

Tua Marina School Newsletter

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PRINCIPALS PAGE

Kia ora e te whānau,

What a week it has been. On Friday we had over 90% of students at school, all except one of the staff were fit and well and we only had one or two positive student cases and a couple of students isolating as household contacts.

What a difference a weekend makes! As we started this week we had around 50% of our tamariki at school and our positive cases are now just into the double figures, with our junior classes being particularly hard hit. We have a couple of positive staff cases and staff also isolating as close household contacts.

Thank you to everyone for the clear communication that has been sent through to the school so we can track cases and rejiggle our plans and staffing.

Getting home learning, or hybrid learning, started instantly has been difficult with three of the four junior school teachers out and the one remaining teacher in front of a class full of students. We are working on this and we would really appreciate it if you could contact the school if you require any learning materials at home. Some parents have contacted the school already to say that no learning materials are needed as their children are unwell and are only missing 5 days of school if they isolate for 7 days. This will vary depending on whether students are positive and sick, positive and well or negative, isolating and missing school.

If your child is isolating and you would like some work sent home please contact the school based on the table below. We are able to issue devices to students in years 3-8 if required. In some cases this work will be emailed and will contain links to the MoE home learning resources.

Here is the link to the [MoE home learning resources](#).

A few parents have asked about Reading Eggs. The school does not have a current subscription to Reading Eggs but there is some good news. Reading Eggs is offering parents a free 30 day trial.

Click on this [link](#) to find out more.

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Our Vision:
Working together to grow a healthy and happy community
where every learner succeeds

NEW STAFF MEMBER

It is my pleasure to introduce Aaron Harrison. Aaron will be joining the Tua Marina School team as the year 7/8 teacher and Deputy Principal at the start of Term 2.

Tena Koutou, Tena Koutou, Katoa
Ko Brahmin tōku waka
Ko Ngāti Rāhiri Tumutumu te iwi
Ko Ohuierangi tōku maunga
Ko Waitematā tōku moana
Ko Waikato tōku awa
Nō Kaukāpakāpa āhau
Ko Aaron Harrison tōku ingoa
Tena koutou, Tena koutou, Tena koutou, katoa



Kia ora whanau, my name is Aaron Harrison and I will be your new teaching Deputy Principal for your incredible school. I can't wait to get to know the students, teachers and the community and discover all that Marlborough has to offer!

I grew up on a small farm north of Auckland, and then completed a Bachelor of Science Degree at Massey University in Palmerston North, where I met my wife Gretchen. We worked and travelled then settled back in Auckland in 2006. We now have two amazing kids - a son Jamie, 13 years old and a daughter Evelyne, 11 years old.

I love spending time with my family at the beach, camping and bbqing with friends. I enjoy exploring new areas and getting out for a good hike. I have a huge passion for the environment. It excites me when I can get kids out into the bush, turn over a log and have those amazing teachable moments where students are having real hands-on experiences in nature.

I will have a busy year ahead getting involved with the kids, playing as many games of fox and hounds as possible, and getting to know our wider school community. I assure you that I will be taking one day at a time and I will support and guide your child through the busy transition of me becoming your child's teacher in the year 7 and 8 class and the schools' deputy principal.

Thank you very much for welcoming me and my whanau into your wonderful community.

MATHS

Maths Games Ideas for Tamariki who Love to Move!

If you have giant chalk...



Draw a basic facts garden...

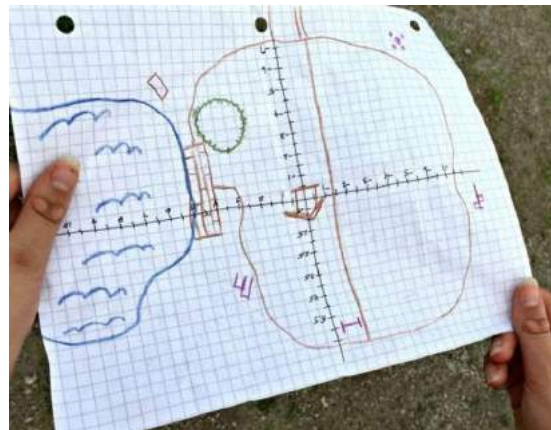


Make a life sized number line... wonderful for all sorts of math games and activities. Make one big enough for kids to stand and jump around on using sidewalk chalk (or paper tape indoors).

