MARUIA SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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TERM 1
WEEK 2

WHAKATAUKĪ OF THE WEEK

"Whāia te mātauranga hei oranga mō koutou."
Pursue knowledge for the betterment of your well-being.

KŌRERO TUMUAKI – PRINCIPAL'S KŌRERO

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o tō tātou kura. Nau mai, hoki mai ki te tau hou! Ka tau mai te tau hou, ka tau mai ngā hua o te mātauranga.
Greetings to our school whānau. Welcome back to the new year! As the new year arrives, so too do the opportunities for learning and growth.
Whāia te mātauranga hei oranga mō koutou – Pursue knowledge for the betterment of your well-being. The new year brings opportunities to learn and grow. We're looking forward to the year ahead with a positive mindset and a commitment to trying our best.

What a fantastic start to the school year we've had! The students have settled in brilliantly, and our days have been filled with learning, fun, and connection.

With the warm weather, we've been making the most of our daily swimming sessions. Another exciting project has been the creation of time capsules, which we'll open at the end of the year - this will be a great opportunity for students to reflect on their growth throughout 2025.
Our tamariki have also been setting up their digital devices, logging into their emails, and getting familiar with Google Classroom. These skills will be invaluable in supporting their learning throughout the year.

A very warm welcome to our three new students - Ukasha, Ayaan, and Cade. They have already made a great start. We are lucky to have them join our school whānau!

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our beginning of year hui. It was wonderful to see such strong whānau engagement and to have meaningful discussions about your child's learning journey for 2025.

Learning Focus for Term 1
This term, our major inquiry unit is "Water of Life," where we will explore freshwater ecosystems. Students will investigate water catchments and the water cycle (the cycle of Rangi and Papa) and will even conduct water quality testing at Station Creek. As we lead into camp, we'll deepen our learning by studying eels, invertebrates, and native planting and bush. We're excited to put all this knowledge into action at St Arnaud!
In writing, we are focusing on recounts, helping students develop their skills in telling stories and sharing experiences in a structured and engaging way.
We have also invested in a new assessment tool, which we believe will allow us to better track and capture student progress - especially in light of changes to the New Zealand Curriculum. Additionally, our new PR1ME Maths resources have arrived! Vicki and I are eager to dive into this programme and look forward to seeing the benefits for our students.
This week and next are assessment weeks, where we will be gathering information to help us tailor learning to meet student needs.
It's been a jam-packed start to the year, and Term 1 is shaping up to be full of exciting learning opportunities. We're ready to put all our holiday planning into action and make 2025 a fantastic year of growth and achievement.

Ngā mihi nui,
Alex Wilson
Tumuaki - Principal

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 26th February
Maruia School Athletics
The whole community is invited!

Thursday 27th February
BoT Meeting

Friday 28th February
Buller District Swimming

Wednesday 5th March
A first ever for Maruia School - it's the FUN RUN / COLOUR RUN!
The whole community is invited!

Monday 17th - Friday 21st March
Piwakawaka Camp (Years 4-8)

Wednesday 19th - Friday 21st March
Kakaruai Camp (Years 0-3)

Wednesday 19th March
West Coast Swimming

Wednesday 26th March
Water Quality Testing at Station Creek (a learning event!)

Monday 31st March
District Athletics

Thursday 3rd April
BoT Meeting
Canterbury Swimming

Friday 11th April
Last day of Term 1

MARUIA SCHOOL FUN RUN!

The first Maruia School Fun Run is coming up on the 5th March!
Please read through the parent information letter attached!
Lets all get in behind our awesome students and this fantastic event!

Pool keys can be purchased for the rest of the 2025 summer for $30 per key.
Pop in and see Gracie in the office between 9am - 10am on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday.

Welcome

A warm welcome to Gracie who is our new Office Administrator. Gracie will be in the office on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8:30am - 10:30am.

We have three new students who have joined the Maruia School whānau.
A huge hi to Ukasha, Ayaan and Cade!
Welcome to the dream team boys!

MIHARO AWARD!

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

ELLIE
BEN
CADE
KNOX
UKASHA

SCHOOL FUN RUN

0800 377 170
info@schoolfunrun.co.nz
schoolfundraising.co.nz

School Fundraising Group Limited
GST Number 108 004 509

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We will be holding the ***School Fun Run*** as a major fundraising event this year on **Wednesday 5th March!** We're doing it to raise much needed money to support the awesome teaching and learning programmes at Maruia School.

About the Program

The ***School Fun Run*** is all about Fun! Your children will get to come on the day and run with their fellow classmates, friends and students... sometimes even the teachers get involved! This will be one of the most exciting days on our school's calendar, with everyone's participation the aim, so please make sure they attend of the day and cheer the other kids on!

How Does My Child Fundraise?

Firstly, go to schoolfunrun.co.nz and create a student profile page. Everything to do with your fundraising revolves around this page.

