



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 e te whānau!

With the recent shifts to the new National assessment and reporting expectations, we had anticipated a potential dip in achievement across the school and country. Instead, thanks to the incredible dedication of our students and staff, our mid-year results demonstrate outstanding strength! Nearly 74% of our students are achieving At or Above expectation in Reading, 71% in Maths, and over 60% in Writing. A remarkable 34% are already performing at the Proficient level in Maths, led by our impressive Year 8 cohort!

Thank you to our tamariki, teachers, and whānau for your unwavering support and hard work!

I am also thrilled to share our Term 2 attendance data! An impressive 78% of our students achieved regular attendance (91–100%), with chronic absenteeism sitting at just 3%.

When our students are here, they thrive. This outstanding effort directly feeds into their daily engagement, the stellar academic growth above, and well-being. By being present, our tamariki are connecting with their peers, deepening their learning, and living our CALM values every day. Again, a massive thank you to our staff and whānau for prioritizing presence and partnership. Together, we are creating a vibrant space where every learner can shine!

Ngā Mihi Mahana
Nic Walker
Tumuaki | Principal

TIKOUKA

year 0 - 1 || Leah Waddington & Helen Lyons

LITERACY: As per usual, the children work on the newly learned spelling pattern, by practicing a word chain with their reading group. (ex. write fell-shell-smell, small, etc.). They then move onto incorporating their spelling pattern in a short sentence, and shortly afterward will practice their new reading book which the spelling pattern is taken from.

During our writing time, the students are learning the components of a fantastic sentence. We have learned that all sentences need a subject and a verb. We have just incorporated an adjective (we're doing a colour this week). This foundation will continue to be built on as they progress up the year levels.

You can help to accelerate your child's progress at school by getting into a habit of having your child read to you every night from their reading book that they bring home. (ex. If we have 188 days of reading at school in one year, imagine if that was doubled by them reading to you every night...or every second night!). It really does make a difference!

MATHS: We have started back on our maths program (Maths No Problem). The students have been focusing on learning our doubles from 1-12, as well as learning how to add from 10/known our teen numbers.

Our tamariki are using scissors as part of their daily maths rotations. While they are cutting out maths activities, they're also building important fine motor skills, hand strength, hand eye coordination and scissor control. Following the steps of cutting, organising and gluing their work into their books helps develop independence, concentration and the skill needed for confident writing and learning across the curriculum.

Ngā Mihi,
Leah



KAWAKAWA

Year 2 - 3 || Aaron Harrison

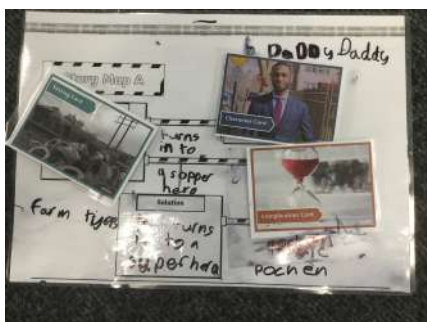
Kawakawa Class is all abuzz with excitement as the students create their new stories! Using a similar planning process to the one we used in the first few weeks of the term, the students have chosen new characters, settings, and problems, and are now working hard to develop their own creative solutions.

By using the Colourful Semantics system, we are learning how to construct complete sentences and add interesting adjectives to make our writing more detailed and engaging. It has been wonderful to see the students' confidence grow, and some fabulous stories are beginning to emerge.

In between our writing, maths, and reading programmes, we are also busy preparing for our Science Fair on the 27th of August. We are eagerly waiting for our display boards to arrive so we can begin putting together a spectacular presentation of our thermodynamics project. The students are very excited to see how our project comes together and to share their learning with others.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr H



MAKOMAKO

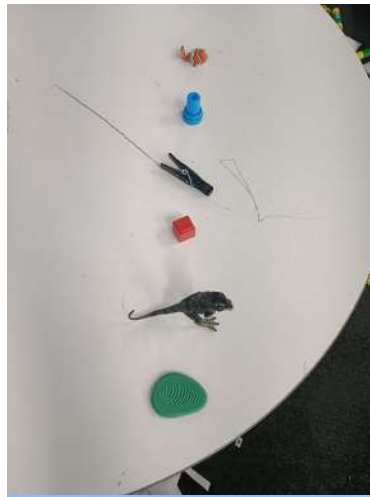
Year 4 - 5 || Erica Barlow

It was so nice to be out and watch Isabel and Pagan race against approximately 35 others in the Marlborough Cross Country. They did so well!