Build a target and record your data...or make a plot graph treasure hunt.



TARGET TOSS			
YELLOW			4
BLUE			8
RED			6
How many times did you land on yellow?	6	How many times did you land on blue?	8
How many times did you land on red?	6	How many times did you land on yellow and blue together?	14
How many times did you land on blue and red together?	14	How many times did you land on yellow and red together?	10
How many times did you land on yellow, blue and red together?	20		



Use a dice for everything...or design your own board game!



..have fun!

Whaea Sarah

WATER SAFETY

EVERYONE BRING YOUR TOGS ON THURSDAY!!!!!! (TOMORROW)



Kids have fun and learn watersafety

This Thursday we have the team from Swimming New Zealand coming in to run a water safety programme at Tua Marina School. Please make sure all students have their togs and towel packed in their bags. I will have a wee play with the heat pump and see if I can push the temperature up a degree or two.

BIG BUDDIES

Big buddies are a year 5 or 6 student who buddies up with a new younger student that starts school. They will help them all throughout the year.

On Thursday the big buddies joined their buddies. They went to the library to read their buddies a book. After they played a game of duck duck goose and a couple played basketball.

We think that it's a good idea because it will help get them used to being around older students and have older students to look up to. It will also be good for them to know each other and not be afraid of each other. It will also be helpful to the older students because it will help them work on their leadership skills.



By Laura and Katherine

WOOL IN SCHOOL



Over the past 2 weeks we have been extremely fortunate to have the Wool for Schools educational resource at Tua Marina School. Those of you who have dropped off or collected students at the front of the school may have seen the big red container.



Students have been learning about where wool comes from, how wool is processed and looking at all the amazing things that wool can be turned into.



TMS CRICKET REPORT

This year we had a Tua Marina cricket team and we had a great season. Our coach was called Greg, He was the best. In our team we had Liam, Henry N, Benjamin, Heath, Hamish, Ollie, Lucas and Adam. We played games on Friday and we practised on Wednesday. We won 4 games Total.



Right: Hamish Sampson. 2nd to right: Adam Van Greunen. 3rd to right: Liam Bown. 4th to right: Benjamin Corban. Middle: Henry Nott. 3rd to left: Ollie Loose. 2nd to left: Lucas Abbott. Left: Heath Barnett. Top: (the coach) Greg Costley.

My Name is Benjamin Corban and my favourite part of the cricket season was the last game when I got two fours in a row and I really enjoyed being Bater. I also saved a ball one time by Jumping and barely got the ball but I got it. This was my first Year playing and I really enjoyed my new favourite Sport game. But I need to work on my bowling. (Benjamin Corban.)

My Favourite thing that happened this season while playing cricket was getting MVP after we vs Celtic. It was very fun playing cricket this season and I can't wait for the next season. Every day at practice, which is on a Wednesday afternoon after school I would always ask Greg to give us high balls because it is really fun when you catch them but it really hurts when you don't. Thanks Greg for being our coach this season and I'm looking forward to next season. (Adam Van Greunen)

2022 ANNUAL PLAN

The BoT met on Monday evening for our 2nd BoT meeting of the year. One of the requirements of a BoT is to prepare a statement called the Analysis of Variance and then update the annual goal section of the school's charter. These statements will be available to the community once the annual reporting documents and audited annual accounts have been filed with the MoE. One thing that did come out of the review of the 2021 annual plan was a fresh set of strategic goals for 2022. A summary of these is set out below.

