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Kia ora koutou whānau,

I trust this newsletter finds you well. I'm writing to you following a very productive Teacher Only Day this past Monday. It was a valuable opportunity for our dedicated staff to come together, reflect, and further enhance our teaching and learning practices. The day was filled with rich discussions and presentations centered around what constitutes high-quality teaching and learning. We were affirmed by the many messages shared, reinforcing our commitment to providing the best possible educational experience for every student at Tua Marina School. A key focus was on how we can continue to effectively respond to and support the individual achievement and progress of each child. It was inspiring to hear examples of the innovative and tailored approaches already being implemented and observable within our classrooms.

On another positive note, I want to extend a sincere thank you to our wonderful community for your ongoing efforts in helping to lift our school attendance rates. We have seen a noticeable improvement, and this makes a significant difference. Consistent attendance directly translates to greater engagement in learning for our tamariki and ultimately leads to better outcomes for both teaching and learning. Your partnership in ensuring your children are present and ready to learn each day is truly appreciated.

Today, having everyone walking/biking over to Puketea White's Bay is such a cherished event to help celebrate our student's hard mahi and strengthen the connections across our community. Thank you to everyone who helped walk, bike, transport, swim, dig and just have fun with us.

We look forward to continuing this positive momentum and working together to support the success of all our students. Hopefully we see as many of you as possible for the Rārangi Beach Clean Up on Sunday at 10 am from the Rārangi Fire station.

Kia kaha e eho tatou,

Nic Walker Tumuaki - Principal

Term I, 2025

| WEEK 8 24 - 28 MARCH | ТЕСН | | | TI KŌUKA ASSEMBLY |
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| | | MISTLETOE BAY CAMP | MISTLETOE BAY CAMP | MISTLETOE BAY CAMP |
| WEEK 9 31 MARCH - 04 APRIL | | | | |
| WEEK 10 07 - 11 APRIL | ТЕСН | YEAR 7/8 VACCINATIONS | | END OF TERM ASSEMBLY |
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Term 2, 2025

| WEEK I 28 APRIL - O2 MAY | TERM TWO BEGINS | | | | |
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| WEEK 2 05 - 09 MAY | | ТЕСН | | | |
| | FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS | FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS | FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS | FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS | FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS |
| WEEK 3 12 - 16 MAY | TEACHER ONLY DAY | | | | |
| WEEK 4 19 - 23 MAY | | | | | |
| WEEK 5 26 - 30 MAY | | | | | |
| WEEK 6 02 - 06 JUNE | KINGS BIRTHDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED | ТЕСН | | | |
| WEEK 7 09 - 13 JUNE | | FIRST AID COURSES | FIRST AID COURSES | | |
| WEEK 8 16 - 20 JUNE | | TECH | | | |

ī Kōuka

Year O - I | Leah Waddington & Emily Morris
We've had a busy and fun few weeks! The students have begun a buddy time with Rewarewa, we've had Quniton come to help us with rugby skills, and we've been excelling at our back floating in the pool! A friendly reminder to please continue to bring your reading books back to school the next day so that we all have a book to

Maths: We are learning about our odds and evens. A new trick we learned is that if the last digit is odd/even...the whole number will be! We are also looking closely at addition and subtraction signs in equations, and practicing our equation solving! A few of us are also getting very good at instantly solving our teen facts! (10+4, 10+6, etc.) Writing: We have been working hard at our letter formation. Remembering to begin every letter from the top, and to sit our letters on the "branch", or on the bottom line. The students have also had a focus on adjectives (describing words). We still need a bit of practice but the students are practicing using colours and size to describe something they write about.

Reading/Phonics: Every student is reading at their own pace. Students read with the teacher, while the rest of the class independently rotates around literacy stations. Every student also participates in a half hour phonics lessons every day. Most students are practicing "pointing and saying" three letter words, and are getting very good at hearing the correct vowel in the middle. Some students are learning to read and write words with s-blends and ee's (ex. splash, peep).

Have an excellent weekend everyone and see you next week! Kind Regards, Leah and Emily







Makomako

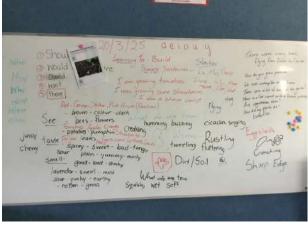


Mākomako students have been busy building their maths skills, confidently counting forwards and backwards in 1s, 2s, 5s, and 10s from any whole number between 1 and 100. In reading, their hard work is paying off, with many students making great progress. Phonics learning is also going well, helping students strengthen their understanding of sounds and words.

