

Tua Marina School Newsletter

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PRINCIPALS PAGE

IMPORTANT DATES

Good Friday	Holidays	Term 2 Begins	Teacher Only Day	Teacher Only Day
15/04/2022	16/04/22 - 01/05/22	02/05/2022	03/06/2022	27/06/2022
School Closed			School Closed	School Closed

Kia ora e te whanau,

House competition

In all of the excitement at the end of term 4 last year, we forgot to let everyone know who won the 2021 Tua Marina School house competition. It was a very close race throughout the year and whero just edged out in front after the results from the school athletics competition we factored in. Congratulations whero house!



Changes to Covid-19 alert levels

It feels somewhat strange that we are moving down the Covid Protection Framework right when Marlborough seems to be having our Covid-19 moment. Right now, and for the rest of this term the changes to the CPF will have little impact on how we will be operating at Tua Marina School. With a growing number of cases this week it does not feel right to open the gates and have any more people on site than absolutely necessary.

Next term is a different story. I know I can speak for all of the staff when I say that we are missing the kanohi ki te kanohi (face to face) interactions with the school community. With no restrictions on the number of people we can have at outdoor gatherings and an indoor limit of 200 (with social distancing restrictions still in place), we will be able to return to having parents through the gates at school drop off and collection times as well as inviting parents in for team assemblies and other celebrations. (And maybe even a working bee or two!)

HERO

Over the last couple of weeks the teachers have learned more about and have started using some of the sharing functions in HERO.

Dates for Term 2

Please see in the box above.

Staff Professional Learning

At Tua Marina School our staff, just like our students, are akonga (learners). This week we started our professional development journey with Martin Hughes from 3ML learning. Martin will be supporting the team to grow our digital fluency. Martin ran a staff session on Monday afternoon that focussed us on the role that technology does and should play in teaching and learning. Some of the key take-aways from the first session are:
Reducing screen-time whilst raising expectations about what students will achieve.
Technology should enable us to achieve more in less time, not the other way around.
During the week Martin worked one-on-one with the teachers to start optimising the ways in which they use technology. We are also continuing our maths work with Julie Roberts from the New Zealand Council for Educational Research over the next two terms.

Reading Together

I am very pleased to inform you that Tua Marina School will once again be offering the Ministry of Education Reading Together Programme. Reading Together is a research based workshop programme that helps parents to support their children's reading at home.

Reading together consists of 4 workshops for parents which are led by teachers. Each workshop is 1 ¼ hours long. Early next term we will be contacting whānau with more information. We are viewing this opportunity as both an excellent way to support parents with learning at home as well as reconnecting with whānau after this Covid-19 enforced disconnect.

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I came across an interesting article the other day that I thought was worth sharing.

50 Questions to ask your child about school instead of, "how was your day?"

1. What made you smile today?
2. Can you tell me an example of kindness you saw/showed?
3. Was there an example of unkindness? How did you respond?
4. Does everyone have a friend at break times?
5. What was the book about that your teacher read?
6. What's the word of the week?
7. Did anyone do anything silly to make you laugh?
8. Did anyone cry?
9. What did you do that was creative?
10. What is the most popular game at morning tea / lunchtime?
11. What was the best thing that happened today?
12. Did you help anyone today?
13. Did you tell anyone "thank you?"
14. Who did you sit with at lunch?
15. What made you laugh?
16. Did you learn something you didn't understand?
17. Who inspired you today?
18. What was the peak and the pit?
19. What was your least favourite part of the day?
20. Was anyone in your class gone today?
21. Did you ever feel unsafe?
22. What is something you heard that surprised you?
23. What is something you saw that made you think?
24. Who did you play with today?
25. Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday.
26. What is something that challenged you?
27. How did someone fill your bucket today? Whose bucket did you fill?
28. Did you like your lunch?
29. Rate your day on a scale from 1-10.
30. Did anyone get in trouble today?
31. How were you brave today?
32. What questions did you ask at school today?
33. Tell us your top two things from the day (before you can be excused from the dinner table!).
34. What are you looking forward to tomorrow?
35. What are you reading?
36. What was the hardest rule to follow today?
37. Teach me something I don't know.
38. If you could change one thing about your day, what would it be?
39. (For older kids): Do you feel prepared for your history test?" or, "Is there anything on your mind that you'd like to talk about?" (In my opinion, the key is not only the way a question is phrased, but responding in a supportive way.)
40. Who did you share your snacks with at lunch?
41. What made your teacher smile? What made him/her frown?
42. What kind of person were you today?
43. What made you feel happy?
44. What made you feel proud?
45. What made you feel loved?
46. Did you learn any new words today?
47. What do you hope to do before school is out for the year?
48. If you could switch seats with anyone in class, who would it be? And why?
49. What is your least favourite part of the school building? And favourite?
50. If you switched places with your teacher tomorrow, what would you teach the class?



