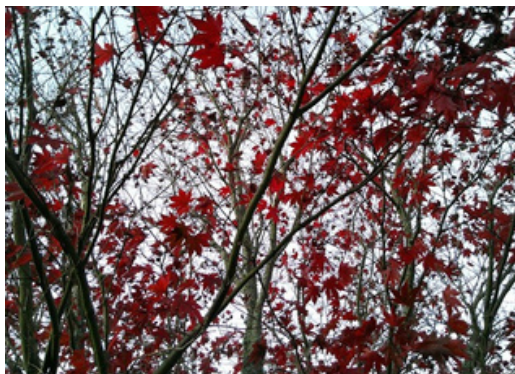
Thank you Justine, thank you for your presence. You will never be forgotten.

The horses are saddled, the hill we go ... ride easy my friend.

A tribute from Neville Williams



MARUIA EDITION



PHOTOGRAPHY BY TAMARIKI IN THE COMMUNITY

Join us for the public exhibition of *Inside Stories: Maruia*. This free photography programme is for young people in rural New Zealand, and tells their stories of their neighbourhoods. Through photography, talented students from Maruia School in the Buller District, offer their insights and visions of local landscapes, flora and fauna, and architecture.



Proudly brought to you by:
HEATHER JOY
PHOTOGRAPHS

Main image: Ayaan Abdul (b.2015). untitled, 2025

Left to right: Rose Brailey-Batt (b.2012). untitled, 2025 |

Ria White (b. 2014). untitled, 2025 |

Lucy Thomson (b. 2014). On The Bales At Home, 2025

Buller key
partners:





MOI STEAMS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

STEAMS Holiday programmes by Ministry of Inspiration at

Nelson Intermediate- 7-11 July

MON-TUES and THURS-FRI

Drag race CO2 cars:

Given a basic block of wood, students must design and build a car that is powered by a CO2 cartridge. MON-TUES is designed for 9-11 year olds while THURS-FRI is designed for age 12+. This is sure to be a FUN workshop!

Aluminium Flowers and Engineering Challenges

This workshop is designed for youth to use soda cans to create art, primarily flowers but it could be lots of different things! Students will also be challenged to think on their feet while outwitting others in engineering/thought challenges.

WED

Robocup Jr.!!!

Robocup Jr is for those youth who are creative story tellers, builders, engineers, and/or coders. In teams of 4, youth will write a script, design and build a set, design and build costumes, and code robots to perform their skit! This is a fun creative day!

TBA-Cooking and Science

Tickets here:

<https://events.humanitix.com/july-holiday-programme-nelson-intermediate>

https://mcusercontent.com/a24661e5495609e4f0357f331/files/c34c51f5-d0b5-2cd8-a14f-81196190028e/STEAMS_Holiday_programmes.01.pdf

Waste services update

Buller's popular polystyrene recycling programme to expand

Mitre 10, EXPOL, Smart Environmental and Buller District Council's free polystyrene recycling initiative will grow to include two new collection points, located at the Westport and Reefton Transfer Stations from 9 June 2025.

The project, which began in September 2023, enables Buller residents to recycle their polystyrene for free, preventing it from going to landfill.

Previously, the only collection point was a cube available in Mitre 10's trade drive-through, where households could drop off small quantities (up to 240 L, or a standard wheelie bin full) of clean polystyrene.

Group Manager Infrastructure Services Anthony Blom says: "The programme will now be extended to include additional collection cubes located at the Westport Transfer Station and Reefton Transfer Station and managed by our operator Smart Environmental. Since the polystyrene recycling programme began, Westport residents no longer have to pay to dispose of bulky polystyrene as refuse."

Buller residents who want to recycle their polystyrene are reminded they can drop off up to 240 litres of polystyrene at a time. It must be free of dirt, food waste or residue, stickers and tape. Please note, this is a domestic waste recycling initiative, commercial waste cannot be accepted.

Mr Blom continues: "Buller District Council funds the transportation costs for sending the collected polystyrene from Westport to Christchurch for recycling, using Waste Minimisation Funds received from the Ministry for the Environment's Waste Levy Fund, meaning there is no cost to ratepayers."

Mitre 10 will continue to coordinate the programme and store the returned polystyrene prior to it being transported to Canterbury for reprocessing.

The polystyrene waste is recycled in Christchurch by EXPOL and is used in a variety of products such as EXPOL Timber UnderFloor Insulation, EXPOL Earth Green Beans Bean Bag Fill and EXPOL Tuff PODs.



PLAN TO VOTE.

STEP 1: REGISTER.

REGISTER AT [VOTENZ](https://www.vote.nz)



2025 Local body elections

Every three years, elections are held across New Zealand to elect mayors, councillors and community boards across the motu. This is a chance to make your voice heard and have your say in the future of the Buller District.

The next local body elections will be held in October 2025. Election day is Saturday 11 October, and voting will take place between 9 September - 11 October.

Have you thought about standing for the Buller District? If elected, you could play a crucial role in our district's future through the decisions you help make over the following three years.

Any New Zealand citizen over the age of 18 who is enrolled on the parliamentary roll can stand for election and our community needs representatives from all backgrounds and walks of life. Will you answer the call and make a difference in Buller?

Wherever you pay rates you can vote

Do you live in one area and pay rates on a property in another area? Did you know you may qualify to vote in both areas at the local authority elections in October 2025?

If you'd like to vote in this election, read on to find out if you're eligible, and how to enrol.

Electors fall into two categories:

Residential electors – If you are registered to vote on the electoral roll, you are automatically enrolled to vote in local authority elections.

You will receive a voting document so that you can vote by post.

