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## Principals Korero

Tēnā koutou

A warm Tua Marina School welcome to Gus Waddington who joined us in Tī Kōuka officially at the beginning of last week. We look forward to watching your mahi over the coming years here.

At the beginning of the year we as a school set a Student attendance target of 70% of our students attending at least 90% of the time. You may have seen or heard about this a bit more lately nationally in the media as the Government look to increase regular attendance. Last year we reached 47% regular attendance in term 1. I'm happy to report that in term 1 this year we are already sitting at 68% regular student attendance. Way to go Team TMS!

Every day counts towards your child's learning at school. Attending school gives our children the best opportunity to realise their full potential and do well in life. [Click here](#) to see the guide from the Ministry of Education, a paper copy can also be found in the office.

Pink Shirt Day has been a blast. See further on in this newsletter for pictures of some of the events. A huge thank you to all the students and parents who stopped and gave me ideas of the range of ways that we can stand up for or support others in our lives. All the ideas are being collated and prepared to be displayed on our new joint art piece. See if you can spot it taking shape next time you're in.

As a staff we want to express our thanks for all the ways in which our community contributes to Hanga Atu ki te Tua Marino - Creating the Calm Beyond. More information will be coming out soon about an exciting day later in the term which will enable even more of this. The staff will be spending the upcoming Staff only Day (31st of May) working on the strategic goal to: Strengthen and document our localised curriculum with contextualised experiences and practices, and celebrate our unique points of difference.

Ngā mihi mahana  
Nic Walker  
Tumuaki - Principal

# Term 2

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 4 20 - 24 MAY					Assembly - Ti Kōuka
WEEK 5 27 - 31 MAY		Tech - Kowhai			Teacher Only Day - School Closed
WEEK 6 03 - 07 JUNE	Kings Birthday - School Closed				Assembly - Manuka
WEEK 7 10 - 14 JUNE		Tech - Kowhai			Disco!
	Fundamentals - Manuka, Rewarewa, Kowhai	Fundamentals - Ti Kōuka, Makomako	Fundamentals - Manuka, Rewarewa, Kowhai	Fundamentals - Manuka, Rewarewa, Kowhai	Fundamentals - Ti Kōuka, Makomako
WEEK 8 17 - 21 JUNE				Cross Country	Assembly - Rewarewa
WEEK 9 24 - 28 JUNE		Tech - Kowhai		Rewarewa - Kārearea Falcon Trust	Matariki
WEEK 10 01 - 05 JUL					End of Term 2 Assembly - Kowhai

# Ti Kōuka

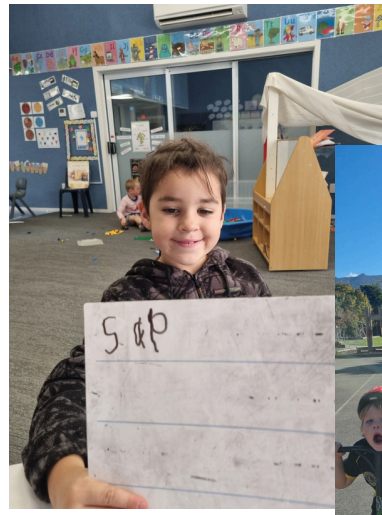
## Leah Waddington - Year 0 - 1

The students have been working hard in their maths.

Learning to write their numbers the correct way, counting up from numbers to 100, and learning about odd and even numbers. We have also started working harder on our addition and subtraction. Fraction Fridays have been spent equally dividing objects. Literacy has been ticking along quite nicely. While the students work on their reading and writing with the teacher, the rest of the students independently work on their literacy skills. This week they have been focusing on digraphs, such as 'ch, sh, th, and ng'. They have also been focusing on hearing the final sounds in words.

Reminder that we are having a sausage sizzle every assembly Friday. Next week Ti Kōuka will be running the assembly.

Have a great weekend everyone



# Makomako

## Caroline Abbott - Year 2 - 3

Kia ora Makomako whānau,

This week has rushed by, ending with a fabulous Pink Shirt Day! We have been focussed on saying kind words to each other as well as showing kindness within the classroom and in the playground.

### Maths

We created fraction pizzas this week, with lots of delicious toppings. Once the pizzas were made ngā tamariki had to say a fraction sentence that worked with their pizza.

### Reading

I have been noticing the progress that everyone is making with their reading. Some tamariki are working hard on saying the sounds within words (segmenting) and then running the sounds together to read the word (blending). Others are using chunks of sounds, or knowledge about the story/text to work out unknown words. It is really lovely to see the sense of achievement that your child feels when they can read increasingly complex texts which is also due to the support you are providing at home.

Have a lovely weekend.

