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## **PRINCIPAL KORERO**

Kia ora koutou katoa,

What a couple of weeks it has been! It truly feels like we've experienced a year's worth of operational shifts in a single fortnight: from being fully open, to closed, to operating in temporary spaces, and now, finally, back home in our wonderful buildings. It has been a whirlwind, but one navigated with incredible grace and good humour by our whole Tua Marina community.

In times of upheaval, the heart of a community is truly revealed. And honestly, it is during these chaotic moments that I feel the deepest sense of privilege and pride in being your Principal. Seeing how quickly and thoughtfully our families rally, communicate, and support one another plays out right here inside our school gates too.

Our students have been exceptional role models for our CALM values. They demonstrated such Community by sharing resources, such Active involvement in learning wherever it took place, quiet resilience in their Learning, and, most beautifully, deep Manakitanga (care) for their peers and teachers.

To our staff, our teachers, and every student and parent: thank you for embodying Hanga Atu ki te Tua Marino. We didn't just survive the disruption; we proved that our commitment to each other and to learning is far stronger than any temporary challenge. We are back, settled, and looking forward to a fantastic fortnight of deep learning!

Ngā mihi nui,

Nic Walker Principal, Tua Marino School

# TĪ KŌUKA

Year 0 - 1 || Leah Waddington & Emily Morris

The students have done an incredible job with their resilience this week with all of the change. They have loved joining up with Makomako to create one big class, and although we had two days of big change, they kept on track with their learning! We had reading books from Blenheim Library, and had a great maths rotation where we reviewed place value, adding to make teen numbers, and adding or multiplying two digit numbers. They also looked at measuring with Mr. Harrison for one of the rotations outside.

We've been loving working with different classes. Tikouka went on a treasure hunt, and played with bubbles with the seniors, and we also got to make waffles with Makomako!

A reminder to please send your child to school with their togs and a towel every day. Last week with the cold weather, and then with changing classrooms we didn't get a chance for water play, but we hope to start it up again next week. A reminder that it won't be every day, but we'd like to aim for at least twice a week, depending on weather.

Have a fantastic weekend everyone!

Leah Waddington and Emily Morris



# MAKOMAKO

Year 2 - 3 || Aaron Harrison

We've had a crazy week and a bit, beginning with having to leave our classroom in a rush and joining Tī Kōuka in the Mānuka room.

Makomako and Tī Kōuka students took everything in their stride—it didn't phase them at all. It was incredible to see how well they worked together in mixed-age groups as they moved through a range of activity stations. There were some truly outstanding creations on the netball courts using chalk, with one prime example being Asher's amazing 'Monster' drawing. I am so proud of how the students handled these unusual circumstances with positivity and teamwork.

To celebrate their fantastic attitude, we wrapped up the end of today by enjoying waffles together in the last block.

Thank you to all our parents for your ongoing support.

Take care of yourselves and have a wonderful weekend — Mr H.





# REWAREWA

Year 4 - 5 || Julian Mason

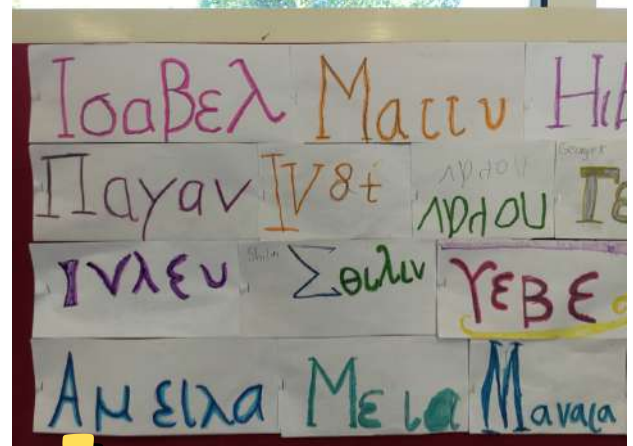
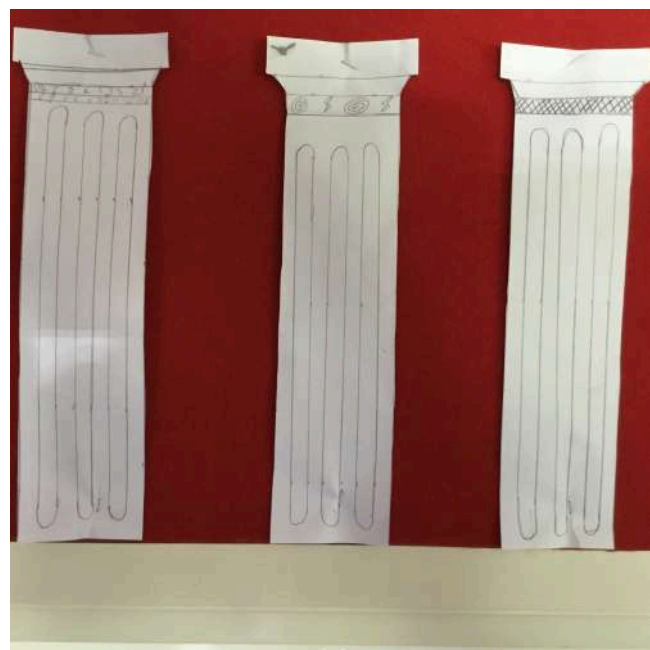
Kia ora e te whānau,

