



Newsletter
Week 2 Term 2
Friday 5 May 2023

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Principal Korero

Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

We can't believe that we are at the end of week 2 already. It has been great this week to meet up with parents, the BOT, the PTA and other locals and discuss what they treasure about our school and how we can best support it together. We can really see how well this fits with the school vision of "Working together to grow a healthy and happy community where every learner succeeds."

As you can see by the calendar of events coming up this term, there is a broad range of opportunities for students, staff, whānau and community to work together, grow and succeed.

On the happy and healthy front, we are seeing a bit of a spike in sickness again including covid cases. If you or your family need RAT tests please let Amy in the office know and we can arrange for them to be picked up or dropped off for you.

Pink Shirt day is also coming up on the 19th of May and is a great way to put a spotlight on anti bullying. In taking part you will be helping to stamp out bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusion. Please do not feel that you need to buy something pink for your child(ren) to wear, be creative or talk to your teacher and we can help find something pink to add to the mix.

*Ngā mihi nui
Nic Walker
Tumuaki - Principal*



Library learning with Tī Kōuka - I think I can spot Wally!

Important Dates

10 May Rippa Rugby Skills (in school)
12 May (Friday) Gymnastics Festival
15 May Year 7 and 8 Technology
17 May Rippa Rugby Skills (in school)
18 May Small Sticks Hockey Skills (in school)
19 Pink Shirt day
22 May Year 7 and 8 Technology
25 May Small Sticks Hockey Skills (in school)
22-26 May BOOK WEEK
26 May Book Character Dress Up Day
29 May Year 7 and 8 Technology
30 May PTA meeting 8am Library
31 May Flying High for Kōwhai
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
29 Matariki Celebration Breaky under the Stars
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,

- ★ Such a busy week of learning! We have been learning how to create a picture plan for writing and remembering the sentence that goes with the picture.
- ★ The tamariki often have news or items of interest that they want to share within the classroom during the week. When this happens please take a photo and email it to caroline@tuamarina.school.nz or emilym@tuamarina.school.nz we can then share the photo on the tv.
- ★ As autumn sets in we created autumn trees this week using an arm and hand for the trunk and then tore up pieces of coloured paper for the leaves. Careful placement of the leaves was needed to represent the leaves still on the trees, falling off or piled on the ground.
- ★ Next Friday (12 May) we will have whānau time at 2.30pm. You are welcome to come into the classroom to share some learning with your tamariki.



Have a good weekend!

Ngā mihi Emily & Caroline



Year 3-4 **Sarah Kerr**

Kia ora e te Whānau,

The students have put so much effort into their assembly prep this week, writing and practising their scripts.

Thank you for supporting our homework challenge this week, we received some lovely photos and the largest vegetable was George Kerr's pumpkin, with a circumference of 80cm.

Next week we are exploring the voyagers from Hawaki and how the great waka used star maps to find Aotearoa.

Our homework will be about maps and directions.

Quiz Question: What were two mammals who lived in Aotearoa before tangata whenua (the first people)?

Have a great weekend, nga mihi, Whaea Sarah.

Rewarewa Year 5-6

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Kia ora e te whānau,

As there have been lots of forward rolls, backward rolls, cartwheels, planks, candlesticks, vaults and dismounts this week, it almost feels like we have been doing nothing else but gymnastics. While this is not the case, the effort that the students have put into their practices has been impressive. The skill level has increased very quickly. I am really excited to see them perform at the gymnastics festival next Friday (12th May). I have sent an email asking for help with transport, please reply to that if you are able to help out.

We started working in reading groups this week, with an emphasis on reading with a buddy to increase our viewpoint and understanding of the text. This is a hard skill to learn for some people but I did observe some great conversations and thinking from this technique.

For maths we have been talking about time. As we live in a digital world there are less analogue clocks on display, however it is still an important skill to have as it also teaches us about fractions, direction, addition and subtraction as well as the five times tables. Please support (and challenge) your children to read an analogue clock if you have the chance.

