



## Tua Marina School Te Kura o Tua Marino

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

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# PRINCIPAL KORERO

Kia ora koutou,

It has been an inspiring fortnight at Tua Marina School! We've been proudly supporting the Pink Shirt Day kaupapa, encouraging our tamariki to speak up and be proud upstanders. Seeing our students embrace kindness and manaakitanga has been a true highlight.

I was also incredibly proud to witness our CALM values in action at Stadium 2000 during the Fundamental Skills Programme. Our students showed fantastic growth in their skill development, representing us with heart and sportsmanship.

Back on site, we've been celebrating Support Staff Week. Our incredible support team works tirelessly behind the scenes, ensuring every student is supported to achieve our vision of 'Hanga Atu ki te Tua Marino - Creating the CALM Beyond.' We are so lucky to have them.

Thank you for another wonderful two weeks of learning and connection.

Ngā mihi nui,

Nic Walker Tumuaki | Principal

# TĪKŌUKA

Year 0 - 1 || Leah Waddington & Emily Morris

We have had a wonderful and busy fortnight, Monday and Tuesday were full of learning new skills and swimming experiences at the stadium. Students practiced small and large ball skills, as well as coordination and learnt more about why exercise is good for our bodies. They loved the opportunity to learn swimming and water confidence techniques and they all tried really hard to participate in all the activities. We know they will be tired after a long week and hope they get a good rest over the weekend. We have started our mid term testing so if new reading books are not going home this is the reason, we thank you for your understanding.

Have a wonderful weekend,  
Emily and Leah



# KAWAKAWA

Year 2 - 3 || Aaron Harrison

Kawakawa Class has had a fantastic week filled with fun and learning! We enjoyed two great days at Fundamentals on Monday and Tuesday, where the students took part in a range of games, developed their ball skills, and learned valuable water safety skills. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and teamwork on display.

Back in the classroom, we have been busy carrying out experiments in preparation for our Science Fair project. The class is exploring thermodynamics of water, and our “walking water” experiment especially intrigued many of the students—it certainly sparked lots of curiosity and great discussions!

Our Year 3 students have also been working hard completing some reading, writing, and maths assessments using the new SMART tool from the Ministry of Education. A big thank you to them for being our guinea pigs and approaching this with such a positive attitude.

There is plenty of excitement building for our upcoming Kawakawa/Ti Kōuka trip to the town library, which we are all looking forward to.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr H

# MAKOMAKO

Year 4 - 5 || Erica Barlow

Wow what a busy week we have had in Makomako! We have completed our SMART testing this week and I am so proud of how much resilience we showed and how hard we tried during this testing.

## Fundamental Skills

We have had so much fun! We have made some great relationships and shown Manaakitanga with students from Kowhai and Rewarewa. We've learnt how to play Pickleball, Volleyball, Water Polo and Basketball.

In Water Safety we have learnt how to safely enter water from a height and how to keep ourselves warm.

It has been great to see our team working skills develop over the week.

Thanks  
Erica



# REWAREWA

Year 6 || Julian Mason

Kia ora e te whānau,

It has been a week of contrasts. On one hand we have been undertaking a lot of assessments (including using a new assessment tool from the Ministry). While this is not always enjoyable for everyone, test taking is an important skill to learn, and we have been talking about this a lot this week.

On the other hand we have been having a busy time at Fundamental Skills developing our resilience, perseverance and teamwork while learning new skills in the Stadium, and adding important life safety lessons in the pool. Lots of effort and concentration should equal some tired bodies on Friday afternoon.

We are also in the process of creating another beautiful piece of art. I love how the students all receive the same instruction, but produce very different outcomes. Have a great weekend - Julian



# KOWHAI

Year 7 - 8 || Sarah Kerr

He Toa! Legends!

It has been an astonishing Pink Week with Tuamarino celebrating the value of manaakitanga by 'words and actions that lift each other up'.

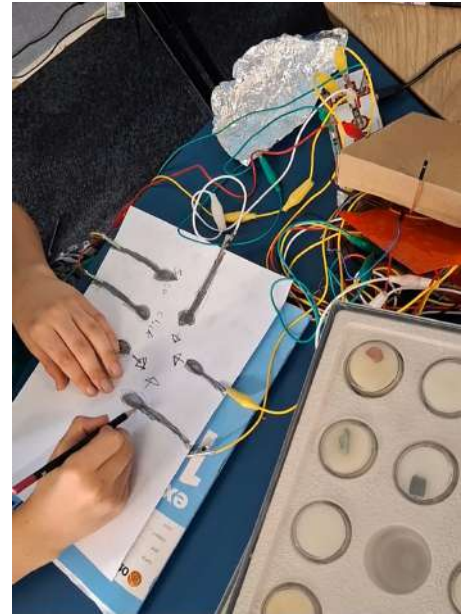
The seniors have done a legendary job of providing uplift and positive spirit to our kura; by printing t-shirts, making kindness chains with classes, running competitions and break time games, painting faces and generally being legendary over the past 2 weeks.

It has also been a huge assessment week and the results will be available to students next week. They took the testing very seriously and have done significant mahi everyday to show their learning progress. It is wonderful to also see them working together at the Stadium in the water and on the courts, being competitive but also working as a team.

This morning the senior girls showed initiative and leadership by a netball warmup with the whole school and stadium staff to start the day.

Next week, the Science Fair mahi starts in earnest.

