



Friday 6th April 2026 - Week 5 Term 1

MASTERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



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TUMUAKI PANUI / PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora e te whānau,

It's **Golden Shears** Week here in the Wairarapa — one of our region's most iconic events.

Our Junior students headed along to experience this special celebration of rural excellence and community pride. For many of our tamariki, this is a wonderful opportunity to see a world-class event right here in Masterton and connect with the rich agricultural heritage that shapes our local identity.

A massive thank you to our parent helpers who are supporting this trip. We simply couldn't provide these authentic learning experiences without your time, energy and willingness to help. We appreciate you hugely.

Memorial chair

Last year, we began planning a very special commemorative seat in honour of our former Board of Trustees member, Mr Dave Belesky.

I'm pleased to share that this memorial chair is now nearing completion and will be installed today. It will sit proudly in the centre of our Junior Playground, providing a place for children to sit, connect, reflect and enjoy the space — just as Dave would have wanted.

A heartfelt thank you to:

- Lance Roberts, one of our talented parents, for constructing this beautiful piece of furniture.
- Our Board of Trustees.
- Te Whānau Tautoko (TWT).

for contributing to and supporting this special project. This seat is more than just furniture — it represents service, commitment and the legacy of someone who cared deeply about our school and community.



Curriculum changes

It has certainly been a busy and purposeful few weeks at MPS as we continue responding to the significant educational changes occurring across Aotearoa. One of the most important shifts for schools this year is the clearer alignment between the curriculum (what we teach), progress markers (what students are expected to know by the end of each year), and progress descriptors (how we report progress to you).

Our goal is simple: to ensure teaching, learning, assessment, and reporting all work together to support your child's progress.

Curriculum – What is Taught

The refreshed curriculum outlines the knowledge and skills students are expected to learn each year. There is a stronger focus on a knowledge-rich curriculum, grounded in the science of learning.

This means:

- Clear year-by-year expectations
- Strong foundations in Reading, Writing and Mathematics
- Explicit teaching that builds knowledge systematically

At MPS, this aligns closely with our work in High Impact Teaching Practices and explicit instruction.

From 2026 onwards, you will see new reporting language in your child's reports. Instead of the traditional "Below – At – Above," the new descriptors are clearer, more nuanced, and more positive. They show the progress being made in relation to year-level expectations.

The descriptors are:

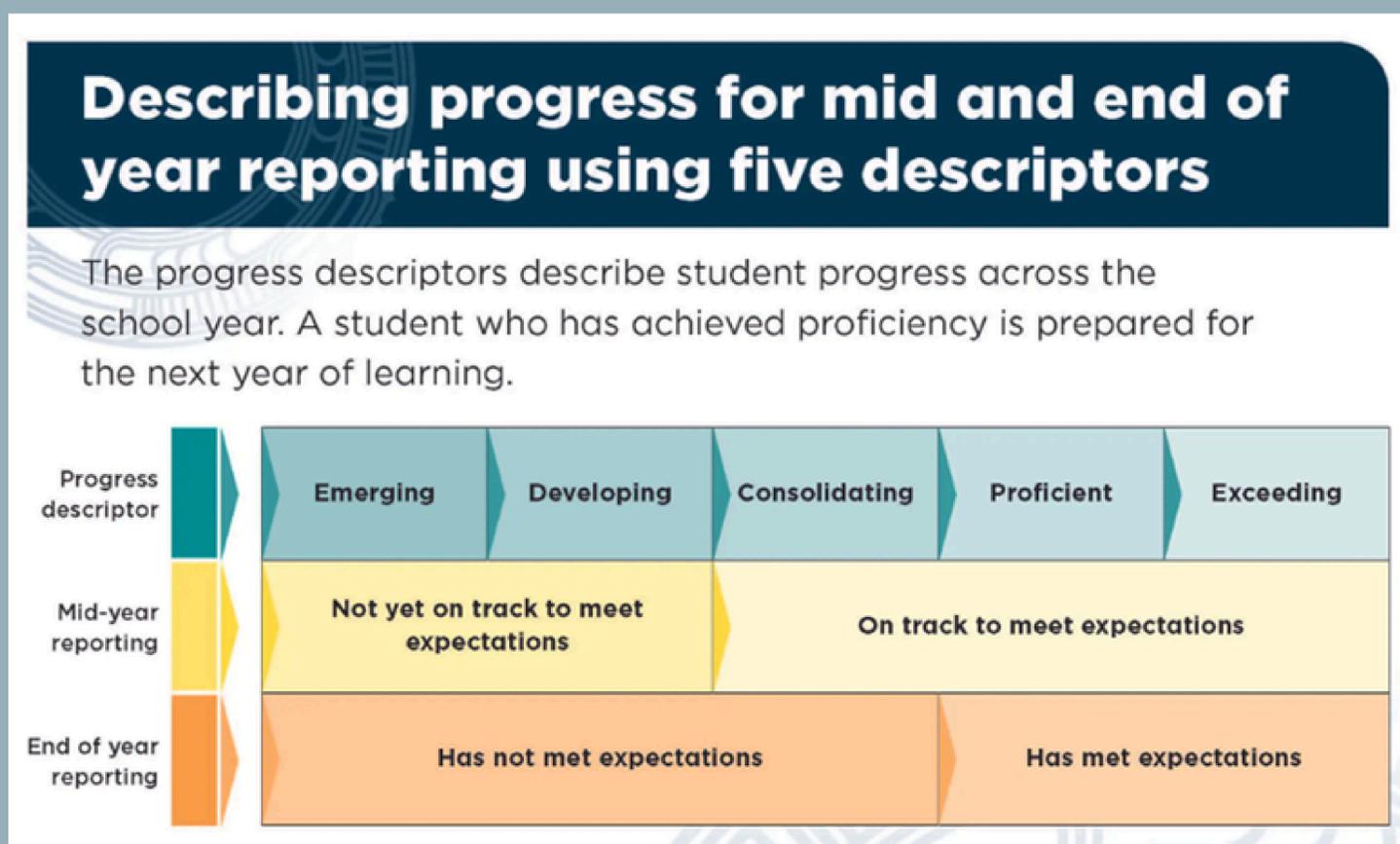
Emerging – Requires support to meet year level expectations

Developing – Making progress toward expectations

Consolidating – Meeting many expectations and strengthening understanding

Proficient – Meeting year level expectations

Exceeding – Working beyond year level expectations



Teacher Only Day – Term 2

On Day 1 of Term 2, Masterton Primary School will be holding a Teacher Only Day to support staff professional learning and curriculum development. This means that school will be closed for students on Monday 20 April 2026. Students will return to school on Tuesday 21 April 2026.

Thank you for your support as we continue to strengthen teaching and learning across the school.

Ngā mihi nui,
Gene Bartlett
Principal / Tumuaki



Calendar of Events

9th March Monday
13th Friday March
18th Wednesday March
20th Friday March
23rd March Monday
24th March Tuesday
25th March Wednesday

26th March Thursday
27th March Friday
30th March Monday
2nd April Thursday
20th April Monday
21st April Tuesday
22nd April Wednesday
22nd 23rd April

2nd Cohort Starts
Hot Cross Bun orders due
Swimming Champs
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 - Celebration
2.45 Sports Prize Giving
Last Day of the Term
Teacher Only Day
First Day of Term
School Closing @ 12.30
Learning Conferences

LUCKY BOOK CLUB



Lucky Book Club went home with students on Monday 2nd March. Can order forms please be back by **Friday 13th March 2026**
Thank you



OUR DECORATED SHEEP

Schools throughout the Wairarapa adopted one of the 27 countries represented at the Golden Shears and have decorated wooden sheep cutouts to symbolize the country they represented. The wooden sheep were kindly crafted by the guys from Masterton Men's shed. These sheep are on display at the Fans Zone during the Golden Shears.

Some student from **Room 4** with their Scottish themed sheep. →



← **Room 7** with their South African themed sheep.