A highlight of the week has been exploring the edible gardens with Roz. Using their five senses, students have been describing what they see, smell, touch, hear, and taste while enjoying hands-on learning in nature.

We also had a special visit from Constable Charlotte Codlin, who taught us important ways to keep ourselves safe. The students were especially excited when she brought in her police car, turned on the lights, and showed us the equipment she uses in her job.

Ka pai, Mākomako! Keep up the great learning!



From Mr H

Rewarewa

Year 4 - 5 || Julian Mason

Kia ora e te whānau,

A crazy couple of weeks with lots of new things, rearranged things and lots of awesome things. Our Puketea/White's Bay trip was postponed, so we hastily prepared an amazing intergalactic assembly. We have had a new student, Nicholas Mackel, join us, many of the students started the Rippa Rugby season and we began some new maths & literacy programmes.

A highlight this week was to see how the students took on the challenge of their maths learning, becoming more independent using the group rotation and working hard on their times table goal. I am more than happy to share what we are learning in class so you can support your child at home to help their learning.

I am writing this on Thursday, with the anticipation of another great beach day ahead of us tomorrow. Have a great weekend - Julian









Ākonga O Te Wiki

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

Tī Kōuka - Knox Burdon & Gray Comeskey Makomako - Elka Burdon Rewarewa - Arlo Burdon & Matty Jacobson Kōwhai - Mason Michaels

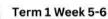
Building a Positive Learning Community

This week our most commonly shown value was Active Involvement - with 51 Values Hero Awards!

House Points

| Koromiko | Rārangi | Tokomaru | Waikakaho |
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| 303 | 334 | 328 | 273 |

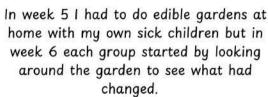




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Kids Edible Gardens

by Roz Mundy



Plants had grown, and there were still some interesting insects to be seen, but sadly we saw was a broken branch, holes that had been dug where we had planted some little seedlings, and small unripe mandarins that had been pulled off the

This led to discussion about respecting the plants and not wasting food. This will continue to be a focus as gardening does take quite a bit of patience especially when the weather has been quite dry! A few students tried to taste one of the mandarins later and they were not nice!



As there is not a lot in the gardens at the moment I had a selection of vegetables and apples from my garden to sort and identify. Most of Makomako enjoyed some peas from a pod and and some different varieties of apple but there just wasn't time to taste them all!



Week 6

Continuing in our aim, to be able to share some produce with the community later in the year, we focussed our weeding on the kumara patch. To do this we had to learn which are weeds and to take care not to pull the kumara out. A number of the children tasted chickweed and might be keen to add it to their salads or the hen feed at home as they agreed that it is quite tasty!



Courgette/zuchinni Snow peas Beans Tomato Peach Apples, apples, apples!!











Thursday 20th March. Connect Church Hall Beaver Road, Blenheim 6.30-9 o'clock

Chocolate is happiness that vou can eat!

Try adding chocolate to your recipes

Theme Night Thursday MARLBOROU SENIOR CHEF Ph:0210656789 E:seniorchefmarlborough@gn

SOCIALISE ON LEAD AT PICTON VET'S TRAFFIC LIGHT BANDANA

DOG WALK AND

4TH ANNUAL FUN EVENT TOWN WALK, LINE-UP, GAMES, PRIZES, FOOD AND SOCIALISING

MEMORIAL PARK **29TH MARCH 2025** 9.30 AM - 2 PM **PICTON**

Town Walk - long and short walk via marina, resthome

Games - Musical Statues Team(4)/adult/kid Egg and Spoon Best Trick + kids class Fancy dress - dog, dog+owner Look-alike pair (big + small dog) Smallest to Tallest, Oldest dog, Waggiest Tail and more...

Spot prizes, Music Rally-O demonstration, 'Cinderella' Boonies give away (boots valued at \$139)

Food, coffee + Mrs Whippy,

Bring family, friends and neighbours FOR ALL AGES, ALL OPTIONAL



TRAFFIC LIGHT Pre Register (\$15/dog) by 27th March BANDANAS includes Free Bandana and entry to games Picton Vet Clinic or EVENTFINDA



Promoting safe dog interaction with pethealthawareness.co.nz



BLENHEIM VALLEY FOOTBALL CLUB

REGISTRATIONS FOR 2025 WINTER FOOTBALL ARE OPEN NOW!

