

PRINCIPALS PAGE

Kia ora parents and whānau,

Levels and Beach Day!

We are hoping to hear the news that we are descending to level 1, and we can get back to a bit of normality next week! As we had to cancel our White's Bay trip, we have explored alternatives. On Friday the 19th March, we will be running a 'beach day' at school. Parents and whānau will be invited to attend the day if we are in level 1. The day will consist of beach style activities, picnic and swimming, just minus a bit of sand! We are exploring options for our annual year 7/8 bike challenge too. Please keep an eye out for more details as the plans come together.

Communication

As many of you have heard, we have recently launched a new app for communication. Sarah Burrows has been sharing information with you regarding this. **From the start of week 7** (15th March) all communication from the school will be via the app (you will still be called for medical/illness). Seesaw will still be used for learning information from your child's teacher. Please make sure you have the app installed and notifications on! We will be sending out a test form next week.

Ngā mihi nui

Emily



Our vision;

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

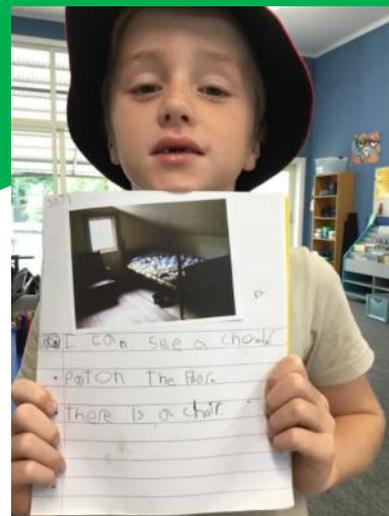
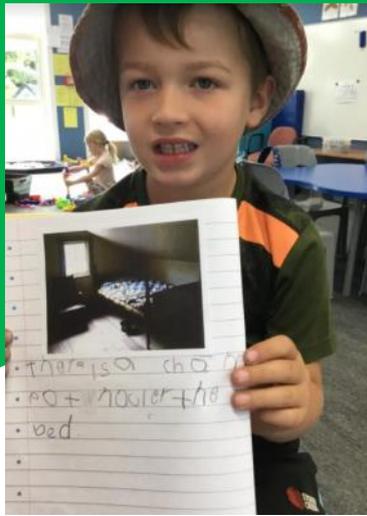
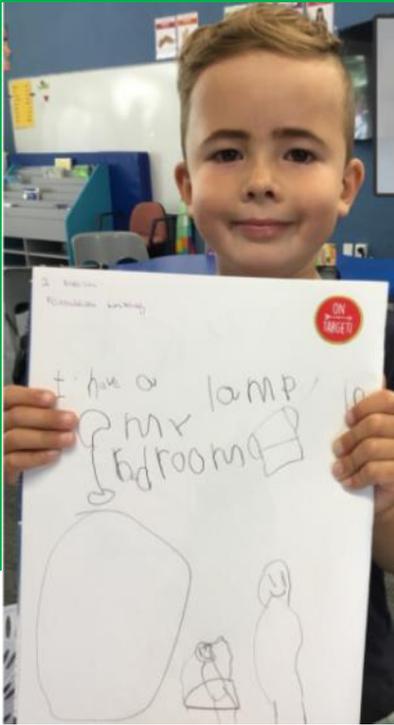
TURANGAWAEWAE



As part of the nation wide Sustainable Coastline Initiative, Makomako class travelled to Rarangi beach for our annual Litter Intelligence Survey. We picked up rubbish in our survey area, then spent time having fun with a stone throwing competition, exploring a cave and finding treasures on the beach. Taking care of our community is part of our term inquiry in Tūrangawaewae: Where I Stand!

