



# Mauriceville School

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**Week 9**  
**25 March 24**

**Term 1**

**"Taking responsibility for oneself is by definition an act of kindness".**

**Sharon Salzberg**

There are lots of very excited children looking forward to Easter. I've overheard some great discussions about just when they get Easter eggs - and a bit of a debate over whether it should be Friday or Sunday. Regardless of when, I'm sure everyone will still enjoy them. Remember that the Tuesday following Easter Monday is a school holiday (but not a statutory holiday), meaning that schools must not open. This regulation is set by the Ministry of Education and not individual schools.

We are planning an Easter themed day on Thursday morning with some fun activities and possibly a small treat as well. Play-group is here on Thursday morning so we're hoping to go over to the hall and do some activities with the little ones and their parents. If the weather is good then we will go into Masterton to the park for the afternoon, as our end of term reward.

I hope everyone has a relaxing Easter. Enjoy the hot cross buns and Easter eggs. We will see everyone back at school on Wednesday 3rd April.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Kim



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## What's coming up...

**Friday 29 March—**  
**Tuesday 2 April**  
School closed for Easter break

**Friday 12 April**  
9.30am Role Model Assembly

Last day of the term



## Students of the Week

Lochie for working so independently on his animal project.

Owen for independently writing more letters and words.

### Website:

[www.mauriceville.school.nz](http://www.mauriceville.school.nz)

### Facebook:

Mauriceville School

## **Easter Break**

Wishing you all a happy and safe Easter. Don't forget school is closed for Good Friday, 29 March, Easter Monday, 1 April, and also for Easter Tuesday, 2nd April.



## **Check and Connect Meetings**

On Wednesday 10th April we are setting aside time for parents/whānau to have 'check and connect' meetings with Rosa and Kim. These are an opportunity for you to come along and chat to us about your child and discuss concerns or queries you may have. This is not a formal reporting to parents session, rather an opportunity to build partnerships between home and school. We will be available for 15 minute time slots from 3.15 to 4.45pm. We'd love to see as many families as possible. If you would like to meet with us, email Kim on [principal@mauriceville.school.nz](mailto:principal@mauriceville.school.nz) with a time that works best. Please do this before Monday 8th April.

## **Health Curriculum Statement**

The Education Standards Act 2001 requires schools to consult "at least once in every two years" on the delivery of the health curriculum, and to adopt a statement on the consultation process. This consultation occurred towards the end of 2023.

All schools then need to implement the health curriculum. Individual parents, however, may request that their children be excluded from tuition of parts of the health programme related to sexuality education. Below is our draft health curriculum statement. If you have any comment to make about this statement or suggested alterations please let us know by Friday 12th April.

*Mauriceville School will implement a programme of Health Education based on the New Zealand Curriculum and in keeping with the school's strategic goals and values. The focus of the programme will be to give our students the knowledge, skills and attitudes to maintain and enhance well-being. Students will recognise social and societal influences on well-being and be given opportunities to take action to promote their own and others' well-being. In delivering Health Education, Mauriceville School teachers will use a range of appropriate teaching strategies that engage students and enable development of the key competencies, while taking opportunities to integrate Health Education learning with other aspects of The New Zealand Curriculum.*

## **Shoes and Jackets**

An order form is enclosed with your newsletter. If you'd like to order shoes and/or a jacket for your tamariki please complete the form and return it to school by Friday 5 April.

## **The Le Quesnoy Story**

After four long years of German occupation, on the 4th of November 1918 the citizens of Le Quesnoy were finally freed by New Zealand soldiers.

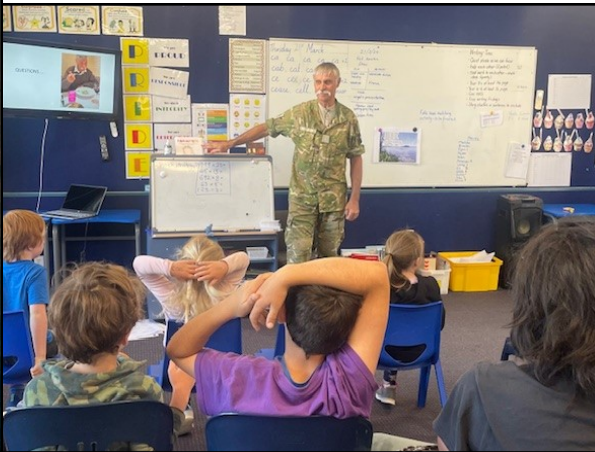
This liberation of the walled town by ladder was a feat so unusual it even made the New York Times.

The New Zealanders did not fire over the ramparts, preserving civilian lives within the town. While there was New Zealand loss of life fighting for the freedom of the French, not one citizen of the town died in the battle.

Last week Major Nigel Gattsche from the NZ Army came to speak to our students about his experience helping develop The New Zealand Liberation



Museum in the town of Le Quesnoy, France. The museum tells the unique story of its liberation by ladder, while also honouring all New Zealanders



who fought in Europe in WWI. A fascinating story and the children had lots of questions for him about his career in the army.



**9.30am to 11.30pm**  
**Mauriceville School Hall**

Thursday 28 March - REAP  
Thursday 11 April - last one for term 1

## Agrikids

On Saturday 23rd March a team of three senior boys entered the Agrikids competition held at Solway Showgrounds. There were seven modules the boys had to complete, ranging from calculating how much drench to give a lamb based on their weight to building a gate. From the feedback I received from the boys they had an amazing time and enjoyed the opportunity to compete against other schools. They highly recommended the experience and have said it's something Mauriceville students should get to do every year. Although the boys didn't progress further in the competition, they represented our school well and gave 100%. Well done to Alexander, Jacob and Quade for challenging yourself with a new experience. Many thanks to Adam who took on the role as team supervisor and to Tedi for being there to support the boys during the day.

