MAKIKIHI SCHOOL

Newsletter Term 4 Week 4 2026

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Preparing children for success in life



Term 4, Week 4, 05 November, 2026

CALENDAR November 2026

18th Nov- Stream Study @ Gunns Bush
20th Nov- Waimate Trail Grand Opening
23rd Nov- Skating at Caroline Bay
10th Dec- End of Year Party Day
10th Dec – 5.30pm Makikihi School End of Year Concert / Celebration (all children to be at school at 5.00pm)

Schooldocs (policies)

SchoolDocs - Policies and Procedures Made Easy.
Term 4.
Curriculum and Student Achievement Policy.
Reporting about Student Progress and Achievement.
Health Curriculum.
Privacy Policy.

PARENTS / CAREGIVERS

Kia ora Parents and Whānau

Thanks to all staff and parents who supported and helped at the Rural Sports Day last Wednesday. This was an amazing day and all students did well, with lots of positive comments from other supporters.
Well done to all students for giving it a huge go. It was great to see all the students in action at the different stations.

Results:

Long Jump
Sydney Coombs 1st - under 10
Hayden Palmer 3rd – under 12
Grace Moodie 3rd – U9
Talei Vuidrvuwalu 3rd – U11

High Jump
Sydney Coombs 1st – U10
Grace Moodie 1st – U9

Discus
Archie Johnston 4th – U10
James Johnston 3rd – U12
Grace Moodie 2nd – U9
Emily Anderson 3rd – U11
Charlotte Roodakker 2nd – U12

Shot Put
Xavier Bashall 1st – U9
Flynn Lewis 3rd – U10
James Johnston 3rd – U12
Emily Anderson 1st – U11
Charlotte Roodakker 3rd – U12

Sprints
Xavier Bashall 1st – U9
Sydney Coombs 3rd – U10
Hayden Palmer 3rd – U12
Talei Vuidrvuwalu 1st – U11

Well done to the following students who ran the 800 metres at 8.30am;
Archie Coombs, Sydney Coombs, Xavier Bashall, Noah Dobson, and Emily Anderson.

Christmas Raffle:

For Christmas 2026, Belle and Dan are organising once again a fundraiser for the school. This will add the much needed extra funds for us to extend the deck (maximise our outdoor learning space and shade area).
We ask that every family please donate a couple of "Christmassy" items for the raffle please. Your continued support is appreciated and the children will benefit hugely from a permanent sun shade and more space to capitalise on the targeted learning and engagement. Please send these along to the school office as soon as you are able and we can add this to the list.

Golf Ball Drop Raffle Cards:

Please send all raffle cards back to school ASAP – sold or unsold or let us know if you intend to sell them and need more time to do so. Time is ticking on and to make the optimum for our fundraising target, we need to start selling these at designated supermarket time slots or the Waimate Weekend Market.

Swimming Season- Classroom Sessions.
The pool will be available for the children and during the term, after school and after Christmas. Children will be required to bring named togs and towels each day – as the weather can change in an instant in our we micro climate. If it is too cold, the children will not go into the water. We are guided by the swim safe manual unless the children take private lessons and then they are asked to practise what they have been learning at those lessons. We do not teach swim styles – our main aim is to float, survival skills, increase confidence in water and to develop strategies to identify hazards and keep themselves and others safe in and around the water.

Pool Keys will be available for after school in term time and after school finishes on the 11th December 2026. However, the construction of the decking and shelter in the Xmas Holidays will mean that the toilets will not be available at the school until the building has been completed. The building will start after the 11th December and will end in Mid-January.

PP4L – (Positive Problem Solving for Learning)
Term 4 School Values focus is Caring and Contributing. Our Pink and Purple stickers will be the goal for students to fill up their goal chart and their harakeke baskets with pink and purple sticks for making choices that reflect caring for others and themselves. Contributing to all areas of school learning, both inside and outside of the classroom!

