



## Tua Marina School Te Kura o Tua Marino

*Hanga Atu ki te Tua Marino*  
Creating the Calm Beyond

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# **PRINCIPAL KORERO**

## **A Fortnight of Action and CALM**

It has been an incredible fortnight at Tua Marina School! I am bursting with pride at how our students have immersed themselves in their learning and our community. From the hands-on discovery of yesterday's Bioblitz to the adventurous Essons Valley Exploration, our tamariki are truly getting actively involved.

Today, our athletes represented us with grit and spirit at the Marlborough Swimming Sports, while over the last week back at school, the Keep Ourselves Safe programme with Constable Charlotte provided vital life skills.

Throughout these diverse activities, I've seen our CALM values in action every single day. Our staff have been exceptional in guiding this journey, living our vision: "Hanga Atu ki te Tua Marino – Creating the CALM Beyond." Whether in the pool or the bush, our students are showing the world what it means to be a Tua Marina learner.

The community spirit doesn't stop at the school gate! We look forward to rolling up our sleeves with you all this Sunday from 10 am at the Rārangi Fire Station for the Rārangi Beach Clean Up.

I hope you enjoy reading the class updates below to see the magic happening in every room.

Ngā mihi nui,

Nic Walker

Principal | Tumuaki Tua Marina School

# TĪKŌUKA

Year 0 - 1 || Leah Waddington & Emily Morris

Kia ora! Ti Kouka has had a wonderful last few weeks. We've been focusing on filling each other's buckets as well as filling our own buckets when they've been emptied. Some students have thought of, giving their friend a hug, going to find a friend who is kind, working very hard until you can do it!

We've also been encouraging children to solve their own small problems, by ignoring friends who may be distracting us, or even moving our body away from them.

Although our short trip on Thursday needed to be canceled, the students had SUCH a fun time at school. Running around collecting bugs, sorting leaves, crafting and solving animal related riddles. Ti-kouka did great as they worked with students up to year 5!



# KAWAKAWA

Year 2 - 3 || Aaron Harrison

Kawakawa Class has had an incredible week, topped off with a fantastic Thursday afternoon Bioblitz! The students loved exploring the school grounds, running around collecting leaves and insects, and showing great enthusiasm and curiosity about the natural world.

In writing, we have been having lots of fun creating our own weird and wacky insects. The students are designing imaginative creatures, describing what they look like and what makes them special—there have been some wonderfully creative ideas!

In maths, the class is going great guns with the new Maths No Problem programme. It's been awesome to see the students so engaged and enjoying the challenge.

Reading continues to go from strength to strength, with students making steady progress with each book they read. Our Kawakawa reading challenge is also underway, encouraging students to read at home for 25, 50, and 75 days. At each milestone, they'll receive a small prize from different teachers—what a great motivator!

Have an incredible weekend, and we hope to see many of you at the beach clean-up on Sunday.

Mr H



# MAKOMAKO

Year 4 - 5 || Erica Barlow

Frogs Frogs Frogs!

There has been great excitement in Makomako class as we have had 4 tadpoles turn into frogs! They have been released into the pond at my home. We spent some time going through the Doc checklist to work out which type of Frog we have been watching. We had to look at the identifying features of Feet webbing or not, obvious external eardrum or not and size. This created a lot of discussion. We also listened to different frog calls although we haven't heard ours make a sound yet.

For Maths we have been learning about renaming numbers to solve subtraction problems. We need to rename e.g., 500- 165 (500 as 400, 90 and 10) so we can solve the subtraction problem. Our place value discs and base ten blocks have been really useful to show this change.

In preparation for our Bioblitz we have been reading about other students collecting data from their natural environments. Testing rivers and streams or doing insect and bird counts.

Insect Art we have created some wonderful insect Art. We needed to carefully follow each step to create the insect from vivid and paint pens then smudge pastels to create the background. We think they all look fabulous.

Thank you to the parents that volunteered to join us on the Bioblitz and to those who joined us. We all really enjoyed getting out in the school grounds and searching for insects and leaves. We then spent time categorising them. It was wonderful to see the Tuakana/ Teina relationships being strengthened during this activity.

Having Kerryn from Marlborough Hockey in was really fun. We learnt how to hold a hockey stick correctly and played some skills games.

It has been a busy Term and we are looking forward to a restful Easter break.

Wishing you all a safe Holidays.



# REWAREWA

Year 6 || Julian Mason

Kia ora e te whānau,

It has been another positive week of learning, but without doubt the highlight was our trip to Picton and Esson's Valley. Before we left we did some learning around native and invasive species to help identify things on the trip.

It was impressive to see the students start to notice things as soon as they got out of the cars. The weather was perfect and we had a great walk up Esson's Valley taking in the surroundings. The only downside was it took a bit longer than anticipated, so a couple of groups didn't quite make it all the way to the dam.

It is hard to believe that the end of the term is nearly upon us. Next week we have a Rippa Rugby Tournament on Tuesday, so the remaining students will be in Makomako Class for the day. Have a great weekend - Julian

# KOWHAI

Year 7 - 8 || Sarah Kerr

Kia ora Whanau,

It has been an interesting creative week. We have delivered flyers, made adverts and plans for the protection and restoration of our Moana. We hope to see as many of our Tua Marino community as possible along the length of Rarangi Beach on Sunday.

