



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 whānau,

It is incredibly rewarding to see our school vision, "Hanga Atu ki te Tua Marino – Creating the Calm beyond," come to life in the way our students learn and thrive every day.

A perfect example was last Friday's school disco. Our amazing staff and community truly empowered our students to be respectful, inclusive, and connected. By working together, school and home relationships are cultivating the strong skills and attitudes our tamariki need for effective learning and personal growth.

Every day, our dedicated staff support students to embrace new opportunities and confidently face challenges. As a community of learners, we continue to show respect, generosity, and care for our environment, ourselves, and others—living the true spirit of Manaakitanga.

Together, our CALM values are shining brightly both inside and outside the school gates. We can't wait to see this in practice over the next couple of weeks during the Gymnastics Festival, Tua Marino Day, or when we host the x-country. Keep up the phenomenal work, team!

Ngā mihi mahana
Nic Walker Tumuaki | Principal

TĪKŌUKA

Year 0 - 1 || Leah Waddington & Emily Morris

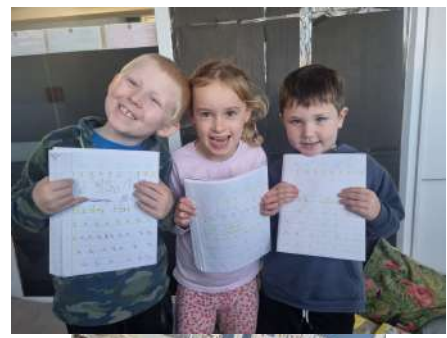
This week the students have been hard at work. In Maths the children have been introduced to measuring. Sometimes we've used objects to measure (feet, or long sticks), and other times we'll use a ruler. There are surprisingly many different steps to using a ruler. Finding the correct side, finding the number zero, placing the zero at the side of your object, etc. If you have a ruler at home, why don't you see if they can measure various objects around the house!!!

The children have been working incredibly hard with their letter and number formation, which we explicitly teach and practice every morning from 9:00-9:15, immediately when the bell rings. This has helped the children settle into class quietly and calmly, allows the children to begin the day in a quiet and peaceful classroom and of course is a crucial part of the literacy curriculum. At home you could get a writing table or writing box in an area that is easily spotted and accessible. Ask them to practice their name, or you could put up sight words for them to copy! Be sure to praise and note their excellent letters!

Thank you so much to everyone for practicing the student's reading books at home. The extra practice at home makes a notable difference to their progress at school! Make sure to fill in their reading journal every night that they practice with you! Remember, prizes are handed out after 25, 50, 75, 100, etc. nights of reading. Our principal Mr. Walker has the grand prize at 200 nights of reading!!!

Have a wonderful week everyone!!!

-Leah and Emily



KAWAKAWA

Year 2 - 3 || Aaron Harrison

Kawakawa Class has had another fun-filled week of learning and discovery!

It has been wonderful to welcome a new teacher into our classroom.

We are lucky to have Jahmilia Norgate joining us for the next two weeks as part of her third practicum placement. Jahmilia has already spent the past two weeks getting to know our little cherubs in Kawakawa and has quickly become a valued member of our class. She is currently completing her teaching qualification through Te Rito Maioha.

Jahmilia and the students have transformed part of our classroom into a giant marble run, with marbles travelling in all directions! The students have absolutely loved designing, building, and testing their creations while developing their problem-solving and teamwork skills.

We have also completed the testing phase of our Science Fair project and gathered some very interesting results. The students have enjoyed exploring scientific ideas and are excited about the next stages of the project.

In literacy, we have been focusing on expanding our vocabulary by identifying and discussing key words from our Enriched Reading books. We have also begun using a new approach called Colourful Semantics to help students build stronger sentence structures and develop their oral and written language skills.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr H

MAKOMAKO

Year 4 - 5 || Erica Barlow

It was wonderful to see everyone at the Disco on Friday dressed up in some fabulous costumes, doing some awesome dance moves.

Gymnastics

I'm so proud of everyone in Makomako class. We showed such Maanakitanga towards ourselves and other schools. We participated well and earned some wonderful scores. Thanks to all the parents who came to watch us.