It has been a pretty interesting couple of weeks. Before the asbestos drama Rewarewa sent George, Ollie & Chase to represent us at the Marlborough Athletics Champs.

These 3 young men need to be congratulated for the effort they put into training, and again on the day. An extra bonus when official results came in, Chase was first in both shot put and discus.

In our makeshift classroom of the hall, we revisited our learning of Ancient Greece. This week we have been drawing Greek Doric columns, writing our name in the Greek alphabet and learning about the birth of Athena (the goddess that Athens is named after).

The focus on all of this learning has been on accuracy across all of our learning. Listening, measuring, drawing, writing and time management. This will be a constant goal for the end of the year and something we can take home and into our learning in 2026. Have a great weekend - Julian



# KŌWHAI

Year 6 - 8 || Sarah Kerr

Kia ora whanau,

What an unexpected gift of a week. Despite (or perhaps because) of the challenges we faced as a learning community this week our senior students have super positive, successful and focused 4 days of learning. With much gratitude to Rewarewa class for sharing the learning space, to the RNZAF for providing tents, to Rapaura school for supplying literacy resources and to Tawhirimatea letting the sun shine. A couple of our new favourite activities are dictionary definitions with books from 1981, word ladders and playing long ball with the lone tennis ball and one plastic cricket bat. We also know that 57 children can work for two days with one rubber and three pencil sharpeners.

The nicest thing of all was the way everyone demonstrated our value of Manakitanga. They behaved with kindness, consideration and respect for our very limited and precious resources. Ka rawe Kowhai.

PS. If anyone has clean small plastic bottles at their kaianga could you please send them to school so we can recycle them as bubble blowers for Makomako class.







Thank you to Joe Regan and the RNZAF for providing 4 highly mobile and breezy green classrooms for our akonga this week. Very exciting!

Thank you Roz for making us a 'pop up' library on the deck so we could read at playtime.



