



Tēnā koutou

Contact Us:

Email :

[office@tuamarina.school.nz](mailto:office@tuamarina.school.nz)

[principal@tuamarina.school.nz](mailto:principal@tuamarina.school.nz)

Phone:

03 579 5621

It sure is a busy time in and out of school at the moment. We were so proud of all our ākonga last week representing themselves and us as a school so positively at Taiopenga, the local Kapa Haka Festival. At school and in the Board room we are working hard on the structure and make up of our school for 2025. At this time of year people start to wonder about what next year will look like. We are working through changes to our National Curriculum, local funding and a changing roll size, and what they might mean for our school next year. I think we are about 2 - 3 weeks away from being able to make firm decisions about how many classes we will be running, who will be in them, and who will be teaching them. As you can imagine this is also a challenge for the staff and I to navigate but also offers a range of opportunities for us to strengthen our organisation. We will get this information out to you as soon as is practicable and appreciate your support with this.

We recieved our attendance report for Term 3 this week and we're happy to say it has improved by 16% from the same time last year. We had 57% of our students attending school at least 90% of the term. The key message from the Ministry of Education is for us all to remember that regular attendance helps build and maintain a child's learning and positive daily habits and routines, as well as promoting wellbeing by connecting them to their peers and learning new things together.

A big thank you to the Rodeo Association for their financial support of the pool. The repairs that went on last winter totalled about \$13000 in the end and \$5000 was donated to the school to support this. Phill and I are working on getting the pool summer ready again and are hoping to have it open in the next couple of weeks for the students to enjoy, once it warms up again.

We are really interested in hearing from any families that would like to hire pool keys this summer. We need a good number of parties to be interested for this to be viable. If enough families can be found, we will organise a duty roster system as the pool requires 3 hourly testing when in operation to be compliant. Once we have a gauge on the interest we can make decisions about the price and/or the ability to stay open for the summer.

Ngā mihi mahana  
Nic Walker  
Tumuaki - Principal

# Term 4

WEEK 4 04 - 08 NOV	MAD - SCHOOL CLOSED	RURAL ATHLETICS			
WEEK 5 11 - 15 NOV				Wairau Cluster Athletics (Y3/4)	
				Tabloid Sports (Y0-2)	
WEEK 6 18 - 22 NOV		YEAR 7/8 CAMP	YEAR 7/8 CAMP	YEAR 7/8 CAMP	YEAR 7/8 CAMP
WEEK 7 25 - 29 NOV					
WEEK 8 02 - 08 DEC					
WEEK 9 09 - 13 DEC	Y8 DINNER		Y6 TECH TASTER		EOY ASSEMBLY
WEEK 10 16 -	WATERFIGHT	LAST DAY OF TERM 4			

Have a great extra-long weekend!  
Hopefully we hvae some beautiful  
warm weather.

We will see you back on Tuesday for  
week four!



# Ti Kōuka

Leah Waddington - Year 0 - 1

Reading: All students are taken every day to read specific leveled books, or play with letters and words with the teacher. In the meantime, their classmates work at various stations around the classroom. Here they practise writing, work on words or sentences, and refine their fine motor skills.

Writing: With many new students, we have been focusing on leaving big spaces between our words, and are trying to find the first sound of each word. Students who have been at school for a while, are encouraged to use the word "and", or "because" to help extend and add detail to their story. The students are writing about personal recounts of things they have done.

Maths: We are learning about numbers and what they mean by using egg cartons as ten frames. Many are working on basic facts to 5, 10, and then to 20. Some students are also using money to add two digit numbers together.





# Makomako

Caroline Abbott - Year 2 - 3

Kia ora Makomako whānau,

WOW! Taiopenga last week was fabulous and the Tī Kōuka and Makomako tamariki were amazing. I was so proud of the leadership and confidence shown by the Year 3s, as well as all the effort and hard work that EVERYONE put in to become confident with the waiata.

Over the next 2 weeks there is a whole school focus on assessment as teachers gather evidence to make reporting judgments on the learning progress made over the year. Reading books will continue to come home and tamariki may bring home previously read books while the focus is on assessment.

We are learning to write arguments in order to create a piece of writing for the school speech competition, which is on Friday 8 November. The first attempt today was justifying whether to stay up late or not. There were some very valid and honest opinions!

Have a wonderful long weekend.

Ngā mihi, Caroline



# Manuka

Sarah Kerr - Year 4

Kia ora e te Whanau,

There are lots of things happening so a quick run through.

1. We have been writing speeches this week and I am trying to get the first draft printed out today so I can send them all home with Manuka Students. Feel free to, change, add or subtract words on the paper copy and we can amend on Tuesday. Don't worry if you are busy for the long weekend, it's an optional extra practice. The important thing is everyone feels confident speaking in front of the class on Thursday, and possibly the school on Friday.

2. We have a Rural School Athletics day in Spring Creek on the 14 November . I will send a HERO post tomorrow asking for permission and transport. We have been practising athletics with the seniors and it's been challenging but everyone has made good skills progress.

3. Manuka are presenting School Assembly on 8th November.  
Thank you everyone for your support of Kapa Haka and Pet Day, we are having a wonderful busy term.

