



## Tua Marina School Te Kura o Tua Marino

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

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# **PRINCIPAL KORERO**

Dear Tua Marina School Community,

Periodically, in education, it is easy to get caught up in curriculum rewrites, data points, and achievement targets. When we focus too heavily on whether a child has reached an arbitrary marker on a spreadsheet, parents worry, teachers feel pressure, and children absorb the message that learning is merely something to be measured. But human development is never neat or linear. Some children sprint early, while others flourish later. While goals and high expectations absolutely matter, there is a profound difference between encouraging growth and crushing joy. Some of the most important milestones—like an anxious child finally raising their hand, or a student showing resilience after a setback—can never be captured on a graph, but have a massively positive effect on their approach to learning.

Schools are not factories producing identical outcomes on identical timelines. We are places of humanity, creativity, and discovery. Children are not data points; they are individuals unfolding in their own time. The greatest gift we can give them is not pressure, but belief.

As we guide them through the wobbles, Challenges, and successes of learning, our promise to every student at Tua Marina remains simple: we see you.

Ngā mihi,  
Nic Walker

# TĪ KŌUKA

Year 0 - 1 || Leah Waddington & Emily Morris

This week, we had the pleasure of welcoming Imy, from Marlborough Girls College, who helped the children learn new ball skills, play games, and also worked alongside them in their learning. The children absolutely loved having her help out in the classroom!!!

**MATH:** We are focusing on number bonds to 10, as well as using various resources to make different two digit numbers. This is helping the students have a greater understanding of tens and ones, and also helps with their number recognition.

**LITERACY:** We've had a "writing assessment" this week, where the students wrote a story independently to show their knowledge. They are focusing on remembering the amount of words in a sentence, and then focusing on one word at a time. Segmenting, and writing the sound that they can hear. The students have shown great progress!

We have begun learning about blends (sp for spot, gr for gran, etc.) in phonics, and some reading groups are starting to read words with long vowels. (wave, cave, dive, etc.) These two learning intentions can be quite tricky. Please let me know if you'd like any extra learning resources to take home to practice with your child.

Week 10, June 26th we have cross country at our school along with several other schools. The kids have been busy practising.



# KAWAKAWA

Year 2 - 3 || Aaron Harrison

Kawakawa Class has had another great week full of learning and new experiences. We have continued carrying out experiments in preparation for our Science Fair project. This week, students have been practising how to correctly use a thermometer while also learning about the difference between conduction of heat and radiating heat. There have been some fantastic discussions and lots of curiosity shown during our investigations. We also had a wonderful trip to the Town Library and the Gallery. The students were especially intrigued by the artwork in the gallery and enjoyed sharing their thoughts and ideas about what they saw. A huge thank you to the parents who helped transport Kawakawa and Tī Kōuka students to and from the Library – your support is greatly appreciated.

In reading, we have been using our Enriched Reading books to help guide students in sequencing stories in their own words, while also practising and building their oral language skills.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr H



# MAKOMAKO

Year 4 - 5 || Erica Barlow

## Gymnastics festival

Makomako has been practicing our gymnastics skills this week in preparation for the Gymnastics festival in week 8. We have created some fabulous group floor routines, balanced on the beam. Jumped on the vault and swung on the bar. We look forward to showcasing these skills.

## Maths

We are continuing our learning of basic multiplication and division. It is really imperative that they are practicing these times tables at home in preparation for our next chapter which is double digit multiplication and division.

## Literacy

Our Chapter Chat Super Sleuth is getting interesting...with us all trying to work out who did it. We have created some great comic strips of a part of the story.

Looking forward to a long Kings Birthday weekend!



