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Te Kura o Tua Marino

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Creating the Calm Beyond

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PRINCIPAL KORERO

Kia ora koutou,

I was filled with immense pride seeing the results of our local Colleges' End of Year Awards ceremonies recently. Seeing former students from Tua Marina and other small rural schools pick up the majority of the awards across the different colleges was truly inspiring.

We should all feel deeply proud of the role our school plays in building the foundation of learning, skills, and attitudes during those crucial first eight years, foundations that clearly carry our young people into secondary success.

I hope this shines as an inspiration for our future cohorts of Tua Marina School leavers. You will leave our gates ready to chase your aspirations, goals, and dreams, and continue leading the way.

Have a wonderful weekend, Tua Marina School community, you are doing an amazing job!

Ngā mihi nui

Nic Walker

Tumuaki | Principal

TIKOUKA

year 0 - 1 || Leah Waddington & Helen Lyons

Reading: Students have been working hard on their word chains, where they focus on a specific spelling rule, which is found in their reading book (ex. oat-boat-coat-float). If your child has just started school, a great way to support them would be to buy some little magnets and create word chains for them on your fridge at home! Start with CVC words (ex. cat-mat-map-cap).

Phonics: The students have been learning about different suffixes ('ing' and 'ed') The students need to understand how it changes the meaning of a word, and also hear the suffix in a word.

Maths: The students have been focusing on facts with 5, which can be matched up to ten frames. These facts need to be memorized before they move up to the next class:)

Unfortunately tabloid sports were rained out, but the students came back to Tua Marina and had fun active rotations outside with years 0-4. Here they practised high jump, played a fun game on the court, and did bean bag races. If you ordered a sausage, they will have gotten them here at school. BIG thank you to Meg Lyons for cooking them up for us!!!!

Remember Pine Valley sleep over is coming up soon! Tikouka students require a parent/caregiver to be on-site if they are spending the night. Parents are welcome to join for the day. Please note that Tuamarina School will be closed during this time. Any questions please reach out!!













KAWAKAWA

Year 2 - 3 || Aaron Harrison

Kawakawa Class has had another fantastic week, with lots of new and exciting learning taking place with our different teachers while I have been away attending Athletics and on camp with our Year 7 and 8 students. It sounds like everyone has been kept busy and has enjoyed the variety of activities!
The students had been really looking forward to our Tabloid Sports, so it was a shame that the rain decided to put an end to those plans. Not to be defeated, we organised a small rotation of similar activities back at school instead. The students had a great time getting involved, having fun and showing off some of their skills!
A real highlight of the week was our trip to Marlborough Boys' College on Thursday. The students had an absolute blast making their own Christmas decorations and getting hands-on with some of the equipment in the College's Technology Department. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and excitement as they explored new skills and experiences.
A huge thank you to the parents who kindly gave up their time to help with transport to and from Marlborough Boys' College. Without your support, we simply wouldn't be able to make these fantastic opportunities happen for our tamariki. It is very much appreciated!
Have a wonderful weekend.
Mr H

MAKOMAKO

Year 4 - 5 || Erica Barlow

Wow another busy 2 weeks have flown by. We have now finished our online testing and ready to get back into our regular routine.

We have had 2 fun outings this week with the Year 4's heading to Spring Creek for a quick visit and play on the playground as the weather ruined our plans for Tabloid Sports. We got to have a fun afternoon doing games and high jump at school instead.

The Year 5's along with Rewarewa headed to Brayshaw Park for clued up kids where we learnt all about keeping ourselves safe. We learnt how to call 111 and how to act in an emergency. We got to learn about safety around trains and had a ride on the miniature railway. Finally we got to experience an earthquake in the shake house. Ask you tamariki all the slogans we learnt to keep us safe.

Good luck to those heading off to the Marlborough Athletics Champs on Tuesday.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Erica















REWAREWA

Year 6 || Julian Mason

Kia ora e te whānau,

Looking back it seems longer than two weeks since the last newsletter. We have said farewell to Harley (the student teacher in Rewarewa), made taonga that she taught us about, took part in the Rural School Athletics and took part in Clued Up Kids. All of this around our usual learning routines.

