Tua Marina School
Te Kura o Tua Marino

Hanga Atu ki te Tua Marino
Creating the Calm Beyond

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PRINCIPAL KORERO

Kia ora koutou,

I am incredibly proud to see our students and whānau truly living our vision, ‘Hanga Atu Ki te Tua Marino – Creating the CALM Beyond’, across the start of Term 4. I look forward to seeing even more of this energy over our final weeks of the year.

A huge thank you to the roughly 180 people who attended our Annual Hāngi and Hui, beautifully embodying our values of Community and Active involvement. Your feedback regarding uniforms, attendance, communication, and events is invaluable as the Board and leadership team shape our next strategic plan.

Watching our ākonga practice and perform kapa haka for both the Hāngi and Hui and Taiopenga was a standout highlight, showcasing rich Manaakitanga, hard work, and achievement alongside our community. Well done, team!

Ngā mihi mahana

Nic Walker

Principal

TI KOUKA

year 0 - 1 || Leah Waddington & Helen Lyons





We would like to warmly welcome Īhāia and Aria to Tī Kōuka! It is always so lovely to have new friends join us, watch new friendships form and hear new stories and experiences being shared.

We have recently been learning about the Zones of Regulation, so you might hear your children talking about the green, blue, yellow and red zones. We are learning to recognise our feelings and explore strategies to help us return to our green zone, where we feel calm, focused and ready to learn. We are so proud of how the tamariki have embraced this learning and are confidently beginning to use this language in their everyday conversations.

Our tamariki have also been practising asking thoughtful questions to find out more about each other. We are using question sentence starters, developing our active listening skills and learning to recall what our partner has shared. These are wonderful communication skills that help us build connections and learn from one another.

We are incredibly proud of our tamariki who have been speaking, or standing and supporting at assembly! Standing up in front of the school takes courage and confidence. Whether sharing news, making announcements or helping with different parts of assembly, they are learning to speak to an audience and taking pride in contributing to our school community. It is wonderful to see their confidence growing!

With the lovely hot weather arriving, we have noticed how well our tamariki are remembering their water bottles and looking after their hats. It is great to see them independently finding their hats in their tote trays and heading straight out to play! A little reminder for whānau to please apply sunscreen in the morning before school. Children are welcome to bring in sunscreen for the afternoon, or we have some available in our classroom.

Ngā mihi,

The Tī Kōuka Team





KAWAKAWA

Year 2 - 3 || Aaron Harrison

Kawakawa Class is back in full swing after the holidays, and what a busy and enjoyable first three weeks we have had!

The students thoroughly enjoyed creating their cards and posters for our Pet Day and A&P Show. It was fantastic to see some of their work recognised, with several entries winning their categories and progressing through to Group Day. Well done to everyone who took part! The students also loved seeing all the calves, sheep and goats that came along for Pet Day. There was plenty of excitement in Kawakawa!

A huge highlight was our Hui and Hāngī. It was wonderful to see such a fantastic turnout and so many members of our school community coming together to share in this special occasion. Events like these really show what a great community we have here at TuaMarina School.

Looking ahead, Tabloid Sports is coming up in the next couple of weeks, and we are busy preparing during our PE lessons. The students have been practising their catching and throwing skills, along with getting ready for the races and other activities. There is plenty of excitement building!

If you are available to help with transport for Tabloid Sports, please let Leah or me know. Your support is always greatly appreciated and helps make these experiences possible for our tamariki.

Have a wonderful and enjoyable weekend!

Mr H

MAKOMAKO

Year 4 - 5 || Erica Barlow





Wow what a busy start to Term 4 we have had.
Pet Day and Kapa Haka went really well. It was so good to see all the wonderful creations that were made by our class. All the best for the students who get to head to group day on Thursday at Linkwater.

Kapa Haka

What an amazing performance we all put on! I am so super proud of the girls who led songs and who stepped up to become front row members at short notice. Thanks so much to Lorraine and Sarah for sewing our amazing headbands and piupiu.

