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# PRINCIPAL KORERO

Kia ora e te whānau,

It's that time of year again when our thinking begins to shift from the now to the next. Planning for 2026 is underway, and over the coming weeks I'll be working closely with the Ministry of Education and our Board of Trustees to make key decisions around how we structure our classes, staff, and resourcing to meet the needs of our growing learning community.

These decisions aren't made lightly—they are shaped by current student numbers, anticipated enrolments, and the needs and strengths of our learners and teachers. That's why, if you or someone you know is considering enrolling a child at Tua Marina School next year, we would love to hear from you soon. Early expressions of interest and confirmed enrolments help us plan with confidence, maximise opportunities for our students, and ensure we are well-positioned to cater to all learners.

Unsurprisingly, interest from families outside our zone continues to grow. The word is out—Tua Marina School is a place where learning is celebrated, where calm, connection and curiosity guide our way. If space allows, we're hopeful to open up places for out-of-zone students again in 2026.

Together, we are Hanga Atu ki te Tua Marino – Creating the CALM Beyond. Thank you for continuing to be part of our journey and for helping shape the future of our school.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Nic Walker  
Principal

# Term 3, 2025

WEEK 6 18 - 22 AUGUST		TECH	Cyber Safety - Y7/8		ASSEMBLY
		REWAREWA FALCON VISIT			
WEEK 7 25 - 29 AUGUST		Ki-O-Rahi Tournament			
WEEK 8 01 - 05 SEPTEMBER		TECH			ASSEMBLY
WEEK 9 08 - 12 SEPTEMBER		HANMER CAMP	HANMER CAMP	HANMER CAMP	HANMER CAMP
WEEK 10 15 - 19 SEPTEMBER		TECH			END OF TERM

## Student Celebrations - Adam Honey



In this week's newsletter we want to celebrate something really fantastic that Adam has been a part of in his life outside of school. Since he has been about one year old Adam has been growing his mullet as a part of The Mullet Matters metal health awareness campaign. He has been raising money and meeting fundraising goals over on the mullet matters website, this money goes towards providing practical, evidence-based advice, nationwide wellbeing campaigns, and opportunities to advocate for a better mental health system. This is a truly wonderful cause. Adam has raised over \$1000 earning him The Mullet Matters hat and tee that he shared with Tī Kōuka class last week. He currently has a new goal up and running if you want to go over to The Mullet Matters website and check that out. Ka pai to Adam!

# TĪKŌUKA

Year 0 - 1 || Leah Waddington & Emily Morris

This week we've had a lot of sicknesses and students who have had to stay home. There have been approximately 6 students gone every day! When students were at school though, they were happy, working hard and practicing our school value of using kind and appropriate language. We've read the book "Have you Filled a Bucket Today", and have started using the language from that book to talk about spreading kindness (dipping or filling buckets).

We've been so excited to have two new students start in our class. Layla and Elayna! We also have a new Learning Assistant Angelina, who has been a huge help and most welcome in our classroom! We've had a lot of change in our classroom, and the students have been amazing, showing incredible resiliency, independence and love toward all members of our school!

Just a reminder to please help your child remember to bring their reading book back to school every day, and to please use a bookbag as it protects books from accidental water spills or other messes that can be found in backpacks:)

Please reach out if you would like any extra work sent home with your child, or if you have any questions about what we are learning in the classroom. We have an open door policy and welcome any questions or concerns.

Have a fabulous weekend!



## MAKOMAKO

Year 2 - 3 || Aaron Harrison

Kia ora from Makomako class!

Our learning about the planets and Solar System is really taking shape—literally! The diorama is coming along beautifully, with the planets now painted and detailed, and they're looking fantastic. In maths, we've been building on our basic facts and have now moved into exploring the perimeter of 2D shapes. The students have been practising how to measure accurately around objects to calculate their perimeter, showing great focus and persistence.

We also received a wonderful gift from Sophie and Steph Martella—a book titled "Orchestra Class." Inspired by this, the kids have been experimenting with making "music" using blades of grass, which has brought plenty of laughter and joy to the classroom.

