MAKIKIHI SCHOOL

Newsletter Term 4 Week 2026

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Preparing children for success in life



Term 4, Week 6, 18th November, 2026

CALENDAR November/December 2026

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)

Start of Year 2027
Tuesday 02 February

Schooldocs (policies)

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

PARENTS / CAREGIVERS

Kia ora Parents and Whānau,

Progress update on Raffle cards and ticket selling. We have sold 15 full cards out of 50 with a high number of part cards sold. We do have some empty cards if you would like another card or part card to sell to workmates and or families. Thanks to all those parents who have offered their time to sell the unsold cards outside New World Supermarket. We thank all parents and staff who have volunteered their time to sell more tickets at the New World Supermarket.

We also thank you for all the extras that we have asked for this term. We absolutely require funds to sustain our strategic goals that the students, staff and families believe are vital to support our Tamariki and their learning. If it wasn't for your help and support, we would have to charge students for transport and all the outings we do across the year. We thank you for understanding that these fundraisers and raffles all help towards ensuring that activities remain at no cost or low cost.

We will give you a phone call reminder to send along...

1. a couple of Christmas items for our annual Xmas Raffle not alcohol (thanks to Belle and Dan for organising this each year).
2. We ask that you send along a bottle of anything (not alcohol) for prizes for our market stall for the big day on the 29th November.

Every little bit counts so please help us to keep school events at a minimal cost. Also if you have any good quality / working order treasures and items for the white elephant stall - these will be gratefully received at the school office.
Thanks for your generosity of time and raffle prizes. We could not do this without your unwavering support.

Weekly Raffle Reminder

Our weekly raffles at the hotel, help support our education outside the classroom trips and keep these to a cost of zero. Please remember to turn up or let Megan or Tina know if you cannot make it so we can organise a swap. Some families have not been turning up or ringing to let us know. This is vital for us to support the Makikihi Hotel, who in turn supports all our students at Makikihi School.

Golf Ball Drop Raffle Cards:

If you would like an extra card to sell, please let Andrea know at the office. Thanks

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!

Values Band Winners!





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

See flyers attached and at the end of this newsletter.

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. **Schooldoc Policies Makikihi School**

1. Log in to your school's policy site, e.g. **policies.schooldocs.co.nz/makikihi/dashboard** SchoolDocs
2. Click 'Settings' in the side menu.
3. Click the 'My Community' tab.
4. Click the 'Share policy site' button. This copies your unique policy website link to your device's clipboard.

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

BUS PASSENGERS



North Bus
Term 4
Week 4: Francis Colot
Week 5: Edmond Rubio

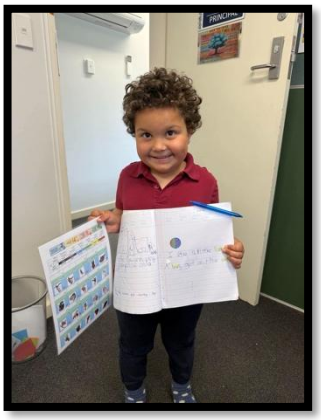
South Bus
Term 4
Week 4: Emma Kennedy
Week 5: Ollie Linton

NON-BUS PASSENGER
Term 4
Week 4: Alana & Charlotte Roodakker
Week 5: Flynn Lewis & Archie Coombs

STUDENT OF THE WEEK ROOM 2
Term 4
Week 4: Grace McMillan
Week 5: Ollie Lintonn

STUDENT OF THE WEEK ROOM 1
Term 4
Week 4: Alys Tyson
Week 5: Emily Anderson

WRITER OF THE WEEK ROOM 2
Week 4/5:



Duffy "Caught Being Good" Award
Term 4
Week 4: Tori Thyne & Jack McMurray
Week 5: Reid Holmwood & Aurora Hedgcock