We have been busy with our science fair experiment this week, testing our memory. In Maths we have been looking at fractions and how to find an equivalent using multiplication or division. We are also starting to add and subtract fractions. We are making such good connections on how they all relate to each other.

In Reading we have been focused on Reading Comprehension strategies. Looking for clues and making connections with the text. We are all now on individual reading contracts with the journals we are reading.

Keep up the reading at home so we can receive stamps towards our free Hell's pizza. Looking forward to another busy learning-filled week.



REWAREWA

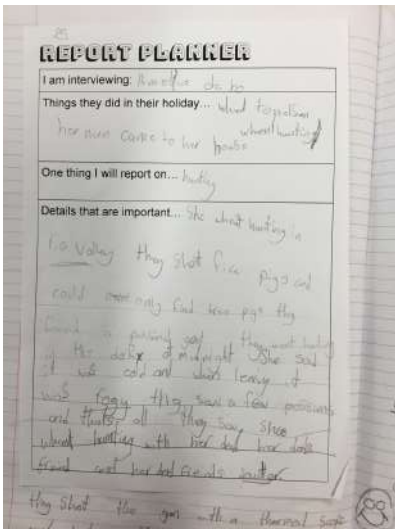
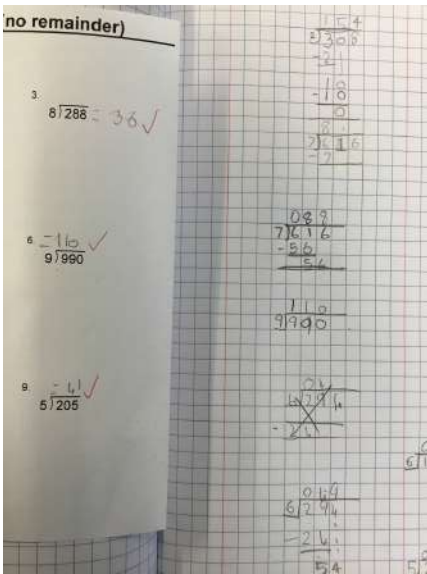
Year 6 || Julian Mason

Kia ora e te whānau,

It has been a balancing act to have the right temperature and a good amount of fresh air in class with the very frosty mornings recently. There been a emphasis of using learning time wisely, as it is still a struggle for some. A reward and consequence system has developed some good results so far.

We started back on our Science Fair projects this week. There will be a big push on these next week, as we are a bit behind where we should be. This will be turning our awesome ideas into action. There might be some work to be completed at home, so I will send a message if this is required.

Rewarewa had Logan, George and Manaia represent the school at the Marlborough Cross Country Champs this week. Manaia backed that up at the Rugby Sevens the next day along with Chase, Ollie and Wallace. They all made a great effort and lived our value of Active Involvement. Have a great weekend - Julian



KOWHAI

Year 7 - 8 || Sarah Kerr

Kia Ora Whanau,

Everyone is finishing their first draft of speeches today. If you like, I can share students' speech documents with home accounts so you can follow our editing and refining process next week. The goal is to have all speeches finished next week so we can move on to finalising our Science Fair results Publishing. This gives us a few weeks to develop our oral presentations for both learning areas. If necessary I will have a day at school on the 23 August to help students with their Science Fair Board preparation. Kapa haka is going well, with seniors showing leadership and active involvement. If anyone could support us with guitar or front row performance skills, it would be much appreciated.

Our focus this week has been on manners and service. Thanks to the boys who helped clean the filters on the heat pumps before school this morning. Stay warm.
ngā mihi, Sarah Kerr



PTA CHAT

Kia Ora Kura Whānau!

The new school sports uniforms look fantastic on our tamariki! It has been great seeing them out and about on various the fields and courts.

Thank you to the Tua Marina Rodeo Association for their donation to get these!