Maths

We are now doing 2-digit by 1-digit multiplication and division, so practicing and learning our times tables off by heart is super important. This helps us to be able to solve harder problems quickly and efficiently.

Literacy

We are learning about the features of fiction and non-fiction texts and how we can tell which one we are reading. We are also writing questions where the answer is written RIGHT THERE in the text, or we have to THINK AND SEARCH in the text for the answer.

Cross Country

Please make sure your children have running shoes each day, as we are training for the Cross Country in week 10.

Erica Barlow
Makomako Kaiako



REWAREWA

Year 6 || Julian Mason

Kia ora e te whānau,

There is a lot on at the moment and it has helped that we have had some fine weather, despite the chilly mornings. This has allowed us to get out to start our Cross Country training in earnest. It has been fun to join in with Makomako & Kōwhai Classes and seeing everyone running together.

We have put our finishing touches on our gymnastics skills to put on display at the Gymnastics Festival today. It is always a fun event, and the training has developed some new skills, and required finesse to get there.

We will be doing more work with our Science Fair projects next week. Some of these might require a bit of help from home. I will be in contact next week to let you know if that is needed. Another week has flown by, have a great weekend - Julian

KOWHAI

Year 7 - 8 || Sarah Kerr

Kia ora e te whanau,

Way to end the week with some serious jumping!

We had an amazing time at the gym festival and because we were super efficient and finished early we had the privilege of using all the equipment for 20 minutes while we were waiting for Louise to arrive with our bus. Turns out a 100k Olympic level sprung mat is not wasted on the young! Amazing fun.

Thank you Rapaura School for a fantastic sports exchange and to Mel, Jason and Mr Walker for helping with transport. Congratulations Neve and Kaia who were invited to Ruth Paul's writers workshop last week and thanks to Sarah Perano for transporting everyone to Seddon.

Its been an awesome week of active involvement and everyone is well and truly ready for the weekend. Good luck Sports Teams, and see you all ready for mahi on Monday!

Nga mihi,
Whaea Sarah



PTA CHAT

It was fantastic to see so many children having a great time at our school disco! We loved seeing everyone dressed up in a cowgirl and cowboy theme, and congratulations to those students who won prizes for Best Dressed and Best Dancer!

A HUGE THANK YOU to the parents who helped on the night, Your support made this event a wonderful success and we couldn't have done it without you.

Photos from the night are now available to see on the school Facebook page- be sure to check them out!

Our next PTA meeting will be held on Thursday 18th June, at 7pm in Julian Mason's classroom. Everyone is welcome and we'd love to see you there.

HOUSE POINTS

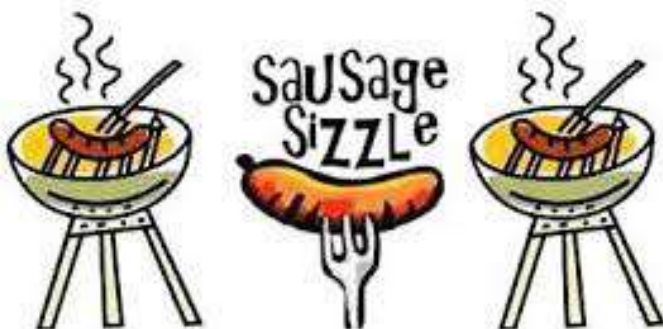
KOROMIKO	RĀRANGI	TOKOMARU	WAIKAKAHO
669	608	680	684

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ĀKONGA O TE WIKI WINNERS

Ti Kōuka - Harlie D
 Kawakawa - Cara D & Lucah D
 Makomako - Kaya N
 Rewarewa - Jack T
 Kōwhai - George M

TUA MARINA CALENDAR TERM 2 2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
15 - 19 JUNE			TUA MARINO DAY		ASSEMBLY - REWAREWA
				FIRST AID COURSE - KOWHAI, REWAREWA, TI KOUKA	FIRST AID COURSE - MAKOMAKO, KAWAKAWA
22 - 26 JUNE		YEAR 7&8 TECH			WAIRAU CLUSTER CROSS COUNTRY
29 JUNE - 03 JULY					TERM 2 ENDS ASSEMBLY - KOWHAI



SAUSAGE \$2.50

JUICIE \$2.00

Kids Edible Gardens by Roz Mundy

In week 5 we looked at our seedlings and gave them a bit of extra care.

