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**HOUSE POINTS**

KOROMIKO	RĀRANGI	TOKOMARU	WAIKAKAHO
136	177	203	190

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ĀKONGA O TE WIKI WINNERS**

Tī Kōuka - Patrick C, Hartley N

Kawakawa - Beau T, Gray C, Gabriel S

Makomako - Indiarna MW, Isla B, Ella R, Tuiti M

Rewarewa - Wallace H, Ollie M

Kōwhai - Nico F, Mason M

**MEMOS FROM THE OFFICE**

\*Whites Bay trip on Friday 06<sup>th</sup> of March - 1 week to go!

\*If you have any borrowed school shirts, please return these to the office as soon as possible.

\*Please remember to get in contact with the office if your child needs to be signed on or off the bus. Only children in year 7 & 8 can sign themselves off the bus.

\*Please remember that Tua Marino School is a water-only school.

**PTA CHAT**

Kia Ora e Te whanau

Welcome to our first PTA chat of 2026!

**SOS Sausage Sizzle**

We're hoping to continue our Friday sausage sizzles for term 2 & 3, but to make this happen we need more helpers. If you can spare a couple of hours around midday on Fridays please get in touch with us!

**Golf ball drop fundraiser**

We're gearing up for our major fundraiser of the year - The gold ball drop!

If you or someone you know would like to donate a prize, please contact us.

We would also love to have more people involved in the planning, join us to help shape the event.

If you can help with either, please speak to one out our friendly PTA members, or email us at -

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

**Next meeting**

**10th March 7:30 pm**

**location TBC**

# TĪKŌUKA

Year 0 - 1 || Leah Waddington & Emily Morris

Kia ora Ti Kouka Whanau!

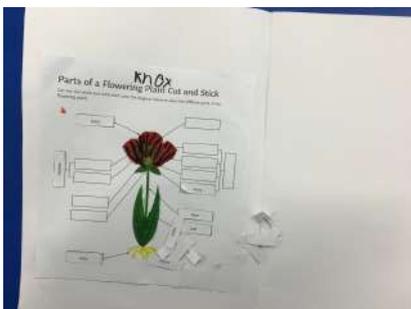
We've had another fun and busy week. We're starting to send home books with some children in their book bag, which they can then try reading to their caregiver or parent at home. Please remember that this book is **ONLY** for your child to read, Please do not read this book to them. These books are easy to memorize and we want them to focus on the letters, sounds and to blend the sounds together independently. They do not focus as well when they have already memorized the words.

Please ensure your child brings the book and book bag, back to school the next day. We use these books every day, and if they don't bring it, they won't have a book to read.

In maths we have been learning about Patterns with Emily. The students have been doing great and have been loving the hands on learning!

Another reminder that Whites Bay is coming up! Friday, March 6th. Any questions please let Leah or Emily know! We hope you have a fantastic weekend!

Kindest Regards,  
Emily and Leah



# KAWAKAWA

Year 2 - 3 || Aaron Harrison

The past two weeks have been incredibly busy and full of rich learning opportunities in Makomako class. Our students have been diving enthusiastically into Science, exploring the fascinating roles of xylem and phloem and discovering how plants draw up water and nutrients to survive and thrive. It has been wonderful to see their curiosity spark as they learn more about the living world. Our next exciting experiment will investigate how bacteria help things grow — we can't wait to see what we discover!

In Maths, students have embraced our new resources with confidence and positivity. They have jumped straight in and are using these tools to strengthen their understanding and support their learning programme. It has been fantastic to see their resilience and willingness to try new approaches.

Literacy time has been just as engaging, with students writing detailed accounts of our science experiments and building their “reading miles” by exploring a wide range of new and different texts. Making strong connections between Science and Literacy has added real purpose and excitement to our writing.

A special highlight was when our Makomako students supported Kawakawa class in harvesting the potatoes we planted back in Term 4 last year. It was a rewarding experience to see the full growing cycle come to life, and now we are busy thinking of all the creative (and tasty!) ways we can use them.

Take care and have a lovely weekend.