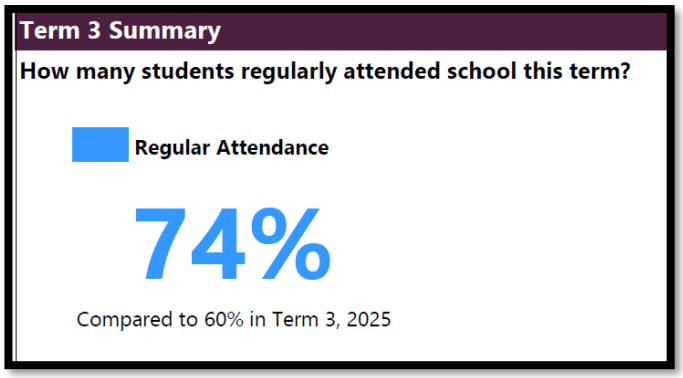
National Shake Out Day
The children were super quick to move to a safe place – turtle position under their desks as we practised the annual, national earthquake drill along with a number of other schools throughout the country.

White Elephant Stall for Makikihi Fair

We will be receiving any good quality items and goods that are in working order. If you would like to donate any treasures from home that you no longer require, please drop these off at school. We will put these in the Hall for storage. Dave Moodie will be organising and running the stall in the School Hall on the day of the Fair. If you have anything that you wish to send along, please feel free to do so.

Attendance – Makikihi School

Please remember to keep emailing in medical certificates as part of the Makikihi School Attendance Plan requirements if your child is unwell or is not able to attend school. These can be sent to office@makikihi.school.nz or via text to school.



The Board of Trustees has recently reviewed the 2026 Makikihi School Attendance Plan and agree that it is successful and for the majority of families, this has seen an increase in attendance for individual students. We continue to work and meet with families to encourage and improve attendance for individual students.

Strategic Planning for 2027-2028

We invite all parents and extended whānau to please add to the Google Form sent out via the Hero and via email, to please have their say. This input is valuable alongside the voice of students and staff to create a vision that the Board of Trustees can implement and steer over the next two years. We collate all input and voice and create a strategic plan that has the students at the centre. If you would like a hard copy to write on, please contact the office office@makikihi.school.nz

Golf Ball Drop

The information for our major fundraiser this year has been sent home.

There are raffles for families to sell, for our golf ball drop (major prize money – a chance to win $1000) kindly sponsored by McMillan Agri Ltd. A huge thank you. Money raised will be going towards our shade and outdoor learning space – verandah extension.

See flyers attached and at the end of this newsletter.

Education Outside the Classroom(EOTC).

In New Zealand's education system, EOTC refers to curriculum-based teaching and learning that happens beyond school walls. **What it includes:** Local community visits, museum trips, marae visits, sports events, pet days, outdoor education camps, and environmental field trips, plus visits in school from external providers.

It connects classroom subjects to real-world experiences, helping students build practical skills, confidence, teamwork, and key competencies.

This year so far children have had the opportunity to- attend weekly Kapa Haka, Life Education, tennis lessons, swimming sports, PALS, camp at Gunns Bush, drama workshops, football skills, PCT Challenge, ECO leaders, Cross Country, road safety, digital & online safety, Jump Jam, Matariki breakfast, Skate and Soak day, vegetable gardening, theatre visits (other schools), Duffy Theatre, Duffy Ambassador visit, Pet Day, Wood is Good programme, Science Alive- Fire and Ice programme, Rural Schools Athletic Sports, and First Aid with St Johns and the year has not yet finished.

Rob Cope Keeping Our Children Safe Online (adults only)

I can give you a link to view at home – please email me to request this; tina@makikihi.school.nz.

Make a time Let us Know: - Cyber Safety and Keeping our kids safe online!!! Please contact me tina@makikihi.school.nz to view.

Please let me know if you or your adult family members would like to view this and I can set the time for you.

You will then have full access (for free) for one year on parenting information linked to Safety on the Web and Behaviour tips. This is an opportunity not to be missed (no matter what age your child/children are).

Contact Details for Makikihi School

1. Meeting or chat. They will return your text or phone call after class if you leave a message.
   office@makikihi.school.nz
   tina@makikihi.school.nz
   elizabeth@makikihi.school.nz
   gil@makikihi.school.nz
   megan@makikihi.school.nz

2. Messages/calls will be responded to. Families, please take time to see what your child has been up to by joining our Hero page.

3. For School or Bus absences please phone the school office prior to the bus run (not the morning run on the day) or contact the bus driver.
4. Our schooldoc policies and information please give us feedback. Username is makikihi and password is 7978 website.

