



**Tua Marina School**  
**Te Kura o Tua Marino**

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

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WEEK 9, TERM 3  
- 18 SEPTEMBER 2026

## **PRINCIPAL KORERO**

Kia Ora e te whānau!

It's been a fantastic week walking around school and through the classrooms for Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori! Hearing te reo spoken so naturally by staff and students, and seeing the creative collaborative activities, has been awesome. Coupled with that, there is immense pride in seeing and hearing the dedicated efforts going into Kapa Haka—a truly authentic context where our schoolwide CALM values come alive.

With the shifting weather, our lost property pile is growing rapidly with jerseys, hoodies, and jackets. If you're missing items at home, please pop by the office to check.

Amy has also sent out a few community notices recently. We'd love your feedback, especially regarding which animals are coming to Pet Day and who can join us for the annual Hāngī and Hui early next term.

We're almost at the end of term, team—let's keep Hanga Atu Ki Te Tua Marino - Creating the CALM Beyond!

Ngā mihi mahana

Nic Walker

Principal

# TIKOUKA

year 0 - 1 || Leah Waddington & Helen Lyons

Kia ora Tī Kōuka whānau,

Our class has been thoroughly enjoying maths recently, diving into money and fractions! We have been using dollars to explore different concepts and practicing how to add and subtract using money. We've been working on this for several weeks now, and it has been wonderful to see so much confidence and growth in the students. Try practicing a little bit at home together to help reinforce their learning!

We have also seen so much learning with fractions through hands-on, everyday activities—like dividing apples into fractions and getting to enjoy eating them at the end!

We want to thank everyone involved in supporting our trip to Waitohi Picton, it was filled with valuable learning around local history. It was a very special experience to see the Edwin Fox, and to hold real whale teeth and ambergris in the museum! Our tamariki were excellent examples of respectful, curious and engaged learners, showing genuine interest, and making the most of the opportunity. We loved topping it off with a big play at the playground together.



# KAWAKAWA

Year 2 - 3 || Aaron Harrison

We are counting down to the end of term in Kawakawa Class! What a fantastic way to finish the last couple of weeks, with lots of exciting experiences and learning outside the classroom.

We had a wonderful excursion to the Edwin Fox Museum and the Picton Maritime Museum, where the students enjoyed exploring and learning about our local history and maritime heritage.

This week, we have also been celebrating Te Reo Māori in our classroom. The students have been practising how to greet each other in the mornings and say goodbye at the end of the day. We have also been playing some fun little games to help us learn and remember new Te Reo Māori kupu. It has been great to see everyone getting involved and giving it a go!

Adding to the excitement, our Year 3–4 students headed off to the Festival of Hockey last Tuesday. What a fabulous day everyone had! There were plenty of smiles, lots of fun and some great opportunities for our tamariki to get involved and enjoy themselves.

I must give a huge shout-out to all the wonderful parents who give up their time to come along, support and transport our tamariki to these events. We really appreciate the time and effort you put in to help make these experiences possible for our students. Thank you!

On Monday, our TuaMarina students from Years 6–8 will be heading to the Marlborough Science Fair. Our Kawakawa class Science Fair board will also be on display, even though our Year 2–3 students won't be attending. It is fantastic to see our class project representing Kawakawa at such a great event. The Marlborough Science Fair will be open to the public on Tuesday at the Stadium, so make sure you head along if you get the chance and check out all the amazing science projects!

Stay safe over the weekend and take care.

Mr H



# MAKOMAKO

Year 4 - 5 || Erica Barlow

It's been another busy 2 weeks in Makomako class.

Festival of Hockey.

Well done to those that went to the Festival of hockey on Tuesday or Wednesday you all played so well and showed our Tuamarina school values to all those around us.

Speeches

Wow I have been so impressed with all the hard work you all put into your speeches. There were some fantastic performances and it was really tricky to choose who went through to the school competition. Sophie, Finnian, Nikau and Yeve you all did so amazingly well at the whole school speeches!

Maths

The year 4's have been learning about money and how cents are part of a whole, using decimals and linking to tenths.