In reading, students continue to make fantastic progress with their fluency and decoding skills. We're excited to see what amazing ideas week six will bring. Have a wonderful weekend!

Ngā mihi,  
Mr H





# REWAREWA

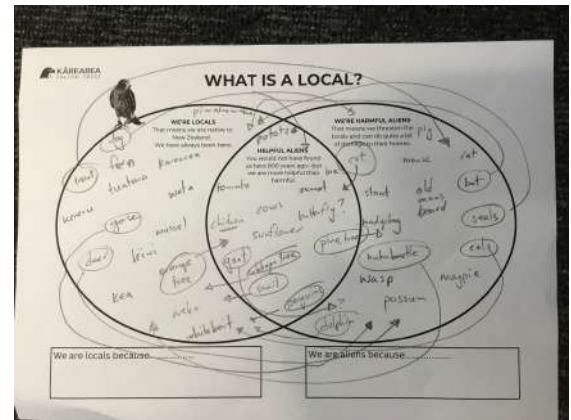
Year 4 - 5 || Julian Mason

Kia ora e te whānau,

Another couple of weeks of learning flies by. We have been working hard and making great use of our learning time. We have been utilising our multiplication and division skills to look closer at fractions for maths.

Our reading groups are in full swing and we have been delving into lots of interesting topics that are helping us with our understanding of our speech writing topic of 'Balancing Our 2D and 3D Worlds.'

Yesterday we had a quick look at 'locals and helpful and harmful aliens' in preparation for our Karearea Falcon visit next Tuesday. It uncovered some interesting ideas about plants and animals that are native or introduced. I have sent out an email today with a few more details. Have a great weekend - Julian



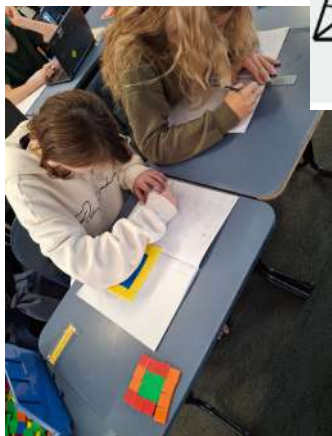
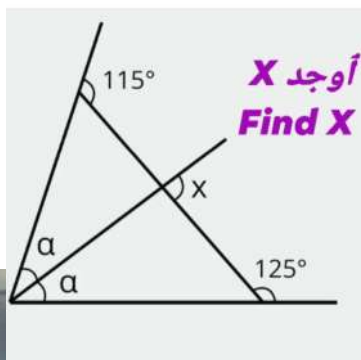
# KŌWHAI

Year 6 - 8 || Sarah Kerr

Kia Ora Whanau,



Math+puzzle+Questions · Join  
Masuma Begum · 6d ·



Marvelous Maths week. We have had a week of challenges and problem solving across all strands of the Maths curriculum. The two Mathex teams have been practicing and we have been completing the daily dollar challenges on the NZ Maths Week website.

Multi step problems in Geometry have had us thinking about how we learn and showing us that maths is not about the quick answer but a process of steps to be taken and connections to make.

We are excited about the disco tonight, the senior boys taking their entrance tests for MBC in Monday and Rapaura coming for a visit.



## Kids Edible Gardens Term 3

The enthusiasm continues!

We have continued our garden tidy and shuffle and made room to plant some strawberries, vegetable seedlings and plan for future plantings. We have also planted out seedlings that were sown earlier in the year by Makomako and by Arthur Philips and the Te Whatu Ora health promotion team. There has been plenty of weeding and checking what to keep for now. We did have to dig out some lovely silverbeet and rainbow chard plants but these have not been wasted as most went to feed some hens and the rest will be a part of our fresh compost.

Thank you to Lokkis' Mum, Helen, for sharing some strawberry runners and herb plants with us. Between the KEGs groups and Mr Alan Walker (as Caretaker) we are making progress in tidying up our Sensory Garden so that it can be a nice place to touch, smell observe and relax for everyone again!

It has been lovely to have some beautiful sunny days for KEGs thus far so we have enjoyed this outside time while we can!