We look forward to having all of our students back at Tua Mairna School when they are well again.

Have a great week everyone,

Bradley Roberts

SPORTS



It has been an active week for the students with 3 different visits from sports coaches. On Tuesday we had Cooper come and teach the students about baseball (including the throwing dance - ask your child to demonstrate). Quentin from Tasman Rugby showed them some great rugby ball skills on Wednesday, and will visit again in the next two weeks. And last but not least, Bridget and Yvonne taught us about netball passing and defending.

MATHS

Maths
Corner
Whaea
Sarah

FEIJOA FRENZY

It's that time of the year again where we find the
Best Feijoa in Tua Marina.

This biennial competition has been hotly contested since 2013 and will run again from the 4th April to the 6th of May 2022.

You may enter as many feijoas as you want (they will not be returned as the judging process is quite rigorous).

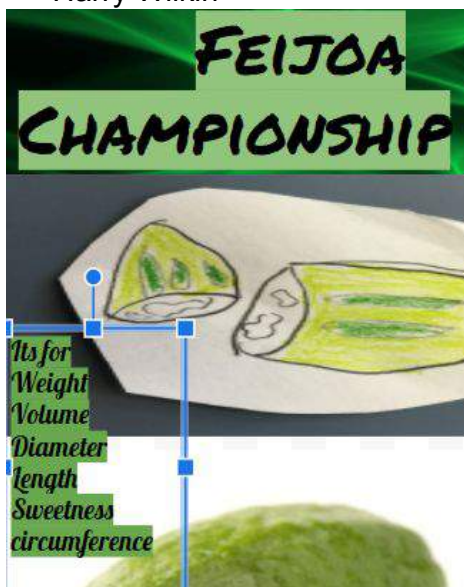
Entries are open to anyone in the Tua Marina Community.

Feijoas will be judged in a variety of ways:
weight, volume, length, circumference, and sugar percentage (Brix)

*Please bring your named Feijoas to the Room 5 deck
at anytime before the closing date.*

*Good luck and may the best gardener
(or best neighbour of an excellent gardener) win!*

Past Winners have included:
Nick Raynor
Kate Woolley and her Dad
Dean Phillips
Chase Banks
Harry Wilkin



FEIJOA COMPETITION

😊 *Rewaewa Class will be your judges* 😊

You are welcome onto room 5 Deck in between times 8:00 ~~am~~ 8:45 am

Could you be King ?
OR
Could you be Queen ?

Competition closes on the 6 OF MAY!!!!

If you are interested please bring your feijoa in to room 5 before the competition closes

KEGS

29th March Tua Marina Kegs report

Rms 1 & 2 learned about seed saving in the garden today. Some large dried sunflower heads were carefully removed of all their seeds to be saved until the Spring for planting. We looked at other seeds in the garden, many shapes and sizes and colours were discovered.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Ākonga o te Wiki Week 7, 8 & 9

Amelia De Boo
George McGhie
Sam Petersen
Quinn Te Kurapa
Charlie Bromwich
Laura Anderson

Holly Lyford
Leo Bown
Isy Baker
Pagan Harris
Olive Barnett
Bella Bromwich

Kiwican Winners Week 9



Matty - Ti Kouka
Kate - Makomako
Heath - Rewarewa

HOUSE POINTS

	WHEREO	KAHURANGI	KAKARIKI
Values Hero Awards (as at week 9)	14	18	10
Kiwican Winners (as at week 9)	40	60	50
Students of the week (as at week 9)	40	60	50
TOTAL	94	138	110

NOTICES



Junior Table Tennis

The Marlborough Table Tennis Association is again running junior table tennis starting Tuesday 3rd May 2022. It will run during Term 2 and 3.

4pm – 5pm Beginners and developing players

5pm - Two player teams competition.

Any gender

Blenheim Indoor sports centre

50 Batty's Road.

To register phone or email Debbie

0211632140 | deb_e_j@hotmail.com

or Alex 0221890995 | alexkennedy545@gmail.com



Futsal is a raw form of Football played indoors with a slightly weighted ball and is a great way for kids to learn to control a ball at their feet.

5 AGE GROUPS:

4.15-5pm: 5 & 6 year olds + 7 & 8 year olds

5.15-6pm: 9, 10 & 11 year olds

6.15-7pm: 12 & 13 year olds + 14, 15 & 16 year olds

DATES:

TERM 2

STARTS Tuesday 3rd May 2022

FINISHES Tuesday 5th July 2022 (10 weeks)

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE
Monday 2nd May 2022

\$70 per child
FOR THE TERM

TO REGISTER: Email child's
Full Name, Address, Date of
Birth and Phone Number to:
marlborough@mainlandfootball.co.nz