Nga mihi,  
Sarah Kerr



## PTA CHAT

**Next Sausage Sizzle**

Friday 22nd May

Sausages - \$2.50 & Juicies - \$2

### **PTA AGM & Committee Nominations**

The Tua Marina School Parent Teacher Association Incorporation Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 21st May, 7pm, at Tua Marina School.

Nominations are now open for PTA Officer positions. If you would like to nominate yourself or another parent/caregiver of the school, please send your nomination to [ptasec@tuamarina.school.nz](mailto:ptasec@tuamarina.school.nz) no later than Wednesday 20th May. Further nominations may also be accepted from the floor at the AGM.

If you would like to join the meeting via Zoom, please email [ptasec@tuamarina.school.nz](mailto:ptasec@tuamarina.school.nz) for the Zoom link.

Nga mihi,  
TMS PTA

# HOUSE POINTS

KOROMIKO	RĀRANGI	TOKOMARU	WAIKAKAHO
452	431	501	485

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ĀKONGA O TE WIKI WINNERS

Tī Kōuka - Elayna V, Ella S  
 Kawakawa - Neve W, Willem V  
 Makomako - Bonnie D, Isy B  
 Rewarewa - Finley M, Marlin R  
 Kōwhai - Johnny D, Nico F, Quinn T

### Knowing if your child is well enough to go to school

Going to school every day is important for all school aged tamariki (children). It helps build their confidence and social skills, and will help them to achieve their education and life ambitions. This information helps you decide when it is okay to send your child to school, when you should keep your child at home and when you should contact a health professional for advice.



#### Send me to school if...

If your child has any mild symptoms but is well enough to go to school, support them to go and let their teacher know.

**Examples include:**

- A happy energised child who has mild respiratory symptoms (cough, headache or runny nose), with no fever.
- Their usual hay fever and allergy symptoms (sneezing, stuffy nose or an itchy face), or skin problems that are not infectious, such as eczema or insect bites.
- They test negative for COVID-19 and they do not have any of the symptoms of concern.

#### What if my child is feeling anxious?

Anxiety is a normal response to situations that are new or stressful. Children can feel anxious about school for many different reasons relating to their learning, relationships or things happening outside of school.

Try and find out what is worrying your child and work together with your child's school to understand and support them to attend school.



#### Keep me home if...

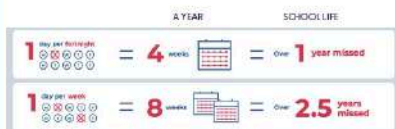
You should keep your child home from school if they are:

- Too sick to learn and need time to rest and recover.
- Have symptoms of concern including fever, vomiting, diarrhoea, sore throat, skin infections such as school sores, a new rash or difficulty breathing.
- Have tested positive for COVID-19. More information on symptoms, testing and when it is safe to return to school can be found by scanning the QR code.
- Have an infectious illness and have been advised to stay home by their local public health team or their healthcare provider.

Remember to let the school know.

#### DAYS MISSED = YEARS LOST

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



#### Call the Doctor if...

If you ever feel worried about your child's health, contact your doctor or healthcare provider.

You can also call Healthline on 0800 611 116 anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for free health advice, treatment and information on what to do next. Interpreter support is available.

The guidance provided on the Health NZ website also contains information and links to other urgent and non-urgent healthcare providers or services that can offer health advice and care that you need.



Learn more from the guidance provided by Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora by scanning the QR code.



**Tāpitomata**  
 To reach out to the potential of our ākonga

# TUA MARINA CALENDAR TERM 2 2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
18 - 22 MAY				YEAR 0-3 LIBRARY TRIP	ASSEMBLY - KAWAKAWA
25 - 29 MAY		YEAR 7&8 TECH			STAFF ONLY DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
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.



**SAUSAGE  
\$2.50**

**JUICIE  
\$2.00**

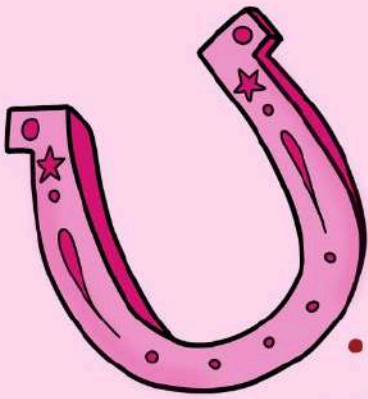
# PINK SHIRT DAY



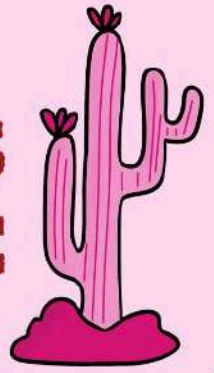
**EVEN OUR COMMUNITY IS SHOWING SUPPORT BY PAINTING THE HILLSIDE PINK!**



At Tuamarina School hall



PRIZES  
On THE  
NIGHT!



\$3 per ticket + 2x glow sticks



# Tuamarina School Disco



5/6/2026



Dress Code:  
Western/cowboy  
cowgirl

THERE WILL BE A COLOURING  
IN COMPETITION FOR EACH  
CLASS TO WIN A TICKET TO  
THE DISCO

5:30pm -  
7:00pm

PRE-PURCHASE OF PIECES  
OF PIZZA AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE  
AVAILABLE FOR THE NIGHT



WE WILL HAVE LED RINGS, BRACELETS,  
EXTRA GLOW STICKS FOR SALE FOR BETWEEN  
50c-\$2 & CHOCOLATE BARS FOR \$2