

Tua Marina School Newsletter

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PRINCIPALS PAGE

Kia ora Tua Marina whanau,

Tena koutou katoa

There has been a great deal happening in the health and political realms that has dramatically impacted on how schools have been able to operate. My thoughts and best wishes go out to our whanau and colleagues in Tamaki Makaurau Auckland in recognition of the stress and additional mahi that the extended level 3 period has created. It is incredibly unfortunate that we have had to cancel a large number of sporting and cultural events that we have all been looking forward to recently, we do, however, need to be grateful for being able to access all we can under level 2 restrictions.

My blurb this week is a bit longer than it normally is as there is a great deal to cover as we put all of our energy into Term 4 and start looking ahead to 2022.

Review of term dates 2021

I have completed a check of the 2021 term dates and have noticed that the end of year date that has been communicated is incorrect. The current term calendar shows the 2021 start date as 4th Feb and the end of year date as the 20th December. This is not correct as the Teacher Only Day on the 11th June counts as a day the school is open, based on it being an "Accord day". Based on this recalculation the last day of instruction for 2021 will be Friday 17th December at 1pm, which makes way more sense. Please make sure you put this date in your calendars.

Covid-19 update

A huge thank you to all of you who have made changes to your regular routines to accommodate the changes that we have all had to make to abide by the Level 2 rules. Here are just a couple reminders:

- Parents are asked not to come onto the school site unless they are coming in for an organised activity or an emergency.
- Parents that come onto the school site must sign in and wear a mask.
- Students are not to be dropped off before 8.30am and must be collected by 3.05pm

We are still awaiting the final details about how we will manage the mandatory vaccination order which will apply to anyone working at school or volunteering in a capacity when they will have contact with children.

School Pool

Phil has been working hard to get the school pool up and running. The heat pump will be turned on next week and we are looking at opening the pool for class sessions during week 4. The classroom teachers will send out more information about when swimming gear will be required for lessons.'

IMPORTANT DATES

NOV 1st
Marlborough
Anniversary (School
Closed)

NOV 11th
John Parsons Cyber
Safety

NOV 15th - 19th
Fundamentals Week

DEC 17th
Last day of term
(school closes at
1pm)

*Working together to grow a healthy and happy
community where every learner succeeds.*

LED Lighting project- New Carpet

A huge thank you to the team at Advanced Electrical who installed a huge number of LED lights last week. Over 140 fluorescent bulbs and fixtures have been replaced with much more energy efficient LED fixtures. The school now has well over 95% of our lighting needs covered by LED lights.

The recent work included the Hall, Library, Administration area, rooms 6, 5 and 4.

With many of you not being able to come on site you would not have seen the beautiful new carpet that has been installed through the administration area during the term break.

Both of these projects have been funded through the MoE School Improvement Package (SIP) fund.

John Parsons- Cyber safety expert.

As advertised in previous newsletters, John Parsons is due to visit Tua Marina School on Thursday the 11th November. The original plan was for John to work with the students during the school day, run a session for the staff in the afternoon and then run a parent session in the evening. At this stage we will not be able to run a face to face parent session due to Covid-19 restrictions. We are exploring options such as a videoed session or a zoom session so the parent community can benefit from John's expertise.

Hui and Hangi / BoT Community Consultation

The Tua Marina School Hui and Hangi event is still on the calendar for the 25th November. This event is an essential day in the school's calendar as it enables us all to gather together in an informal setting, enjoy each other's company, build relationships and tuck into some tasty kai.

With the business of work and life, school hours and Covid 19 restrictions there are a number of parents I have not yet met. The BoT and I are optimistically hoping that we will have dropped down to alert level 1 as under the current level 2 rules we will have to cancel this event. We will wait until Friday 19th November to make the call.



Community consultation

With a small amount of uncertainty around whether or not we can hold the Hui and Hangi event the BoT are safe guarding the community consultation by sending out a survey, rather than surveying whanau at the Hui and Hangi event. We will also be calling whanau, and if the rules permit meeting face to face to ensure that we capture as much information as we can.

Your feedback is vital in ensuring that the needs and aspirations of the school community are reflected in our strategic plan and actions.

Class structure for 2022

At the end of the 2021 school year we will have 20 year 8 students finishing their primary schooling at Tua Marina School, we also have approximately 9 students in other year groups off to boarding schools, Bohally Intermediate or moving out of the area.