5. Have you thought about using our school website: www.makikihi.school.nz to read the newsletter?

BUS PASSENGERS



North Bus
Term 4
Week 2: Emily Anderson
Week 3: Mack Murray

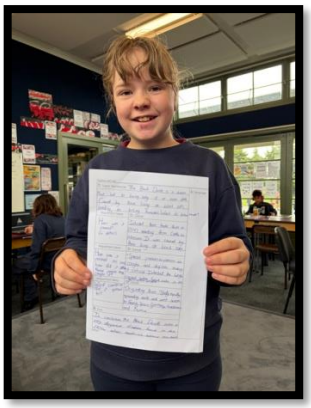
South Bus
Term 4
Week 2: Hector Batista
Week 3: John Penny

NON-BUS PASSENGER
Term 4
Week 2: Talei Vuidravwalu & Archie Johnston
Week 3: Xavier Bashall & Zepplin Hedgcock

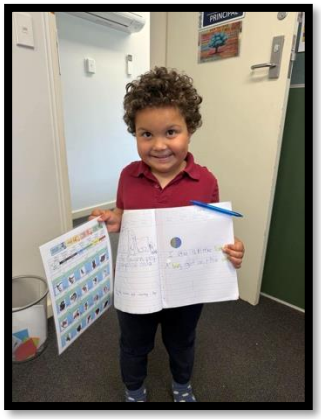
STUDENT OF THE WEEK ROOM 2
Term 4
Week 2: Amarah Parado
Week 3: Alana Roodakker

STUDENT OF THE WEEK ROOM 1
Term 4
Week 2: Zepplin Hedgcock
Week 3: James Johnston

WRITER OF THE WEEK ROOM 1
Week 3: Ali Thyne



WRITER OF THE WEEK ROOM 2
Week 3: Talion Batista



Duffy "Caught Being Good" Award
Term 4
Week 2: Georgia Coombs & John Penny
Week 3: Emma Kennedy & Liam Watson

CLASSROOM NEWS
Room 1 – Harakeke



We have had a busy 2 weeks with a lot of activities going on both inside and outside the classroom. Inside the classroom we have been focusing on number- place value/ fractions/decimals & percentages, square numbers, exponents, prime and composite numbers. We have completed SMART testing activities to check our knowledge and understanding in reading writing and maths. Persuasive writing has been a focus in literacy, and we have read non-fiction texts to identify features as we prepare to write information reports on natural disasters.
Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) has also been full on with pet day, Wood is Good programme, Science Alive- Fire and Ice programme, Rural Schools Athletic Sports, and First Aid with St Johns.
Today the children started a 10-day online times table challenge and parents can check on their progress by logging in via the information sent home with your child this week.
We have started lunchtime swimming as the weather permits.

Room 2- Raupo



This week we started exploring fractions, learning how the denominator shows the total number of pieces a shape or group of objects has been divided into. Our Te Reo Māori question-and-answer practice is going well, with helpful visual prompts now displayed around our classroom walls to keep us learning every day. Finally, please check your child's homework book for their end-of-year concert lines, which have been stuck inside so they can start practising at home!