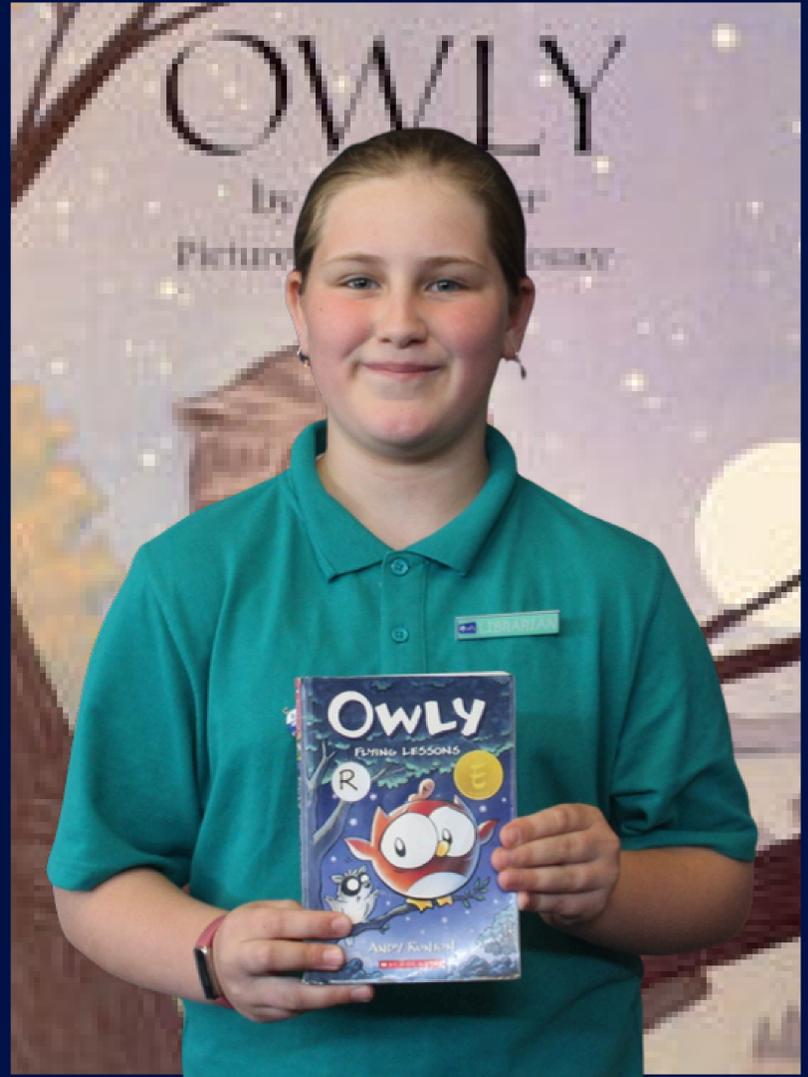
LIBRARIANS' BOOK REVIEWS

OWLY - FLYING LESSONS

By Andy Runton

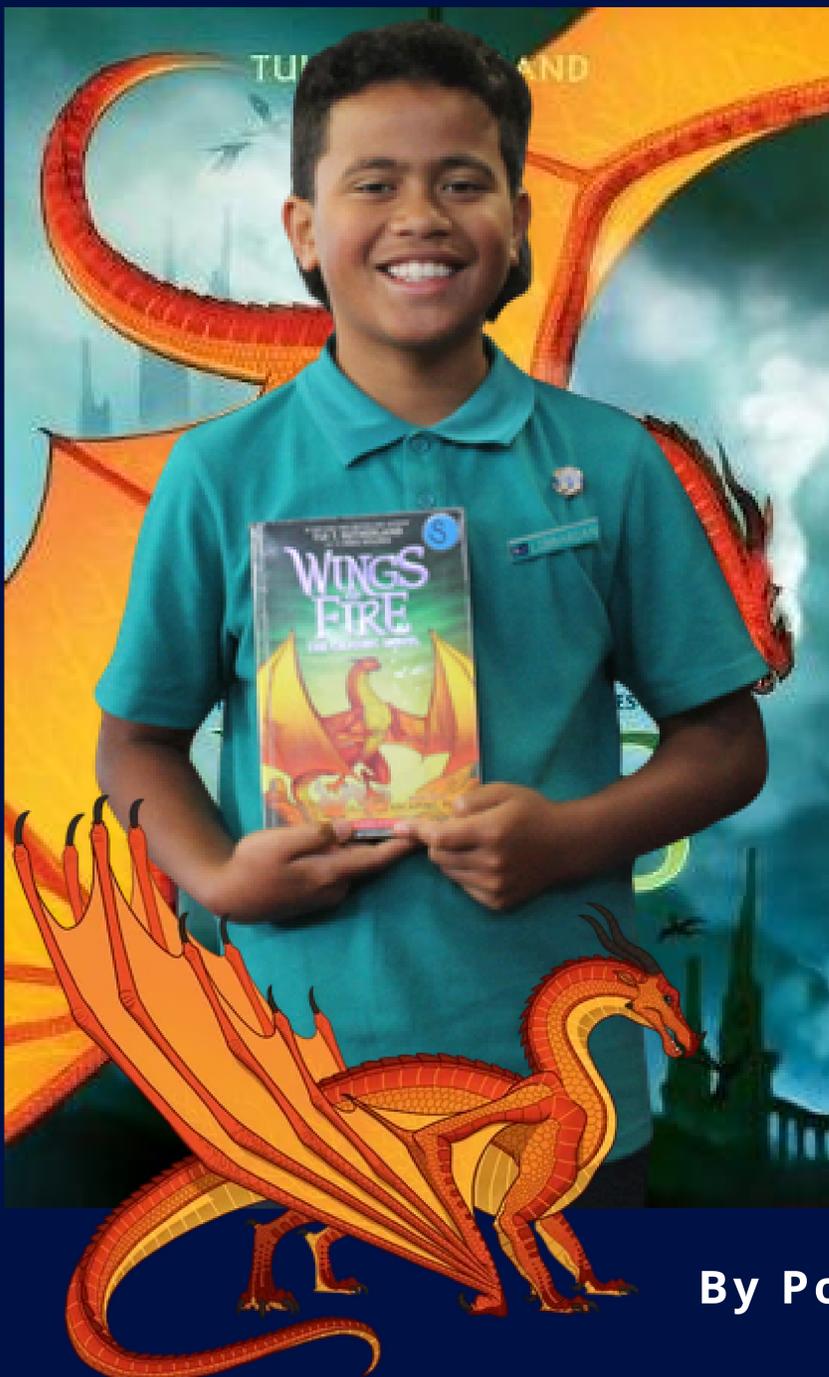
Owly and wormy are the main characters in the story. In this story Owly learns to fly. Owly and Wormy are best friends. I love this book because it is amazing. Also the pictures are amazing. I give this book a 5 out of 5. I think children aged 6+ should read this book or even look at the pictures.

By Karley Koskela-Russell
Room 14



WINGS OF FIRE - ESCAPING PERIL - BOOK 8

By Tui T Sutherland



Ruby has not seen her sister Tourmaline in 8 years. She's always blamed Peril for the loss of her sister. But in a fight for the throne of the Skywings Ruby uncovers the truth.