With only a small number of 5 year olds starting next year this means we will have a reasonably low student to teacher ratio and the opportunity to do something innovative and exciting in how we structure the classes based on the number of students in each year group. One option that has been given a considerable amount of thought has been to develop a class structure that leverages the reduced student to teacher ratio and also develops stronger collaborative practises within the staff team. The table below shows our initial thinking around the basic class and staffing structure.

Level	NE / Year 1	Year 2-4	Year 5-6	Year 7-8
# Students	11+5	46	30	30
# Teachers	1	2	2	2
Spaces	1	2	1	1

The staff team are very excited to see what we can achieve through deliberate and planned collaboration. No decisions have been made in regard to which rooms each group will be in, or which teachers will be taking each class. I will let the community know as soon as these decisions are made.

HERO

It is official, we have successfully transitioned over to a new SMS (Student Management System). I would like to thank Sarah Burrows and Emily Soward for the additional work that they have put in to tailor this software for Tua Marina School. The HERO software package replaces the Assembly SMS package that the school had been using for a number of years. HERO has all the basic features that we need to manage student information such as attendance, medical information, contact details,

pastoral information, financial information and student achievement data. HERO also has the ability to share learning and goals with whanau- much the same as we currently do with See Saw. HERO also provides an app based communication platform - much the same as the School app we currently use.

What does this mean for parents? All of the work we are doing with HERO for the rest of this year will be in house. Next year however we will be asking parents to sign up to the new HERO app as we will be using this as our primary point of contact and communication between home and school. More about this near the end of the year.



School Docs

The Tua Marina School BoT is now using SchoolDocs as a way to manage most of the policies and procedures that a school needs to operate effectively. This system allows all stakeholders to have online access to the school's policies and procedures, as well as the ability to take part in the review of these policies and procedures. If you ever need to view one of the school's policies please follow the instructions below.



1. Go to schooldocs.co.nz
2. Click **Search for your school**.
3. Start typing the school's name and select it from the dropdown list.
4. Enter your community username and password.

Username- tuamarina

Password- community

Triennial School Board Elections

Triennial elections for school boards are being moved from May 2022 to between **5 September and 23 September 2022**. This change of date is related to the impact of Covid-19 and will give the Government time to make changes to legislation that will enable electronic voting.

School trusteeship is a great way to get involved with and support your local school.

[Link to more information about school trusteeship](#)

If you are interested in attending a BoT meeting to see what is involved please feel free to come along to one of our meetings in 2022. Meetings are generally held monthly on a Monday from 5.30pm-7.30pm. Look out in the school calendar for more information and dates.

Enjoy the long weekend everyone,

Bradley Roberts



LONG WEEKEND

HOUSE POINTS

Term 3 was a very successful launch to our house competitions! There has been a buzz about the school with some friendly rivalry and general excitement when it comes to students being able to earn some points for their house. Well done to everyone for working hard, being house proud and good sports! Bring on Term 4!

	WHERO	KAHURANGI	KAKARIKI
Term 3 Final Count	654	693	660
Term 4 Students of Week 2	25	0	15
Kiwi Can Week 1	20	5	5
Kiwi Can Week 2	0	25	5
Value Hero's week 1-2	6	8	9
TOTAL TO DATE	705	731	694



CONGRATULATIONS

Students of Week 2

Hannah, Forest, Manaia, Holly, Aaron,
Sophie, Arthur & Annabel

KIWI CAN CORNER



Integrity Pono

Means doing the
right thing.

THE KIWI CAN CORNER

Integrity / Pono



Welcome back to another term of Kiwi Can! In Term 4 our theme is integrity – or doing the right thing, even if no one is watching!

We'll break this down into three modules – learning lots about:

- ★ **Good Decisions**
- ★ **Accountability**
- ★ **Role Models**

We'll share more about what we do each week as we go along. Stay tuned!

Talking about these ideas at home help reinforce the learning, and help connect it within a context of whānau and community.

Why not have a chat about with your child about:

- what integrity means to you and your whānau?
- a time when they did the right thing (and showed integrity)
- a time when you did the right thing, even when it was hard
- someone you admire for their integrity



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Kiwican Award Winners week 1

Jadey, Peyton, Arthur H,
Ruby, Lucy & Charlotte

For understanding that
integrity means
“Doing the right things,
even when no one is
watching”



Integrity Pono

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Our focus for this term is integrity – and to begin with we're learning about **good decisions**. This week our:

- junior tamariki are learning about 'good' and 'bad' choices;
- middle school children will be learning to identify the good choices we can make; and
- seniors will be learning that our peers can influence the choices we make.

