

Tua Marina School Newsletter

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PRINCIPALS PAGE

Kia ora e te whanau,

Attendance

If you have watched or listened to the news recently, you will have heard that school attendance is a hot topic at the moment. Since the Covid-19 outbreak there has been an understandable drop in attendance rates with many whānau isolating and taking a cautious approach to returning back to school. There is now a significant national focus on improving attendance rates and getting students back into the classrooms. This is a tricky space to operate in as at the same time there is a drive to get students back in front of the whiteboard, there are also some clear expectations that students and staff stay away from school when they are unwell. In the first instance I believe it is important for whānau to have accurate attendance information.

Parents can access their child's attendance information via the HERO app by clicking on your Child's picture. If you need any further information please contact the school office.

The Ministry of Education's benchmark for reasonable attendance is 90%. This may seem high, but when this is extrapolated over a number of years it can have serious implications on how well a student achieves at school. 90% attendance means that a child has 1 day off per fortnight. In one year of school this is 20 days. Over 13 years of schooling this is 260 days, which is more than a year of schooling! The figures get quite alarming as the average attendance rate drops. At 80% a student is away at least one day per week, which equates to 2.6 years away from school. At 70% attendance, a child would miss close to 4 whole years of school! Schools, along with parents and guardians, are legally responsible for making sure students attend school. For a school this means we must:

- record and monitor attendance and absence data
- follow up on absences
- report to whānau if there are attendance issues
- work to improve attendance

If you would like to discuss attendance at school, or you would like any further information about the importance of regular school attendance, please feel free to contact me at principal@tuamarina.school.nz

Staff only day - Monday 27th June

Please make sure you have this date in your diary.

On Monday 27th June the staff team will be spending a full day with Julie Roberts from the New Zealand Council of Educational Research. The focus of the day will be to continue our learning about effective practice in Mathematics.

Nga mihi nui,

Bradley

IMPORTANT DATES

Fundamentals

20 - 23rd June
Togs and Towel
needed everyday

Matariki Morning

23/06/2022
Sunrise
celebration &
community
gathering @
rarangi

Matariki

24/06/2022
School Closed

Teacher Only Day

27/06/2022
School Closed

Back to school

Tuesday
28/06/2022

Subway Lunch Day

Thursday
30/06/2022

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Thursday
30/06/2022

Cluster Cross Country

Wednesday
05/07/2022

CONGRATULATIONS!

Ākonga o te Wiki Week 4

Yeve Castle
Noah Liddicoat
Jadey Jopson
Khloe Shefford
Ben Robinson

Ākonga o te Wiki Week 6

Nui Johnson
Addison MacDougall-Woodmore
Jasmine Tierney
Jaiden Hollis
William Stoner
Hannah Lee
Ryan Drummond
Lucy Hooper
Finn Martella



HOUSE UPDATES

Congratulations to our new House Captains!

The students pictured have been voted in by their peers to be our house captains! They are going to be leading the way, not only in our house challenges, but in every day school life. We expect to see them living up to the Tua Marina School Values and leading by example. What an honour to lead our Kura Wharenuī



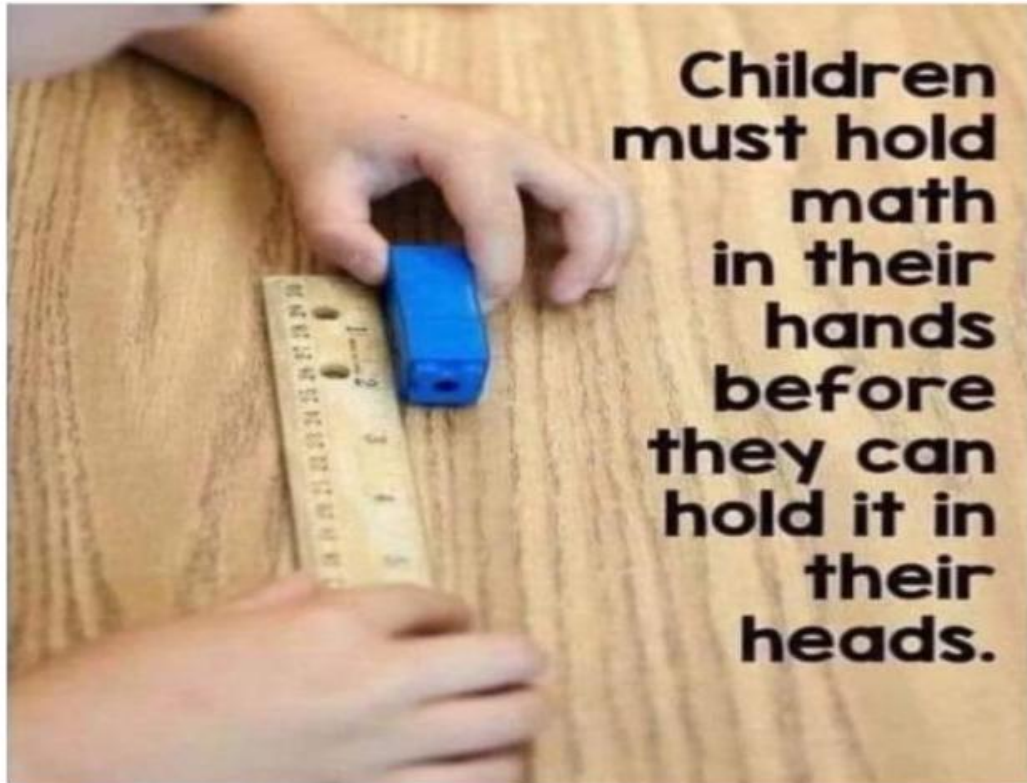
L-R Greer Sampson, Heath Barnett, Benji Ciorban,
Liam Bown, Vincent Gray & Jazzy Tierney