Peril has always been loyal first to Queen Scarlet even when she lied to her about her mother. Peril is now loyal to Clay the only dragon she can't hurt.

If you want to find out what happens next, read the full book written by Tui T. Sutherland and illustrated by Mike Holmes. Recommended for ages 9-11 years. I would rate this book a 5 out of 5.



By Poraumati Karaka-Robini
Room 14

ROOM 12 - WHAT MAKES A GOOD FRIEND

A good friend is someone who is caring and kind. Friends are supportive and respectful, someone who doesn't talk about you behind your back.



Friends give each other good advice. They also protect your surroundings. Friends tell the truth, for example, if they don't like what your doing they tell you.

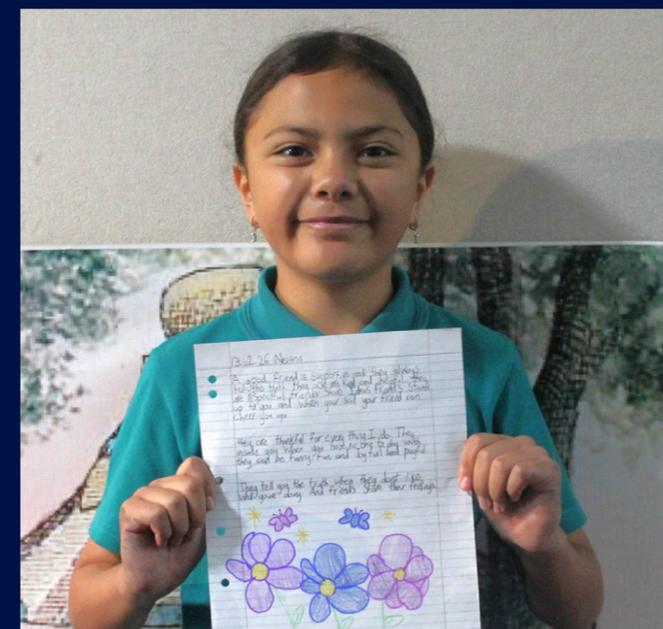
A supportive friend cheers you up when your sad, also someone that forgives.