Pea shoots grown inside have been growing well and shown us what will happen soon with the sugar snap peas in the garden!

Most of Rewarewa liked the taste of the pea sprouts so they might be a fun thing to add to your meals at home too!



# **PTA CHAT**

## **Winter Wonderland Disco tonight!**

Looking forward to seeing you all there! Looking forward to seeing your winter themed costumes and I hope you have your dancing shoes on!

## **Seedling Plant Sales**

Thank you to those who have already returned and paid for the seedling plants they have sold!

Please ensure your forms are returned and either the cash is with them, or the money deposited.

Ngā Mihi Nui for your support!

TMS PTA

# **MEMOS FROM THE OFFICE**

\*Bus changes - please remember to notify the office with any changes to your childrens bus schedule. **Only year 7 and 8s can sign themselves on and off the bus.**

\*Scholastic Book Club - Any orders for scholastic book club need to be made through the website please. If you are unsure on how to do this, reach out to Amy and she can talk you through the process.

\*Please remember to sign your child in and out of school. This is a safety procedure. This includes early collection, late arrival, or leaving the school grounds for appointments or similar. If the office door is locked, please come to the staffroom door.



# SPORTS NEWS



Small Sticks - Unfortunately missed a photo last week with the whole team but this is last night with Mabel and Lillian filling in. TMGT United Team consists of Ella, Nikau, Isla, Tamaki and Hibiki and about 4 students from Grovetown School. This is a developmental 6-aside grade where they have been working hard on their positional skills as well as stick skills and are improving each week with their grit and determination.

Fun Sticks - Shelby and Willem are in grade 2 of beginners grade and Mabel and Lillian are grade 1 beginners. Aaron has been helping with the coaching of Tamariki who work on stick skills before a small 10 minute game at the end.



This was our final night where the TMGT United team (Tua Marina and Grovetown Students) played against their whānau. Lots of fun was had. Prizegiving afterwards Doug Skinner received Most Improved Player and Ella Roughan received Most Valuable Player



The Moutere White Under 6's last game!





## Blenheim GirlGuiding

We currently have vacancies in all our units, so if you've ever wondered about getting your daughter involved, come and give it a go!

All girls are entitled to two free, no obligation, visits prior to joining to see if it's for them!

Either register your interest via our website or by emailing one of our Leaders.

**Pippins 5-6 years (Thursdays 4-5pm)**

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**Brownies 7-9 ½ years (Thursdays 4-5.30pm)**

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**Guides 9-12 ½ years (Thursdays 6-8pm)**

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**Rangers 12-17 ½ years (Wednesdays 4-6pm)**

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### Bridge Valley Holiday Camps

These upcoming school holidays, Bridge Valley is running "Medieval" themed kids camps, full of fun, adventure, and great community. Camps are a great way for kids to get out of their comfort zone in a safe place and spend time outdoors without technology. We have activities like rock climbing, laser tag, mini golf, archery, flying fox across the lake, and also medieval themed wide games each day. Check out our details below!

Junior Camp - ages 8-11

22nd - 26th September

Ultimate Camp - ages 11-13

29th Sep - 3rd Oct

Sign up at [www.bridgevalley.co.nz](http://www.bridgevalley.co.nz)

Email: [holidaycamps@bridgevalley.co.nz](mailto:holidaycamps@bridgevalley.co.nz)

Ph: 03 541 8465





# WAIKAKAHO

Riding School

Ride with Heart, Ride with Us

We offer after-school riding lessons, perfect for kids who want to learn new skills, build confidence, and spend time with horses.

Whether your child is just starting out or looking to improve their technique, our friendly instructors and gentle horses are here to guide them every step of the way. Located in the beautiful Waikakaho Valley.

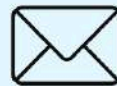
We are currently taking bookings for lessons now, get in touch to book yours today! Spaces are filling fast.



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# PARENT COACHING WORKSHOP

**PROVIDING SAFE CULTURE AND  
ENVIRONMENT**

**MEETING AGES AND STAGES OF PLAYERS**

**PLAYER CENTERED/GAME BASED APPROACH**

**TRAINING PLANNING**



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