– Mr H

# MAKOMAKO

Year 4 - 5 || Erica Barlow

Wow what a busy few weeks we have had! We have had such a lot of fun learning about Tadpoles, leading assembly and the Year 5's doing cycle safety and camp. I really enjoyed joining the Year 5's out at the wetlands planting, it was awesome to see them working together to make our environment better. On Thursday the Year 4's along with Kawakawa dug up the potatoes they grew last year. We are now deciding how to cook and eat them, our most popular choice is wedges. We are moving on to addition and subtraction for maths so if you want to practice at home the students need to know their number bonds to 20 with instant recall. We are looking forward to our trip to Whites Bay on Friday.



# REWAREWA

Year 6 || Julian Mason

This week was the week of Milo Masters. We smashed the bike ride to Rāangi Wetlands and back, planted 63 plants and trees to support the community and (despite the pool being out of action at the moment) we cooled down after we got back.

Nachos, Spotlight and a good sleep. Bike ride to Blenheim and back - check. A few minor crashes and bike issues along the way - check. A visit to our neighbours at Grovetown School - check. Lunch at the Grovetown Hotel with a few extra treats (thank you Chinami and Damian) - check. Lots of effort and reilience - check. Tired bodies that should sleep well tonight - check (pretty confident on this one). More hotel building and Spotlight on Thursday night.

On Friday, everyone participated in Rural Swimming Sports, which we followed up with 10 pin bowling and pizzas for lunch! Thank you for all of the help we have received so far through donations and support for activities.

# MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT LIBRARY : SUMMER READING CHAMPIONS

## CONGRATULATIONS TO

Cara D

Lucah D

Chase F

Aaron M

Kaia T

Manaia V

Willem V

Finnian W

Gus W



## News from the Library

We have a few exciting things happening in the library at the moment with some new books being added to the library, a new shipment of exciting and varied books on loan from the national Library and extra open hours for the library.

The library is now be open at morning tea time on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for reading, browsing and returning/issuing books thanks to some wonderful students from Kowhai. Make sure that you encourage your child to try reading something new this term!



Books new  
to the  
library



Term 1 Week 2-4

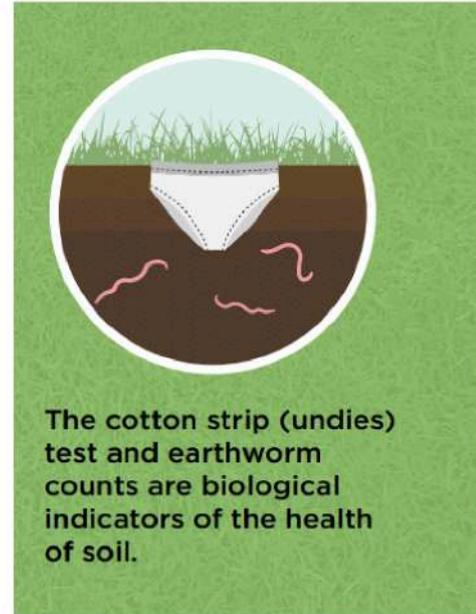
## Kids Edible Gardens

by Roz Mundy

### Week 2 -lots to see and do!

This year the year 6s in Rewarewa are first to take part in KEGS. There has been some growth in the garden and lots of weeds. I had great plans to do all sorts of things but we did some exploring, each group buried some underwear in a different part of the garden and we started to harvest some nashi. We haven't have time to make any thing with the nashi yet but instead sampled some (non-alcoholic) pear cider that can be drunk hot or cold. Some of the class liked this drink, and others not, but it might be worth a try making some later in the term!

We buried the underwear to explore the health of our soil in different areas. The plan is to dig them up at the end of the term and check out what they look like - as you can see from the photos the more holey the better!



### Week 3 -Harvest

In week 3 our main focus was on harvesting the nashi pears (also known as Japanese Pear) that have been falling off the tree at the back gate. This took quite a bit of time as most of them are quite high up so each group had to work as a team but they had a lot of fun! There are still more on the tree for the school community to snack on so please help yourself with care.

### Week 4 -Class camp

Week 4 was school camp so the class didn't have any gardening time at school but Roz got to get in and get rid of some weeds so that we can see more what is growing and get some more plants growing. There has been less rain lately so the garden had to be watered and the class also got to enjoy the sprinklers as a cool down after some planting at the Hinepango wetland.