Pick freinds that are trustworthy, for example - they can keep your secrets.

The most important thing is that they make you feel that your enough as a friend. Friends are always going to stand up for you, even when your embarrassed. They help you when you need help.

A good friend is someone you could share your feelings with or ideas. Your friend has to make you feel happy. Include your friends in games and other stuff. Don't exclude them. You wouldn't like it if someone did that to you.

By Genesis Jikoibau



A good friend is supportive and they always tell the truth. They are also kind and helpful. They are respectful. Friends share ideas. Friends stand up for you and when you are sad, your friends can cheer you up.

They are thankful for everything I do. They include you when you have nobody to play with. They can be funny, fun, joyful and playful.

They tell you the truth when they don't like what you are doing. Friends share their feelings.

By Neiana Solomon

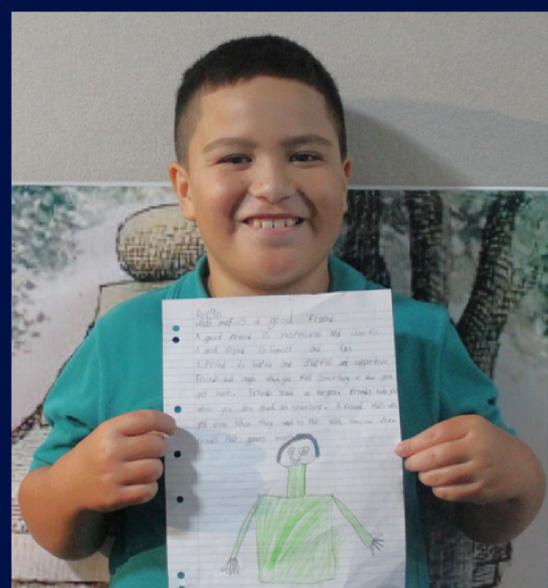
What makes a good friend?

Friend are great because they always make you laugh and they are always telling really funny jokes. A good friend is honest and supportive.

Friends are always kind no matter what. They make you feel like a perfect friend. Friends can be helpful, respectful and they always keep you company.

Sometimes you can have fights with your friends, but you always forgive each other.

By Griette Ogden



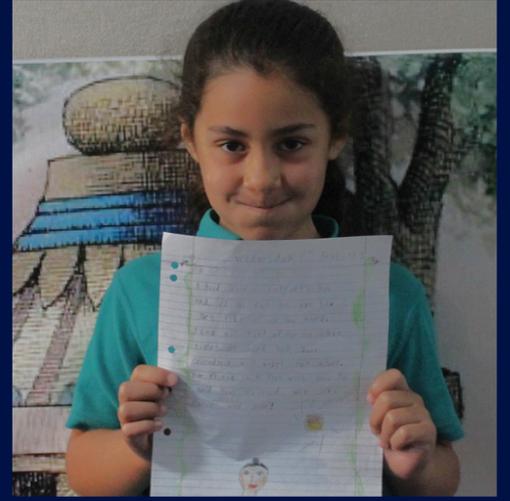
What makes a good friend? A good friend is respectful and cheerful. A good friend is honest and kind. A freind is helpful and playful and supportive. Freinds don't laugh when you fail at something or when you get hurt. Friends stand up for you. Friends help you when you are struck on something. A friend plays with you even when they want to play with someone else. Friends play games together.

By Reign Katene

ROOM 12 - WHAT MAKES A GOOD FRIEND

A good friend supports you and is as fun as can be. They like to see you happy. They will stand up for you when times are hard and your freindship will never fall apart. Your friend will play with you. You and your friend are like paper and glue.

