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## **PRINCIPAL KORERO**

Kia ora koutou katoa,

What a fantastic first week back! It has been an absolute privilege welcoming our students back to school and witness the incredible energy they've brought with them. While the first week back is often about finding our feet, I've seen something more: a collective drive to move from good to great right from day one. A huge welcome and well done to Jackson, Johnny, Liam, Kahlo, Maeve and their families. Starting out strong at Te Kura o te Tua Marino.

This week I've enjoyed spending time in each learning environment with the staff and students. Beyond just settling into routines, I've seen students reconnecting with a deeper purpose and embracing their learning with a "next level" attitude.

I've been particularly impressed by the willingness to take learning risks. To move from good to great, we must embrace the uncomfortable sometimes; remember, mistakes aren't just part of learning—they are the stepping stones to excellence and the discovery of our true potential.

I am looking forward to seeing the heights we will reach together this year in Hanga Atu ki te Tua Marino - Creating the Calm Beyond.

Ngā mihi nui,

Nic Walker Principal | Tua Marina School

# TĪKŌUKA

Year 0 - 1 || Leah Waddington & Emily Morris

Kia ora! We've had a fabulous start to the year. We have been very focused on our routines, and behaviour expectations. This will allow the rest of the school year to be successful. The students have been trying incredibly hard on their work and behaviour. Please expect your child to come home tired, possibly grumpy and remember that they've likely used up all of their energy doing their best at school. Relaxing evenings with early bedtimes may be needed.

## Some reminders...

- Please bring to school every day your child's BOOK BAG-these can be found at the warehouse.
- Wednesday is wheels day. (helmets and shoes are required)
- Friday is library day
- Please remember to pack a jersey for your child, as children play outside in a covered area whether it's hot, cold or raining.
- Please note that TuaMarina is a WATER ONLY school.

Thanks again and please remember to contact Leah or Emily if you have any questions. Have a fantastic weekend and we'll see everyone next week!

Kind Regards,  
Leah and Emily



# KAWAKAWA

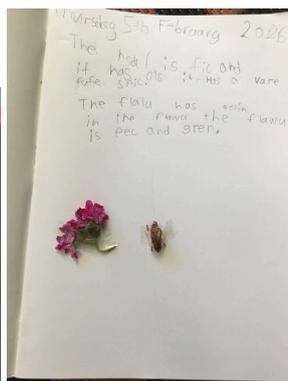
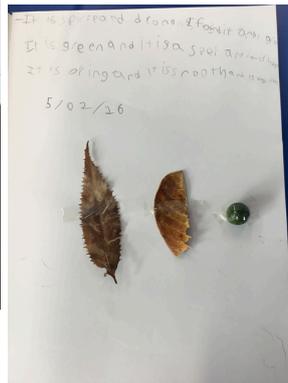
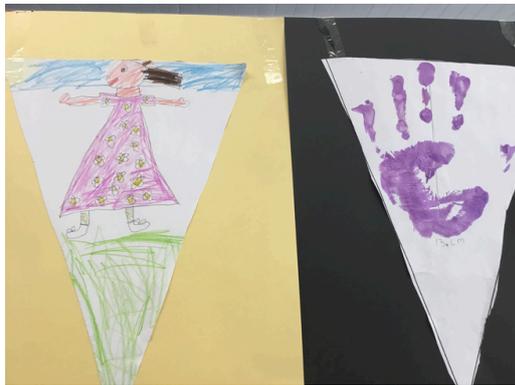
Year 2 - 3 || Aaron Harrison

Welcome back to a brand new school year in Kawakawa Class! It's been wonderful seeing everyone's smiling faces and watching friendships spark as we get back into the swing of things. The children have had such fun reconnecting and meeting new classmates through games, creative activities, and lots of laughter. We've been busy creating beautiful self-portraits and colorful handprints to brighten up our classroom — a perfect reflection of our unique and vibrant group! It's the start of what's sure to be an amazing year of learning, discovery, and teamwork.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead in Kawakawa Class!

Have a great weekend, take

care-  
Mr H



# MAKOMAKO

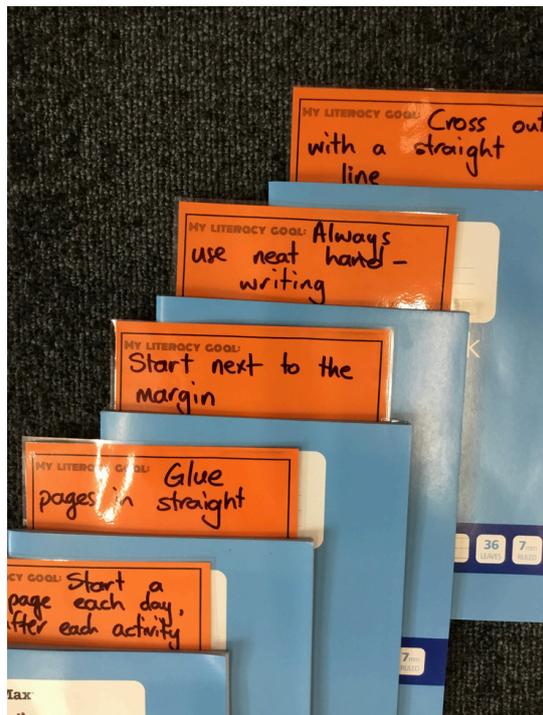
Year 4 - 5 || Erica Barlow

Makomako have had a great start to the year. We have been learning routines and making connections with each other. Come in and check out our holiday writing stories, posters about ourselves and self portraits- we have been busy!