# HOUSE POINTS

KOROMIKO	RĀRANGI
1629	1786

TOKOMARU	WAIKAKAHO
2105	1783



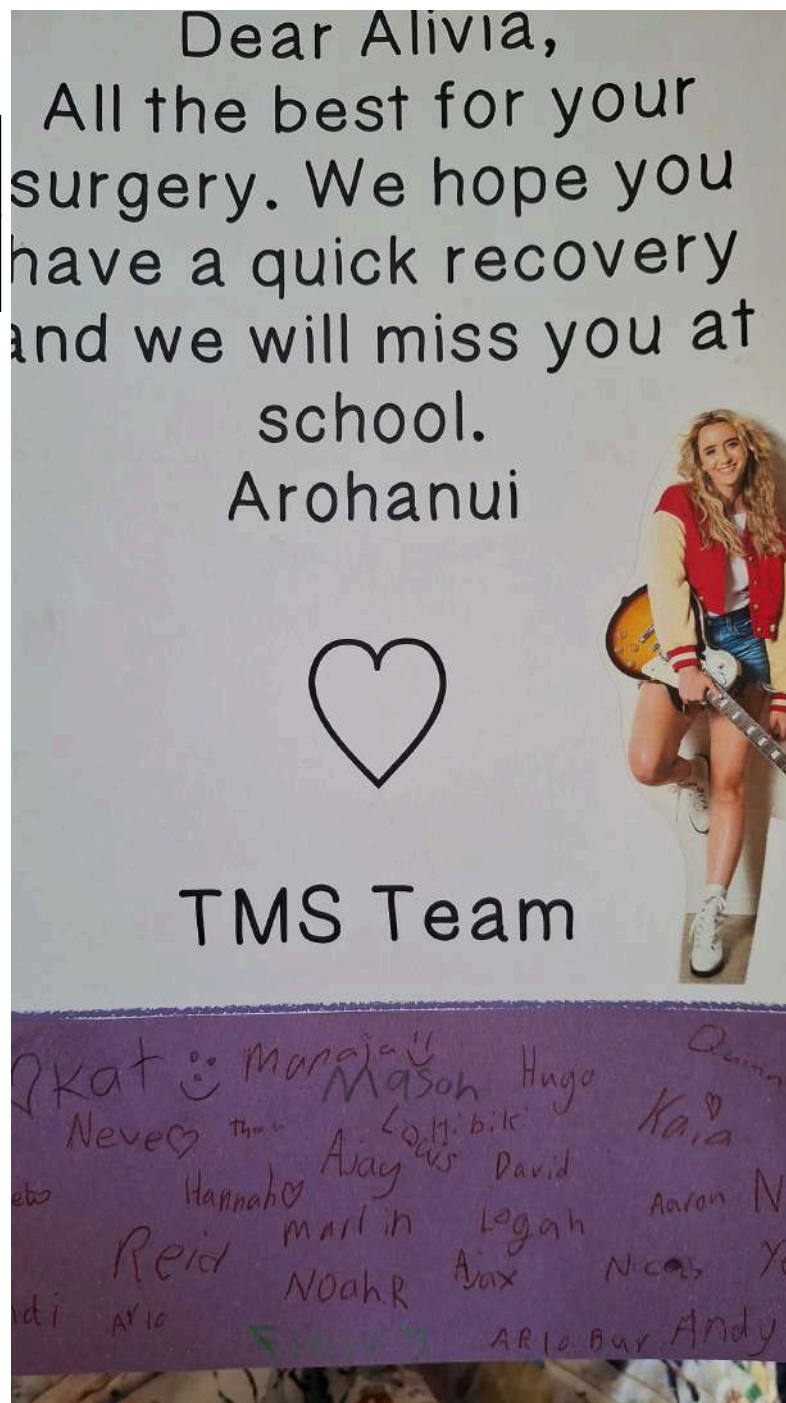
## KUMARA TIPU

We have been growing Kumara tipu for a whole term. They are special Kumara that can be grown just in our place.

On Monday afternoon we will divide them and give sets of tipu to whānau who would like grow them on.

From Kowhai KEGS

Thank you Roz and Reuben NMIT for all your help and teaching.



# TERM 4, 2025

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
24-28 NOV					
01-05 DEC		BOT MEETING	PINE VALLEY CAMP	PINE VALLEY CAMP	
08-12 DEC		YEAR 6 TECH VISIT			
15-19 DEC		REPORTS OUT	END OF TERM 4		





Term 4 Weeks 6-7

by Roz Mundy

## Kids Edible Gardens Term 4 2025!!

The main focus of the last few weeks has been preparation, planting, and encouraging growth! The Broad beans are out, beans eaten and stalks composted and new plants in their place.

The raised beds got a bit dry, (we need to work on the soil) so the growth is a bit slow there, but we had been carefully watering the tomatoes planted in buckets, and the wine barrel plantings so it was great to see the growth in these a week on.

We have also done some grouping of plant names, plant families and seeds which helps to see how much we know already and can learn just by thinking about the vegetables we see and/or eat!

Reuben helped us plant the kumara with some Maori cultural background and respect. As per tradition the kumara were planted facing the east.

He was impressed at how well our tamariki knew and had eaten many of the plants that early Maori brought to Aotearoa (Ti Kouka/cabbage tree, Kamokamo, Taro, Kumara and yam). We chatted about root vegetables like potato and yacon that have been a staple to other cultures too.



Tomatoes week 6 and week 7!



Lettuce week 6 and week 7. Nearly ready to make a salad!



Now that our kumara have been planted they will need some careful watering as they establish. We are trialling some weed mat that Reuben has used previously to help establish the kumara tipu.

If anyone has any wool insulations from My Food Bag (or similar) that they would be willing to donate to the school, we would love to use it on one of our rows to compare. If you can help please contact the office!!



# PTA CHAT

Kia Ora e te Whānau!

We trust you are starting to wind up for Christmas and the Summer Break while enjoying this beautiful Marlborough weather!

## Sausage Sizzle

This week will be our last sausage sizzle for the year.

A huge “THANK YOU!” to everyone who has bought a sausage or Juicie this year! We would also like to thank those who have helped organise and cook the sausage sizzles this year! Without your help, these wouldn't have happened.

We hope all the tamariki enjoyed their free Juicie today!

## THANK YOU!!

**Thank you everyone for supporting our fundraisers this year!**

We have had the Golf Ball Drop and the Plant Seedling Sale as our 2 major fundraisers, with the sausage sizzle each fortnight.

We are excited to be continuing with these fundraisers next year and look forward to your support!