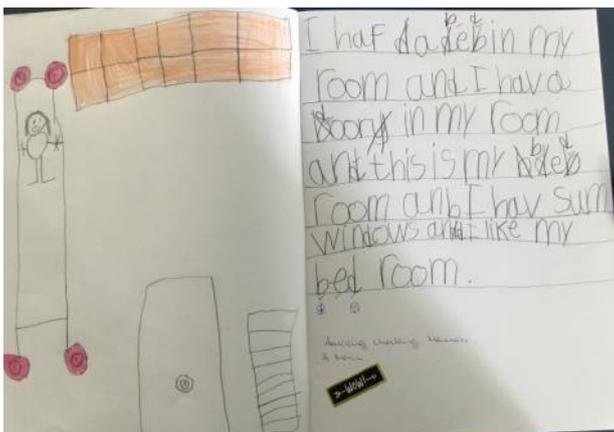
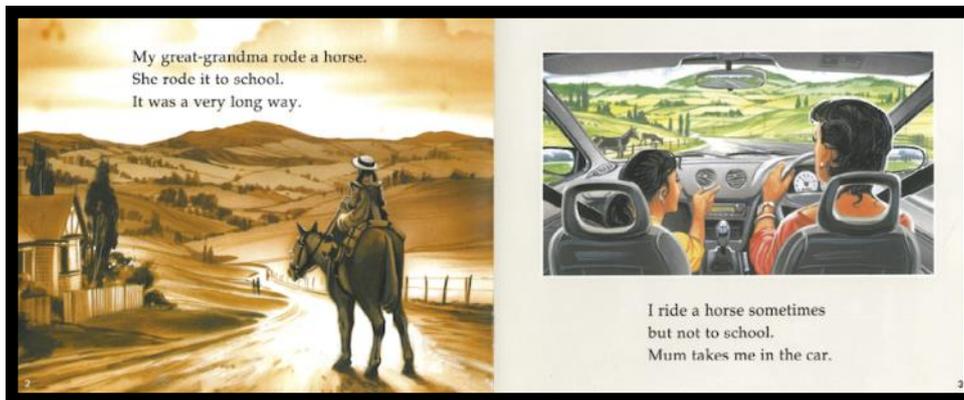


RUMA RIMU



We have been thinking about the homes we live in now and homes from long ago.

We read about how life was different when our great grandmas were alive. We have written and drawn pictures of our own houses. We are looking forward to our class trip to Brayshaw Park next week.



Hannah's lovely writing on the left

Ruma Rimu discovering Rimu trees right here at school on the right!



CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to our students of the week last week!

Jaiden Hollis, Reuben Wilson, Phoenix Kaihau, Lucas Abbott, Addi Banks, Macia Woolley, George Kerr, Jack Troon, Shilin Harris and Marlin Robertson



Respect
Whakaute

Means treating people, things and places as important.

The Kiwi Can Corner



In Kiwi Can this week our younger children will be practising ways to respect and care for our classrooms and schools. Older tamariki will be learning what it means to be proud of our school and practising being proud representatives.

Want to reinforce your child's learning at home? Here are some ideas to talk about:

- ★ What are some ways we can show respect towards our *school*?
- ★ *How* can we represent our school with pride? (For example, in a sports team, at Te Taiopenga, walking to and from school etc).
- ★ *Why* is it important for us to show we are proud of our school in a public setting? (Who notices? What impact does it have?)
- ★ If you were Principal for the day, and could make one change to how people treat the school – what would you change?

 Stay in the loop, follow [@GraemeDingleFoundationMarlborough](https://www.facebook.com/GraemeDingleFoundationMarlborough) to find out more

OUR KIWI CAN AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 4

Room 4 - Sophie
Room 3 - Olive
Room 2 - Amelia
Room 1 - Lexie

NOTICES

DO YOU PLAY THE GUITAR?



The TMS Kapa Haka is looking for a dedicated grownup to play the guitar for our practices. We practice every Wednesday morning from 11.30am-12pm. Our guitarist needs to be available every week during these times with additional days and times in the lead up to our performances. We are all great performers, and look forward to showing you what we can do. Please contact Whaea Jess either in person or via email jess@tuamarina.school.nz if you can help!

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Simply Download 'SchoolappsNZ' from the Google Play or App Store & search your school once installed.

WAITOHI JAB JUNIOR RUGBY MUSTER DAY 2021

JOIN US ON SUNDAY

14TH OF March

10am - 1pm @ The Port Marlborough Pavilion Picton
Waitohi caters for all boys and girls wanting to play RUGBY

Grades are from Under 6 to Under 14 (depending on numbers)
To Register simply turn up on Muster Day.

