



# MARUIA SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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**TERM 2  
WEEK 8**



## WHAKATAUKĪ OF THE WEEK

*Matariki hunga nui  
Matariki, the gatherer of people*

## KŌRERO TUMUAKI – PRINCIPAL'S KŌRERO

*Ngā mihi o te wā o Matariki ki a koutou katoa,  
Greetings to you all at this special time of Matariki.*

*It's hard to believe we're heading into the final week of Term 2 already! What a term it's been – full of creativity, curiosity, connection, and plenty of action-packed learning.*

*A huge thank you to everyone who came along to our Piwakawaka Photography Exhibition evening, and to those who popped in afterwards to view the stunning work on display. Your support means the world to our students, and we are incredibly proud of the thoughtful, artistic mahi they produced.*

*Over the past week, I've been working with our students to help shape the future direction of our kura, and let me tell you, they've got some incredible ideas! Ask them about it, they're becoming experts. Over the coming months, I'll be widening the conversation to include staff, whānau and the wider community, because the more voice we gather, the better we can shape a plan that truly reflects who we are, what matters most to us, and the direction we want our school to grow. Our place, our people, and our aspirations are unique and this is our chance to make sure they're right at the heart of everything we do. Please keep an eye out for opportunities to contribute – your ideas, hopes and perspectives, these are not just welcomed, they're essential.*

*As we head into the long weekend, I want to wish everyone a safe and happy Matariki. This is a special time to pause, remember those who came before us, and look ahead with hope. Whether you're gathering with whānau, sharing kai, or just enjoying a bit of winter stillness, I hope Matariki brings some light and warmth to your mid-year.*

*A couple of important end-of-term reminders:*

*Monday 23 June is a Teacher Only Day – school will be closed for students while staff work together on our new PRIME Maths programme.*

*Friday 27 June is our last day of term, and we'd love to see you at our End of Term Celebration, starting at 2pm in Piwakawaka classroom. We'll also be holding a shared lunch to farewell the wonderful Arthur Dean. Students are invited to bring a plate of kai to share as we send Arthur off in true Maruia style!*

*I wish you all a safe and happy long weekend.*

*Ngā mihi nui,  
Alex Wilson  
Tumuaki – Maruia School*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Friday 20th June

Matariki – Public Holiday

### Monday 23 June

Teacher Only Day – Maths Curriculum

### Tuesday 24 June

Board Meeting

### Wednesday 25th June

Ryan Buller Sports – Years 1 – 8

### Friday 27 June

Last Day of Term 2

Shared Lunch – students bring a plate

2pm – End of term celebration

### Monday 14 July

First Day of Term 1

### Reminder #1:

Please remember that mid-year student led conferences will be in week 2 of term 3. Bookings will be made available on the app before the end of the term.

Note: More detailed information about this was included in last weeks newsletter.

### Reminder #2:

We will be having a shared lunch on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June to farewell Arthur. If your child could bring a plate to school (instead of their lunch) that would be amazing.





# Farewell



Goodbye and good luck to the amazing Arthur Dean. You've been such a special part of the Maruia School whānau, and we're going to miss you very much. You'll be remembered for your warm smile, kind heart, cheeky spirit, and clever brain - what a combo!

All the best, Arthur. We know you'll keep being your awesome self, making new friends, and bringing your great ideas and energy wherever you go!



## Miharo Award

- Bergette
- Caelum
- Frank
- Elffie
- Phoenix
- Ben
- Knox
- Charlie
- Bea
- Ellie



## Did you know?



Your brain grows new connections when you make a mistake.  
So mistakes = learning power!



Did you know the Matariki star cluster contains at least nine stars, not seven?

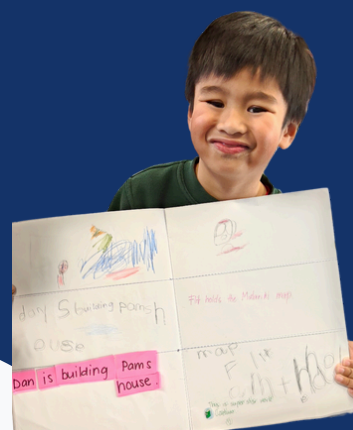
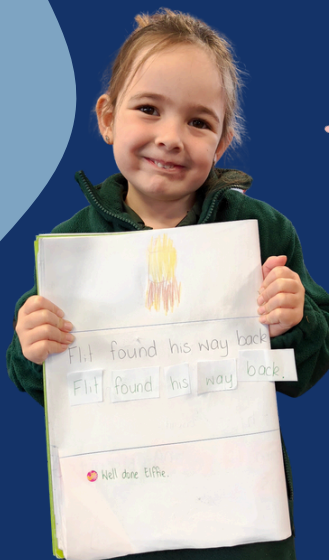


Did you know that our eyes naturally follow lines in a photo? That's why photographers use something called leading lines — like a path, a river, or even a row of trees — to guide the viewer's eye to the most important part of the picture. Pretty clever, right?