Nga mihi Sarah Kerr





# Rewarewa

Julian Mason - Year 5 - 6

Kia ora e te whānau,

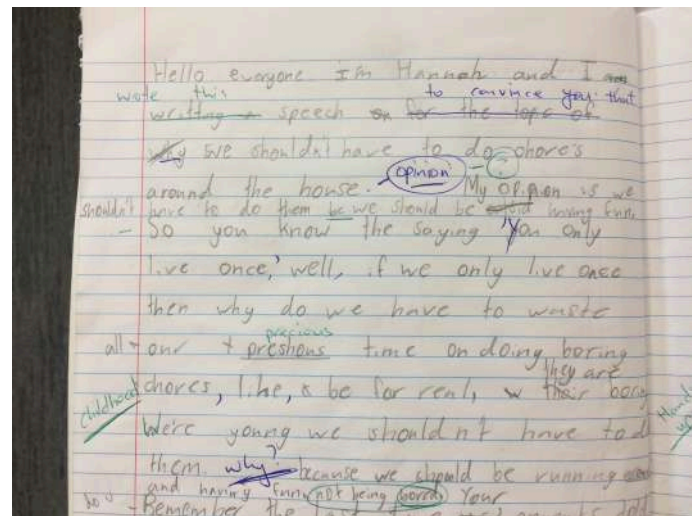
It feels like time travels faster in Term 4, it is the end of week 3 already. I hope you have all managed some whānau time with the long weekends, hopefully the weather will be better this weekend.

We have been full steam ahead with speech writing and athletics training in the last two weeks. I have been impressed to see how the students have got started writing their speeches inspired by the topic 'Our challenge, my solution.' The experience they have from the previous couple of years is paying dividends.

Also great commitment for our athletics training. They have sprinted, jumped long and high, thrown discus and shot puts with great enthusiasm. They should be well prepared for Rural Athletics in Blenheim on Tuesday.

Have a great long weekend

- Julian



# Kowhai

Aaron Harrison - Year 7 - 8

Kia or Whanau,

This week and the next couple the kids are in full camp planning and preparing for week six when we go.

This week we have been focusing on our meal plans and what they will be eating each day. We have finished the plan and have created a shopping list for parents. Each student has created the list for their own specific dietary needs. If they need something else that is not on the list please add it, if you think your child will desperately need it.

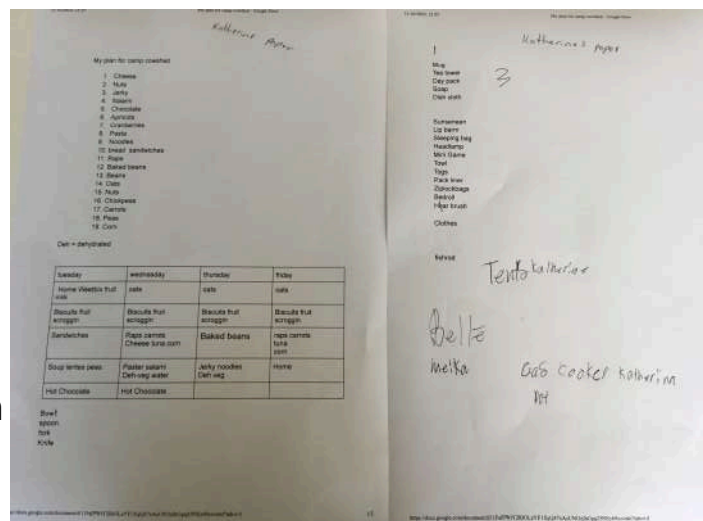
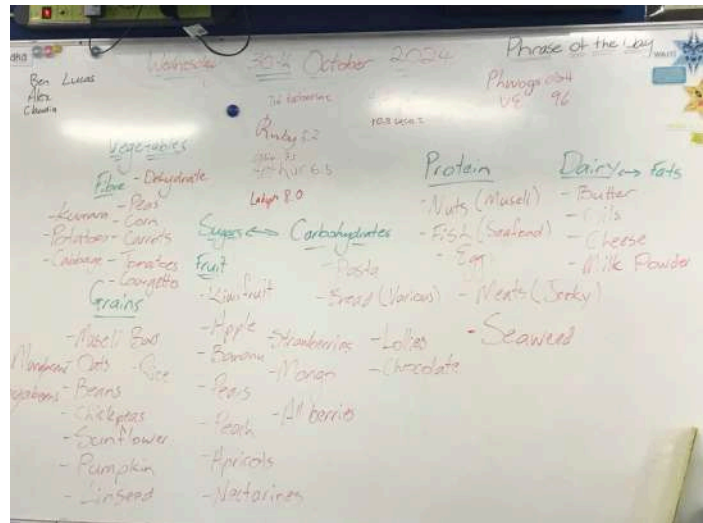
The kids have been practicing walking with weighted bottles in their backpacks to get used to the possible weight they will have to carry for camp.