2021 Subs \$ 35 One Child
\$ 60 Two Children (same family)
Plus \$ 10 each additional Child (same family)

We will be taking orders for shorts & Socks \$20 for both
2021 Training Tee (for registered and subs paid) \$10
Second Hand tracksuits, Waitohi hat, Ice blocks, and fizzy to purchase.

Free Sausage Sizzle

Drills & Ripper Rugby Game Slip n Slide

Find out more : Contact waitohi.jab@gmail.com Jason Hebbard 0212012261

TASMAN RUGBY CLUB REGISTRATION DAYS

CLUB	DATE	TIME	VENUE
Awatere	021 1284096		michelle.a.renner82@gmail.com
Pelorus	7 March	10am - 12pm	Pelorus Club
Harlequins	14 March	10am - 12pm	Harlequins Club
Waitohi	14 March	10am - 1pm	Port Marlborough Pavilion
Moutere	20 March	11am - 1pm	Awarua Park
Renwick	21 March	9am - 12pm	Renwick Club
Central	21 March	2pm - 4pm	Central Club

PLAY RUGBY

REMINDERS

March 8th | Brayshaw visit to Tua Marina | Rooms 2, 4, 5 & 6

March 9th | Rooms 1 & 3 Visit Brayshaw park

March 12th | Rural Swimming Sports | Yr 5/6/7/8

March 15th | Technology Yr 7/8 (Every Monday, don't forget school tops)

March 18th | Kaipupu Point Trip | Room 3

March 19th | Beach Day @ school | Whole School

March 26th | Yr 7/8 Sports day @ Giesen Centre



BE SUN SMART



Wide brim hats are compulsory every year in Term 1 & 4

Please also remember **drink bottles** and appropriate sun safe clothing - no exposed shoulders.



MANY OF OUR SPARE SCHOOL TOPS ARE STILL MISSING

Please return them to the office if you have any at home or in school bags.

COVID-19 UPDATE

It has been great to see several days with no new community cases. However, as Dr Bloomfield has clearly stated, new cases are still possible and we need to continue to act with caution and do the right thing to keep our community safe.

[This document provides information on where you can go to get help, including financial support, as well as details about the different categories of contacts.](#)

With new variants and changed requirements for contacts of cases, New Zealand's COVID response seems to be more complex and sometimes it isn't clear what "the right thing" actually is.

The basics still work

We have a large amount of control over how we can prevent the spread of COVID-19. Even with the new variants of the virus, the most important things we can do remain the same:

For our school we will:

- display QR code posters for the NZ COVID Tracer app
- keep our visitor register, attendance register and timetables up to date to help with contact tracing if needed
- be monitoring for illness and asking anyone who is unwell to remain at home, or to go home
- encourage people with relevant symptoms to seek medical advice through Healthline (0800 358 5453) or their GP and get tested for COVID if recommended to do so
- reinforce the importance of good hand washing and drying
- reinforce good cough and sneeze etiquette
- clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces regularly

Your whānau will also have good practices to follow to keep yourselves safe:

- check in using the NZ COVID Tracer app everywhere you go (the sooner you get notified that you were at a location of interest, the easier it will be to keep yourself and your whānau safe)
- switch on the Bluetooth function on the app (go to the dashboard in the app to do this)
- always stay home if you are unwell and seek advice from Healthline (0800 358 5453) or your GP
- get tested if recommended to do so. Testing is free to everyone in New Zealand!
- wash and dry hands thoroughly and frequently
- practise good cough and sneeze etiquette
- regularly clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces in your home
- wear face coverings on public transport

for those of you who think you might have been at a [location of interest](#) at the specified time, follow the instructions on the [Ministry of Health website](#) or if you are unsure what to do, contact Healthline (0800 358 5453) for advice about getting tested

Get your information from good sources

- [The Ministry of Education](#) provides us with specific advice for what needs to happen in schools and early learning services. Some of the rules are different for schools, early learning services and workplaces than the rules you need to follow when we are out and about with people you don't know. The main one is we have different physical distancing requirements than the general public. That is because we have good systems in place to prevent spread of COVID.
- The Ministry of Education also has [information for parents, caregivers and whānau](#).
- The [Government's Unite against COVID-19 website](#) is the main website to go to get great advice.

Āraia te kino and protect yourself, your whānau and your whakapapa.