



Friday 13th February 2026 - Week 2 Term 1

MASTERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



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TUMUAKI PANUI / PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou,

The 2026 school year is well and truly underway, and it has been fantastic to see the positive energy and momentum across Masterton Primary School as we settle back into learning and routines.

One of the most significant highlights this term was our recent professional learning trip to Perth, where a group of Masterton Primary School staff, alongside RTLB leaders, participated in an intensive Explicit Direct Instruction (EDI programme). This experience allowed us to work alongside leading educators in the field, observe expert teachers in action, and benchmark our practice against international best practice. The learning has been affirming and highly practical, and we are already seeing this reflected in classroom practice as teachers continue to refine clarity, consistency, and impact in their teaching.



Alongside teaching and learning, there have been several important developments across our school environment. Our new lunches in schools programme is now well established, with systems and processes continuing to be refined to ensure smooth delivery for students each day.



We have also completed a number of property upgrades, including progress on the stage refurbishment, which will enhance performance, assembly, and cultural opportunities for our tamariki.

Student and staff wellbeing remains a priority. We are pleased to share that a new AED (defibrillator) has been installed on site, providing an additional layer of safety for our school community. This is an important step in strengthening our emergency preparedness.

We have also warmly welcomed two new staff members to our kura this year, Suz Hayman and Jacob Carroll. Both have settled in extremely well and are already making a positive contribution to their teams and to the wider school community. Supporting our people to thrive is central to the culture we continue to build together.



Across the school, there is a strong sense of optimism, connection, and purpose. Thank you to our staff, students, whānau, and wider community for the ongoing support you provide — it makes a real difference.

Ngā mihi nui,
Gene Bartlett
Principal / Tumuaki

WELCOME TO MPS



We would like to welcome Teddy, Lincoln, Oaklynn, Cooper, Meilani, Carter, Rukaya, Chub, Patrick, Macauley, Zeppelin, Aria, Lauren, Ludwig, Isla, Marika, Mirha, Kayde, Mahd, Steven, Deidra, Kingston, Mehreen, Rowland and Lucious to Masterton Primary School.

Calendar of Events

19th February Thursday
20th February Friday
24th February Tuesday
26th February Thursday
27th February Friday
5th March Thursday

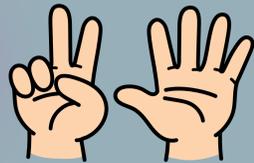
6th March Friday
9th March Monday
13th March Friday

20th March Friday
23rd March Monday
24th March Tuesday
25th March Wednesday

26th March Thursday
27th March Friday
30th March Monday
2nd April Thursday

Touch Rugby Starts
Softball Starts
Netball Starts - Yr 1-4
6.00 BoT Meeting
10.45 Assembly - Rm 7
Tararua Syndicate Golden Shears Visit
5.00- 6.30 Whanau Hui
Ki-O-Rahi Tournament - Riversdale
2nd Cohort Starts
10.45 Assembly - Rm 11
Ki-O-Rahi Tournament - Riversdale PP
DISCO
Millennium Reserve Trip - Rm 3 & 7
Hot Cross Buns - Delivery
Millennium Reserve Trip - Rm 2 & 4
Wairarapa Swimming Champs
Millennium Reserve Trip - Rm 5
10.45 Assembly - Room 4
2.45 Sports Prize Giving
Last Day of the Term

ASSEMBLY



The next assembly will be on
Friday 27th February @ 10.45am
This assembly will be run by **Room 7**

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WHĀNAU HUI

Thursday 5th March

Masterton
Primary
School

5.00pm - 5.30pm

**Meet and Greet with the class teacher
in their classroom.**

5.30pm - 6.30pm

**Bring your own picnic dinner
and enjoy connecting with
other Whānau.**



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Your Kia Ora from the MPS School Board of Trustees

Welcome to 2026! We are so excited to have you and your whānau joining our school community. Matua Gene and all the staff at MPS have been preparing diligently to provide your child with the very best educational experience possible. Over the holidays, the team not only prepared classrooms and teaching plans, but also travelled to Perth to deepen their learning around delivering the most effective education. I have been incredibly excited by the reports shared about what the contingent of staff learned and have brought back to our community.

In addition, our incredible whānau group, Te Whānau Tautoko (TWT), raised significant funds last year through a successful gala day, multiple discos, and grant applications, allowing them to gift our school with some amazing resources. We hope you will consider joining TWT this year and become a part of these fundraising efforts.

