



# Newsletter

## Week 1 Term 1

### Friday 3 February

### 2023

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## Principal Korero

*Tēnā koutou*

*Welcome to our first newsletter for the 2023 school year. It has been wonderful to see our returning students arriving at school so enthusiastic and ready to learn. A very warm welcome to all of our new students. I know our friendly students and caring staff are helping you to settle into your new school.*

*I will be Acting Principal for Term 1 while the Board is working through the appointment process for selecting your new Principal. Thank you for the warm welcome I have received and I am looking forward to getting to know students, meeting parents, and working with the staff and Board. I was previously principal of Waimate High School and The Catlins Area School and since retiring at the end of 2021 have been available for relief work. Home base for my husband and myself is Waimate but we are particularly looking forward to exploring the fantastic Marlborough region while we are here.*

*The staff have decided to trial sending out this newsletter through Hero every Friday afternoon so you can expect to receive this on a regular basis. This will be largely instead of lots of little posts during the week. In Term 1 we have many exciting things happening and you can see the important dates in this newsletter to help you keep track of what is happening when.*

*All whanau are warmly invited every Friday from 2.30pm. Our first school assembly will be held on Friday 10 Feb and after that every second Friday. On alternate weeks at the same time we are planning to hold whanau time when you are most welcome to come along to your child's class to see what they have been learning.*

*I have an open door and welcome the opportunity to talk about anything you may wish to raise with me. Already I can see that you have a very special thing going on here at Tua Marina School.*

*Ngā mihi nui*  
Janette Packman  
Acting Principal

## Important Dates

6 Feb Waitangi Day **School closed**

7 February PTA Meeting 8am School Hall

10 February School Assembly 2:30pm

17 February Pine Valley Ti Kō uka Room 1 & 2

24 February **White's Bay Day Whole School**

6 March PTA Easter Raffle Tickets

6-8 March Mistletoe Bay camp Year 5-6

7 March PTA Meeting School Hall 3pm

27 March Return ALL Easter Raffle Tickets

17 March Marlborough Swimming Sports Year 5-8

6 April End of term assembly **Last day of Term 1**

24 April Teacher Only Day

25 April ANZAC Day

26 April **First day of Term 2**

### Some reminders:

We are a **Sun Smart School** this means children must wear their wide-brimmed hat while outdoors at school.

**Cell phones** are only permitted at school (at the owner's risk) with a permission note from parents that must be handed to the class teachers. Phones must be handed to the class teacher at the start of the day and may only be used after school to contact parents. At all other times, should the child need to contact someone, the phone is available with teacher permission.

**Dropping off and picking up children:** please use Campbells Rd so children can safely exit the car onto the footpath, then drive to the turn-around-area further along Campbells Rd. If you have to use the car park near the railway line please ensure children are supervised at all times.

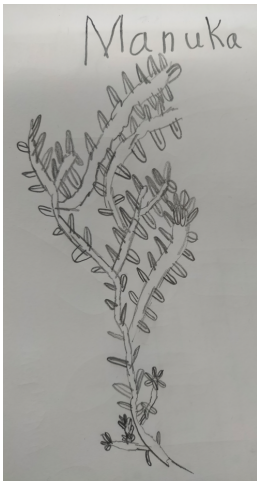
[Link](#) for the bus code of Conduct

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

We have been enjoying getting to know each other over the past few days, and learning the routines of school. On hot (and rainy) afternoons a dip in the pool is always fun!



Please remember our first class trip is in 2 weeks - **Friday 17 Feb 9am to 3pm at Pine Valley Outdoor Centre**. We will be learning to take risks, have fun and meet new friends. If you would like to come for the day please complete and return your police vetting form to the office asap.



### **Year 3-4**

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What a wonderful start to 2023. Thank you everyone who came to Whānau korero. It is wonderful to see the support and investment Tuamarino whānau have in the learning and wellbeing of our ākonga.

This week Manuka Class have been working on Kindness and Communication. 'Kindness,' we have sorted 'like a tuna eating jellymeat', but the Communication theme is taking more mental dexterity. We are thinking about how and what we communicate with our body language and hands, our drawing, writing, singing, korero and facial expressions (also signal flares, flags and banging on stuff).

Manuka ākonga are getting super sorted in their self management. Thank you for your daily support with sun hats, swimming gear and homework books.

Some more requests of whānau:

If you are available to help in Manuka Class on a regular basis, with literacy at 9-10am or swimming at 2:30-3pm, please contact me. The tamariki would really benefit from some extra support at these times.

Finally, thank you to Violet Beech for this extraordinary observational drawing of a manuka sprig which we will use as our class logo this term. Ngā mihi, Whaea Sarah

## Rewarewa Year 5-6

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Kia ora e te whānau,

It has been a fun and busy start to the year. There has been a mix of fun and seriousness, we have been taking part in activities to get to know each other, as well as learning important routines and responsibilities.

Hopefully many of the details of these have made their way home already, as I have been encouraging the students to share their learning with you.

We are working under the banner of 'He waka eke noa' – 'We are all in this together' so we are talking about all of our actions and how they support our learning and other people. I have to say they have been stepping up to the mark and impressing me with their awareness of others and helping each other.

I have a policy of 'healthy body, healthy mind' so we will be taking part in fitness and swimming everyday during Term 1 (please make sure students have their togs).

We will be looking into Te Tiriti o Waitangi next week on the back of our national day on Monday. It would be great if you share some of your knowledge, ideas, beliefs and experiences on this topic (good or bad), as I believe the more we talk about it the better our understanding will be going into the future.

Have a great weekend – Julian

## Kowhai Year 7-8 [Aaron Harrison](#)



It has been a wonderful start to 2023 for Whānau Whā. It was very enjoyable to see new faces and catch up with parents from last year at the Whānau korero. It is wonderful to see so many whānau offering to volunteer for future events here at Tuamarino.

This week Kowhai Class have been working on whakawhanaungatanga. Building connections through games, drawings, and describing something about themselves.

Whānau Whā have thoroughly enjoyed jumping back into the pool in the mornings to have a good splash around....and to splash their teacher!!

There are some requests from Whānau Whā:

*If you are available to help with or your child is coming to Whites Bay on Friday 24 February, please can you get your permission slips in as soon as possible. Here is the [link](#) for the permission letter I sent out before the holidays.*

Any questions my email is above, hyperlinked in my name.

Have a fantastic weekend and I am looking forward to next week- Mr H



## PTA News

The first PTA meeting for 2023 will be held in the Tuamarino School Hall at 8am on Tuesday 7 February. All Tuamarino whānau and supporters of the kura are welcome to attend.

Christmas Fair Date TBC on MPA calendar? (SK)

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Teachers are keen!! Any whānau who would like to join the team please email [caroline@tuamarina.school.nz](mailto:caroline@tuamarina.school.nz) by Friday 10 February.