2022 Strategic Goals			
GOALS	Goal 1- Community Reconnect and rebuild.	Goal 2- Mathematics Improve student outcomes in mathematics by growing teacher capability.	Goal 3- Curriculum / Pedagogy Design and document our local Tua Marina School Curriculum.
RATIONALE	Every school, every child and every whānau in NZ has been affected by Covid-19. There is an element of disconnectedness between home and school as a result.	Our Maths achievement data should be better than it is. There have been lots of changes to the way that maths is taught and assessed in recent years. There are some excellent assessment and learning resources that our team needs to learn about.	We have a number of new teachers so the time is right to develop our collective beliefs about teaching and learning We do not have a well documented local curriculum. This year we have a unique opportunity to develop strong collaborative teaching practices. There are new curriculum areas that we need to teach in 2022 and 2023.

Between now and the next newsletter I will be working on defining the success criteria and the actions that will form the annual plan under each of these three headings.

One thing that is for sure is that the staff team will be learning more about The 7 Principles of Learning and how these underpin quality teaching and learning. In 2022 we will be really zooming in on three of the 7 Principles of Learning.

Emotions are integral to learning

Assessment for learning

Making horizontal connections

For those of you who would like to learn more about the 7 Principles of Learning I have included a link to the Nature of Learning document that explores these principles in depth. [The Nature of Learning- Using research to inspire practice.](#)

KIWICAN CORNER



Respect *Whakaute*

Means treating
people, things
and places as
important.

The Kiwi Can Corner



"Respect for others" is our next module for the term – so we're moving on to explore ideas about how to treat others with kindness, and learning to recognise and accept everyone's differences.

Why not carry on the learning at home? Have a chat about:

- What does it mean to show kindness to others?
- Can you tell me about a time this week you have acted kindly?
- What happens if people don't show kindness in the community?
- If you could do *any* type of Random Act of Kindness, what would it be?
- Why is it important to understand that everyone is different? How can these differences benefit us and our community?
- What are some situations where could you use the knowledge you learned about in Kiwi Can this week?



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This week in Kiwi Can our junior tamariki are practising showing kindness to others. Our older Kiwi Can kids are exploring ways to accept differences, and learning more about what it is to have and show empathy. (We will be talking about empathy being the ability to understand and share the feelings of someone else).

Here are some conversation starters for this week...

- What are some ways you can show kindness at home? In the class?
- What's a kind thing someone did for you? How did it make you feel?
- How can you show others how to be kind?
- How do you know if someone else is feeling happy or sad? What are the clues?
- When your friends feel differently to you about something, how can you use empathy to figure out each others' feelings?



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KEGS

15th March Tua Marina Kegs report

Rms 1 & 2 learned about biodiversity today, focusing on insects and creatures in the compost. We found many different types of insects and worms that help make the compost. The compost was spread over a garden bed and some baby cabbage seedlings were planted. Lots of watering, as the soil is dry. Some yummy large tomatoes were harvested. Great job everyone.



NOTICES



22/03/22

Taking Care During Harvest

The grape harvest is in full swing at present, and that means there are a good many heavy trucks on our roads in Marlborough, over and above normal traffic volumes.

It is a good time for motorists to be practicing extra care and extra patience on our roads. These trucks are often heavily loaded with harvested grapes and as a result have to drive with caution on the approaches to intersections to avoid spillage when stopping. As a result, any motorists in the vicinity may have to show some restraint and be prepared to drive a little slower and wait a little longer to proceed.

Naturally, the odd spill is inevitable, and these generally occur at intersections. Police encourage drivers of trucks carrying harvest grapes and other motorists to report any grape spill as soon as possible. Marlborough Roads can be contacted on 520-8330 to ensure a clean-up crew is dispatched.

If you are driving over a grape spill, take extra care as the mix of grape skins and juice is extremely slippery and in previous years vehicles have slid-out on these spills, resulting in single and multiple vehicle crashes.