CLASSROOM NEWS
Room 1 – Harakeke



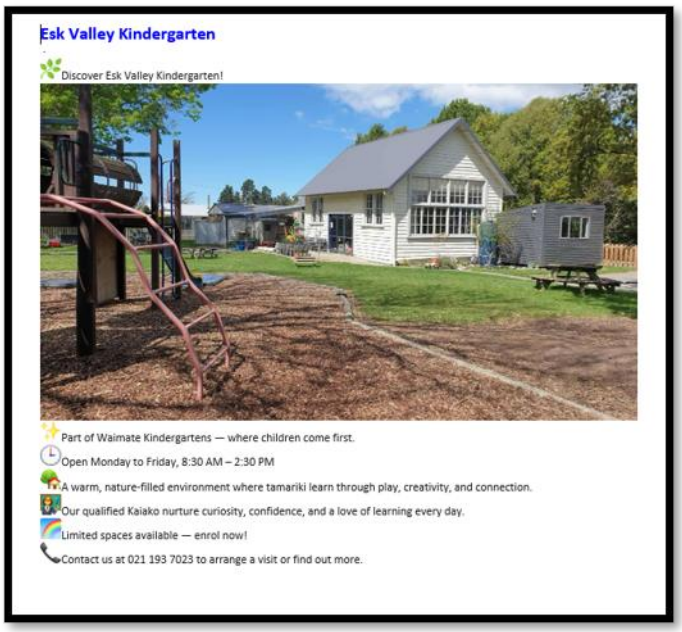
Over the last 10 days, Harakeke students have been taking part in a times table challenge which has been very tricky at times but lots of fun and learning. 17 students reached the

Summit of Mt Everest and are Times Tables Masters, the remaining students are well on their way to "reaching the summit". We have been learning about probability, and the chance of something occurring. Next we are learning about Pathways- co-ordinates, grids and directions.
We have continued the learn how to write information reports, and this has been an interesting part of learning about plagiarism, where students have copied and pasted information from the internet, claiming it as their own writing. We have had discussions about how this is illegal. We have learnt that you can use others' ideas if it is written in your own words. It is a good part of learning for the students to understand.
We have begun practicing for our end of year concert item, which has been fun.
Many of the students are getting very close to earing values bands. Behaviour expectations and very strong as we head to the end of the year and all students are making sure they are meeting the expectations, so they are able to participate in the trips out and about and take part in the end of year party.
Swimming in class time starts this week. Please send togs and towel with your child every day. If a child is unable to swim for any reason let me know via text.

Room 2- Raupo



We have been taking a close look at fractions lately, practising how to read and write halves and quarters while remembering that all parts must be equal. We have also been learning how to find fractions of sets of objects, such as sheep or apples! Alongside our maths, we have really enjoyed having Whaea Gil in our class teaching us all about the digraph's **ch** and **sh**. We have also been practising hard for our end-of-year concert, with some students already knowing their lines off by heart. Next week, we will challenge ourselves to practise our singing and actions without looking at the videos—it's not long until December 10th now!



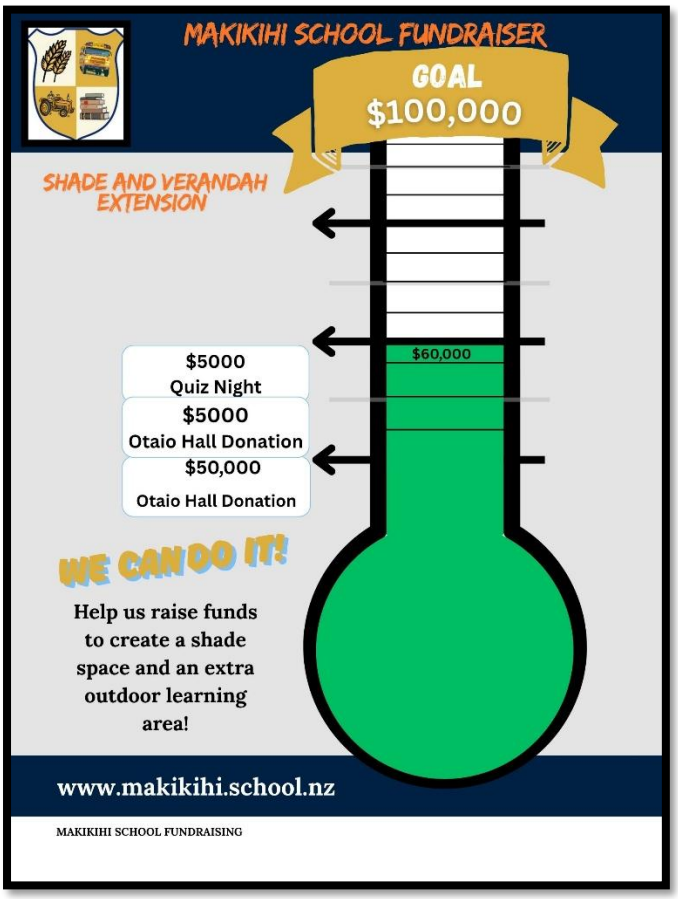
MAKIKIHI COUNTRY HOTEL
Happy hour on Friday nights, from 5pm. Bar meals and takeaways.
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Phone 689 5709.

MAKIKIHI FRIES
Makers of Fine French Fries
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Ph (03) 689 5879

MAKIKIHI HALL
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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!