We will be starting Reading next week so Reading logs and books will start to come home. If you have a book bag lying around I would appreciate it if they could be sent to school.

Nga mihi,  
Erica



# REWAREWA

Year 6 || Julian Mason

Kia ora e te whānau,

It still seems a bit surreal to be in a class with only 16 students, although they do seem to have the energy of a class of 30. It has been a great few days getting settled, back into old routines and learning new routines. I am looking forward to a great year of learning.

We have been discussing SMART Goals this week, and will be setting them for lots of different areas of learning. A SMART Goal is specific, measurable, attainable, relevant and time-based. We have done this for our literacy with a handy reminder attached to their Term Book.

Just a short week with Friday being a day to celebrate Waitangi Day. Hopefully the weather is fine wherever you are and you have a great long weekend- Julian



# KŌWHAI

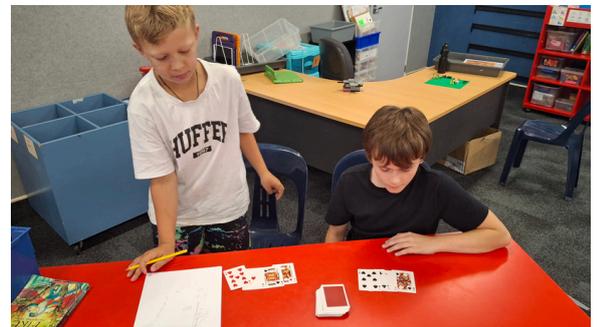
Year 7 - 8 || Sarah Kerr

'Good to Great' is our mantra for 2026 and Kōwhai class has made an honest and enthusiastic start. We will be working on SMART goals and started today with our Beep Test to measure and set targets to improve our cardio vascular capacity in Term 1.

There are some significant changes with our new curriculum and these have come with new resources. Students are adapting well to these but we will need to make some tweaks to meet everyone's needs and learning paths.

It's important that everyone comes ready for sport every day, as the weather is variable and the pool has not opened yet. Please get in touch if you do not have a suitable bike to practice riding for Pukatea on March 6th. Enjoy the long weekend!

Ngā mihi Sarah Kerr



## MEMOS FROM THE OFFICE

Welcome back! It is so great to see everyone, and for the school to feel full again!

### A few reminders -

3 sets of forms have come home with your tamariki from the office, and 2 have come home from Kat.

### Office forms -

1. Medical/Profile form - please check the details on these, sign and return
2. Bus form - for those who utilise the bus service please complete what bus your child will be on and on what days
3. Whites Bay form - please fill this out and return

### Forms to return for Kat

1. Facebook form - If you do not want your child's photo on our facebook page please complete the form and return to the office.
2. Allergy/Medication Administration form - please complete and return to the office.

### Subway Lunches -

Subway lunches are available every Thursday - If you need help with how to order these, please reach out to the office. **These are NOT available next week (Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb) due to a stadium closure.**

### Police Vets

Please swing in to the office and ask for a police vetting form if you want to accompany your children on trips, camps etc. Anyone who last had a police vet completed in 2023 no longer has a current vet and will need to complete a new form please.

# HOUSE POINTS

KOROMIKO	RĀRANGI	TOKOMARU	WAIKAKAHO
35	48	53	50



## Summer Sizzler Orienteering Series

The Marlborough Orienteering Club is running its 2026 Summer Sizzler Series from Wednesday 11 February, with fun, evening orienteering events held at parks and school grounds around Blenheim and Renwick, plus a Sunday finale in Picton. These short, relaxed events are ideal for children, teenagers, families and beginners. Walk, jog or run - all abilities welcome, with friendly helpers on hand. For those of you who are coming along - you are welcome to bring a buddy along to an event for free - because orienteering is more fun with friends!

Register and find out more. Registrations close 9pm: Sunday 8 February. [Follow us on Facebook](#) for all event updates.

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## Toileting Tots to Teens

### "Tips and Tricks" for Parents/Caregivers

- Toileting Training
- Wetting (day or night-time)
- Constipation and soiling issues
- Support and resources available

**When:** Thursday 19th February

**Times:** 1pm-2.30pm or 6.30-8pm

**Venue:** Marlborough Community Health Hub, 22 Queen Street, Blenheim

Register your attendance here by Thursday 12th February:



Refreshments provided

For more information please contact Public Health Nurses  
Ph 03 520 9914