Students who raise just $10 will be able to choose a prize! The more they raise, the better their reward – don't forget to check these out in the sponsorship form! We have educated students on the dangers of door knocking without adult supervision, and we encourage you to reiterate this at home. The great thing about online fundraising is that you can share the link to your child's profile with friends and family via email, SMS and Social media.

Online Fundraising

The easiest way to help your child raise money is through online fundraising, where students raise an average of $120. On top of raising more money, it's also safer and easier than doorknocking and you don't

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have to worry about handling money! To start fundraising online, go to your student profile page at schoolfunrun.co.nz and share your online fundraising link.

Getting Involved

Not only can you support the school and students with your sponsorship – but you can join in on the fun! We would love to welcome parents and family members to attend the *School Fun Run*. If you would like to volunteer on the day, please contact me on the details below. I can't wait to see you at our event!

Ordering Prizes – ALL PRIZES MUST BE ORDERED ONLINE

Please contact your school's coordinator if this isn't possible.

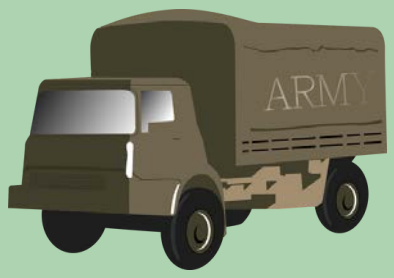
Prizes MUST be ordered between the ***INSERT YOUR MONEY DUE BACK DATE*** and ***INSERT ORDER PRIZES BY DATE***. Simply visit schoolfunrun.co.nz to create / log into your Profile Page between these dates. Then click on the 'CLAIM YOUR PRIZE' button and follow the prompts. If you have any questions, please contact the *School Fun-Run* team on 0800 377 170 and they will gladly assist!

Thank you, good luck and happy fundraising!

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 1 will be issued on the following dates:
7th and 21st February, 7th and 21st March, 4th April.

1. NZ ARMY



The NZ Army will be in the hall from 14th to 26th February inclusive.

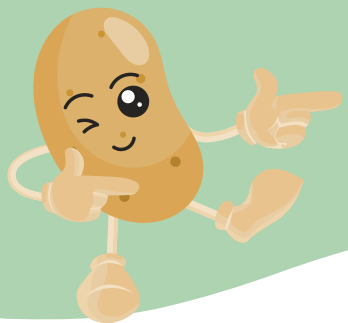
2. CHRISTIAN CENTER

MARUIA CHRISTIAN CENTRE
9th February - Worship and Communion 10.30 a.m.
16th February - Service at 10.30 a.m
All Welcome

3. POTATO COMPETITION DIG UP

The date will be Thursday 27th February commencing at 9am.

It would be appreciated if you could contact us if we are not required or if you are going to be away on this day to let us know where you potato is.