By Mikayla Dingle

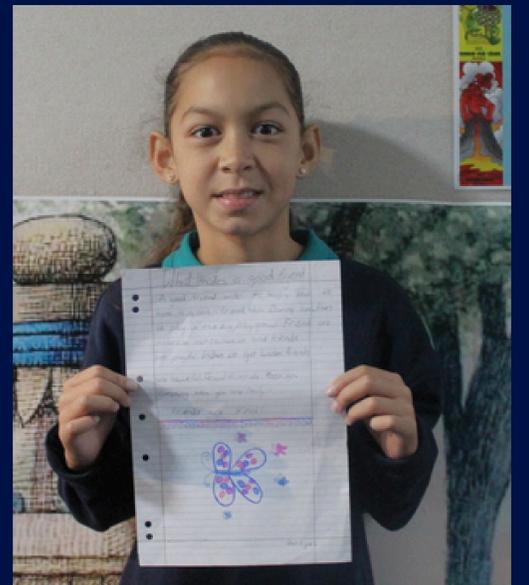


What makes a good friend. A good friend is always happy to play with me. Friends are good because they cheer you up when you are sad. Friends are funny because they tell you jokes. A good friend is respectful because they treat me nicely.

By Scarlett Baumber

A good friend makes me happy and we have a good friendship. During lunchtime we play in the big playground. Friends are inclusive, not exclusive and friends are playful. When we get lunches friends are thankful. Good friends keep you company when you are lonely. Friends are kind.

By Jahliyah Hillman



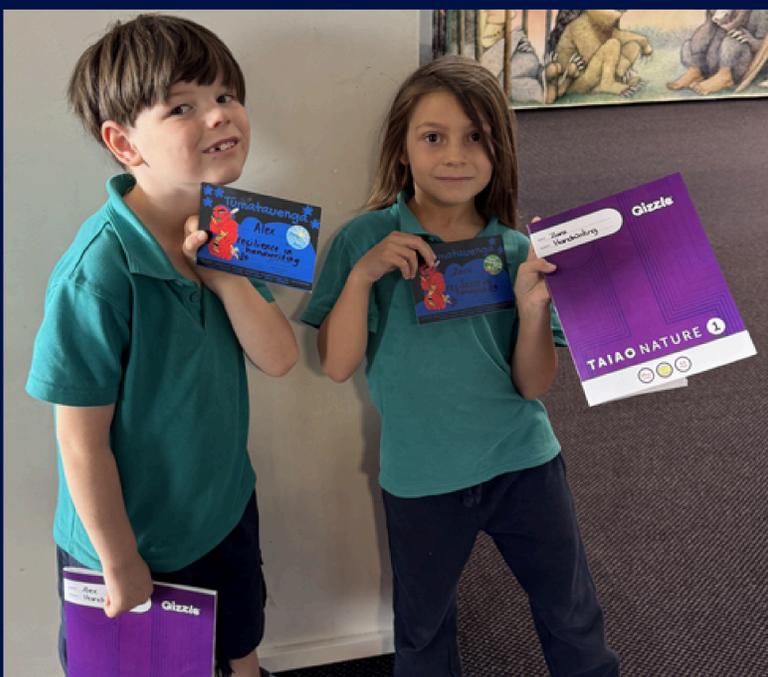
WEATHER POEM - CYCLONE

The wild wind passes me like a flying snake,
The angry grey clouds reflect on the rocky lake.
I can smell warm boiling hot soup,
As everybody sits in a warm group

By Mehreen kaur - Room 14



ROOM 5 WORK



Well done to Alex Brown and Zara Nation for getting a Tumatauenga award for Resilience in Handwriting.



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

A central graphic for 'MOVIN' MARCH' featuring the school logo 'MPS MASTERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL' and the event title 'MOVIN' MARCH WACKY WHEELS & SHOES PARADE'. The graphic is set against a pink background with a large star and a cartoon dog riding a scooter.

MPS
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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!