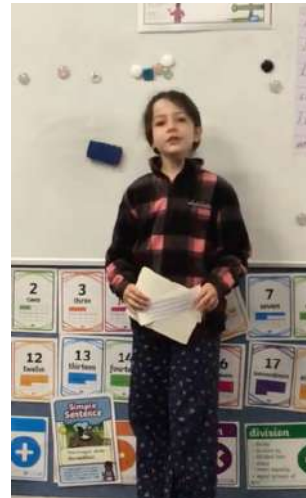
The year 5's have been learning about time and graphing. Which has linked well to our science fair.

Literacy

Now we have finished speeches we are looking at writing to entertain with Poems.

Looking forward to the last week of term 3!

Erica



# REWAREWA

Year 6 || Julian Mason

Kia ora e te whānau,

It has been a term packed full of events and learning. The value of writing and presenting a speech every year is paying off, as the students were able to write and present their speeches over a short period of time, and to a good quality. Thank you to the parents and whānau that made it in to watch the students present.

It was hard to choose two of these to represent the class at our school speech competition, but in the end, congratulations went to Matty and Amelia who were chosen for that. They did themselves and the class proud when they presented to the whole school on Tuesday.

Then on Wednesday most of the class were off into town for the Festival of Hockey. It is a fun day for all to enjoy with lots of games against other schools. It was great to see so many new players give it a go with some great skills on display, and improving as the day went on. No doubt the last week is going to be a busy one as well. Have a great weekend - Julian



# KOWHAI

Year 7 - 8 || Sarah Kerr

Kia Ora Whānau,

Yesterday, we joined Rapaura for our annual winter sports match up at Simcox Stadium. Kōwhai class has built great connections with their senior peers from down the road, and they will be visiting us in Term 4 (25 November) to play Kī o Rahi and Fox and Hounds. On Sunday, staff will deliver the Science Fair boards to Stadium 2000 in preparation for presentation on

Monday morning. All the best to our representatives! Congratulations also to everyone who presented at the School Speech Competition (and thank you to the whānau who came to listen).

Public speaking is a challenge for many students, and we are proud of their continued progress. Lastly, kia kaha, mau te wehi to our Kapa Haka group performing at school this afternoon. They are preparing for our hāngī and hui on 21 October, followed by Taiopenga on 22 October 2026.



## PTA CHAT

Quiz Night - New Date

Thank you to everyone who has confirmed they can still make it to our new quiz date - 10th of October. We really appreciate your understanding around the change.

If you haven't booked yet there is still time to get a table together and join us for a fun night out! Email - [ptasec@tuamarina.school.nz](mailto:ptasec@tuamarina.school.nz)

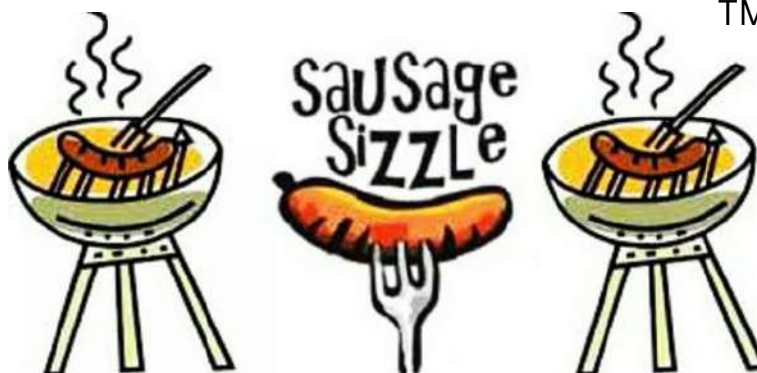
Make sure you follow the Tua Marina School Quiz Night Facebook page too- we'll soon be sharing some of the cool auction items we have up for grabs on the night.

Sausage Sizzle

Our final sausage sizzle will be held on the last day of term.

\$2.50 sausage \$2 juicy

TMS PTA



## SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Sausage \$2.50

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# HOUSE POINTS

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ĀKONGA O TE WIKI WINNERS

Tī Kōuka - Gabriel S  
Kawakawa - Frankie P  
Makomako - Sophie M & Thor S  
Rewarewa - Chase F  
Kōwhai - Johnny D

## CONGRATULATIONS



A massive  
congratulations to Emily  
and the Morris family on  
the arrival of their  
beautiful baby girl.