# MACHINE BALL CRICKET

- A WORLD FIRST IN MARLBOROUGH FOR SCHOOL YEARS 3 & 4
- 100% OF DELIVERIES IN PLAY FOR BATTERS TO HIT
- MORE ENGAGEMENT FOR ALL PLAYERS AND A GREAT WATCH FOR PARENTS/CARERS
- PARENTS/CARERS INVOLVEMENT WELCOMED, ENCOURAGING PARENTAL SKILLS AND PARTICIPATION
- TECHNIQUE FOCUSED, DEVELOPING BATTING AND FIELDING SKILLS



**EVERY SATURDAY  
14TH FEBRUARY  
UNTIL 21ST MARCH**

<https://www.playhq.com/new-zealand-cricket/register/6494bd>

Tua Marino School Presents

# Rarangi Beach Clean-up

**Our Purpose :**

- \*Remove Litter
- \*Protect Marine Life
- \*Promote Environmental Awareness

**What to bring:**

- \*Solid Footware
- \*Gardening Gloves
- \*Sunscreen & Water
- \*Reuseable mug for Shorleys coffee!



**Tua Marina School**  
*Te Kura o  
Tua Marino*

**Sunday 29 March, 10am-12pm**  
**Meet at Rārangi Fire Station**

A community-driven event founded by Zoe Luffman in 2014, held every March as part of Seaweek. Join volunteers to clean the beach, diversion, and surrounding areas until 12 noon.



**Department of Conservation**  
*Te Papa Atawhai*

BLENHEIM ROLLER SKATING CLUB PRESENTS:

# ROLLER DISCO

FRIDAY, MARCH 6TH | 5PM - 8PM  
THE RINK, STEPHENSON STREET, BLENHEIM

## CASH ONLY ENTRY PRICES



**\$5: ENTRY & SKATE HIRE**



**\$2: ENTRY WITH OWN SKATES**



**SNACKS & DRINKS AVAILABLE!**



## LEARN TE REO MĀORI 2026

*Focus on speaking Māori with confidence in a fun, supportive environment*

### Community Classes Available

\*Beginners: Tuesday's 5.30pm-8pm

\*Year 2 (Option 1): Mondays 5.30pm-8pm

(Option 2): Thursdays 9.30am-12.30pm

Begins: 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Duration: 28 weeks

Cost: \$300 +GST

<http://www.tereomaori.org/>



To register please contact:

**Gabby Hollis (or) Vanessa Anderson**

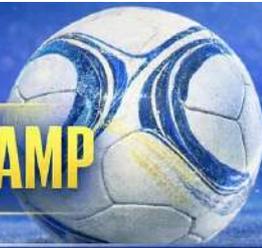
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Pre-Season

# 4 WEEK TRAINING CAMP



Blenheim Valley invites all 10 to 15 year olds to pre-season camp with **Gavin Francis**

**\$40.00 - LIMITED SPACES**

**10-12 YEAR OLDS**

Tuesdays @ A&P Showgrounds  
4:00-5:30PM  
3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th March

**13-15 YEAR OLDS**

Thursdays @ A&P Showgrounds  
4:00-5:30PM  
5th, 12th, 19th & 26th March

**OPEN TO ALL PLAYERS FROM ALL CLUBS**

Gavin was a semi-pro footballer and played for Arsenal & Nottingham Forest Academy Teams.

To register, please email:  
[bvfctrainingcamp@gmail.com](mailto:bvfctrainingcamp@gmail.com)



**SMASH PLAY**  
JUNIOR • TAMARUKE

## SMASH PLAY CRICKET IN BLENHEIM!

**TERM 1 - FRIDAY NIGHT FUN!**  
**STARTING: FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**  
4pm - 4:45pm at Horton Park

**6 WEEK PROGRAMME OF ACTION-PACKED FUN!**

**SIGN UP NOW!**

<https://www.playhq.com/new-zealand-cricket/register/f7d6ed>

{ FILM FESTIVAL PREMIERE  
STATE CHEEMA MOUTUOKA  
MAY 2024 }



# YOUTH OUTDOOR SHORT FILM COMP

**FREE!** to enter

Entries by 19 April

Length 2 - 10 min

Open to youth (under 24yrs)

Over \$4,000 of prizes to be won

Full entry details on our website

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