We are also thrilled to announce that, through much perseverance, TWT has successfully installed a Wellington Free Ambulance automated external defibrillator (AED) at our school. We are extremely grateful to have this life-saving device available for our school community and wider neighbourhood.



Finally, we are so thankful to TWT for donating funds to provide free stationery for our new entrant students as they begin school. Alongside free school jackets and shoes from KidsCan, Fruit in Schools, and hot lunches baked on site, we are proud to be breaking down barriers that can often surround education.

There is so much more happening behind the scenes that I can't even begin to cover here, but needless to say, our Board is incredibly grateful to Matua Gene, Jo, and our entire teaching, support, and administration team for the dedication and energy they bring each day. We hope you and your children enjoy a wonderful start to the year with them.



Ngā mihi nui,
Warm regards,
Jo-anne Twiggins

BREAKFAST CLUB

Masterton Primary School has long been a breakfast haven for its students, and since joining the KickStart Breakfast whānau in 2011, the school has continued its proud tradition of nurturing tamariki with the most important meal of the day. But long before our official programme rolled out, Masterton Primary was already ahead of the curve, ensuring hungry tummies were filled and students could start their day right.

A very big thank you to our volunteers Chauntelle Singh, Jacinta Wingate, Kevin Twiggins and a very special mention to Anne and Nobby. Anne and Nobby moved to Masterton back in 2009 and in 2010 they began volunteering at Masterton Primary School's breakfast club. Since then, they have become part of the 'furniture' – reliable, familiar, and well-loved fixtures every Friday morning. Thank you, Anne and Nobby, for your many years of love, laughter, and dedication. Here's to many more happy years of volunteering and memorable Friday mornings at Masterton Primary!



Breakfast is supplied every morning in room 6 from 8.15 – 8.30 and consists of weetbix. All children are welcome.



AUSTIN'S SUNFLOWERS

The sunflowers Austin Quirke Room 7 grew after buying the seeds at our MPS Gala in November 2025