Finally thank you to Leah Waddington for sitting in the hot-seat today and being interviewed by the students about life in another country (Canada). This is part of our 'Diversity' focus in Social Studies.

Have a great weekend - Julian

Kōwhai Year 7-8 [Aaron Harrison](#)

Kia ora Whānau,

Gymnastic festival - This is coming up next week on **Friday the 12th**. Mr Mason has sent an email out requesting transport. I know there is a lot on at the moment and the school really appreciates all the help we can get.

Kōwhai have been given a great opportunity called '**Flying High**' to experience everything there is to know about hot air balloons and their inner workings with the team from Dream Big. This will be happening on **Wednesday 31st of May**. For this trip please we will need help from the parents to transport us to and from the event. The students will travel to Spring Creek, to where the balloon will be set up. Thank you for your help in advance.

It's that time of year again where Feijoas are plentiful and knives are coming to school for their cutting, please ensure they are the plastic variety like the ones you have for cutting up kiwi fruit or better still pre-cut them before sending them in.

Sadly we are losing Kihoe at the end of this week. We will miss her smile in the class. We wish her all the best for her new adventures.

I wish you a great weekend, take care from Mr H.

Office News

*A couple of safety notices:

-School Bus - Those of our tamariki who catch the bus home after school can only be signed off by a parent. Please call, email or text Amy in the office if your child is not catching the bus on one of their regular days. I can not accept children telling me whether they are on the bus or not.

-Signing your tamariki in and out - If your child is late to school, has an appointment, or is leaving early, it is very important to sign them in/out in the office.

These procedures are in place to keep the children safe, and to ensure that we know where they are. Please follow these procedures. Reach out to Amy if you have any questions!

-Please remember to notify the office if your child will not be at school. You can do this via Hero, calling the office, texting the school office phone, or emailing. Please remember to include the reason your child is absent.

*Christmas Fair Notice

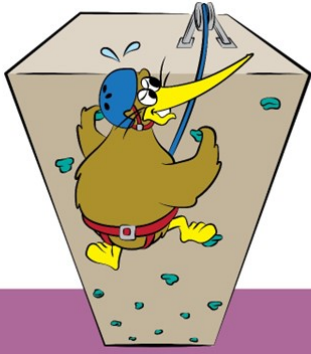
We are looking for craft supplies, any and all, bits of ribbon, coloured card, glitter, old Christmas cards, anything!!!

So please have a clearout and drop into the school office or get in contact.

Next Christmas Fair Committee meeting is Sunday 21st May 3pm
Tuamarina School Hall everyone is welcome.

christmasfair@tuamarina.school.nz





Resilience *Taikaha*

Means coping
with challenges
and bouncing back.

THE KIWI CAN CORNER



This week in Kiwi Can we are beginning on our module about **goal setting**. We are discovering more about what a goal is, and how setting goals can help us challenge ourselves and enhance our resilience.

Going through life we may face challenges along the way - and these challenges may cause us to become discouraged and want to give up. It's really important we can bounce back from 'failure' or disappointments and 'try, try again!' Having a goal can keep us focused on continuing to try 😊

Ideas to carry on the learning at home:

- What does it mean to have a "goal"?
- If we want to achieve something, how can setting a goal help us?
- What is a goal you have set for yourself at the moment? What do you need to do to get there? How do you think you will feel when you have accomplished it?
- What *word* would you choose to describe how you want this year to be for you? (You can choose more than one if needed!)



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*Congratulations to this week's Kiwi Can Award Winners!

Ti Kouka - Bonnie Dinnan & Nikau Lyons

Manuka - Finn Martella

Rewarewa - Ajay MacDougall-Woodmore

2nd May Tua Marina Kegs report

Manuka class made a great start in the garden today. Four garden beds were weeded out, this will help the new seedlings to be able to source all nutrients in the soil and have more room and light to grow. Autumn is in full swing and many leaves are turning yellow and brown and falling off trees. The children enjoyed raking and collecting leaves to place on the weeded gardens, for protection. Ka pai!!

