



WEEK 3, TERM 3 - 09 AUGUST 2024

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It's been a privilege this week catching up with so many families as you they come into school for interviews with your children's teacher. This is an important discussion to have and if you missed this opportunity please feel free to contact your child's teacher and arrange a time.

We've been pretty lucky this week to have a few visitors into our place. Firstly, Julie Hill from DOC and her dog Tahi, came into show students how they sniff out predators and pests to keep our environment flourishing. Then, we had the railsafety team from KiwiRail in to discuss with our year 0 - 4 students about keeping safe around the track, such as our carpark. We are working with KiwiRail currently to build a fence along the rail corridor. We are hoping to start construction very soon.

Our school's value system has been reviewed and now we can announce what we have reset it with, our four values moving forward will be: Community, Active Involvement, Learning, Manaakitanga. The next step is to define each of these terms clearly and concisely so that we can all be singing off the same page, then work with the students to state the behaviours we would see in various contexts if we were showing these.

Every term we review, and where necessary reset some of our school policies and procedures. To help us continually improve we all have the opportunity to take part. SchoolDocs is an online policy platform for schools in Aotearoa. Our SchoolDocs site contains policies and procedures that are specific to our school and can be accessed by the whole school community.

Reviews and feedback

All SchoolDocs schools follow a 3-year review schedule to keep information up to date. Each term, you can provide feedback on policies and procedures that are under review. If you'd like to send a message to your school about a particular topic, use the feedback button. For more information about reviews, click the Current Review tab at the top of the site.

Our site address: tuamarina.schooldocs.co.nz

Username: tuamarina

Password: community

Related policies and procedures

These are grouped together on SchoolDocs, with links to supporting information.

- To find a policy or procedure, type a keyword into the search bar, or browse using the table of contents (click the black arrows to open each section).
- Search for Quick Links for Staff and Quick Links for Parents and Whānau, which provide links to useful policies and procedures.
- For more information about using SchoolDocs, click the Help tab at the top of the site.

Hanga Atu ki te Tua Marino - Creating the Calm Beyond

Ngā mihi mahana

Nic Walker

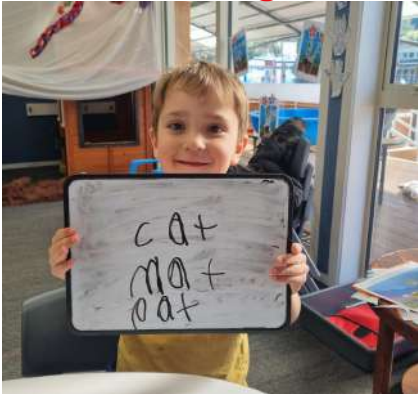
Tumuaki - Principal

Term 3

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 4 12 - 16 AUG				Assembly - Makomako	School Ski Trip!!
Week 5 19 - 23 AUG		Tech - Kowhai			
Week 6 26 - 30 AUG					Daffodil Day
					Assembly - Manuka
Week 7 02 - 06 SEPT		Tech - Kowhai			
Week 8 09 - 13 SEPT					Assembly - Tī Kōuka
Week 9 16 - 20 SEPT		Tech - Kowhai			
		Music Festival Performance			
	Maori Language Week	Maori Language Week	Maori Language Week	Maori Language Week	Maori Language Week
Week 10 23 - 27 SEPT					End of Term 3
					Assembly - Rewarewa

Ti Kōuka

Leah Waddington - Year 0 - 1



Thank you so much for the parents who have made such a big effort to bring reading books back! Sometimes we spend a week on the same book, so you may see the same book coming home for more than one day :) The students seemed tired this week. We've had several breaks where we just lie down or colour, while listening to stories. Don't be surprised if your child needs a bit of an earlier bed-time during different phases of the school year:)

Literacy: To go along with our individual reading this week, the children are independently looking at some letters that fit together to make one sound. (ar, igh, etc.). Other children have a heavy focus on the "sneaky e", and how it makes a long vowel. We love playing bingo to consolidate our learning with long and short vowels!

Writing: The children have had a focus on independently writing little stories with a prompt. We are focusing on writing until the bell rings (around 9 minutes). The tamariki have been doing a fantastic job and are showing very neat and careful letters.

Maths: We have been looking at place value, and have been visualizing what numbers look like by using popsicle sticks, ten frames and other place value manipulatives. We are also continuing to work on adding numbers from 10 (knowing our teen facts), from 9, and then from 8.

Ngā mihi,
Leah

Makomako

Caroline Abbott - Year 2 - 3

Kia ora Makomako whānau,

It has been lovely to be back in the classroom and see everyone's smiling, happy faces. We have had a great week re-establishing routines and welcoming Asher into the classroom for the rest of the year.

Tahi

Tahi (the DOC conservation dog) came to visit on Wednesday. We learnt all about what he does to help our native animals stay safe and how he helps find rats and mice. He checked Kawakawa classroom for rats and mice and thankfully didn't find any!

KiwiRail rail safety

Three train drivers came to talk to us on Thursday about how to be safe around trains and railway tracks. The tamariki learnt about where to cross railway lines (at the pedestrian crossings) and to 'Stop. Look. Listen. Think.' before crossing any train tracks.