HOUSE POINTS

	WHEREO	KAHURANGI	KAKARIKI
Values Hero Awards (as at week 7 Term 2)	46	45	42
Kiwican Winners (as at week 7 term 2)	65	100	85
Students of the week (as at week 4 term 2)	110	120	105
Classmate of the Term 1	30	0	30
TOTAL	251	265	262

MATHS CORNER

Maths
Corner
Whaea
Sarah



As adults we may forget that maths is actually a pretty abstract concept. Numbers are random written squiggles representing amounts and measures.

For children to be confident working in an abstract number world they must be continually practicing and reinforcing their learning in the real world. We have some wonderful maths materials to support the learning and teaching of Maths at Tua Marina, which we use everyday.

At home fun things like cooking, measuring, building, shopping (with real money) are all things that can significantly progress and reinforce maths learning.

Happy baking and making with your whanau this MATARIKI.



*Can you bake a cake using only the quarter cup measure?
What would the recipe be if we had to double or triple it?*



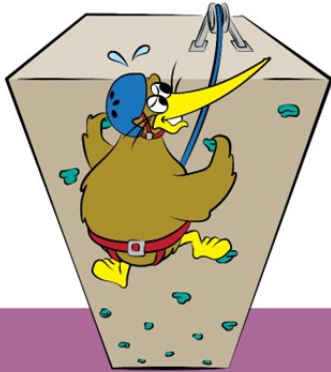
KEGS

14th June Tua Marina Kegs report

Another chilly day with a very wet garden. The children stayed inside and we learned about 8 different Plant families. Naming, classifying and identifying the plants with pictures, looking at their characteristics, and growing patterns. The children enjoyed this activity, lets hope the sun comes out and we can get back to the garden next week.



KIWICAN CORNER



Resilience *Taikaha*

Means coping
with challenges
and bouncing back.

THE KIWI CAN CORNER

Resilience / Taikaha

In Kiwi Can this week our tamariki are practicing different tools and strategies to help us keep calm and manage our emotions.

Some conversation starters for this week:

- What are some ways to help us stay calm and be in control of your emotions?
- If you lose in a game and are feeling a bit upset, what might happen if your emotions get out of control?
- How do you think trying *different* strategies might help you?
- Can you tell me about a time this week when you have used one of those tools or strategies? Or a time when you *could* have?
- How do you think it makes *other* people feel if *you* are calm, speaking nicely and making good choices? (Imagine how your teacher, whānau and friends might be impacted. What difference might it make?)
- How can we help a *friend* who is struggling with a challenge or emotion?
- What was something that made you feel *happy* today?



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Kiwican Award Winners



Room 1/2 - Lucy & Archie

Room 3 - Freddie

Room 5 - Katherine

NOTICES

NZ young Geologists Knifemaking Tour 2022!



Want to make a hatchet, hunting or pocket knife?

After a successful South Island Tour in 2021 the boys are keen to tour again! Better than ever this workshop had rave reviews! Touted to be the best workshop experience for parents and kids to enjoy together

This workshop is taught by two industrious 15 year olds. Please be aware this workshop does not include forging but everything else that goes into making a knife. You will learn the process of shaping blades, shaping and designing handles and all that goes into knife assembly through to a finished, polished personalised piece. Gain confidence with hand tools and power tools, and walk away with a personalised keepsake and crafting memory you can be proud of.

Cost to Knifemaking participants \$100
Parents need to assist under age 12s

Assistants are not charged unless making a knife
Suitable for age 5-adult.
Participants must supply their own ear and eye protection

Please be advised we need 25-50 participants to run 16/7/2022 in Picton.

Please email kellieclark2020@gmail.com to register.



QUIZ Night

U18 Representative Netball

Thursday 30th June : 6pm

What to bring:
Your Brain and
some Cash

Purchase
Answers

Running
Raffles

Located at Marlborough Sports Hub
\$15pp or \$150 table of 10. Includes light supper/nibbles

Email to register a team:
admin@marlboroughnetball.org.nz

KIDS SCHOOL HOLIDAY ART CLUB 2022

for 8 to 12 year olds with local artist Paula Kerslake



SATURDAY 16TH JULY

Dream Catcher Creations		
★	9.00am to 10.15am	\$29
Sand & Glitter Art		
	11.00am to 12.15pm	\$28

Come and explore mixed media & abstract art techniques
Have fun creating cool artworks

All art materials are provided
Bookings essential

To book a place go to www.eventspronto.co.nz/artschoolmarlborough

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