Welcome to the Tua  
Marina whānau, Maisie!

# Kids Edible Gardens

by Roz Mundy

## Week 4-7!

Makomako have continued to explore the edible garden area and help prepare from more action in coming weeks! We have all helped to remove the vermicasts and worm tea/"wee" from the worm farm, replaced some vegetable plants and natives around the hangi pit area, done some weeding and tidying, looked at how precious our fresh water is, met some other insects, planted some vegetable seed and started our kumara slips.



At this time of year there is always change in the garden as things are starting to grow or grow faster. Week 7 was a week out and about so there will be a few things to check when we are back in the school garden next week - hopefully the wind and the birds/rabbits haven't done too much damage to our plants!! Hopefully our Kumara Tipu will grow well too!

In week 6 we had a special visit from Reuben Molnar of Te Whatu Ora helping us to get some Kumara established. This didn't take long to start but we need to keep them moist so that the tipu/shoots will grow and we have some more kumara to plant this year!



# Kids Edible Gardens

by Roz Mundy

Water is important!

In week 5 we had a go at an activity to remind us how important our fresh water is particularly as we look towards warmer and drier conditions over summer.

We used a bucket to **represent** all of the water in the world! (please note that this is not highly accurate!)

The breakdown of the 10 litres of total water looks like this:

- **Oceans & Saltwater:** 9L 700 ml (97% of all water)
- **Ice & Snow:** approximately 1 cup (2.4% of all water, representing frozen freshwater)
- **Liquid Freshwater:**  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a cup (0.6% of all water, mostly trapped underground)

**Drinkable Water: 1 single teaspoon / 5 ml** (0.0003% of all water) The single teaspoon represents the tiny fraction of Earth's total water that is actually fresh, accessible, clean, and safe for humans and animals to drink. The rest of the freshwater is frozen, too deep underground to extract, or polluted.

We passed this teaspoon of water around our group and any that was lost was regarded as polluted or wasted. There was not much left in the spoon for most groups!!

Why is water a taonga (treasure) in Aotearoa?

Because we need it to grow kai and keep us healthy. It's part of our rivers and lakes, and those are special places.

We use it for swimming, drinking, washing—it's part of our daily lives.

Water is part of whakapapa—it connects us to the land. Because we can't live without it, and some places in the world don't have enough.

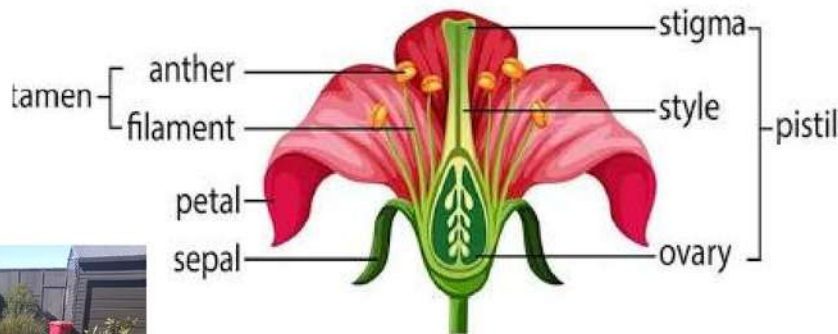


# Kids Edible Gardens

by Roz Mundy

In week 8 we had a look at some of the flowers in our edible garden. Some of the flowering plants are weeds and others are self-sown but allowed to stay as they are good for our garden. Edible flowers such as the calendula and the borage were very popular to taste and many discovered that they also liked the tasty young beans inside the broad bean pods so it was good to see the broad bean flowers being pollinated.

We then had a look at some seed packets and had a look at the information they had on them. We planted some corn, and seed into pots following the instructions for depth as according to the information on the packets they were all seeds that could be planted into pots in Marlborough (at the top of the South Island of New Zealand) The seed packets were all very old (given by neighbours) but we will care for them and watch to see if any grow.



In week 9 our main goal was to get the strawberry plants back into the garden with some better soil. It was lovely to see the plants in the ground, watered and surrounded by some straw to keep the weeds down. They are getting a good water again with the rain the day after planting!