Testing week

Next week we will be finishing off our testing so please try and ensure your child is at school everyday.

Rural School Athletics

Year 5 don't forget Tuesday is rural school athletics so please make sure you are wearing sunscreen, have a drink bottle, a big lunch and a warm jersey. It will be so much fun competing and catching up with all the tamariki from other schools around Marlborough.

Thanks
Erica

REWAREWA

Year 6 || Julian Mason



Kia ora e te whānau,

It has been a busy couple of weeks to start the term. We have welcomed Harley Huntley (a student teacher) into Rewarewa Class. She has made some positive connections already and has started her lessons last week. She is currently delivering the learning each day this week, and will continue next week.

After smashing our Kapa Haka performance at Taiopenga, our focus has shifted to Rural Athletics next Tuesday. While the high jump is most people's favourite, we have been building skills in long jump, shot put, discus and sprints as well. There is a notice on HERO with details of what the students need on the day.

Hopefully you have been enjoying some whānau time over the long weekends. The weather is getting warmer so consider applying sunscreen before students come to school. They have hats and sunscreen available to use at school as well.
Have a great long weekend - Julian

KOWHAI

Year 7 - 8 || Sarah Kerr



Kia Ora Whānau,
It's been a week of juxtapositions with prep for Queen Charlotte Tramp, assessments, focused curriculum work, multiple assessments and Athletics training.
Queen Charlotte Tramp 4 5 6 November: It's a gear fest with lots of things to keep track of. We are well organised but any gear traveling by boat has to be at school on Tuesday for loading. Please remember to pay camp fees to the office. A massive thank you to everyone who has lent us gear, our parent helpers and Ports of Marlborough for supporting our camp with a 1500 grant to cover boat transfers.



Athletics 3 November: We will be traveling by bus to Athletic park. All students need a school top, sports shoes, shorts, a good lunch, drinks, hats, sunscreen etc for Tuesday. It's a big day and takes a lot of energy.
Assessments: Results have been very pleasing thus far. We are saving the last two PAT's for week five and should have almost completed our maths curriculum by then. We will spend the last 3 weeks revising and consolidating (algebra and the 4 operations algorithms and writing genre.) There are multiple meetings with transitions to colleges which I will try to remind our year 8's about. Fingers crossed for a good forecast next week, however there is no such thing as bad weather, just inappropriate clothing!
Enjoy your long weekend! Nga mihi Sarah and Kowhai Class.



HOUSE POINTS

KOROMIKO	RĀRANGI	TOKOMARU	WAIKAKAHO
1178	1171	1165	1161

CONGRATULATIONS TO

OUR ĀKONGA O TE WIKI WINNERS

Tī Kōuka - Ella S & Rory T
Kawakawa - Gray C
Makomako - Charlie G & Ella R
Rewarewa - Aaiah H & Marlin R
Kōwhai - Hugo W & Amelia R

Kids Edible Gardens

by Roz Mundy

Week 2 Lets explore the garden!

In week 2 of term 4 the Ti Kouka class had their first week of KEGs for 2026. As there are always things to notice in the garden, and most of students in this class are new, we took some time to explore the Edible and Sensory garden areas, what is in them, and what the sensory garden is all about! We also got the chance to taste a range of flowers, herbs and vegetables - with most of the class willing to try new things!

I gave each of them a container to collect things that interested them (and were able to be collected) and then we sat down and chatted about what they had found. Most of the class had some edible flowers and we found that sitting still was the best way to spot insects busy in the garden!





In week 3 Roz planted some pumpkins while it was finally raining and we checked those, along with the few cammomile plants that we had planted last week out during our session.

Our main goal was to clear the patch of garden ready to plant kumara. The first group got this done with no trouble so we were able to add the charcoal from the hangi pit and put the composted materials on top. We are making progress!!