2026 SCHOOL LIBRARIANS

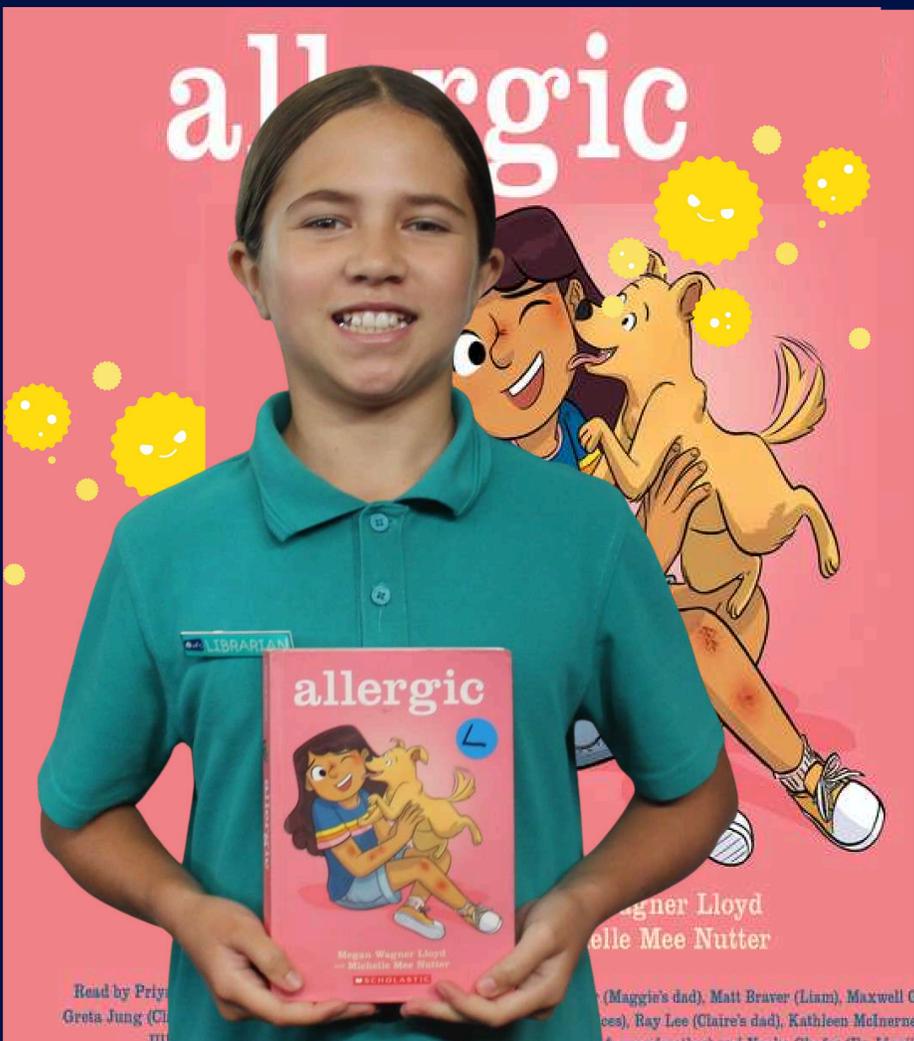


This year's librarians are Jett Carston, Elijah Burns, Bruce Allen, Caius Newton-Howes, Zac Twiggins, Our School Librarian Tracey Birchall, Sophia Pringle, Waikura Rameka, Adi Faranise, Raewyn Lal, Karley Koskela-Russell, Muskaan Zafar, Hasareli Dissanayaka. Absent - Poraumati Karaka-Robin, Zofia Humphries-Warrington and Robbie Searle.

Keep an eye out for their book reviews in upcoming newsletters.

LIBRARIANS' BOOK REVIEWS

ALLERGIC By Megan Lloyd & Nichelle Nutter

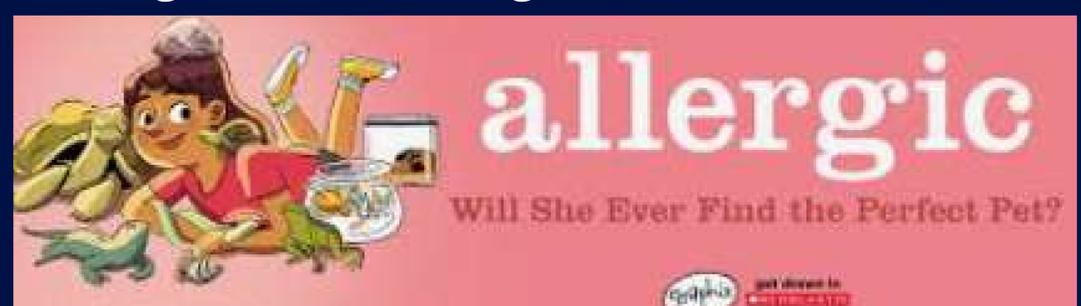


Maggie is a 10 year school girl and she always feels like the odd one out. Maggie really loves animals so decided to get a pet dog to call her own. However when she thinks she has found the perfect dog, she starts to get itchy! Maggie finds out she's allergic to dogs!

I like it when she began problem solving by going to the Doctors. Is she going to overcome this? I would recommend you read this book if you like animals and enjoy a good read.

Rating: 8/10

Age: 7.5+ Years



By Waikura Rameka
Room 14

KIDS KLUB

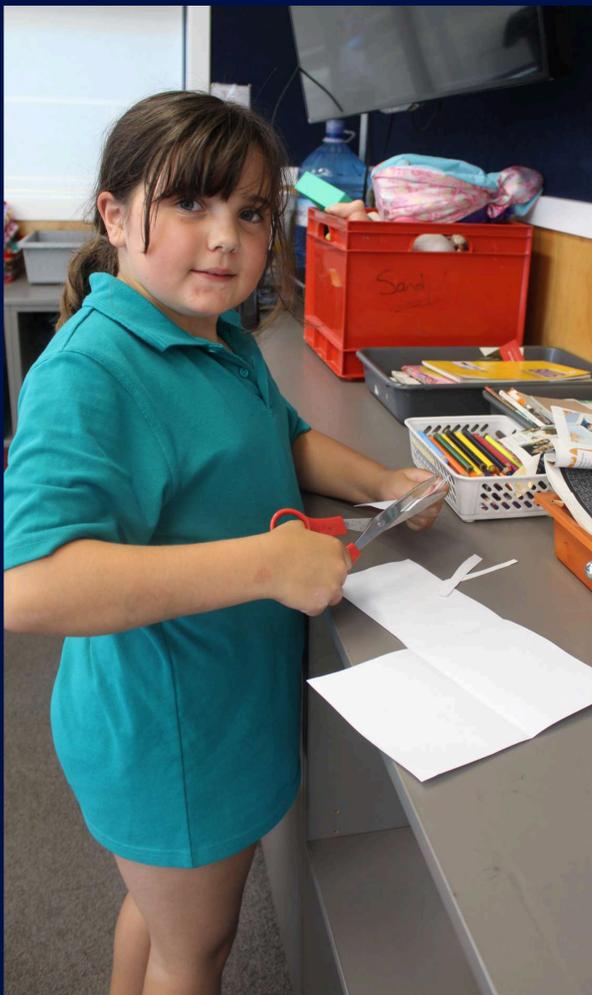
Are you looking for a safe, fun, and engaging place for your child after the school day ends?