Keep selling those seedlings! Rachel has been hard at work prepping the seeds and getting them growing and ready for our gardens. These are due back 14th August.

Quiz Night

If you are keen to help organise the Quiz Night, we would love to have you join our Quiz Crew! Please see one of the PTA members or email ptasec@tuamarina.school.nz.

A huge thank you to those who have already helped with donations for our raffles and auction! We will be looking for more donations to help make the night a huge success! If you are able to help, please email ptasec@tuamarina.school.nz.

Have a fantastic week!

TMS PTA



SAUSAGE SIZZLES - TERM 3

**SAUSAGE \$2.50
JUICIE \$2.00**

**BI-WEEKLY, STARTING FRIDAY 31 JULY
- SAME WEEK AS ASSEMBLY -**

HOUSE POINTS

KOROMIKO	RĀRANGI	TOKOMARU	WAIKAKAHO
898	829	904	925

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ĀKONGA O TE WIKI WINNERS

Tī Kōuka - Liam C & Reign T
Kawakawa - Ollie H & McCartney Tl
Makomako - Maddison P
Rewarewa - Matty J & George K
Kōwhai - Mason M

MEMOS FROM THE OFFICE

We hope you are having a wonderful week! To help keep our school running smoothly, safely, and happily for our tamariki, please keep these gentle reminders in mind:

- Morning Arrival & Classrooms: Our school grounds officially open at 8:30 AM. Classrooms remain locked until the 8:30 AM bell rings so our teachers can prepare for the day. We appreciate your support with this, especially for early bus arrivals from Picton and Waikakaho.
- Staffroom Access & Privacy: The staffroom is a staff-only space to protect confidential information and privacy. Please do not cut through or let children enter. If the office is locked during break time, simply pop around and knock on the staffroom door!
- Signing In & Out: For safety and emergency accounting, please always sign your children in and out at the office if they arrive late or leave early.
- Bus Schedule Updates: Please notify the office promptly of any permanent or one-off changes to your child's bus schedule.
- Toys at Home: Please leave all toys at home to prevent lost or broken items. Any toys brought to school will be held at the office for a parent/caregiver to collect.
- Water-Only School: Remember to pack a refillable water bottle each day to keep your child hydrated and ready to learn.
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Thank you so much for your ongoing support and cooperation in keeping our Tua Marina community safe and thriving!

Kids Edible Gardens

by Roz Mundy

Week 2 Lets explore the garden!

In week 2 of term 3 the Potato, Kumara and Yam groups from Makomako class had their first week of KEGs for 2026. As there are always things to notice in the garden, and there are a few new students in this class, we took some time to explore the Edible and Sensory garden areas, what is in them and what the sensory garden is all about!

The Kawakawa class had helped do quite a clean up and some extra planting at the end of term 2 and there were new shoots to spot which was very exciting!

We identified plants and (most of us) **tasted** parsley, borage, calendula, sage, mint and some of the leafy greens and more! Some of us also tasted the mandarins that had been pulled off the tree (yuck, and such a waste)! It really is much better to wait for them to ripen! Each group found some insects and we noticed our broad beans being visited by a number of pollinator species.