It was exciting to be able to use Kumara, pumpkin, garlic, lots of herbs and even some lemons from the school garden for the hangi this year. We have also been able to share other bits and pieces for snacks. It will be nice to have some produce to share with you all again early next year!





Kia Ora e te Whānau!

Ngā mihi nui, Thank You!

To all the whānau who supported our inaugural Tua Marina School Quiz Night, whether you helped by donating prizes, donating food, booking a table and enjoying a fantastic night, or helping make, create or run the night, ***THANK YOU!***

It was a fantastic night, run by a fantastic Quiz Master and Auctioneer, Julian Mason!
Julian, The quiz questions and rounds created covered many topics, were a mix of challenging, easy and interesting. It was awesome to see questions asked by our Tua Marina Tamariki! Ngā mihi nui, Thank you for all the hours and creativity you have put into the quiz.

Thank you Helen for scoring and keeping tabs on the points and results! This was a big job and you were fantastic in this role, Thank You!

Ūkaipō - Rangitāne Cultural Centre, thank you for the use of your fantastic venue, everything was well laid out and the environment helped create a great vibe to the night. Thank you Duke MacDonald for helping us secure this fantastic venue.

The Tua Marina PTA would again like to thank all our sponsors of spot prizes, silent auction prizes, live auction prizes and 1st, 2nd and 3rd winners prizes!
Fat Tony's, Rārangi Golf Club, Pak n Save, Pelorus Mail Boat, Tom and Rebecca Stoner, Comesky Whānau, Dodsons Beer Garden, Rhonda Stewart - Harcourts Real Estate, Grovetown Hotel, Springlands Unichem Pharmacy, Makana, Manaaki Māori Culture in a Jar, Sparky and the Clean Queen, Events Cinema, Hanmer Springs Spa Pools, New Zealand King Salmon, Bluebridge, Simcox Stadium, Stadium 2000, Bocky Boo, Strait Cleaning Service, BBQ Hub, Tony's Trash, Villa Maria, Eradus.

Please support these places as they have been, and are very supportive of Tua Marina Events.
Tua Marina School PTA

HAPPY

HALLOWEEN

SPOOKTACULAR KIDS DISCO | OCT 31

Scan the QR code below and grab your tickets today!



6-7pm: 5-9 years 7.30-9pm: 10-15 years

$5 per ticket - includes entry and a bag of lollies!

Take the Train to Santa in Seddon!



Make this Christmas one to remember and climb aboard Steam Incorporated's heritage train for a festive railway adventure from Blenheim to Seddon on Sunday the 13th December. Gather the family, bring your Christmas spirit and step back in time aboard our beautifully restored heritage train as we travel through the spectacular Marlborough countryside. There'll be a heritage train, beautiful scenery, a festive stop in Seddon — and, of course, a very special visitor waiting at the other end....

Sunday 13th December | Departing Blenheim Railway Station at **8:45am, 11:40am, 3:05pm**

General Admission (3+) - $49 | Family Pass (4 People) - $169 | Infant (2 & Under) - FREE

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TOUGH KIDS CHALLENGE



SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2026
Waihopai Valley

EVENT TEES AVAILABLE | Order with your entry before 01 November





PICTON CHRISTMAS PARADE 2026

Sunday 6 December

Parade starts 2.30pm

Followed by a concert and prizegiving on the Foreshore

PRIZES TO BE WON!

Best Community Float & Best Business Float

Get your float registration form from
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Registrations close 27 November 2026

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MARLBOROUGH MOUNTAIN BIKE CLUB

RACES/RIDES

First one is Thursday 22 October meeting at Rifle Range car park. Registration from 5:30pm for a 6pm start. Entry fee $5. All welcome - you do not need to be a club member. Races/rides are weekly on Thursdays at various locations in and around Blenheim and Picton.

OTHER EVENTS

Wildwood Wednesday is Wednesday 21 October. Shuttles will be provided to take you up the hill ($10 charge, cash please).
G-RAM is Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 November. Cross country and short track. Enter now.

Please see our Facebook page for more information.