2026 Pet Day Pics …

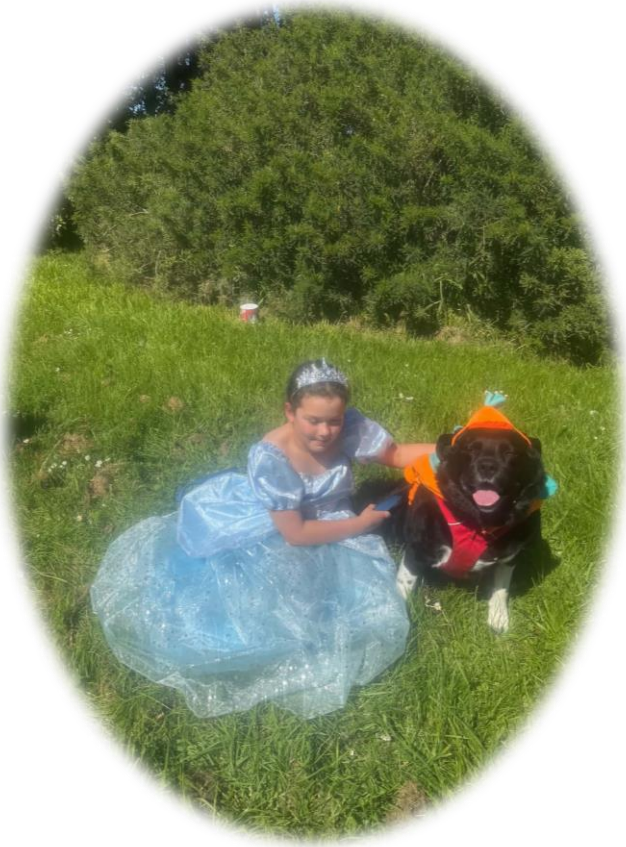












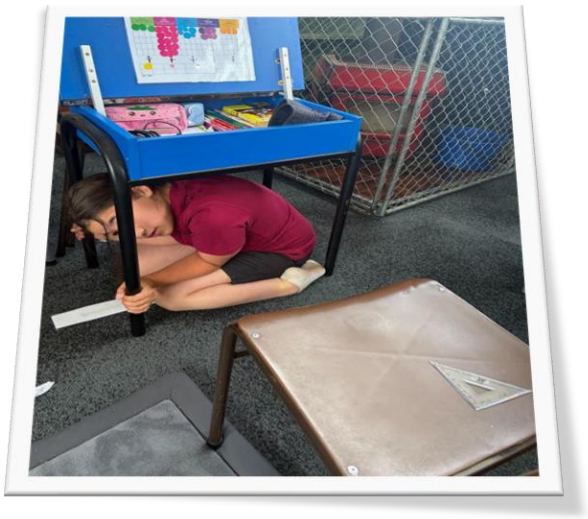


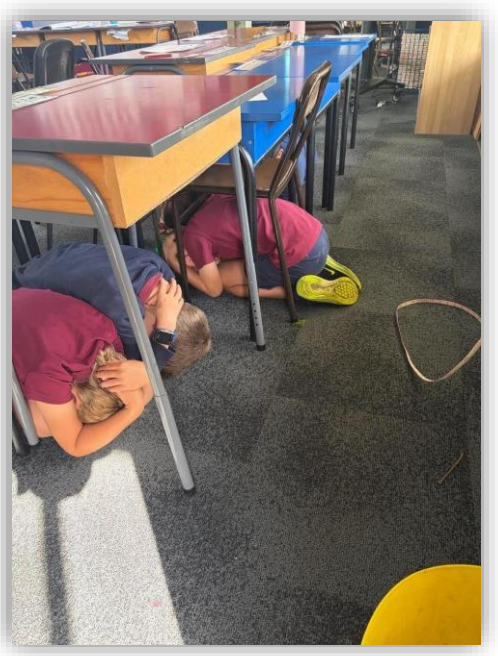






Earthquake: National Shake Out Drill





Slick operators – the children moved quickly completing the earthquake drill this morning as part of the National Shake Out Day!









MAKIKIHI COUNTRY HOTEL

Happy hour on Friday nights, from 5pm. Bar meals and takeaways.
Support the local hotel.
Phone 689 5709.

MAKIKIHI FRIES

Makers of Fine French Fries
Door sales available
Ph (03) 689 5879

MAKIKIHI HALL

If you wish to make a hall booking or hire trestles, chairs, etc from the hall please contact Makikihi School Office – 03 6895587

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Wedding, Birthday, Christmas, or Anniversary, please contact Tracy Johnson, Tracy's work is outstanding. If you require a cake you need to place your order early, as Tracy is in demand. www.designer-cakes.co.nz / 0275292551




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MAKE A BIG IMPACT
MAKIKIHI SCHOOL FAIR & GOLF BALL DROP
TOP PRIZE OF $1000 DOLLARS!
$10 PER BALL
DROP A BALL MAKE A DIFFERENCE!
A FUN DAY FOR OUR SCHOOL
A BRIGHTER TOMORROW
CRAFT STALLS
BOUNCY CASTLE
FACE PAINTING
GAMES & FUN
FOOD & DRINK
AND MORE!
SUNDAY
29TH NOVEMBER 2026
12PM – 4PM
TOGETHER WE RAISE
MORE THAN GOLF BALLS
ALL PROCEEDS ARE GOING TOWARDS OUR NEW DECK & SHADE AREA
BIG DROP BRIGHTER TOMORROWS
DROP IN. GET INVOLVED. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!