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Kia ora koutou,

What a fantastic start to the term! I'm bursting with pride watching our tamariki embrace learning at Tua Marina.

Our recent rural schools swimming sports were a shining example of our school values in action. The active participation and positive attitudes displayed were truly remarkable.

It's been brilliant to see students tackling challenges and making significant progress in their learning. This dedication is what makes Tua Marina such an amazing place to learn.

Next Friday, we celebrate this positive momentum at our annual Pukatea White's Bay challenge day. I encourage everyone to join us for a day of community and fun. Look out for the detailed information coming home today.

Let's continue to support each other and make this year a resounding success.

Kia kaha e eho tatou

Nic Walker  
Tumuaki - Principal

# Term 1, 2025

WEEK 6 10 - 14 MARCH		TECH			WHITES BAY
	KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE	KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE	KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE		
WEEK 7 17 - 21 MARCH	TEACHER ONLY DAY				
WEEK 8 24 - 28 MARCH		TECH			TI KŌUKA ASSEMBLY
			MISTLETOE BAY CAMP	MISTLETOE BAY CAMP	MISTLETOE BAY CAMP
WEEK 9 31 MARCH - 04 APRIL		HANMER CAMP	HANMER CAMP	HANMER CAMP	HANMER CAMP
WEEK 10 07 - 11 APRIL		TECH	YEAR 7/8 VACCINATIONS		END OF TERM ASSEMBLY

## Notices to Return

Thank you to everyone who has already returned their Whites Bay permission form.

Please, can we have the rest returned as soon as possible to Amy In the office.

### Other notices to be returned :

- Mistletoe Bay Camp notices - please return to Mr Mason as soon as possible
- Year 7 and 8 vaccination forms - please return to Amy as soon as possible.



# Tī Kōuka

Year 0 - 1 || Leah Waddington & Emily Morris

Another busy week of learning for our youngest students.

Today they started a new units of learning with Emily based around fractions and Autumn.



# Makomako

Year 2 - 3 || Aaron Harrison

Mr Harrison has been sick nearly all week this week!

Mrs Swanston has been relieving In Makomako class, and everyone has been having a great time.

Mrs Swanstons favourite part of this week was spending time in the swimming pool!



# Rewarewa

Year 4 - 5 || Julian Mason

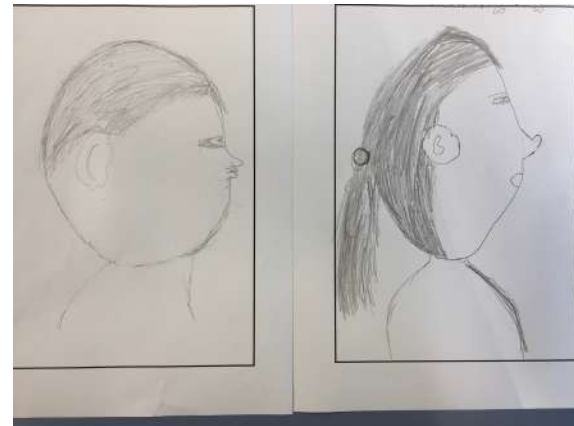
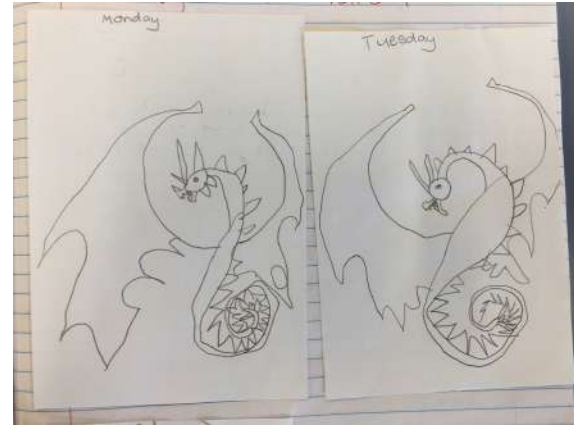
Kia ora e te whānau,

Our class goal this week has been doing our best work. This has had a focus on staying on task, putting in lots of effort and trying to get a little better each time.

