Tua Marina School Newsletter

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**18 FEBRUARY 2022** 

## PRINCIPALS PAGE

Kia ora e the whanau,

Although there have been a few HERO posts heading your way since the beginning of term 1, this is the first newsletter for 2022.

Firstly, a huge Tua Marina School welcome to all those students who are returning to Tua Marina School and a special welcome to the students who have started at Tua Marina School this term. I have thoroughly enjoyed hearing about everyones' holiday adventures and seeing our learners settle in so quickly to a new year of learning.

Covid-19 restrictions have meant that once again we are in a situation where events have been cancelled and opportunities for the school community to really get to know each other have been put on hold.

## IMPORTANT DATES

22.2.2022 ! 2s Day! See notice on page 5

Ministry of Education Covid-19 updates keep coming as the Omicron variant seems to be on the precipice of taking hold. What is predictable, is that we will be in a constant state of 'review, rethink and go again' to strengthen the layers of protection to keep our Tua Marina School community safe and learning. One key message that we (principals) are being given is that there will be very little lead in time if we have to respond to a confirmed Covid-19 case in the Tua Marina School community.

It is reasonable to assume that in the coming weeks we will have a number of students and staff who will be required to self isolate as the Omicron variant spreads across the nation. The staff team is getting ready for the possibility that we have to deliver in a 'hybrid' model which means we are teaching face to face and online. This is once again brand new learning for us and I can not thank the staff enough for the innovation they are showing as we prepare for whatever situation develops.

The staff team has agreed on a few core principles that we will be adhering to when we shift to any home learning or hybrid learning structure in the future.

- Haoura is the most important thing.
- We do not expect parents to be teachers and we do not expect students to be doing at home what they would be doing if they were at school.
- Projects that can be worked on over a period of time, with regular check-ins have worked well for lots of learners during the last lock down periods
- There should be a mix of Fun, Authentic, Creative, Academic, Online and Offline activities offered.

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## PRINCIPALS PAGE CONTINUED...

#### Mathematics Learning and Myth Busting

This year the staff team are continuing their professional learning in teaching mathematics. Part of this process involves analysing student achievement data which includes formal test data along with observations of and discussions with students.

In each newsletter Whaea Sarah will highlight one element of mathematics learning that has been identified as a must have or a common missing piece that students must master before they can move on in their learning. This week we have started the maths conversation with an interesting mathematical phenomenon.

**Teacher Only days.** The BoT held our first meeting of 2022 on Monday 14th Feb. One of the items we discussed were the teacher-only days which were part of the last teacher collective agreement settlement. After some detective work by Emily we found that we still had a number of these accord days available to us. This year the BoT has agreed that we will have 4 Teacher only days.

Friday 3rd June - School closed for instruction.

Monday 27th June - School closed for instruction.

Monday 22nd August - School closed for instruction.

Monday 28th November - School closed for instruction.

Please make sure you mark these dates in your calendar

Have a great weekend everyone,

Bradley



# KEGS

### 15th February Tua Marina Kegs report

Lovely sunny day in the garden today, some corn cobs were harvested and prepared for eating, very delicious. Curly Kale and cauliflower seedlings were carefully planted out and watered in. Another garden bed was weeded ready for planting, all weeds taken to the compost. The children all enjoyed some apple from the school garden, and learned about what a plant needs to grow, water, sun, air and soil. Great job everyone.













## CONGRATULATIONS

## Our first Ākonga o te Wiki for 2022

Indiarna
Thor
Aaron
Claudia
Grayson

# Our first Kiwican winners for 2022

Indiarna Ryan Reid Henry

# **NEXT WEEK!**

# TWOSDAY TUESDAY 22.02.2022

Next Tuesday is a momentous numerical date on our calendar.

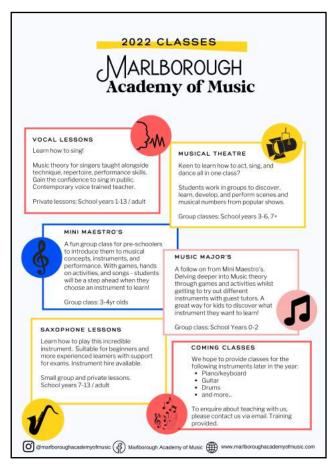
A perfect palindrome of digits and it's also a Tuesday!

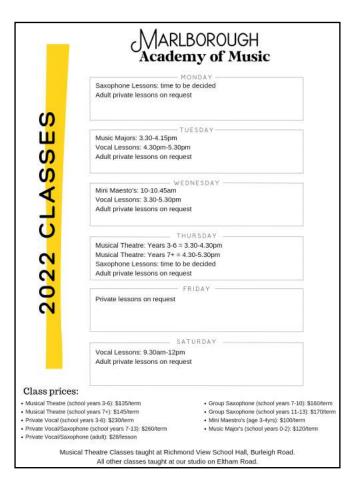
We will be celebrating 2's day at school with a variety of activities.

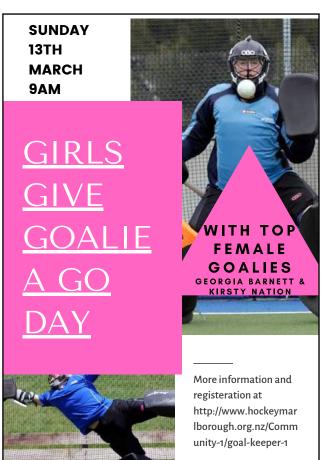
Students are
encouraged to:
\*Wear a tutu
\*Look for doubles and
pairs in lunchboxes
\*Dress as a famous pair
with a buddy



# NOTICES









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FRI 18 FEB AT A&P PARK

## GIRLS ONLY SKILLS SESSION/GAME

Time: 4pm-5.30pm

Age Group: 8-12 year olds

SKILLS SESSION WHERE GIRLS CAN LEARN

IN A 'GIRLS ONLY' ENVIRONMENT!

## WOMEN'S ONLY TWILIGHT GAME

Time: 6pm-7.30pm

Age Group: Over 13 years old

COME DOWN AND WE WILL MIX UP SOME TEAMS AND HAVE SOME FUN! GET YOUR MATES TO COME DOWN TOO AND GIVE IT A GO!



COST PER SESSION

TO REGISTER: Please email your full name, date of birth & contact number to Nicky Smith-Scott | Nicky@mainlandfootball.co.nz
Registrations close Monday 7th February 2022