Kia pai te mutunga wiki! Have a fantastic weekend!





OMAKA OBSERVATORY

# ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

MONTHLY MEETING

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November  
The Blenheim Club - 92 High Street

6:00pm Junior Astronomers  
Unmanned Space Exploration - Is anyone out there?

7:00pm All Welcome  
The Fermi Paradox - Why haven't we found alien life?

For inquiries contact:  
info@omakaobservatory.co.nz  
021 046 9041

## RENWICK SCHOOL TOUGH KIDS CHALLENGE 30<sup>TH</sup> NOV, 2025

**2.5 km course with  
obstacles, mud and fun!**

**YEAR 3 - YEAR 8**  
2547 Waihopai Valley Road

Enter at:  
<https://events.humantix.com/renwick-school-tough-kids>

**AWESOME  
SPOT  
PRIZES!**

If you would like any more info, please contact:  
toughkidz.renwick@gmail.com



## Incredible Years Parenting Programme



**Community Health Hub -  
22 Queen Street, Blenheim**

**Wednesday 4 March -  
Wednesday 24 June 2026**

A two-week break occurs during  
school holidays.

**10am - 12:30pm**

*This course is suitable for parents/carers of children aged three-to-eight years.*

Incredible Years is a free 14-week programme for parents and caregivers of children aged three-to-eight years old, to grow their positive parenting skills.

It provides practical help and support focused on:

- enhancing children's social skills
- child-led play
- using praise and enhancing positive behaviours
- establishing routines
- setting clear rules and boundaries.

The purpose of this course is to resource parents and caregivers with tools to understand their children's behaviour and development, promote positive parenting and healthy communication within the family.

If transport or childcare is a barrier, please let us know as we may be able to help with this.

If you would like any more information please contact Barnardos.

**22 Queen Street, Blenheim**  
 **barnardos.org.nz**

**blenheim@barnardos.org.nz**  
 **03 578 6491**



## School Holiday Programme

**17th December 2025 – 24th December 2025**

**5th January 2026 – 5th February 2026**

**Mon - Fri 8.30am - 4pm**

**We are a sports-based holiday programme.  
Some of the activities we offer include:**

- Indoor Netball / Cricket & Soccer
- Dodgeball
- Badminton
- Pickleball
- Table Tennis
- Fun games
- Ten Pin Bowling

**Full Day (8.30-4pm) \$40.00**  
**Hourly Rate \$6.00**

**Food we have available:**

- Hot Chips
- Chicken Nuggets
- Fish Bites
- Hot Dogs
- Toasted Sandwiches

**Blenheim Indoor Sports Centre**

50 Battys Road  
Springlands  
Blenheim

**Register online or phone us:**  
Phone: 5784851 or 0275784851  
Email:  
[info@blenheimindoorsports.co.nz](mailto:info@blenheimindoorsports.co.nz)

[www.blenheimindoorsports.co.nz](http://www.blenheimindoorsports.co.nz)



# Drop In Vaccination Clinics

Immunisation is the best protection against **measles**.

**Drop in for your FREE\* MMR vaccination**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November  
or  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December  
2-6pm**

**Marlborough Community Health Hub  
22 Queen Street Blenheim**

Check your immunity status by contacting your  
healthcare provider, visiting  
[info.health.nz/measles-immunity](http://info.health.nz/measles-immunity) or calling the  
Vaccination Helpline for free on 0800 28 29 26.

**Light refreshments provided**

For more information:  
Wairau Public Health Nurses  
Ph: 035209914 or 035206200

**Health New Zealand**  
Te Whatu Ora



**Marlborough Primary Health**  
KIMI HAUORA WAIRAU | SEEKING WELLBEING IN MARLBOROUGH



**\*The MMR vaccine is free in New Zealand for everyone under the age of 18, and for people over 18 who are eligible for free healthcare. Currently it's also free for ineligible people who are not already immune in the South Island | Te Waipounamu.**



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# Christmas

Blenheim

## PARADE

Saturday 13 December 2025  
Blenheim CBD

Pre-Parade Concert: 3pm / Parade: 3:30pm  
Santa opens Christmas in the Park: Approx. 5pm

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**2025**

**NYE**

**PICTON FORESHORE**



**WEDNESDAY  
31 DECEMBER  
6.30 PM –  
12.15 AM**

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**Live Music**

6.35pm Kids Entertainer Kath Bee

7.15pm The Beatgirls

8.15pm The Tres Hombres  
– ZZ Top Tribute Band

9.15pm Second Sunrise

10.45pm The Beatgirls

Plus Food Trucks & RayWhite Kidzone  
Midnight fireworks over the water!

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