# REWAREWA

Year 6 || Julian Mason

Kia ora e te whānau,

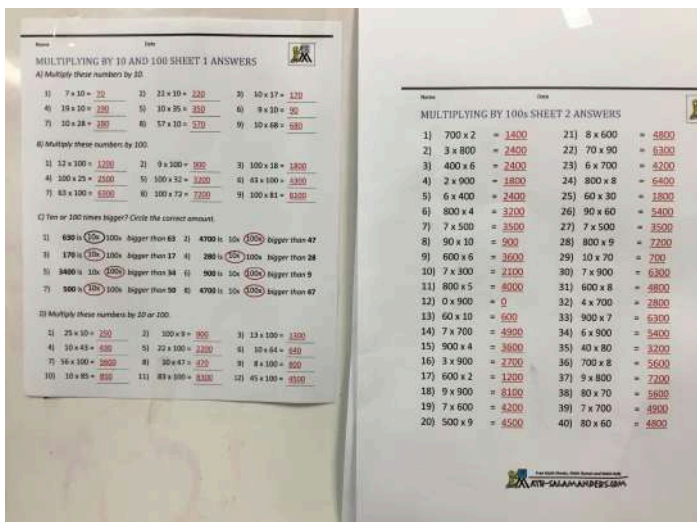
Another two weeks has flown by. After the business of Fundamental Skills, we have been back into our learning.

In maths we have been learning to multiply numbers by 10, 100 & 1000. This can be a scary prospect to begin with but if you can apply the strategy correctly it helps with lots of areas of your learning.

We have started thinking about our Science Fair topics and what we have to do to get these completed and ensure we are having a robust investigation. We will continue with this for the rest of the term and some support will probably be needed.

I hope you enjoy the time together over the long weekend and stay warm.

- Julian



# KOWHAI

Year 7 - 8 || Sarah Kerr

Kia ora Whanau,

After some interruptions last week Kowhai class has settled well back into mahi. We improved our wind turbine prototypes ( Wonder Project) by looking at the 4 blade variables of length, size, shape and materials. We continued testing using a variety of wind sources with a variety results!

We said farewell to super year seven Sia with a mini gym fest and ice cream party. We wish her and her whanau well, knowing she is sure to be treasured at her new kura in Littleton as much as she saw here.

Congratulations to those members of Kowahi who made good progress in their learning, as demonstrated in our assessment results. We think part of the progress is likely attributed to an improvement in test taking skills. But a win is a win and we are taking it.

If anyone is able to assist with transport a science sports interchange at Rapaura School on the 10th of June please contact me [sarah@tuamarina.school.nz](mailto:sarah@tuamarina.school.nz)

Nga mihi o te mutunga weekend, Sarah



## PTA CHAT

Kia Ora Tua Marina Kura Whānau!

### AGM

Last week we held our Annual General Meeting. Thank you to those who attended.

We would like to let you know who our Office Holders are;

Chairperson Rebecca Stoner, Vice Chairperson Jessie Templeton, Treasurer Rebecca Hooper, Secretary Rebekah Veroce, Kura Kaimahi Julian Mason.

We would like to take this moment to thank Melissa Hahn for all her hard work in the Vice Chairperson role and for helping to get the sports uniforms organised and under way. Thank you Melissa and we look forward to still having your support and expertise in future activities and endeavours.

### Disco

Our school disco is being held on Friday 5th June 5.30 - 7.00pm Tua Marina School Hall.

This disco is being run with the huge help from a disco committee, a group of senior students who are keen to get involved. There will be a form sent out to order food for the event, please keep an eye for this. Also, all students can enter the colouring competition!

We look forward to seeing you there! Please see the poster for more information.

Have a fantastic long weekend!

# HOUSE POINTS

KOROMIKO	RĀRANGI	TOKOMARU	WAIKAKAHO
584	542	606	602

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ĀKONGA O TE WIKI WINNERS

**Tī Kōuka** - Blake I

**Kawakawa** - Amelia H & Louis S

**Makomako** - Koby M & Sophie M

**Rewarewa** - Shilin H

**Kōwhai** - Alivia M & Sia C

## LEARNING SUPPORT AT TUA MARINO

### Learning Outside the Classroom

We are incredibly lucky to offer our diverse learners wonderful experiences outside the classroom. Some of these include horse riding through Riding for the Disabled (RDA) and swimming lessons at Stadium 2000. We are also lucky to have amazing Learning Support Assistants who support these programmes - thank you

Ange, Roz, Lorraine and Helen!