Our Kumara tipu are starting to sprout and we will try to keep them warm and watered so that the growth continues. Next week we will do some cooking with our produce and there will also be some tidying ready for the school holidays and the next term!



# Combined Schools Music Festival 2026

by Roz Mundy and Angelina Skinner

Congratulations to all students who took part in the Combined primary Schools music Festival "Lights, Camera, Sing!"

There were a lot of songs, with some complicated lyrics and actions, to learn but our young choir worked really hard and had a great time performing on stage (even those who were feeling very nervous before the show).

A big thank you to all parents and caregivers who supported practise and with transport and attending the big night!!

We plan to give the choir a little break until next term but look forward to some more fun together in future!



# Helping Your Child Thrive in a Digital World A Talk with Martin Hughes



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## What you'll gain

1. Ways to work individually and collectively as parents
2. Insights to support the best outcomes for your child
3. Strategies to navigate challenges and opportunities
4. Practical ideas and resources so that your child is "Fit for Learning and Fit for Life".

## Please Note!

- Adults only
- Bring your questions on the night
- Or submit your questions in advance using this QR code



## About the Speaker

**Martin Hughes** – educator, coach, and change manager (20+ years supporting schools and communities).



**Mistletoe Bay**  
Village

# OPEN DAY

**Sunday 4th October 2026 1:30pm-4:30pm**

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Guest Speakers



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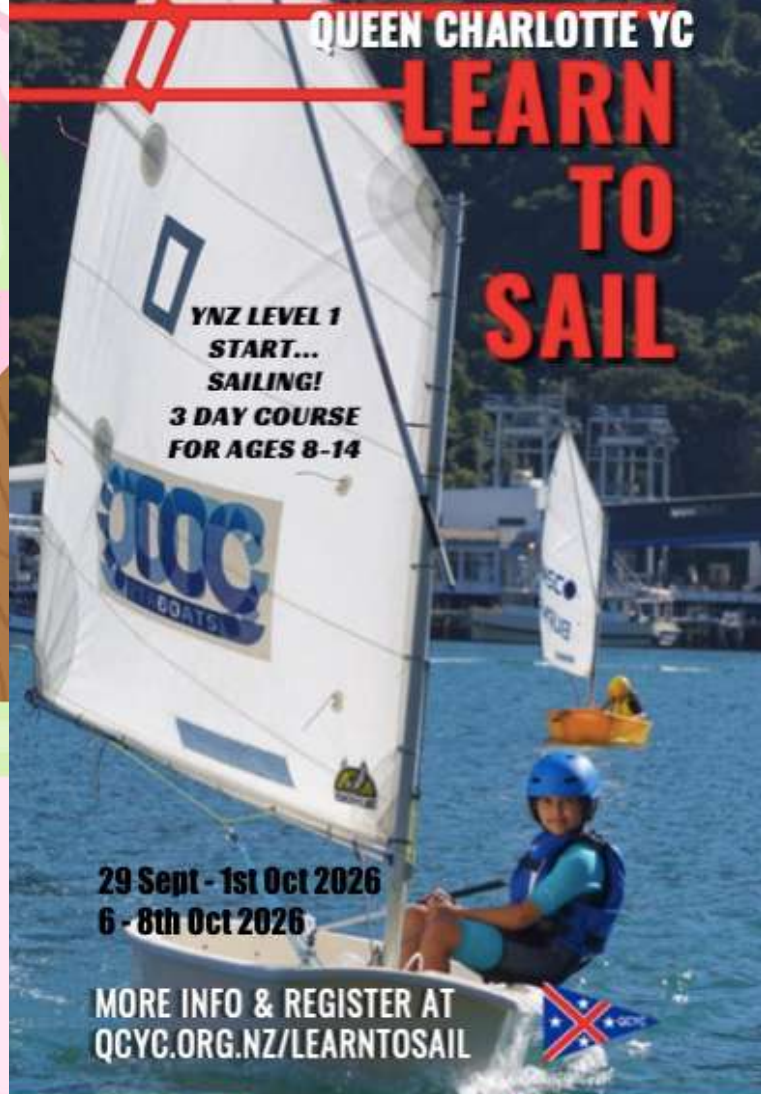
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