Our Kids Klub After School Program, run by Denise with the help of Anna, offers the perfect balance of creativity and recreation in a supportive environment. Students have dedicated time to complete homework, participate in hands-on activities, and build meaningful friendships with their peers.

Kids Klub is designed to provide a structured yet exciting space where children can learn, grow, and have fun beyond the classroom.

For more information or to receive an information pack, please contact the school office.

We would love to welcome your family to Kids Klub!



TWT

Te Whānau Tautoko began in early 2024 and has grown into a passionate, energetic group dedicated to supporting our tamariki and school community. Our members come from all walks of life, each bringing unique skills and ideas, but we share one common goal, giving back in fun and positive ways. We meet twice a term in the school staffroom at 7pm, with meeting days varying each term to suit availability.

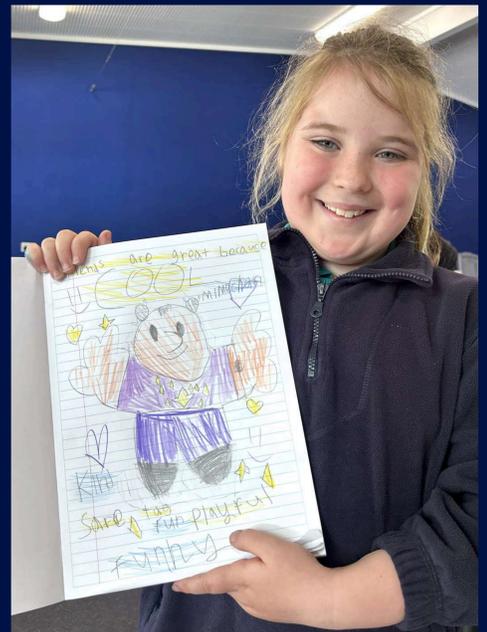
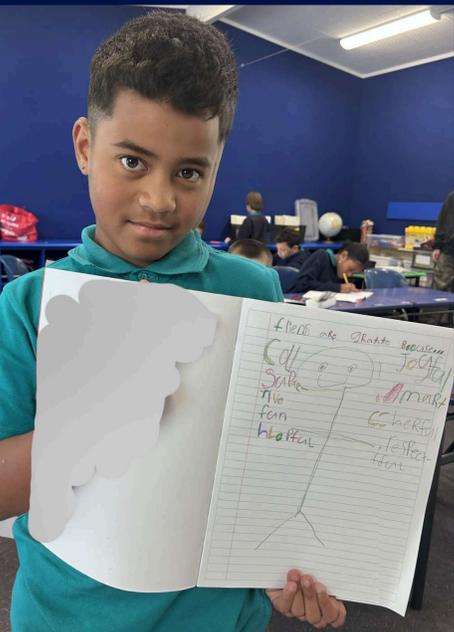
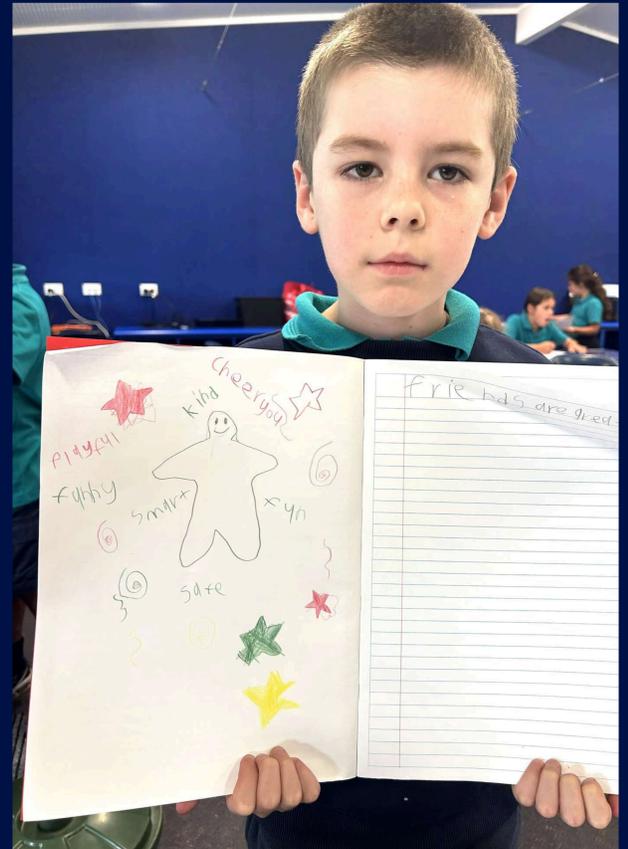
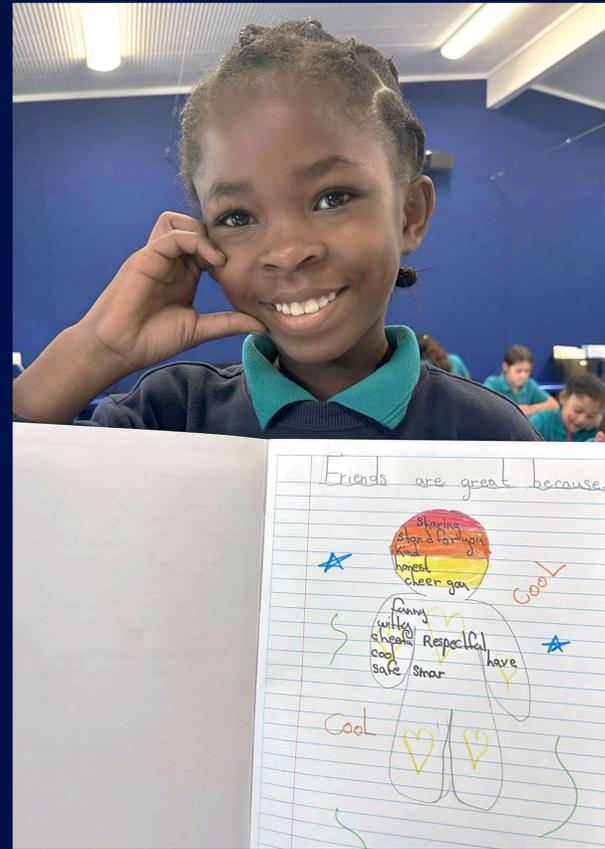
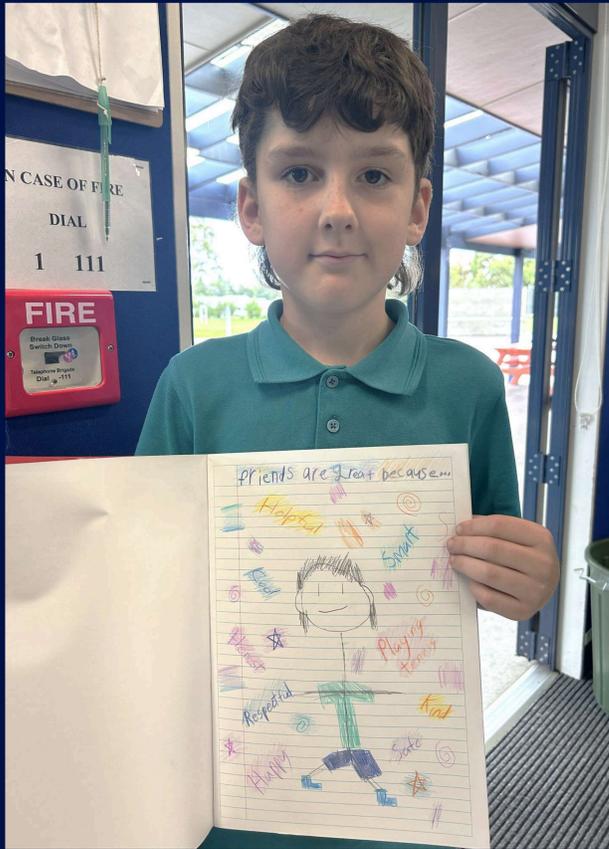
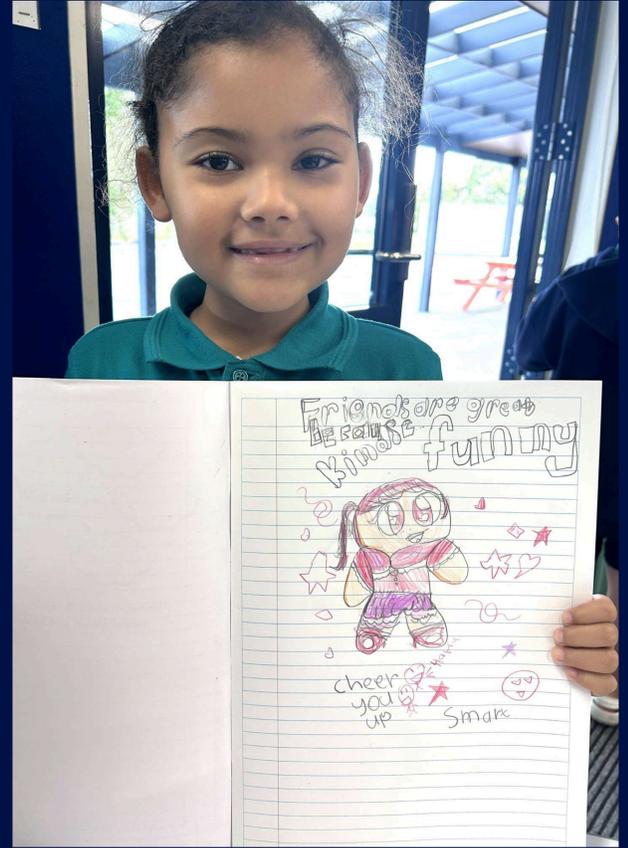
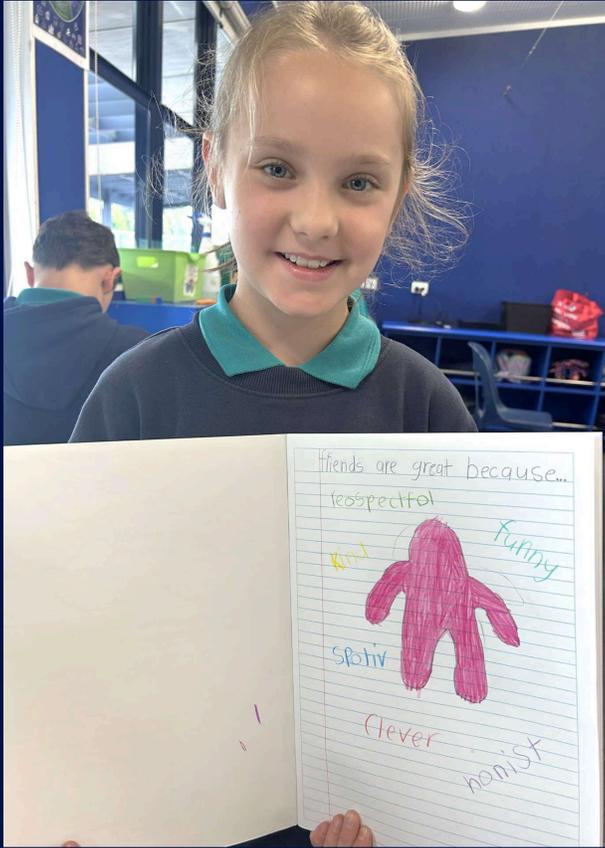
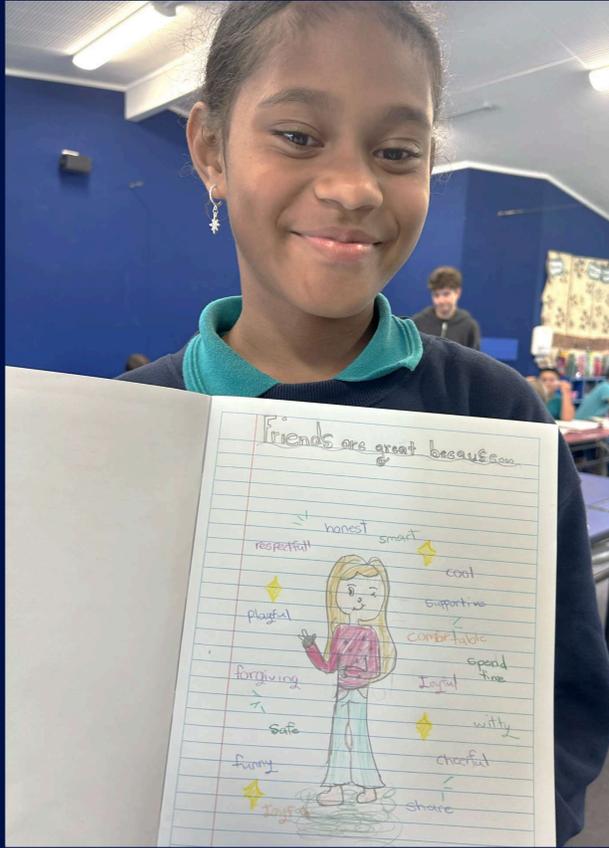
We've already started planning for the year, with hot cross bun and pie fundraisers locked in, plus a favourite returning event - our school discos! And more - watch this space!