Next week we will be looking at cooking safely on gas cookers. I will be bringing in a couple examples of cookers to make sure the kids are confident around igniting them and turning the gas. Keeping everyone safe. Students will bring the tents in over the next couple of weeks to practice putting them up and packing them away nicely.

Students are preparing their speeches for next week's competition while we focus on algebra patterns and use Frankenstories online to aid reluctant writers in crafting story snippets.

Reminders:

Year 8 Leavers dinner 9th of December 5pm  
at Dodson's  
Tech Challenge 26th November at the Tech  
Centre



Have a wonderful weekend - Mr H





**22 October 2024**

A fabulous start to the term in the garden. Broad beans harvested and all plants removed. Many brassicas had bolted and gone to seed these were chopped down and sent to compost. Some new seedlings planted and all gardens were watered well. Great job everyone.!!!



W  
E  
E  
K  
2



**29 October 2024**

A drizzly day in the garden did not stop lots of mahi. More weeding of garden beds, trench dug for potato planting. Gone to seed silverbeet plants removed and composted. New silverbeet planted, as well as some dwarf beans and cos lettuce. All gardens were fertilised with seaweed Kai Pai everyone.



W  
E  
E  
K  
3

K  
E  
G  
S



# TAIOPENGA





# Group Day

Hosted by Renwick School this year

Selection of

- o Calves
- o Lambs
- o Goats
- o Rabbits
- o Chickens

The Tamariki did very well and presented themselves well in the school colours. I was very proud to be there supporting the Tua Marina Tamariki.

Although a smaller amount of numbers with animals, it was still a good day once the rain cleared off with both Kate and Mabel taking home ribbons for their pets.

Lots of sausages and baking were purchased and sampled from the Friends of Renwick School stall.

Overall most points shield was awarded to

1st Renwick School

2nd Fairhall School

3rd = Tua Marina School

3rd = Havelock School

Calibre in some sections were very high.

The Tuatara and Stag were from the middle Paper Mache section with the "Best Indoor Middle Section Overall Winner" being the Tuatara. A judge mentioned that when judging they looked at what stood out to them, and "could that child have made that?"



The Tua Marina School Team!!



Its the Tua Marina Seniors for the Clean Sweep!



Calibre in some sections were very high. The Tuatara and Stag were from the middle Paper Mache section with the "Best Indoor Middle Section Overall Winner" being the Tuatara. A judge mentioned that when judging they looked at what stood out to them, and **"could that child have made that?"**





## **Nature Craft Workshops for Tamariki with author Rachel Clare**

### **STIHL Shop Garden Fete, Sunday 10 November**

9.15am – 9.45am

Nature wristbands and magic wands – \$15

10.10am – 10.40am

Pressed flower lanterns – \$20

11.10am – 11.40am

Pinch pots – \$20

**Book your tickets at:  
[gardenmarlborough.co.nz](http://gardenmarlborough.co.nz)**

# **SPOOKTACULAR ROLLER DISCO**

**FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER  
RINK ON STEPHENSON**

**STREET**

**5PM-8PM**

**ENTRY + SKATE HIRE \$5**

**OWN SKATES \$2**

**CASH ONLY**

**SNACK BAR, TOASTIES AND DRINKS**

**Happy  
Halloween**

# PICTON CHRISTMAS PARADE 2024

## Sunday 1 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  
The Picton Bookshop, 28 High Street, Picton  
Registrations close 27 November 2024



For more information contact Beryl Bowers  
027 488 6824, 573 6885 or [bowers@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bowers@xtra.co.nz)

**Special thanks to:**

**Marlborough  
Lines**





HOSPICE  
MARLBOROUGH  
PRESENTS  
A FUNDRAISER EVENT

# FESTIVE MOVIE MAGIC

**SANTA, CINEMA & FAMILY FUN**



**8TH DECEMBER, 2024**

**CHRISTMAS FESTIVITY ZONE  
FAMILY CHRISTMAS MOVIES  
SANTA'S GROTTO  
FACEPAINTING & MORE!**

DOORS OPEN FROM 8.30AM  
CHRISTMAS FESTIVITY ZONE OPEN 8.30AM - 10.30AM  
MOVIES START AT 10.30AM

MOVIE TICKETS ONLY **\$16** PER PERSON

EVENT CINEMAS, KINROSS STREET, BLENHEIM

**TICKETS ARE LIMITED SO BUY YOURS ONLINE TODAY!**

[www.hospicemarlborough.org.nz/events](http://www.hospicemarlborough.org.nz/events)



# COMMUNITY VACCINATION CLINICS

Two events upcoming:

**MARLBOROUGH YOUTH TRUST**

REDWOOD ST

THURS 21ST NOVEMBER 3-7PM

**CROSSROADS**

REDWOOD ST

THURS 28TH NOVEMBER 3-7PM

**Come along and find out if you are fully protected  
Scan the QR code to register your interest**



Register and get vaccinated  
on the day to go in the draw to  
win a YOUKNOW hoodie\* of  
your choice.

\*4 hoodies  
up for grabs.  
Tamariki to Adults sizes



**HOT DRINKS**

**GAMES**

**PRIZES**

**KAI**

For more information please call  
Public Health Nurses Wairau – 03 520 9914