MOVIN' MARCH

In the mornings during Week 8 (23rd to 27th March) staff members will be stationed at each of our 3 pou. These are on Cockburn Street, Short Street and on the corner of South Road and Vivian Street. They will be giving out spot prizes and stamping passports for children who are walking and wheeling to school.



COCKBURN ST



SOUTH RD/VIVIAN ST



SHORT ST

JUNIOR AND SENIOR PASIFIKA GROUP

Our junior and senior Pasifika Dance Group are excited to be coming together to start a year of practices and performances.

We are incredibly lucky to have Miss Lologa from Room 12 as our Pacifica dance teacher. We are grateful for the joy and cultural awareness she brings to MPS.



SPORTS NOTICES

Touch Rugby Teams



MPS Kahurangi coached by Ben Naivaluvou.
Connor Browne, Lincoln Jackson, Bella Naivaluvou, Adi Faranise, Susana Faranise, Kahlixto Siaso, Regan Preston, Bruce Allen, Kayde Gleeson.



MPS Karaka coached by Danyne Rameka.
Mehreen Kaur, Kingston Prince, Kwest Kaleta-Waaka, Genesis Jikoibau, Kayden Moyo, Waikura Rameka and Zedikiyah Hammersley.

MPS Kakariki coached by Danyne Rameka.
Bobby Allen, Jaxon O'Donnell, Jade Wall, Harlem Ramsay, Mikayla Dingle, Kemitha Bandara, Riley Jackson, Toa Rameka, Alex Tairoa, Noah Jackson, Ludwig Swanepoel, Lennix Adamson, Clayton McKissock and Rabia Mansoor.



SPORTS NOTICES

MPS Modball & Touch Rugby Games

Here are some photos from our recent sports games. It was wonderful to witness everyone enjoying themselves, and the support from the sidelines was great to see. It was fantastic to see such enthusiasm from all involved.



GOLDEN SHEARS
World Premier Shearing and Woolmarking Championships



GOLDEN SHEARS

FAN ZONE & WORLDS VILLAGE

4 - 7 MARCH 2026
DIXON STREET, MASTERTON

SEE WHAT THE
SHEARS ARE
ALL ABOUT!

FREE AND FAMILY FRIENDLY
DAILY, UNTIL 5:30PM

- Food Trucks
- Live Demonstrations
- Shearable Art Fashion Show
- Wools In Schools
- Competitions & Worlds Parade
- Golden Shears - Livestreaming

BAR ONSITE
FROM 6PM

- \$15 entry - tickets onsite
- Bar Facilities
- Food Trucks
- Golden Shears - Livestreaming

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THU 5TH MAR | 4.30-6.00PM

SAT 21ST MAR | FROM 12PM

SAUSAGE SIZZLE & SENIOR PRE-SEASON GAME

MASTERTON RED STAR COLOMBO ROAD



"Really bat-mospheric!"

BAT'S INCREDIBLE

DATE: Sunday 8 March

PLACE: Wairarapa Events Centre

TIME: 4pm - 5pm

PRICE \$5 in support of Wairarapa bats

BOOK ON
EVENTFINDA

STORYTELLER TANYA BATT AND MUSICIAN PETER FORSTER INVITE YOU INTO THE TWILIGHT REALM OF THE BAT. SHOW CASING AOTEAROA'S ONLY INDIGENOUS LAND MAMMAL AND ONE OF THE MOST PROLIFIC MAMMALS ON OUR PLANET - THIS FAMILY FRIENDLY PROGRAMME IS A WEAVE OF TRADITIONAL BAT STORIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD, BAT SCIENCE, STRANGER THAN FICTION FOLKLORIC TRADITIONS AND A BAT - FACTS QUIZ WITH PRIZES!! SPREAD YOUR WINGS UP AND DON YOUR MASK AND COME A DISCOVER JUST HOW INCREDIBLE BATS ARE.

"Bat-Tastic!"