Autumn Driving

We are approaching a changeable time of the year, with rainfall, wind, and changing light conditions, all of which can lead to crashes on our roads.

We have been through a long period without any significant rainfall and motorists are used to driving in dry conditions. If you are driving during or immediately after rainfall, please practice safe driving. This includes doubling your following distance, reducing your speed to suit the conditions, and consider turning your headlights on in overcast or low-light conditions (this is so your vehicle is seen by other road users who can then make good choices reducing the likelihood of a crash).

It is also very good practice to check that your wiper blades are in good condition. You can clean them with a mild soap and water solution to remove grease and dirt and improve their glass-clearing performance. If they are still streaking when wiping, replace the blades to ensure you have good vision in the wet.

Tyre condition is another important factor when driving in the wet. Ensure you have legal tyre tread depth and that your tyres are inflated correctly.

DROP FOR YOUTH MARLBOROUGH 2022



Drop for Youth is back! And this year we're aiming to throw *100* Marlburians from planes (with parachutes of course!)

Drop for Youth is a charity fundraiser, where daring droppers sign up to take part in a tandem skydive and raise funds for Graeme Dingle Foundation Marlborough. We're daring people to get outside of their comfort zone, just like our young people do through our programmes!



- ✓ helping young people across Marlborough
- ✓ challenging yourself to overcome an obstacle
- ✓ ticking skydiving off your bucket list!

All money stays right here in Marlborough ♥

So how about it - will you join the 100?!

Find out more - and register at
www.dinglefoundation.org.nz/marlborough/events



KAITUNA RIDGES RAMBLE

Saturday 9th April 2022

12km WALK / RUN

A spectacular 12km Walk / Run around the ridgeline of the Kaituna Ridges Farm at the base of the Pelorus Sound. The challenging track will take you through large areas of native bush, and along steep hillsides clothed in pasture which offer extensive views of both the Pelorus & Queen Charlotte Sounds.

PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY on Eventfinda

Delicious food & refreshments will be available to purchase (cash only)

[Visit our website for full details on this event](http://www.kaitunaridgesramble.kiwi.nz)

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Kaituna Ridges Ramble is a Community Fundraiser for Pelorus Community Preschool - Kohungahunga o Te Hoiere.
Proudly supported by Pelorus Area Health Trust's Community Grant Scheme.



KIDS SCHOOL HOLIDAY ART CLUB 2022

for 8 to 12 year olds with local artist Paula Kerslake



SATURDAY 30TH APRIL

Cool Clay Creations

9.00am to 10.15am \$29

Stamping & Printmaking

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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A&P PARK, BLENHEIM
Cnr Alabama & Maxwell Rd

Marlborough Football has put together an action packed holiday programme for kids. It's a great way for young players to have fun and develop their football skills.

Register for individual days or both days.

Suitable for children aged 5 to 12 years, (both boys and girls). Each session includes skill-based training and games, so kids can learn the tricks and techniques to become better players.

HEAD COACH:
Nicky Smith-Scott (Marlborough's Football Development Officer)
ASSISTANT COACHES: Jamie Healy & Fynn Hawes

DATES: Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th April (2 days)

TIME: 9am-2pm (lunchtime supervision and activities provided.)

If you have any questions please contact:

Nicky Smith-Scott, Football Development/Admin, Marlborough Football
nicky@mainlandfootball.co.nz

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE
Friday 22nd April 2022

\$35 per day
(OR \$60 FOR 2 DAYS!)

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

* No late registrations will be accepted sorry as we need to employ number of coaches based on number of kids registered.

PAYABLE TO:
Payment is due by Tues 26th April, you can pay direct into the Marlborough Football bank account - stating your child's name and Holiday as the reference. We will reply with bank details at time of registration.

* No refunds will be given if your child does not turn up on the days we have coaches based on number of kids registered.

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