Clued Up Kids is a experience run by the council where Year 5 & 6 students from around Marlborough learn important safety messages around dogs, boats, fire and first aid with the hope that they will be better prepared with these things if they encounter them in everyday life.

We also had a big talk yesterday about keeping our standards high for the remainder of the year. There is still plenty of learning to complete so we need to be focused for this, making sure that our behaviour and attitude are a benefit to ourselves and others in the class, and school. Have a great weekend - Julian

KOWHAI

Year 7 - 8 || Sarah Kerr



Happy Friday Whanau,

Thank you amazing parents, Mr Harrison, Ports of Marlborough and our PTA for supporting our Senior Tramp of QC Track.

We watched acrobatic dolphins, climbed the higest point of the QC track, put up tents (and put them down, and up and down), portaged gear, caught fish, (and dived for lures the next day), skimmed stones, swam, cooked our own food, acted like eggs, played soldiers, made a mud slide and a creek swing, blew grass whistles, sang, screamed, laughed, cried, fell in rivers, were too sore, too wet, too hot and too tired, too excited, got raided by wekas, possums and multiple bugs, kept going when we didn't want to and learned something about looking after ourselves and our buddies. It was a proper adventure.



It was a great juxtaposition to two weeks of an intense assessment schedule. The term is running fast so please keep an eye on the calendar and HERO so we can be well prepped for upcoming events.

Kowhai would like to run a Secret Santa gift giving to end the term. To make it equitable I am going to ask that everyone makes or constructs a thoughtful gift that does not require parents to spend money.

Nga mihi Sarah



HOUSE POINTS

KOROMIKO	RĀRANGI	TOKOMARU	WAIKAKAHO
1209	1192	1200	1188

CONGRATULATIONS TO

OUR ĀKONGA O TE WIKI WINNERS

Tī Kōuka - Freya M & Riley V
Kawakawa - Shelby V
Makomako - Diyana G
Rewarewa - Shilin H

Kids Edible Gardens

by Roz Mundy

Week 4 Lets explore the garden!

In week 4 we focussed on watering our poor dry crops. We could see that some of the plants were looking droopy especially the broad beans that had been looking tall and healthy the week before. They may not have looked so good until the day after a good water, but the beans still tasted good and we even discovered enough peas for everyone who wanted to, to have a taste! The watering cans were lots of fun and meant that we all had a good look at other creatures and young plants hiding amongst the gardens.







In week 5 we did some weeding a planting.
We had to carefully weed the strawberry patch to make room for some extra plants. These plants had some flowers and fruit at various stages but only a few fully ripe ones ready to eat. (...shhh!!)
We needed some more muscle so Ange and Ella H joined use at the end to help pull out the broad beans and have planted some special tomotoes from Mr and Mrs H. Thank you both!

Please note: The fruit is NOT **ready at the moment. While some fruit and flowers are being naturaly thinned in the wind (and come of the trees) the rest needs to ripen so it should stay on the tree and not be wasted!!**

Please feel free to come and cut a bit of parsley or pick a few edible flowers (the akonga know which ones) from the gardens for your meals at home - just leave some to share and some to seed for next season.





End of Year dates

The end of year stocktake is coming soon therefore:

Last day to issue books :

Thursday 26th November

All books to be returned to at returns box in the library by

Wednesday the 2nd of December

(before Pine Valley)

You also have **until the end of term t**o have all slices of your Hells pizza challend signed off by Roz or Mr Walker before redeeming it by the end of January 2027!!


MITRE 10
MEGA
MARLBOROUGH
CHRISTMAS IN
THE PARK
SATURDAY 12 DEC - 5PM TO 7PM
CHURCHILL GLADE POLLARD PARK
sbs
BANK
MARLBOROUGH
DISTRICT COUNCIL
Harvest
Life
creative
GRAVITY
EVENTS
CREMATION CARE