Colleen 027 266 7024 cj.hunter@xtra.co.nz
Pam 022 372 5129 pam@beech.co.nz

Good luck
Maruia Garden Club

Maruia Hall
Tuesday 11th Feb
10 am - 12.00

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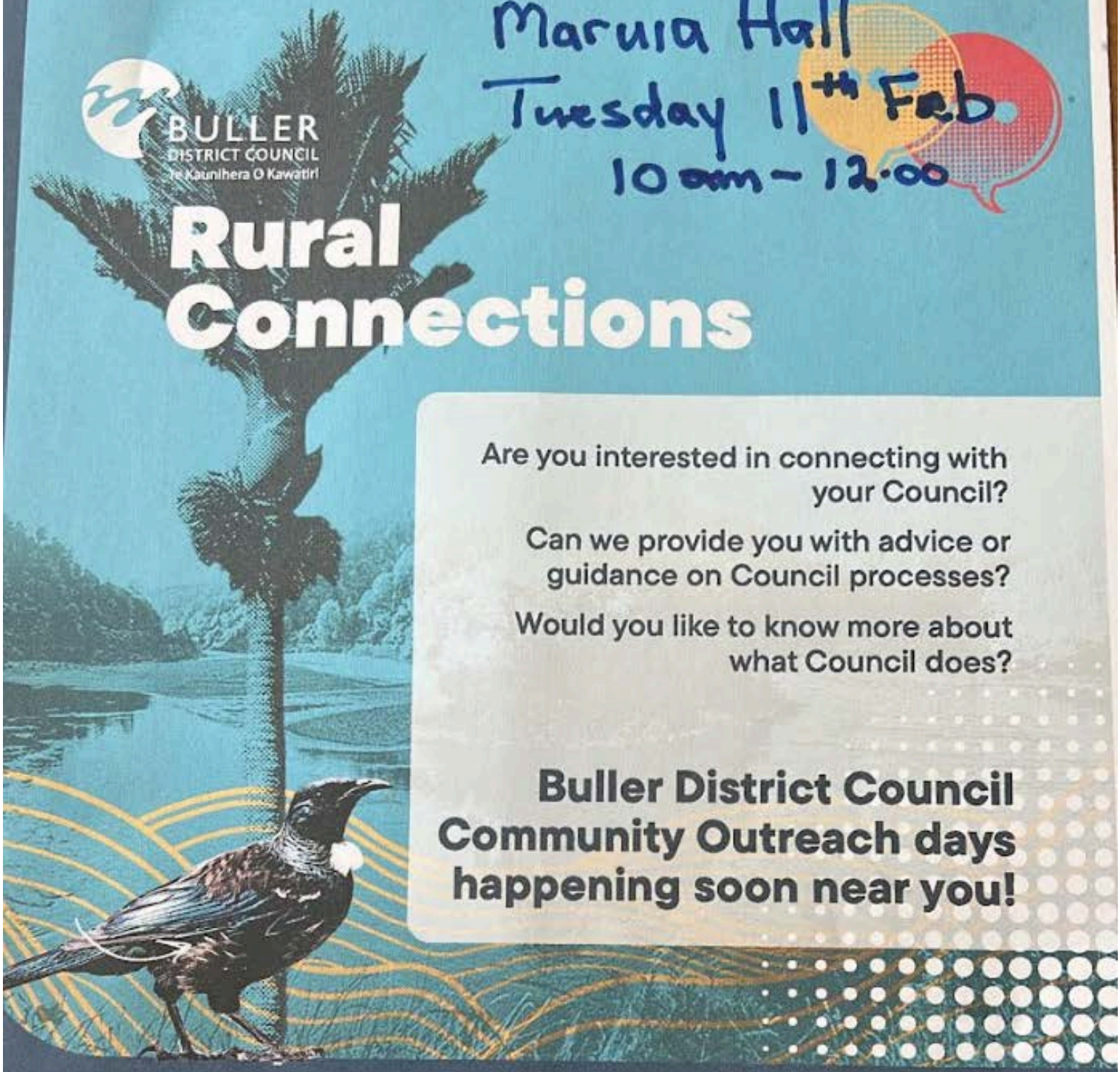
DISTRICT COUNCIL
Te Kaunihera O Kawatiri

Rural Connections



Are you interested in connecting with your Council?

Can we provide you with advice or guidance on Council processes?

Would you like to know more about what Council does?

Buller District Council Community Outreach days happening soon near you!

Buller District Council is offering the opportunity for residents in outlying areas of Buller to meet with Council staff and elected members in person.

BDC would like to encourage the development of positive relationships between Council and communities - you are invited to take part.

Drop-in sessions are held in Ngakawau-Karamea, Charleston-Punakaiki and Maruia-Ikamatua - come along and chat with us face-to-face.

For dates and venues, scan the QR code below, or visit the Buller District Council Facebook page or bullerdc.govt.nz/your-council/community-outreach-days/ to find out more.

OPEN DAYS

Visit **stac.nz/opendays2025** for further information

SECONDARY SCHOOL
5 March, 9.00am – 12.00pm

PREPARATORY SCHOOL AND PRE-SCHOOL
6 March, 11.00am – 12.30pm

St Andrew's College

SPORT NEW ZEALAND
IHI AOTEAROA

Buller District Council > Your Council > Community Funding

Rural Travel Fund closing 22 February

The Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund is a collaborative initiative between Sport New Zealand and the Buller District Council. It aims to support junior sports development in rural communities by providing financial assistance to subsidise travel expenses.

Applications close 22 February 2025. A total of $9,100 will be distributed.

This fund is budgeted annually in the Council's Annual Plan and is contestable. Funding is not available for individuals or commercial activities, and each applicant can receive funding only once per financial year (1 July—30 June). Due to high demand, not all applications can be funded.

All applications must be on the Rural Travel Fund application form either submitted online, by email to grants@bdc.govt.nz or in person at our service centers.

Funding available
$9,100

Round 1 of 1 (FY 24/25)
Closes 22/02/2025

For further information
https://bullerdc.govt.nz/your-council/community-funding/rural-travel-fund/

Scan the QR code to learn more

BULLER DISTRICT COUNCIL
Te Kaunihera O Kawatiri

Buller District Council > Your Council > Community Funding

Community Grants

Round 2 closing 22 February

The Community Grants Fund was established to support the work of community groups and volunteer organisations providing community and social projects and services within the Buller District.

Applications close on 22 February 2025. A total of $50,000 is available for distribution in the second round.

This fund is budgeted annually in the Council's Annual Plan, ensuring a regular and predictable funding process. It is contestable, and funding is not available for individuals or commercial activities. Each applicant can receive funding only once per financial year (1 July—30 June). Due to high demand, not all applications can be funded.

All applications must be on the Community Grants application form either submitted online, by email to grants@bdc.govt.nz or in person at our service centers.

Funding available
$50,000

Round 2 of 2 (FY 24/25)
Closes 22/02/2025

For further information
https://bullerdc.govt.nz/your-council/community-funding/community-grants/

Scan the QR code to learn more

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