This is well represented in our daily drawings of a dragon and our continuing practice of drawing faces in preparation for our self portraits.

Thank you to Kat and Mrs Silva for looking after the class while I have been released this week.

Have a great weekend  
- Julian



# Kowhai

Year 6 - 8 || Sarah Kerr

This week we have started our academic work proper, with literacy activities around refugees, climate and journeys. We have completed our spelling and reading assessments and will be send homework home from next week.

Triangles or tapa toru have occupied our maths time along with some wider revision using Maths Fitness and Number of the Day. A highlight of geometry as been using the Pro Bot both in real life and online to program the drawing of triangles and programming repeated patterns.

Today we learnt the importance of always wearing life jackets by experimenting with wearing clothes and shoes in the pool.

Swimming in a hoodie is harder than you would expect.

Nga mihi and good luck with those practice rides up the maunga.

Whaea Sarah Kerr

# Ākonga O Te Wiki

Congratulations to our ākonga o te wiki from our last assembly!

Ti Kōuka - Ollie & Tommie  
Horncastle

Makomako - Hunter Cuff & Belle  
Jacobson

Rewarewa - Isy Baker & Jack  
Troon

# Building a Positive Learning Community

This week our most commonly shown value was COMMUNITY - with 56 Values Hero Awards!

## House Points

Koromiko	Rārangi	Tokomaru	Waikakaho
236	256	253	213



**MATATŪ** 

# WE INVITE YOU

TO JOIN US IN WELCOMING THE MATATŪ SUPER AUPIKI TEAM TO THE REGION.

THE TEAM LANDS AT 09:30AM, FRIDAY 14TH OF MARCH

IF YOU CAN BE THERE BY 09:15AM, THE TASMAN COMMUNITY STAFF WILL HAVE SOME FLAGS ETC FOR YOU TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!



BLenheim SKATE CLUB PRESENTS

# SKATE DISCO

STEPHENSON STREET  
SKATE RINK  
FRIDAY

MARCH 7TH 5-8PM

TOASTIES  
SNACKS  
DRINKS  
CASH ONLY  
SKATE HIRE \$5  
ENTRY WITH OWN SKATES \$2

Term 1 Week 3-4

## Kids Edible Gardens by Roz Mundy

This year I have an new experience at school working with the the children to grow and learn with Kids Edible Gardens ( KEGs) which is just a great opportunity for me to share some of what I know and learn along the way too! There are some amazing resources available to support this programme so I will be tapping in to those so that we cover a wide range of topics and keep our school garden going. We have a goal this year to be able to provide more for our school hangi.

Our first few weeks have involved a bit of weeding and observing and we will continue to do this each week while exploring other areas too.

### Week 3 -Explore

In week 3 we repotted some seedlings and collected up the last of the apples from one of the school trees. We then went inside and placed the cut apple on trays to dehydrate overnight. Most people had a taste of the apple while it was raw and I hear that it (and Mr Harrison's honey) were very popular at school the next day!



### Week 4 - herbs

Week 4 had a focus on herbs. We only had time to have a look at what is happening in the garden, find some herbs in the school gardens ( we will have to do some more weeding in the sensory garden to uncover some more) and focus on a few that I had bought from home. There is a lot more about these herbs and what you can do with them that we can look into but most of the children recognised that Rosemary is good for stuffing and it smells yummy! We took a sample of the soil from the raised garden beds for the tamariki to have a look at with Mrs Swanston - it is not as boring as it looks!!



**OMAKA OBSERVATORY**

# **ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY**

**MONTHLY MEETING**

**Saturday 8th March**

**The Blenheim Club - 92 High Street**

**Special guest Andrew Buckingham from  
Astronz will be presenting both sessions**

**6:00pm Junior Astronomers - astronomy  
overview: celestial navigation, night sky,  
and telescopes**

**7:00pm All Welcome  
Everything you wanted to know about  
astronomy equipment**

**Followed by telescope viewing at the  
Blenheim Club (weather permitting)**

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