

Newsletter Week 1 Term 2 Friday 28 April 2023

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Principal Korero

Tēnā koutou e te whānau.

A huge thank you goes out to the community, Board, PTA, staff and students for the amazing job they did welcoming my family and I into the school community with Wednesday's Mihi Whakatau.

For those of you that I didn't get to meet on Wednesday or this week I look forward to doing so in the coming time ahead. I'm Nic Walker and even though I come here from Waimea Intermediate School in Richmond, my family come from here originally. As such, we are excited to return home and make the most of the region again, reconnect with old friends and create new links for our two boys. My wife Fi and sons, Tom and Hugo, will join us next term once we have sold our place in Māpua.

Just a reminder that this newsletter will go out each Friday afternoon rather than lots of little posts throughout the week. If you know of someone that is not receiving it but would like to please reach out to Amy in the office to let us know. The newsletter is a great way to catch up on celebrations from the classroom each week and see what is coming up.

As part of our Whānaungatanga approach here at Tua Marina School, all whānau are warmly invited every Friday from 2.30pm. This term's first school assembly will be next Friday 5th May and continue every second Friday. On alternate weeks at the same time parents are warmly welcome to whānau time from 2:30pm. This is a great time to come a little early at pick up time and join your child(ren)s class to see what they have been learning.

Equally I have an open door and welcome the opportunity to talk about anything you may wish to raise with me or just to come and make a connection with me as the new Tumuaki - Principal.

Ngā mihi nui Nic Walker Tumuaki - Principal

Important Dates

29 April PTA Christmas Fair Meeting

2 May PTA meeting 3pm Library

3 May Rippa Rugby Skills (in school)

10 May Rippa Rugby Skills (in school)

15 May Year 7 and 8 Technology

17 May Rippa Rugby Skills (in school)

18 May Small Sticks Hockey Skills (in school)

22 May Year 7 and 8 Technology

25 May Small Sticks Hockey Skills (in school)

29 May Year 7 and 8 Technology

30 May PTA meeting 8am Library

1 June Small Sticks Hockey Skills (in school)

5 June King's Birthday - Public holiday

8-9 June Junior Year 0-4 Fundamentals

12 June Year 7 and 8 Technology

12-16 June Seniors Year 5-8 Fundamentals

22 June Cluster schools' Cross Country

23 June DISCO 5:30 - 7pm School Hall

27 June PTA 3pm Meeting Library

28 June Cluster Schools' Cross Country Postponement Day

30 June End of Term Assembly Last Day of Term 2

18 August School Ski Trip

Ha aha te mea nui, o te au He tangata, he tangata, he tangata What is the most important thing in the world It is the people, the people, the people



Ti Kōuka Year 0-1-2 Emily Morris Caroline Abbott

Kia ora Tī Kōuka whānau,

It has been wonderful to see all the bright, smiley faces of tamariki in $T_{\bar{1}}$ Kōuka this week and to hear all about the adventures they have had over the Easter holiday. We have settled straight back into our school and classroom routines and all the tamariki have risen to the challenge and got straight back into their teaching, learning and playing.

For many of our tamariki (especially those in Year 2) we are transitioning into reading books that form part of the 'Colour Wheel', as well as continuing to use reading books based on our phonics programme. You will notice that the 2 types of books are written in very different ways and we hope to see skills being transferred between the 2 types of books. Please ask any questions or pop in and see us for a chat before or after school.



Ngā mihi, Emily and Caroline



Learning to be resilient during Kiwi Can by trying to find 'Where's Wally?'.

Sharing our holiday adventures with the Kiwi Can leaders today.



Year 3-4 Sarah Kerr

Kia ora e te Whānau,

If you have not received a SEESAW message from me this term, please email me sarah@tuamarina.school.nz. I will be sharing work online using the SEESAW app.

This week we have been working on symmetry. We made symmetrical name bugs this afternoon (see our pics below and on SEESAW)

Maryn Kotze taught in Manuka class on Thursday and introduced a Sharing Circle which we will keep using.

I will send home a term timetable next week after I have booked a couple more things and as always please contact me if you would like

to discuss how you can support your tamariki and their learning at home.

We wish Manaia and the Vercoe Whānau a wonderful adventure though Asia for the next 8 weeks. Nga mihi Sarah Kerr









Rewarewa Year 5-6

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Kia ora e te whānau,

I hope you all enjoyed some good whānau time over the break. While it is often hard to get back into the swing of things, it has been made easier with the great attitude of your awesome children.

All of the practice at the end of term 1 was rewarded with their beautiful singing at the Mihi Whakatau for our new principal. It was a great way to start the term, and the students were able to get to know him a little better when we invited him to take part in a game with us.

They have been developing their oral language skills to guess the adventures of their classmates from the holidays, getting creative with some wall displays and getting into some new routines during literacy and maths time.

We started our prep for the Gymnastics Festival that takes place in just over two weeks (more details to come), and had our first Kiwi Can session today. There has been a lot happening in the first three days of this term.

Have a great weekend - Julian

Kōwhai Year 7-8 Aaron Harrison

Kia ora Whānau.

This week in kōwhai we have been focusing on ANZAC Day, and the connections we make through our reading in class. The kids have created some amazing silhouette artwork in memory of all our fallen soldiers that have fought in the wars around the world.

We have been using different types of media from newspaper articles, magazines, school journals, and stories spoken by the students to learn as much as we can about our ANZAC soldiers.

In two weeks time we will be attending Wairau Gymnastics, so the students are practising their routines in class time.

Cross country is coming up this term as well. From next week, can the students please come to school with covered shoes so we can practise in anticipation for the cross country. We will be doing a course around the school grounds and up to the cemetery and down again.

Have an enjoyable weekend from Mr H.







Office News



Love to sing? MCY Theatre are running a youth choir. Available for ages 8 - 16, the MCY Choir will have fun singing a range of songs from different genres while developing a basic knowledge of singing technique from a classically trained tutor. This is a non audition choir, so if you love to sing get in touch to secure your spot. Classes held on Wednesdays 5pm @ St Ninians Hall 1 Riley Cres. Fees are \$75 per term.





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The <u>Great Kiwi Bookathon</u> is BACK and we need your support! This fun activity is all about bringing the love of books to kids and their whanau and inspiring them to read LIKE MAD and have fun. This reading challenge happens throughout the month of June and creates an opportunity for us to encourage reading amongst Kiwi Kids while raising awareness and much-needed funds for Blind Low Vision NZ.

Funds raised from the Great Kiwi Bookathon will help fund vital support services, like our fully accessible library service, and counselling to support the family adjusting to changes in family life and the outlook ahead. Our services help kids and their families to live the life they choose.



Resilience Taikaha

Means coping with challenges and bouncing back.

THE KIWI CAN CORNER



Resilience / Taikaha

Coming up this term in Kiwi Can it's all about resilience / taikaha. We'll be explaining resilience as "coping with challenges and bouncing back".

Our Kiwi Can kids will be learning about three main aspects of resilience this time around: **goal setting**; **problem solving**; and **perseverance**. We will be role modelling and practicing to 'try, try again'!

Want to carry on the learning at home?

- Why not have a chat about what "resilience" might mean to you in your family right now?
- Why might trying something new or challenging feel uncomfortable? Why is it important to keep on trying anyway?
- When something gets tough in class, what can we do to overcome that challenge? (It might be things we think, say or do, for example).
- Who is someone you have seen showing resilience lately? What did you notice them doing?



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