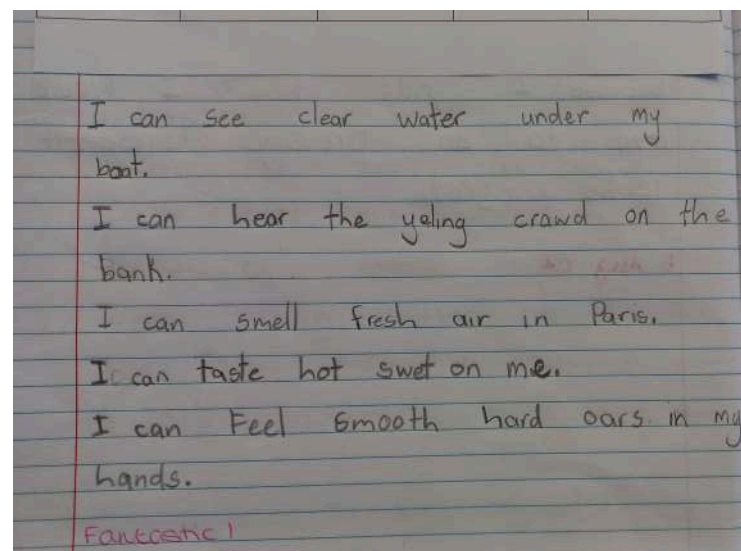
The Olympics

This week we have been writing about our favourite sports to do or to watch, and also imagining ourselves in a rowing race. There has been some good descriptive language used, and our writing will soon be on display in the classroom with silhouette artwork that has been created.

Water bottles

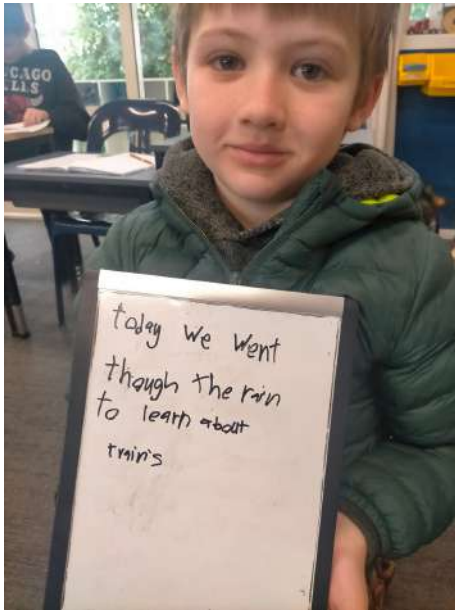
Please make sure everyone brings a water bottle to school. Water bottles can stay at school for the week.

Ngā mihi, Caroline



Manuka

Sarah Kerr - Year 4



Kia ora e te whanau,

It was so nice to spend almost a whole week with the amazing Manuka class. We heard from Julie and Tahi from DOC, about Pest Detection and how their mahi keeps our native species alive on remote islands.

Roddy and his train crew came to educate us about safety around trains. This is especially important as we are the 2nd closest school to a train track in the whole of Aotearoa.

Kat did some awesome temperature Science yesterday afternoon and today we read all the hilarious homework sentences that our creative tamariki have written with your support.

Today (Friday) a wonderful group of young men sorted and problem solved in our sports shed to get all our amazing sports gear arranged into a system that will work for our PE Sessions. Amazing mahi Boys. We are all grateful for your sorting skills and teamwork.



Rewarewa

Julian Mason - Year 5 - 6

Kia ora e te whānau,

It feels like I have hardly seen the class this week as I had two days of release.

They have been working with Whaea Maryn in Kawakawa Class. They are in the process of designing (and about to build) the habitat for a reptile. So they need to understand what is important to include and how this supports the creature.



Our PE skills focus has shifted to kicking this week with students learning the drop punt. It is amazing to see the progress of these skills through repetition, practice and persistence. We have had some exciting contests of 'The Kicking Game' to put these skills into action.



Congratulations to our Jump Jam Team last week. They were awarded 3 (well deserved) certificates in the face of some tough competition for their performance. Very proud!

Have a great weekend.

- Julian



Kowhai

Aaron Harrison - Year 7 - 8



Kia ora e te Whānau,

Crunch time is drawing near. The kids are trooping on in getting these cars built for the inspection in the end of September. We have the frames cut out and laying on the classroom floor ready to weld. Hopefully this Monday we will be able to weld them together, Phil is bringing in his machine so the kids can get started.



Thank you to all of the scrap metal places and engineers who have provided the metal tubing for our vehicles. It is really appreciated from the class to help them progress to the completion of their cars.

The class has also signed up to a free trial of maths buddy. This will compliment their work in class. They will be having a weekly work sheet to do at home for homework. They can do this on line or as a sheet to be entered later in the week



Reminders:

Next week we have Tech so please remember to get the kids to wear their Tuamarino shirts.

Thursday next week we will be going to the Tuamarino River to sample the invertebrates and animal life that is there.

Please if you are available it would be wonderful to have parent help to come in and work with the kids on the cars.

Have a wonderful weekend, take care.

- Mr H