These activities provide our students with specialized instruction in a safe, supportive environment tailored completely to their individual needs.

- **On the Horse:** RDA sessions are fantastic for building core physical strength, coordination, and emotional confidence through a unique bond with the horses.
- **In the Pool:** Our swimming lessons at Stadium 2000 offer a calming, sensory-friendly space where students can build water confidence, fitness, and vital life skills at their own pace.

Both programmes do so much more than teach a physical skill—they boost self-esteem, foster independence, and bring immense joy to our learners. We are so proud of the enthusiasm and determination our superstars show each week. Thank you to our Board of Trustees for their ongoing support for our Learning Support Students.

# TUA MARINA CALENDAR TERM 2 2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
01 - 05 JUNE	KINGS BIRTHDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED		WAIRAU CLUSTER WRITERS WORKSHOP		ASSEMBLY - MAKOMAKO
	MATHS WEEK	MATHS WEEK	MATHS WEEK	MATHS WEEK	MATHS WEEK DISCO
08 - 12 JUNE		YEAR 7&8 TECH		FIRST AID COURSE	GYM FEST FIRST AID COURSE
15 - 19 JUNE			TUA MARINO DAY		ASSEMBLY - REWAREWA
22 - 26 JUNE		YEAR 7&8 TECH			WAIRAU CLUSTER CROSS COUNTRY
29 JUNE - 03 JULY					TERM 2 ENDS ASSEMBLY - KOWHAI

Please note - The school disco has moved to Friday 05 June.

## MEMOS FROM THE OFFICE

### \*Borrowed school shirts

Can you please take a moment to check if you have any borrowed school shirts at home, or reach out to the office for if your child has forgotten to return one.

If these are not returned, we will not have back-ups to loan out when students need them.

### \*Signing In & Out

Please remember to sign your child in and out any time between 9 and 3. Not signing your child/ren in is a health and safety concern - the school does not know your child is on the premises!

### \*Bus students

Please remember to call or email the office if your child's standard bus schedule is changing. A reminder that only students in year 7 & 8 are able to sign themselves on or off the bus.



**SAUSAGE \$2.50**

**JUICIE \$2.00**

# IT'S TUA MARINA SCHOOL'S

# DISCO TIME!

COWBOY / COWGIRL THEME

FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

5.30 PM TO 7.00 PM

★ SCHOOL HALL ★

ENTRY

**\$3**

PER PERSON  
INCLUDES  
2 GLOW STICKS

*Kia ora whānau,*

The PTA disco will be held in the school hall on **Friday 5th June** from 5.30 pm to 7.00 pm. This year's Cowboy/Cowgirl theme includes entry at **\$3 per person**, with two glow sticks provided.

## FOOD ITEMS – PRE ORDER ONLY



**PIZZA – \$2 A SLICE**



**SAUSAGE SIZZLES – \$2.50**

## ITEMS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ON THE NIGHT



**CHOCOLATE BARS – \$2 EACH**  
(LIMITED TO ONE PER CHILD)



**FLURO GOODIES – 50c TO \$2**



Please complete the Google Form below before **Thursday 4th June 5pm** if your child is attending. Pizza and sausage sizzle must be **pre-ordered** and **paid for** before the event to help with catering.

## PAYMENT FOR THE DISCO

can be made into the PTA Bank Account but **PLEASE NOTE:** We have a new bank account. Please make all payments into the following bank account:



ACCOUNT NUMBER: 12-3167-0262268-00  
ACCOUNT NAME: Tua Marina School  
Parent Teacher Association Incorporated.

**PLEASE DO NOT PAY ANY MONEY  
INTO THE SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT**

## WE WILL ALSO BE NEEDING SIX PARENT VOLUNTEERS



to help cook and serve food, sell fluro items, and assist throughout the evening.

If you can help, please contact **Bec Hooper** on 021 250 5278



*Many thanks*

**TUA MARINA SCHOOL PTA**