SEASON STARTS 26TH APRIL

For registration information please visit: www.sporty.co.nz/blenheimvalleysports

Or see the Blenheim Valley Football Club Facebook Page for more details

> Early-Bird Pricing until March 14 Registrations close March 21







Junior Registrations

NOW open for 2025 Season

Come play for the mighty Moutere Magpies! Welcoming players across our junior grades -Under 6 to Under 13

Register by 10th April online at:

https://myaccount.rugbyxplorer.com.au/chooseregistration?name=Moutere

First Game Saturday 3rd May

Questions?

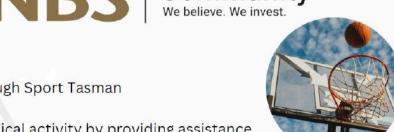
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SPORT START SUPPORTED BY NBS

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Sport Start is a grant that has been made available through Sport Tasman with the support of NBS.

It is to support young people take part in sport and physical activity by providing assistance where financial hardship is a barrier to participation.

THE CRITERIA FOR THE SPORTSTART GRANT

- · Financial hardship is a barrier to participation (Community Services Card Mandatory)
- · Grants are for a maximum of up to \$30 \$50 per application (see our website).
- · Available for 5 18 year olds who reside in Buller, Kaikōura, Nelson, Marlborough ot Tasman.
- · Applicants are entitled to a maximum of two Sport Start applications per calendar year.

PROCESS TO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE:

- · Sports clubs and schools must be registered as a provider with Sport Tasman (see our website).
- · Applications are to be completed by both the applicants and the sports club/school.
- · Providers will be notified of funding acceptance.

For more information contact our Sport Start Co-ordinator or visit our website.



www.sporttasman.org.nz/Funding/Sportstart



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Junior Table Tennis

The Marlborough Table Tennis Association is again running junior table tennis starting Tuesday 29th April. It will run during term 2 and 3.

4pm – 5pm, Beginners and developing players. 5pm - Two player teams competition, any gender, several grades depending on ability. Blenheim Indoor Sports Centre 50 Batty's Road.

To register phone Debbie 0211632140 e-mail deb e j@hotmail.com





School Holiday Programme

14th April 2025 - 17th April 2025 22nd April 2025 - 24th April 2025 Mon - Fri 8.30am - 4pm

(Please note, no programme on the public Holidays)

We are a sports-based holiday programme. Some of the activities we offer include:

- Indoor Netball / Cricket & Soccer
- Dodgeball
- Badminton
- Pickleball
- Table Tennis
- Fun games
- . Ten Pin Bowling

Full Day (8.30-4pm) \$40.00 Hourly Rate \$6.00

Food we have available:

- Hot Chips
- Chicken Nuggets
- Fish Bites
- Hot Dogs
- Toasted Sandwiches

www.blenheimindoorsports.co.nz

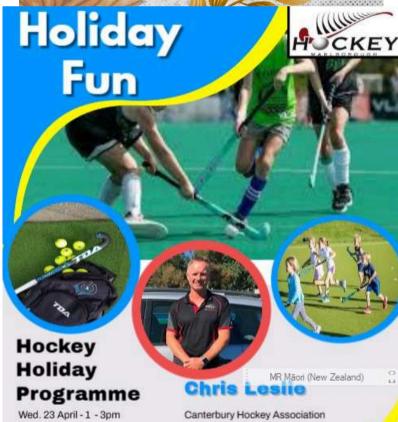
Blenheim Indoor Sports Centre

50 Battys Road Springlands Blenheim

Register online or phone us: Phone:5784851 or 0275784851

Email: info@blenheimindoorsports.co.nz





Year 3 - 6 Thurs. 24 April Year 7 / 8 - 11.30am - 1.30pm Year 9 / 10 - 2pm - 4.30pm Fri. 25 April Coaching for Coaches Players Year 7 / 8 11am - 12.30pm Players 9 / 10

1pm - 2.30pm

Talent Development Manager.

Registrations now open on HM Website Email: office@hockeymarlborough.org.nz

\$40 per child

Puna Wai Hockey Turf 74 Nelson Street