

## Makikihi School's humble potato

The humble Makikihi potato has long been celebrated in South Canterbury. So it makes perfect sense that Makikihi School would plant out the back paddock in potatoes.

The back paddock has been put to work for fundraising purposes to maximise the opportunities available to the 36 students who attend the school. The sunflower maze last year was a great success and the hope is that the 24 rows of new potatoes, planted with the help of the students, will also help this small school to continue to thrive.

Makikihi School values the opportunities that come from education outside the classroom. The 'back paddock' is proving a rich source of education as well as potatoes!

Throughout the challenge of the COVID 19 lockdown, the school Remained true to its values of connecting with the community and supporting its tamariki and families. Growing food crops is one of the ways they continue to do this.

This fabulous fundraiser for our school with new potatoes available at various markets around the district at Christmas time was a huge success. This is a continuation of our garden club with Mr Facer and the children helped parents at working bees to dig the spuds, weigh them, bag them up and took part in manning the stalls at various markets in Waimate and Timaru.