Here are some conversation starters to keep the learning going at home:

- Why should we make good choices?
- How can we know when we've made a good decision?
- What does it mean to be influenced? What kind of things (and people) can influence us when we make decisions?
- What can we do when we have to make a decision and we are not sure?
- Can you think of a time when you had to make a hard decision? What did you decide? Would you do it differently now?



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Kiwican Award Winners week 2

Lucas, Frank and Abigail -
For learning that our peers
can influence the choices
we make

Olive, Jack and Alivia - For
learning to identify good
choices

BBALL 2021



For 2021, the Year 3 and 4 Tua Marina Basketball players included eight boys and two girls. The boys were split into two teams coached by Brian Tuffey and Bruce Abbott. As the Marlborough Basketball Association does not allow mixed teams, our two enthusiastic girls were able to play for another school while continuing to practice with us.

Throughout the season it was clear to see the commitment that all players brought to the court during both practice sessions on a Monday and competition games on a Wednesday.

Due to Lockdown, the Basketball competition was extended into the recent school holidays. With some players unavailable, a combined team of 5 players coached by Bruce Abbott won the Year 3 and 4 final on Sunday October 10, a marvellous finish to the year!

Coaching children and seeing the progress they make is extremely rewarding and I would encourage more parents and caregivers to get involved. All sports codes run coaching tutorials now for those feeling less confident. We should not expect teachers to coach out of school hours. They have their own children and interests to pursue. Thanks to all our supporters throughout the season.

Brian Tuffey

Important Messages

Entering the School during Alert level 2

Parents are not permitted on school grounds without a prior appointment or permission from staff during Alert level 2. If parents or caregivers come onsite they are required to wear a mask and report to the office for contact tracing. Parents/caregivers are asked to call from the school gate if they need to drop something off or pick someone up. Please respect these rules to help keep us all safe.



Carpark

Please remember to reverse into a carpark when parking in the main gravel carpark. This ensures you drive straight out and keeps our tamariki safe and seen.

Please also make sure everyone is using the pathway along the fence line, behind the low barricade, when walking the length of the carpark. This gives drivers the clear space they need to reverse into their park, and children the clear path they need to walk safely through the gates.

Please do not enter the area beyond the disabled carpark as this is used by staff.

Please do not pull up beside the low barricade to drop off. Always reverse into a park to make sure everyone using the carpark remains safe and seen.

School App

The school app is our main source of communication for now, with our TMS Whanau. **Notices, permission slips, reminders, newsletters, and any other updates are all sent out via the app.** We have noticed there are still a few parents who have not accessed the app as yet - please see Sarah B in the office if you need any help setting the app up. It is vital we are all using the app so that no child misses out on school activities, and parent/caregivers stay up to date.



Feedback on the app is always welcome. Any issues we hear about or encounter we send straight to our app consultant so that she can get the developers onto fixing them straight away. We will continue to use the app right up until we make the switch over to HERO.

NOTICES



Marlborough Basketball

3x3 Basketball



Term 4 Fun

Runs for 7 weeks
Turn up and pay \$5.00 / play
Get your mates together, register & pay on the day.
Please arrive 15 min before game start to register

Juniors
Starts Tuesday 26th
Yr 5/6 - 4:00 – 5:00pm
Yr 7/8 – 5:00 - 6:00pm
Play on outdoor courts at the Stadium

Seniors
Starts Wednesday 27th
College grade - 5:00 – 6:00pm
Seniors – 6:00 – 7:00pm Seniors
Play on indoor courts

Open now for 2021/2022 season!

CRICKET SIGN-UPS

Year 0 - 2 Superstars Cricket

<p>Boys Cricket</p> <p>Year 2-4 Boys Kiwi Cricket Year 5-6 6th Grade (hardball) Year 7-8 4th Grade Year 9+ 3rd Grade</p>	<p>Girls Cricket</p> <p>Year 2-8 Girls Smash! Year 8-10 Girls League (hardball)</p>
<p>For the dads:</p> <p>Senior Men's Cricket 2nd Grade 3rd Grade supporting players</p>	<p>For the mums:</p> <p>Women's Social 6's (softball) Women's Cricket (hardball)</p>

For more details contact Eden: eden@marlboroughcricket.co.nz






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30.10.21 | 9AM-2PM
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