Ngā mihi, Caroline





# Manuka

## Sarah Kerr - Year 4

Kia ora Whanau,

Week 3 already! It was such a fun learning week. We followed the students' interests and did lots of literacy activities around Islands, pirates and the Solar System. I am really pleased with the writing progress of all our tamariki. Spelling will remain a focus but we are also trying to write more fluently and this week have written a description, an opinion, facts and questions.

Today we will be celebrating Pink Shirt Day. Our focus has been the value of integrity and supporting each other to use positive language in the classroom and particularly in the playground. Walnuts will go on sale today at \$2 per 500g with recycled bags that can be composted or used as fire starters (along with the walnut shells).

Occasionally on a Monday morning we go for a quick march up the hill with Rewarewa Class (and practise our batton passing). We are so appreciative of the history and beautiful setting of our kura.

Homework is coming home every week now. There will be reading, spelling and a maths activity. Any questions please contact me. We are working with Rewarewa on our maths learning again so I will insist that the maths homework practice is completed on Fridays.

Nga mihi Manuka Class and Whaea Sarah



## Rewarewa

### Julian Mason - Year 5 - 6

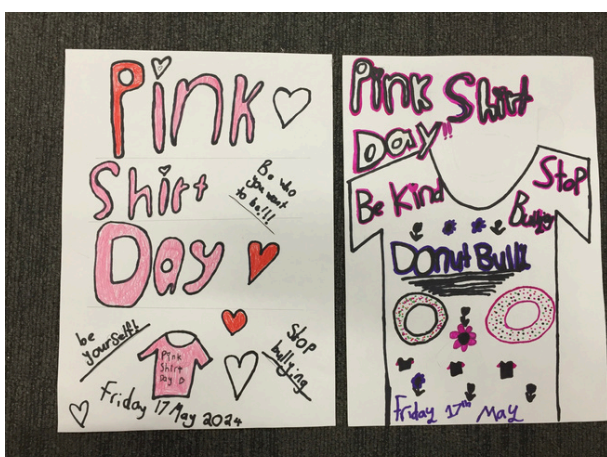
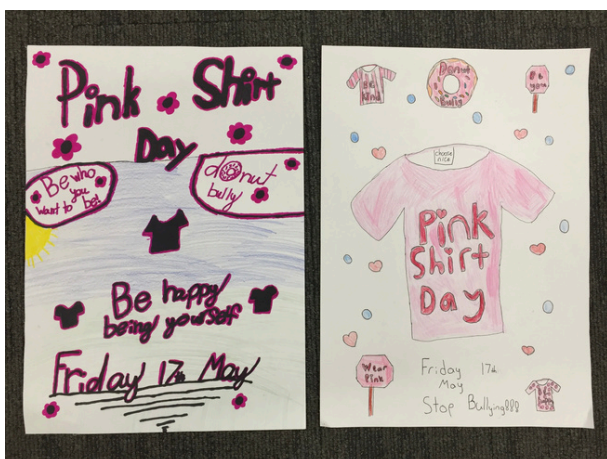
Kia ora e te whānau,

It was a very chilly start to most days this week, and while winter is not officially here the weather certainly feels like it. We have been utilising the heat pumps in class to stay nice and warm for learning.

We have been very much back to the nuts and bolts of learning this week with a new writing topic around persuasive writing, working in our reading groups and we started up our cross class maths with Mānuka Class. It is great to see the students rise to the challenge of getting back into routines and managing their time.

Our visual language task this week was to design a poster for Pink Shirt Day (today). This is a day to consider the negative impacts of bullying and the celebration of difference and individuality. These posters are now on display around the school. We will be starting Cross Country training next week. Please ensure that your child has a suitable pair of shoes for this each day of the week.

Have a great weekend - Julian





# KEGS



Makomako class became chefs in the kitchen today. First 3 small cabbages were picked and chopped up. Curly Kale too for chips. Next carrot and cheese were grated into the bowl and mixed together. The curly Kale was ripped up and cooked, a little too much? But still yummy. The children enjoyed their coleslaw in the sun. Great work.



# Kapa Haka

Over the last three weeks Tua Marino school has been working with Kuia Merehira to get ready for Taiopenga in term 4. Alex, Meika and Claudia have been working really hard with Whaea Sarah and Kuia Merehira. One of the waiata we are learning is Kapi Oioi.



It was amazing to see how pink the school was today. I think there was actually a bit of competition of how pink everyone was. We loved how pink everyone was which showed how everyone supported the No Bullying which was awesome to see. The other part of pink shirt day is kindness which is also one of our values and could not see anyone being mean today which was great to see. In the morning Mr Walker was by the sand pit asking people what they liked about being kind and playing music. At lunch Abi and Alex were doing face paint and there were so many eager people to get their face painted.