We are feeling privileged to receive lots of boxes from the courier this week containing some new desk tops and legs. Luckily we have been practising factors in Mathematics so we could calculate the number of boxes of 4 legs we would need for 20 three legged tables.

Ka rawe to our swimmers Hugo, Neve, Charlotte and Lexie who are away this afternoon competing at Marlborough Swim Champs, showing Active Involvement to the max. See you all at assembly next Thursday and please follow the fishing rules in The Sounds this holidays because the students of Kowhai want to take their children fishing one day too.

Nga mihi Sarah Kerr and kowhai Class



## PTA CHAT

### Sausage Sizzle

We will be running these Term 2 on even weeks, starting Friday of week 2.

We are still after couple more helpers, if you can help out for couple of hours on a Friday afternoon please reach out to us.

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

### Next meeting

Tuesday 28th April 7:30 pm

location TBC.

Have a great Easter and happy holidays,  
From your Friendly PTA.



# HOUSE POINTS

KOROMIKO	RĀRANGI	TOKOMARU	WAIKAKAHO
289	272	365	341

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ĀKONGA O TE WIKI WINNERS

Ti Kōuka - Rylee D  
Kawakawa - Knox B, Shelby V  
Makomako - Hope B, Belle J  
Rewarewa - Amelia D  
Kōwhai - Aaron M, Ajax S

## MEMOS FROM THE OFFICE

- \*If you have any borrowed school shirts, please return these to the office as soon as possible.
- \*Year 7 & 8 vaccination forms to be returned to the office please. **These need to be returned whether or not your child will be receiving the vaccination.**
- \*Please remember to let the office know of any upcoming changes for bus timetables for term 2.



## HOT CROSS BUNS FUNDRAISER

For those that have ordered Hot Cross Buns these will be available to be collected from the office from 12pm on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March.

Term 1 Week 7-8

## Kids Edible Gardens by Roz Mundy

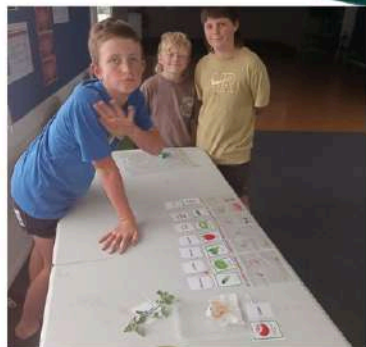
In week 7 we looked at weeds!

Quite a few of the students knew what happened when you walked through a patch of various weeds, (itchy, sticky, prickly, messy) and could describe where you could find, some but didn't know their names. We will be looking out for the Old Mans' Beard next time we walk up cemetery hill as I just had a little example and that name seems to have stuck, just like the phrase from my childhood "Old Mans' Beard must go"!!! Of course we had to taste something again this week. Most students enjoyed some raw kohlrabi and tomato!



### Week 8- Seeds!

In week 8 we looked at seeds!  
We started with a matching activity to see what they already knew. They all had a good go at this and team 1 did especially well with just 2 seeds swapped. The students all did a search for seeds and then we discussed what they had found (and my own examples) Of course there was some tasting involved here too as seeds are an important part of our diet!!  
We were still waiting for some more rain to fill our gauge - there should be some there to measure next week!



## MOI STEAMS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

MOI Holiday Programmes April: STEAMS is an integrated approach to learning topics of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Maths, and Society that fosters critical thinking, problem solving, communication and collaboration. Its aim is to teach real world skills through engaging methods whilst allowing individuals to be creative.

STEAMS Holiday programmes follow the same principles. This holiday is ART and ENGINEERING- including bridges, sculptures and art, engineering challenges, rockets and robotics. COOKING and SCIENCE includes forms of 'dough' and Mexican Food! Yum!

Nelson Intermediate- 8-10 April  
Nelson MOI-173 Rutherford St 15-17 April

To register:

<https://events.humanitix.com/april-holiday-programme-nelson>

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## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

### ART INSPIRED BY SPACE

April 8th 9am-12pm

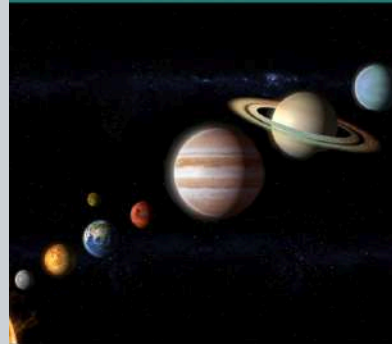
- Learn about space
- Make beautiful art
- All materials supplied



### PLANETS AND MOONS

April 9th 9am-12pm

- Explore our solar system
- Includes a VR experience



Followed by a night of stargazing and telescopes on 9th April 7-8pm

\$40 per session

Book online [www.omakaobservatory.co.nz](http://www.omakaobservatory.co.nz) or contact [info@omakaobservatory.co.nz](mailto:info@omakaobservatory.co.nz) for more details



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