



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!

There's nothing quite like seeing our Tua Marina kids come in each morning excited to learn and looking out for one another. It really takes a village, and we're so lucky to have such an active partnership between our staff, families, PTA, and Board. When adults show what good interactions look like, our students naturally mirror that positivity—making our classrooms and playground a much kinder place for everyone.

Every term we review, and where necessary reset some of our school policies and procedures. To help us continually improve we all have the opportunity to take part.

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All SchoolDocs schools follow a 3-year review schedule to keep information up to date. Each term, you can provide feedback on policies and procedures that are under review. If you'd like to send a message to your school about a particular topic, use the feedback button.

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Related policies and procedures

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Ngā mihi nui,
Nic Walker
Principal

TIKOUKA

year 0 - 1 || Leah Waddington & Helen Lyons

The children worked hard and were proud of their science fair board last week. We discovered that if everyone touches a piece of bread with unwashed hands, it gets mouldy quicker than if you wash your hands!

Reminder to please bring in your field trip form:)

Literacy: In phonics we are beginning to look at blends (sp-spot, sl-slack, sw-swim, etc.) We have also been learning our first trigraph (tch), and a few new digraphs (ee, ay).

In our morning literacy rotations, the students have been working incredibly hard. Most students get the opportunity to work on their word chains, where they write a chain of words (ex. wave-wade-wide-side), and then practice a simple sentence using their new sound.

In block 3, we have been learning that a good sentence will have a subject, verb, a where and a conjunction (and/because). This learning intention will continue for the next several weeks before we add the next concept.

Maths: We have been learning about money, which can be quite abstract, but is fabulous for mathematical understanding. The first step is to understand \$1, \$2, \$5 and then \$10. If you have an opportunity at home, you can have them add up some gold coins, and then add a \$5/10 bill.

We hope everyone has a fabulous week!!!

Kindest Regards,
Leah and Helen



KAWAKAWA

Year 2 - 3 || Aaron Harrison

Kawakawa Class is back in full swing after a week where we had quite a few students away sick. It was wonderful to have everyone back and ready for another busy week of learning!

Last week we had our school Science Fair, and it was fantastic to see so many wonderful science boards on display. Tuamarina has many students heading through to the Marlborough Science Fair, and we are very proud that three of our own Kawakawa students — Elka, Willem and Gus — will be presenting our class project. Well done to them!

This week, we have also been enjoying some creative activities in Kawakawa. The students have been busy making some wonderful creations for our special fathers and father figures for Father's Day.

There has been plenty of creativity and excitement in the classroom!

Our narrative writing is also coming along really well, with the students finishing off their stories. There are some fantastic and imaginative stories being produced. We have been using Colourful Semantics to help students construct well-balanced sentences and develop their ideas with greater detail.

In maths, we have been trucking along with our fractions and are soon going to move on to exploring geometric shapes. It is great to see the students continuing to build their understanding and confidence with their maths learning.

It has been another busy and enjoyable week in Kawakawa. Have a wonderful and enjoyable weekend!

Mr H



MAKOMAKO

Year 4 - 5 || Erica Barlow

Wow what a busy few weeks it has been. Well done to Tuiti, Isabel and Pagan who represented our class's science project at the TuaMarina Science fair and answered questions about our project. On Wednesday we went on our action week trip with Rewarewa and Kowhai. It was so good to see the students interacting and engaging with the art in the gallery. It was super inspiring to see all the talent and creativity from our Marlborough Boys and Girls college students. In the library we learnt about how the library structures where books are put and had a tour around. Another highlight was a trip to the Council chambers. We got to sit in the counsellors chairs and some of us even got to pretend to be the mayor. Makomako is on assembly next week so hope to see you there.

Erica



REWAREWA

Year 6 || Julian Mason

Kia ora e te whānau,

The last two weeks have felt like a case of 'out of the frying pan and into the fire.' Last week was a massive effort to get our Science Fair boards together. Hopefully you were able to get in to see them on display last Friday. We will be deciding if any are going through to the regional Science Fair soon, otherwise the boards will be coming home next week.

This week we have started the process of writing our speeches. Due to the effort of Science Fair we are a bit behind schedule, so we will be investing time over the next week to these. The topic this year is 'Me and What is Important to Me.' If you have a chance to talk to them about their topics and help them clarify their ideas that would be great.

Finally, we had a fantastic day in Blenheim on Wednesday along with Kōwahi and Makomako Classes. It was great to see the students enthusiastic during the activities, following instructions carefully and respectful of being in a public space. The art gallery and library were a real highlight, and a free activity you can do as a family anytime. Have a great weekend - Julian



KOWHAI

Year 7 - 8 || Sarah Kerr

Kia Ora Whanau,

The sharemarket 10K challenge has taken off. Our biggest team gain overnight was two thousand dollars. Unfortunately those potential investment profits were lost at market opening so the realities of high finance are hitting hard. Mundy Whanau currently leads in Marlborough.

Today's topic was budgeting and unfortunately most students chose to plan an overseas holiday sans whanau. Currency conversion and the hideous price of air travel have proved challenging.

School Science Fair results were very pleasing with nearly all our entries gaining Bronze or above and thus qualifying for the Marlborough Scitec Fair on the 21 September 2026. There is some significant work still to be done on all of our boards and students may need some support from home.

Our sports day with Rapaura is confirmed on 17 September. If you can help with transport to Simcox Stadium please contact me.

We also have an opportunity to attend interschool orienteering on the 23 September. This is an optional activity organised by Rapaura School and we would need parental support for the day.

Thank you Kowhai for a super busy and inspiring day in Blenheim on Wednesday. The feedback for staff at all venues was complementary and it was a pleasure to go adventuring with you all.

Nga mihi Sarah



HOUSE POINTS

KOROMIKO	RĀRANGI	TOKOMARU	WAIKAKAHO
1091	1033	1061	1038

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ĀKONGA O TE WIKI WINNERS

Ti Kōuka - Lockie E

Kawakawa - Gray C & Louis S

Makomako - Arlo B

Rewarewa - Wallace H

Kōwhai - Reid C, George M & Ajax S

MEMOS

*Please remember to return the uniform form to the office. We want to know what the Tua Marina community thinks about this!

*Please remember to sign your children on and off the bus before 3pm. This is a safety protocol so we do not release your child to the wrong place!

QUEEN CHARLOTTE YC

LEARN TO SAIL

YNZ LEVEL 1
START...
SAILING!
3 DAY COURSE
FOR AGES 8-14

29 Sept - 1st Oct 2026
6 - 8th Oct 2026

MORE INFO & REGISTER AT
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YOU'RE INVITED!
JAB Softball & Tee-Ball
Muster Day
Lansdowne Park, Blenheim
Saturday 19 September
11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Fun skills, drills, games & give-it-a-go softball and tee-ball!
All children welcome — bring your friends and whānau!
Sign up for the upcoming season on the day!

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM SEPTEMBER 2026

YEARS 5-6
TUES 29TH SEP & WED 30TH SEP

YEARS 3-4
TUES 6TH OCT

- \$ COST: \$30.00 PER DAY**
- ⌚ TIME: 10.00 AM - 2.00 PM**
- 📍 LOCATION: LANSDOWNE PARK**



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HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

- CRAFTS
- PUZZLES
- COLOURING

26 Sep-11 Oct
Picton Heritage & Whaling Museum
9 London Quay, Picton



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