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Kia ora koutou whānau,

As Term 2 marches on, I want to acknowledge the incredible mahi of our dedicated staff. Monday's government-mandated teacher-only day saw them immersed in mathematics-focused professional development. Our team engaged deeply with the refreshed curriculum, strengthening their understanding and planning to cater effectively to the diverse learners in each classroom. This crucial work ensures our programmes offer both enrichment and robust support, enabling every child to thrive and succeed in their mathematical journey – truly 'Creating The Calm Beyond - Hanga Atu ki te Tua Marino' in this key learning area.

A heartfelt thank you to our exceptional staff for their unwavering commitment to ensuring every learner at Tua Marina School continues to flourish. Your dedication makes a real difference.

Likewise a huge thanks goes out to our PTA and all your efforts with the Golf Ball Drop fundraiser. Your mahi means that our school community gets better resources and opportunities than we could hope for just with government grants. We know that next week's event is going to be a great success and want to recognise your incredible efforts, thank you.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Nic Walker Tumuaki | Principal, Tua Marina School

# Term 2, 2025

WEEK 4 19 - 23 MAY					PTA - GOLF BALL DROP
					ASSEMBLY
WEEK 5 26 - 30 MAY			RIPPA TOURNAMENT		RIPPA TOURNAMENT POSTONEMENT DATE
WEEK 6 02 - 06 JUNE	KINGS BIRTHDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED	TECH		ASSEMBLY	CROSS COUNTRY
WEEK 7 09 - 13 JUNE		FIRST AID COURSES	FIRST AID COURSES		
WEEK 8 16 - 20 JUNE		TECH		MATARIKI CELEBRATION	MATARIKI - SCHOOL CLOSED
				ASSEMBLY	
WEEK 9 23 - 27 JUNE					END OF TERM 2

# Tī Kōuka

Year 0 - 1 || Leah Waddington & Emily Morris

We've had a busy and fun two weeks.

Fundamentals was an absolute blast, as well as exhausting for our tamariki! The students spent half the day in the pool, rotating between three swim teachers, and the second half of the day they participated in ball skills in the gym. They are already excited for next year to engage in fundamentals again!

This week, we've been lucky to have the fabulous Roz take our class for gardening, where they've already made feijoa muffins from scratch. The students will go with Roz every Wednesday this term to learn about gardening and food.



# Makomako

Year 2 - 3 || Aaron Harrison

Kia ora Koutou Whanau,

Makomako class has thoroughly enjoyed learning about the ANZACs, showing great respect and curiosity throughout our discussions. The students also poured their creativity into making colourful, sparkling cards to celebrate Mother's Day—each one, containing a carefully chosen voucher inside, a heartfelt act of service. Inspired by this, the class has continued the theme of giving by choosing acts of service from our task board to complete one each week. If they wish they can do more than one a week. After completing their chosen task, the parents will need to support their child with taking a photo. The photo will be added to a short written reflection about what they did, which will then be proudly displayed on our wall.

This week students have been training for our Cross country, which will be held on the 6th of June. Please, we will be training each day up till the day. Can we ensure students have proper footwear for running in? Last week the students had an absolute blast at Fundamentals.

In maths, there's been a real buzz as we dive into measurement—exploring different ways to measure objects and beginning to learn how to convert between units. Makomako is showing kindness, creativity, and curiosity across the board!

Reminders: Planting Half Day 26th of May- Needing parent help please.

- Karaka Point/ Whatamango Bay year 3/4's heading there as part of TuaMarino Day- Parent help needed please

Have an amazing weekend, take care from Mr H.

**Acts of Service Task Board**

Throughout the term, choose a task below, and then colour in the accompanying square as it is completed. Choose to present these any media you want, such as paper, cardboard, photographs or computer and shared to me.

Homework	Food	Art	Events	Animals
Go to a beach, public area, or favourite walking track and pick up rubbish.	Help to cook a dinner for your family.	Create and draw a card or letter of gratitude to a parent, Grandparent or caregiver.	Organise time to play a game or spend time outside with all of your family.	Take your dog for a walk in an open area for them to run around.
Language	Family	Community	Animals	Family
Create a poster that visually portrays how your family celebrates mothers and fathers days.	Tidy your room for your family.	Plant trees or wildflowers in your neighbourhood.	Collect and donate items to an animal shelter.	Bake a cake or cookies and share them with neighbours or friends.
Family	Food	Community	Language	Art
Hang the washing out for your family.	Go spend time with your grandparents and cook/prepare a meal for them.	Donate items back to a food bank of your choice.	Write a poem about someone you love and give it to them.	Bring your teacher a special treat.
Art	Community	Food	Animals	Family
Write or draw happy messages on post-it notes for people and give the notes to them.	Post a card time at school for families in need.	Cook a meal and give it to a neighbour in need of help.	Offer to wash a neighbour's dog or take it for a walk.	Flatten 10 random acts of kindness for your family.