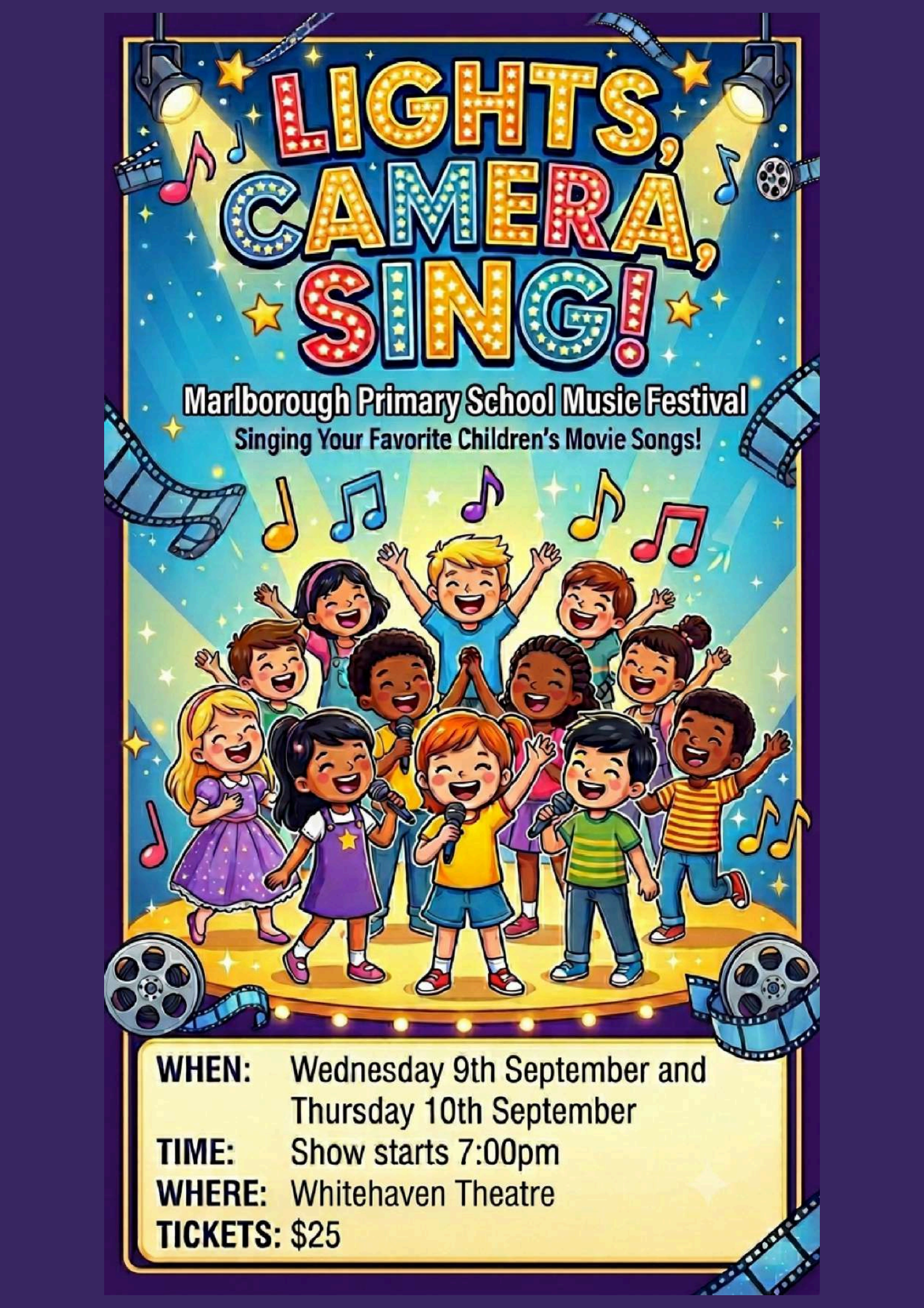
In week 3, after a look at what had changed in the gardens, we made a start on one of our projects for the term, removing the topsoil from one of our raised beds.

We made some progress and each group was rewarded with a lemon honey drink made with freshly squeezed lemon and local honey.

Congratulations Tua Marino for taking more care of the fruit trees this year. We were actually able to use lemons from our own tree for the lemon drinks this year and I hope that we can use other produce from the garden when it is ready too rather than see it go to waste.

A big thank you to our caretaker Warren who has been doing some pruning of trees, including some, like the nashi, that has been in need of a good haircut. This keeps our school looking good and helps the trees to produce good fruit in future. Do remember to thank him when you see him about!



A vibrant, cartoon-style illustration of a group of diverse children singing and dancing on a stage. The children are holding microphones and have joyful expressions. The background is a bright blue sky with yellow stars, musical notes, and film strips. Stage lights and film reels are also depicted. The title 'LIGHTS, CAMERA, SING!' is written in large, colorful, star-patterned letters at the top.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, SING!

Marlborough Primary School Music Festival
Singing Your Favorite Children's Movie Songs!

WHEN: Wednesday 9th September and
Thursday 10th September
TIME: Show starts 7:00pm
WHERE: Whitehaven Theatre
TICKETS: \$25