## Star Students

Look at the amazing learning completed by these Kakarua students.





# MARUIA COMMUNITY NEWS

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

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

Please email Alex ([principal@maruia.school.nz](mailto:principal@maruia.school.nz)) if you have any notices for the community during the school holidays - I am only too happy to forward these onto the community for you.

# 1.

## Table Tennis

Come along for some table tennis!



Friday Nights  
Maruia Hall  
7pm

Any questions, call John

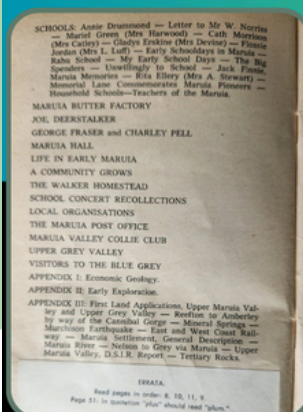
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## Maruia Book

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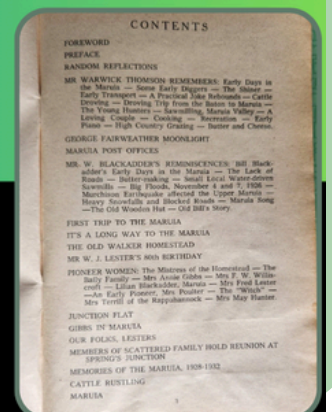
Due to interest, Maruia Rural Women are planning on having a selected number of the "Maruia" book republished.

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



**ARE YOU INTERESTED?**

Please contact  
Colleen Hunter  
523 8862 or  
Ruth Thomson  
5238982.



# Draft Dangerous, Affected, and Insanitary Buildings Policy Review

## Council is gathering feedback from the community on the Draft Dangerous, Affected, and Insanitary Buildings Policy.

The intent of the Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy is to reduce the risk of injury, death, ill health or damage that may occur as a result of dangerous, affected, and/or insanitary buildings.

Council has reviewed the current Policy and is proposing some changes to bring the Policy up to date and to make it clear how Council identifies, assesses and manages these buildings.

The Statement of Proposal summarises the proposed key changes in the Draft Policy and the two options out for public consideration. These are to either adopt the Draft Policy or to retain the current Policy.

The Statement of Proposal, Draft Policy, current Policy, and submission forms are available at Council's offices, libraries, the Ngakawau Community Centre, the Karamea Information Centre or on Council's community engagement hub Let's talk Buller.

The outcome of this consultation will guide Council in keeping our community safe from dangerous, affected, and insanitary buildings.

### How you can join the conversation

There are several ways that you can provide feedback. Choose the way that works best for you.



**Online:** Submit feedback via Let's talk Buller



**Paper form:** Pick one up at Council's offices, libraries, the Ngakawau Community Centre, or the Karamea Information Centre. Submission forms can be dropped off at the libraries and Council's offices.

**Email:** Send your submission to [submissions@bdc.govt.nz](mailto:submissions@bdc.govt.nz) with the subject line "DAIBP"

**Mail:** Post to Buller District Council, PO Box 21, Westport 7866

Submissions are open from Monday 9 June until 4:30 pm Friday 11 July 2025. Late submissions will not be accepted.

## Thinking about standing for Council, but not sure what it involves?

**Book a slot with our CEO and a councillor not seeking re-election to join a relaxed conversation with people in the know. Ask questions, get advice, and see if standing is right for you.**

These face-to-face sessions are designed to help you decide if standing for Council is right for you – no pressure, just honest answers.

### Time slots available:



- Thursday 3 July: 5–6 pm & 6–7 pm
- Monday 7 July: 10–11 am & 11–12 noon
- Thursday 10 July: 2–3 pm & 3–4 pm

To secure your spot, email: [elections@bdc.govt.nz](mailto:elections@bdc.govt.nz) or phone: 0800 807 239

To access online resources about standing, visit: [bullerdc.govt.nz/your-council/council-elections/](http://bullerdc.govt.nz/your-council/council-elections/)



## NZ Creative Communities Scheme Funding Round 1 of 3 open now



Round 1 of 3 (FY 25/26)  
Closes 07/07/2025

Scan the QR code to  
learn more



**Need funding but don't meet  
criteria for Council-administered  
funds? Looking for additional  
support? Look no further!**

Buller District Council has partnered with GrantGuru, New Zealand and Australia's leading grant search engine, to bring you the Buller Funding Finder—a powerful, free tool to help community groups and organisations discover and apply for grants.



**For further information:**  
[grantguru.com/nz/buller](https://grantguru.com/nz/buller)

Scan the QR code to learn more







# 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/](http://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.



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