Year 2 - 3





# Rewarewa

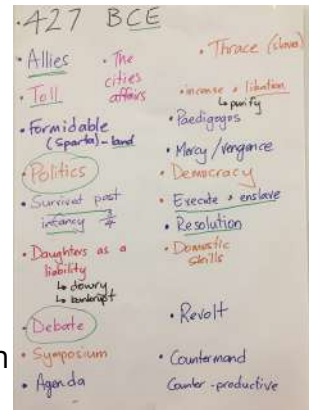
Year 4 - 5 || Julian Mason

Kia ora e te whānau,

It has been a very busy two weeks since the last newsletter. Last week was dominated by Fundamental Skills in Blenheim. However in the time we had a school the students were able to complete their version of 'Starry Night' by Vincent van Gogh as we start looking ahead to Matariki. They will be mounted soon and on display in class for viewing.

This week has seen the start to cross country training. Everyone has been putting in a massive effort to complete our Relay, Star Run and Fireman's Run to build their fitness. We have also started some Social Studies looking into Ancient Greece. Some very interesting information and discussions in a short space of time, and we will look into this more next week.

And finally today was our Star Wars Day as well as Pink Shirt Day. Learning topics were all based around Star Wars and we had the fun of dressing up as well. I hope you have a great weekend - Julian



# Kōwhai

Year 6 - 8 || Sarah Kerr

Kia ora whānau



Kōwhai had an amazing week last week at Fundamental Skills. We were pushed outside our limits on some of the activities, but everyone gave it their best go. Ka pai tō mahi koutou!

This week we have started our project-based learning, the topic is "Someone I admire". Some tamariki have picked a relative to research, some have chosen someone famous. We are practising our independent research skills, and letting our creativity flow with our presentations.



Today is Friday Funday! Our class planned the day for us - lots of sports and fun games, with some geography and problem solving as well.

Thank you for being awesome learners this week Kōwhai class.

Kat

# Ākonga O Te Wiki

Congratulations to our  
ākonga o te wiki from our  
last assembly!

Rewarewa -

Lucy Hooper & Logan Kerr

Kōwhai -

William Stoner & Aaron Mundy

## Building a Positive Learning Community

This week our most  
commonly shown value

was **ACTIVE**

**INVOLVEMENT-** with 47

Values Hero Awards!

## House Points

Koromiko	Rārangi	Tokomaru	Waikakaho
519	526	495	482

A child's behavior is not always what it seems

*\*Behavior is communication\**

What we see: Behavior

What we don't see:  
What's under the surface





## Kids Edible Gardens Term 2

This term it is Ti Koukas' turn to have a go with KEGs! We have a bit of weeding to do now that the gardens have had some rain and the soil is still warm enough for some good growth. We are making an effort to improve this soil so that we can grow some good vegetables in future. Ti Kouka have helped to weed and top: up some of the beds with compost that has been made on site and we have added leaves, paper, food scraps (particularly feijoa skins), and other materials to both worm farms and watered this with "worm wee". There are more baby worms in the worm farm now but we hope to have even more as we provide them with good food.

In week 3 we made some feijoa muffins. Here is the recipe if you would like to make them at home:



### FABULOUS FEIJOA MUFFINS

#### Ingredients

- 75g butter, melted
- 1 cup finely chopped feijoa flesh
- 2 large eggs
- finely grated rind of 1 orange
- $\frac{1}{4}$  cup orange juice
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup sugar
- 2 cups self-raising flour
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon sugar

#### Method

1. Heat oven to 200°C
2. Heat the butter in a large bowl until it is liquid.
3. Halve the feijoas and scoop out the central part with a teaspoon.
4. Chop (or mash) feijoa into pieces no bigger than peas. Pack into cup measure, then mix this into the melted butter with a fork.
5. Add the unbeaten eggs, orange (or lemon) rind, and the juice of the orange (made up to volume with a little lemon juice if necessary). Mix until everything is combined.
6. Mix the sugar and self-raising flour in another container. Sprinkle it over the egg mixture, then fold it in without overmixing. (add a little extra juice or milk to reach usual muffin consistency.)
7. Divide the mixture between greased muffin pans.
8. Mix the cinnamon and second measure of sugar, and sprinkle it on the muffins.
9. Bake for 10-15 minutes, until the centres spring back when pressed.







TUA MARINA SCHOOL PTA PRESENTS OUR

# GOLF BALL DROP

MAJOR FUNDRAISER  
HELD ON 23RD MAY AT 1PM

Grand Prize **\$2000 CASH**

TO BE HELD AT THE OMAKA AREODROME  
SPONSORED BY MARLBOROUGH HELICOPTERS

**CLOSEST BALL TO THE PIN WINS**

**\$10 PER TICKET**





OMAKA OBSERVATORY

# ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

## MONTHLY MEETING

**Saturday 17th May**

**The Blenheim Club - 92 High Street**

**6:00pm Junior Astronomers - Tech in Space**

**What everyday objects were invented for  
space and how AI is used today**

**7:00pm All Welcome**

**RASNZ BHT Lecture Series - Anna Scaife**

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## ANNA SCAIFE

**Open Talk: How Artificial  
Intelligence is changing  
the way we do astronomy  
-and why that's not  
necessarily a bad thing.**

How is Artificial Intelligence affecting our  
lives? What does it mean for astronomy? In  
this talk I will describe some of the ways  
that AI has recently been used very  
effectively in astronomy!

### BEATRICE HILL TINSLEY LECTURE TOUR 2025

17 May  
7pm



With guest René Breton



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