We also have our Friends of the Team group for those who would love to help at events (like discos, sorting pies or bake sales) without needing to attend meetings. It's a great way to support in a way that suits you (and always a great way to meet new people)

If you'd like to join us or find out more, our next meeting is Monday 9th March at 7pm in the Staffroom, everyone is welcome! Or feel free to email us - twt@masterton.school.nz

ROOM 12 WORK

Room 12 have been talking about friendship and what makes a good friend. Here is some of their work.



MOVIN' MARCH

Wheels, Walking and Wacky Fun in March!

Throughout March, our school is celebrating Movin' March with a range of active travel events. We kick things off with our annual Wacky Wheels & Shoes Parade in Week 5 on Friday 6th March at 11.00am, where students will decorate their shoes, bikes or scooters and parade around the courts in their class groups. Parents are very welcome to come along and watch.

During March, students can also collect passport stamps for walking or wheeling from the pou, with weekly prize draws and random spot prizes. Passports will be handed out by classroom teachers at the start of the month.



Fridays are Wheels Days, giving students who bring bikes or scooters the chance to enjoy bike tracks and fun challenge courses set up by our sports leaders



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MASTERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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MOVIN' MARCH

WACKY WHEELS &

SHOES PARADE

Friday 6 March,

11.00am

on the courts

Parents

Welcome!



Get ready to roll!

SPORTS NOTICES

Donation from SECC

We were very excited to receive Tee Ball and Softball equipment from SECC Foundation (Sport, Education, Community & Cultural Foundation). They donate sports equipment to schools to better equip them to allow children to easily engage with sporting activities to improve their health and wellbeing while recognising value of their own culture.



Term 1 Sports practice timetable

Here are the sport practice times and days for this term.

Sport	Team Name	Practice times
Netball	MPS Kowhai (Yr 1-2)	Thursdays during sportsbreak
	MPS Whero (Yr 3-4)	Thursdays 2.30pm
Tee Ball	MPS Cyclones	Fridays during sportsbreak
	MPS Storm	Mondays 2.30pm
Modball	MPS Thunder	Wednesday 11th, then Fridays from Feb 20th onwards. During sportsbreak
Touch	MPS Kakariki (Yr 3-4)	Wednesdays 2.30pm, (+ Extra practice this Thursday 12th 2.30pm)
	MPS Karaka (Yr 5-6)	Wednesdays 2.30pm, (+ Extra practice this Thursday 12th 2.30pm)
	MPS Kahurangi (Yr 5-6)	Wednesdays 2.30pm

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our volunteer coaches. Their generous contribution of time and effort to support our tamariki is invaluable. Without their dedication, forming our teams would not be possible. Thank you for your support and commitment!



Douglas Villa AFC

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW
OPEN FOR THE 2026 SEASON

We welcome all
new and returning
players

Ages 5 - 13



ChillOut



BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

6.45AM-8.45AM

2.30PM-5.45PM

Breakfast & Afternoon tea provided
Swimming Tuesday & Thursday afternoons
Homework help
Friendly, trained and educated staff
Drop off and pick up to Swim Tangaroa lessons



NEW LOCATION:
2 DIXON ST MASTERTON (TRUST
HOUSE POOLS - LOCATED IN
STADIUM

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or pop in and see us!