We started to add leaf mulch but needed more so each group collected at least a bucket of leaves per person, helping our caretaker and our soil, plus having lots of competitive fun!

In week 6 we replaced some of the seedlings from a fortnight ago with some that we had kept under a cloche, (warmer and safe from the local pests) did some weeding, and started building up some new compost with layers of shredded paper/cardboard, leaves, food scrapes and cut grass. It was a busy day at school so special thanks to Gray and Ollie for your extra enthusiasm and hard work!!



In Week 7 we took most of the composed material from Mr Hs' worm farm, added some as layers for our compost and planted some pea seeds in milk container cloches. Hopefully these containers will keep our seeds safe from insects and rabbits or other animals (who are enjoying our leafy green seedlings) and a little warmer over the winter months so that we can watch them grow. There were lots of worms in the worm farm and we made sure that we left plenty to keep it going while also helping our school compost.

In week 8 we missed our KEGs session as Roz was not well but there garden is still changing and we will have more to explore next week.

I do hope that some of our little seedlings can survive the small creatures that live around the school- I don't think it is just rabbits!!



Kids Edible Gardens

by Roz Mundy

Week 3 & 4 - measuring and storing!!!

In week 3 we had a look at some of our kumara. We measured how long the longest and shortest ones we could spot were and then tried weighing with my kitchen scales.

The scales are not that accurate and we found the the wind and little bumps could change the settings but it was lots of fun!

Once we had done our measuring we wrapped some of the kumara in newspaper to store them. They are all now in trays in a store room, some wrapped and others laid out on the plastic or braken fern. We will check on our kumara every now and then to see how they are keeping.



In Week 4 we did some weeding and planted out some seedlings donated by Arthur and ???. We hope that these might be ready to share in a community meal.

There is more mulching and protecting of these seedlings to be done in the next few weeks as we don't want the insects, rabbits and birds to eat them!

Just a reminder: We will be mulching the garden area and boosting our garden beds as much as we can this term. If you have any straw, well rotted horse manure or wool insulation from meal boxes that you are willing to donate please contact me (rosalind@tuamarina.school.nz).



MORE FM MID WINTER SWIM 2026

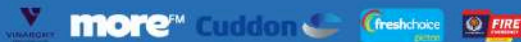
WITH CUDDON REFRIDGERATION & AIR CONDITIONING

PICTON FORESHORE | SUNDAY 21ST JUNE

REGISTRATIONS 9.30AM - 10.30AM | SWIM AT 11AM

PICTON FRESH CHOICE BEST DRESSED COMPETITION
LOCAL SCHOOLS FUNDRAISING BBQ

FREE ENTRY | SPOT PRIZES



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM JULY 2026

YEARS 5-6 7TH & 8TH JULY

YEARS 3-4 14TH JULY

\$ COST: \$30.00 PER DAY

🕒 TIME: 10.00 AM - 2.00 PM

📍 LOCATION: LANSDOWNE PARK



Fun netball activities & games
to suit all skill levels

REGISTRATIONS THROUGH SPORTY

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MARLBOROUGH GIRLS' COLLEGE
Te Kāreti Kōhine o Wairau

Pretending to be Human

By Helen Vivienne Fletcher
Directed by Naomi Barton



16-20 June, 7pm

MGC Hall

\$20/adult, \$15/student

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HE RŌPŪ TAUTOKO TITO
WHAKAARI O AOTEAROA



School Holiday Programme

6th July 2026 – 9th July 2026

13th July 2026 – 17th July 2026

Please note: We are closed on Matariki 10/07/2026

Mon - Fri 8.30am - 4pm

**We are a sports-based holiday programme.
Some of the activities we offer include:**

- Indoor Netball / Cricket & Soccer
- Dodgeball
- Badminton
- Pickleball
- Table Tennis
- Fun games
- Ten Pin Bowling

Full Day (8.30-4pm)	\$40.00
Hourly Rate	\$6.00

Food we have available:

- Hot Chips
- Chicken Nuggets
- Fish Bites
- Hot Dogs
- Toasted Sandwiches

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