Key dates for the 2025 local elections:

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| Friday 4 July | Nominations open. Electoral roll opens for inspection. |
| Friday 1 August | Nominations close at 12 noon. Electoral roll closes. |
| By 6 August | Public notice of candidate names and special voting places. |
| 9 - 22 September | Delivery of voting documents (will occur between these dates). |
| 9 September - 11 October | Voting and special voting period. Early processing period. |
| Saturday 11 October | Election Day (voting closes at 12 noon) Progress / preliminary results will be announced as soon as practicable. |
| 11 - 16 October | Official count and processing of special votes. |
| 16 - 19 October | Declaration of final result and public notice of results. |

Enrolment

If you are already enrolled as a parliamentary elector, you will automatically be placed on Council's electoral roll. If you need to enrol or update your name or address details, you can:

- Visit [vote.nz](https://www.vote.nz) and use your New Zealand driver licence, New Zealand passport or RealMe verified identity to enrol online
- Free call 0800 36 76 56 and ask for a form to be sent to you

If you'd like help with the enrolment forms or checking your details online, please call in to one of our service centres, where staff are available to assist.

Ratepayer electors – You may also be eligible to enrol as a non-resident ratepayer elector in a council district if both of the following apply:

- You are on the district valuation roll and pay rates in the council district
- The address where you are registered as a parliamentary elector is outside that council district.

Your eligibility to enrol or be nominated as a ratepayer elector may also depend on your individual circumstances as determined by criteria in the Local Electoral Act 2001 and its regulations.

The Ratepayer Electoral Roll closes on 1 August 2025, so enrol now at www.ratepayer.co.nz



Dog registration is due 31 July 2025

All dogs in Buller need to be registered

If you own and have registered your dog, you should receive your dog registration form at the end of June.

Once you have received your form, you can call into Council offices in Westport or Reefton to pay and pick up your red tag.

Prices this year are:

Desexed - \$69.50 | Entire - \$89.50

If you use your dog principally for herding or droving stock your dog is eligible for our working dog rate.

Desexed - \$52.50 | Entire - \$67.50

Dogs that support a person with a disability or medical condition may not be subject to registration fees, at the discretion of the Compliance Manager.

If your dog is not registered with us you will not receive a form. Dogs can be registered at Council Offices during normal office hours: Westport 8.30 am - 4.30 pm and Reefton 9.00 am to 4.30 pm Monday to Friday. If your details, or your dog's details have changed, don't forget to update them when you pay your dog registration fee.

For more information go to:

www.bullerdc.govt.nz/dogs-and-animal-control/dog-registration/

Key Dates for Dog Registration

End of June

Dog owners who have their dog registered with Council will receive their dog registration form in their letterbox.

1 July 2025

Dog owners can pick up their red tag at Council's offices in Westport or Reefton.

31 July 2025

Dog registration is due.

4 August 2025

A penalty of 50% of the appropriate dog registration fee applies.



Email

info@bdc.govt.nz with the subject line 'Dog registration'



Call

Call the Animal Management team on 03 788 9647



Talk to us

Drop in to the BDC Customer Services desk in Westport or Reefton.

20% discount for SuperGold Card holders. Card must be presented at the time of payment.



BULLER DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANIMAL CONTROL

Easy One-pot Meals for Busy Weeknights

Kia ora koutou,

As the days get shorter and routines get busier, finding time (and energy!) to cook can feel like a challenge. That's where one-pot meals come in—simple, comforting, and nutritious dishes that don't leave you with a mountain of dishes to tackle afterward.

Whether it's a bubbling pot of soup, a hearty stew, or a veggie-packed stir-fry, one-pot meals are perfect for school nights, sports evenings, and those "I can't be bothered" moments. They're also a great way to make the most of seasonal autumn vegetables like kūmara, pumpkin, carrots, silverbeet, and cauliflower.

Why we love one-pot meals

- Less prep, fewer dishes
- Easy to make in bulk and freeze for later.
- You can throw in what you have—great for using up vegetables and reducing food waste.
- Balanced and satisfying, with slow-release energy from carbs, protein to keep you full, and veggies packed with vitamins and minerals.

Time saving tips

- Chop veggies the night before or on the weekend and store in containers in the fridge.
- Keep a stash of frozen vegetables or some dried lentils for quick add-ins.
- Batch-cook and freeze portions for those busy evenings.
- Involve the kids! Get them helping with chopping or stirring—it's a great way to teach cooking skills and spend time together.

Quick One-Pot Meal Ideas

✓ Hearty Pumpkin & Lentil Soup

Throw together chopped pumpkin, onion, garlic, red lentils, veggie stock, and your favourite spices (e.g., cumin, coriander, paprika). Simmer until soft, blend (or not), and serve with warm grainy bread.

✓ Chicken, Kūmara & Vegetable Tray Bake

Chop kūmara, carrots, and cauliflower. Toss with olive oil, garlic, herbs, and chicken thighs. Roast everything in one tray until golden and cooked through.

✓ One-Pan Mince & Rice

Brown lean beef mince with onion and garlic. Add canned tomatoes, rice, diced seasonal/ frozen vegetables of your choice, and enough water or stock to just cover everything. Simmer until rice is cooked and finish with a sprinkle of grated cheese or herbs.

✓ Vegetable Stir-Fry with Noodles

Toss sliced capsicum, silverbeet stems, carrots, and broccoli in a hot pan with garlic and ginger. Add cooked noodles and a simple stir fry sauce (2 tablespoon soy sauce, 2 tablespoon water, 1 teaspoon sesame oil, minced garlic, ½ tablespoon honey or sugar).