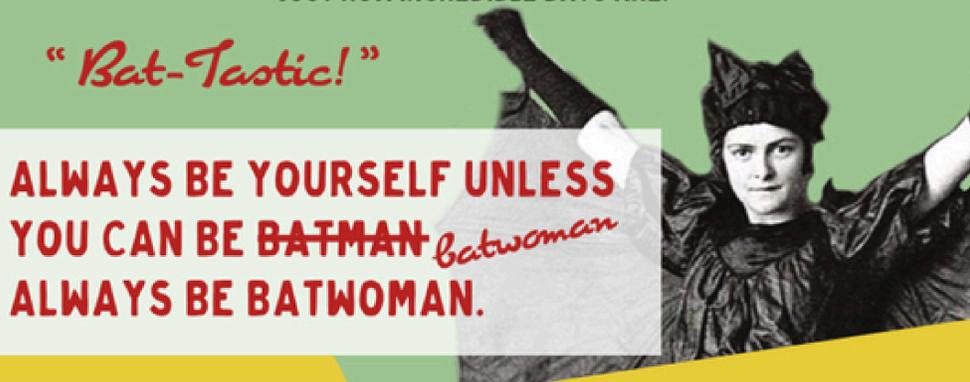
ALWAYS BE YOURSELF UNLESS
YOU CAN BE ~~BATMAN~~ *Batwoman*
ALWAYS BE BATWOMAN.



TANYA BATT'S
IMAGINED WORLDS
COME ENJOY YOUR IMAGINATION

"Completely Batty!"

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Toi MAHARA Bus Trip!

Sunday, 15 March, 9:00am - 4:00pm

Join us on a bus trip to Toi MAHARA Art Gallery in Waikanae to see the current exhibitions of:

Francis Hodgkins: Further revelation and British Modernism 1920 to 1935
and Joanna Margaret Paul: Daily Kapiti

The trip includes a Collection Store Tour.

Ticket prices: \$85 per person (limit to 22 tickets).

You don't have to be a Friend of Aratoi- all welcome!

Tickets can be purchased from Aratoi front desk or [online](#).

Bus departs outside Aratoi at 9am.

Greytown pick up at 9.30am from the Bus Stop near to 'The Offering' Cafe.

Bus returns around 4pm.

(Lunch not included)

Enquiries please contact: Aratoi (06)370 0001, email info@aratoi.co.nz

Image credit: Joanna Margaret Paul, Scout Hall, 1977

Expressions of Interest Open

FOR OUR

2026

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

Spaces available for **\$10 music lessons** in our scholarship programme

APPLY NOW!
Don't Miss Out!

<https://forms.gle/6jMb8AXp5Wd54k4CA>

ChillOut

CLM MASTERTON

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)

CONTACT US:
mastertonchillout@clmnz.co.nz
027 467 7156
or pop in and see us!

FUN QUIZ NIGHT & AUCTION

TEAMS OF 6 - \$120 A TABLE

A FUNDRAISER IN SUPPORT OF COBBLESTONES HERITAGE VILLAGE

20TH MARCH - 7PM
VENUE - GREYTOWN RUGBY CLUB
123 EAST ST, GREYTOWN

Cash Bar
Awesome prizes!
Light food provided

To register your team contact:
cobblestonesmuseumgreytown@gmail.com
or phone - 0211606088

JOIN ST JOHN YOUTH!

St John Youth is a structured programme for young people aged 5 to 18 years. The focus is on young people developing their potential through leadership, hauora and engaging in their communities.

Youth members meet once a week during the school term at their local division, and there's always heaps of other exciting activities throughout the year to meet new people, learn new things and have loads of fun.

St John Youth is for all young people, so come learn, connect, and grow with us - we can't wait to see you soon!

Jump onto youth.stjohn.org.nz and use the interactive map to find your closest division!

MAKING LIFE CHANGING DIFFERENCES WITH OUR COMMUNITIES

Join the team making a positive impact on young lives

Volunteering in our Youth Programme brings incredible rewards. By spending just a few hours a week, you will help young people to learn valuable life skills, including first aid, leadership and communication skills.

What would I be doing?

Our youth volunteers across Aotearoa are coaches and mentors. You will help deliver our leading Youth Programme, from a leadership role for a Division, working behind the scenes supporting the delivery of long or short-term projects, or simply helping on the night, at a camp or getting involved with fundraising - there are many roles to suit your interests, skills and time available.

"I finish my term with a greater appreciation for our volunteers. Thank you for challenging our mindset and teaching us the huge commitment it takes to make a difference."
Ella McClure, St John Youth National Cadet of the Year