

WHAIA TE ITI KAHURANGI!

Mākara School Memo

MMS, Term 1, Week 4, 2023

CREATIVE, CONFIDENT, COMPASSIONATE, CRITICAL THINKERS

Coming up:

Term 1 2023

Fancy Floss Friday - 24
March

Parent Teacher Interviews:
Monday 27th and Tuesday
28th March

WZ Football (Kārearea/Kiwi
kids who opted in) - 28
March

Term 1 Ends - 6 April

Term 2:

- Starts: 26 April

Teacher only day - 2 June

Kings Birthday - 5 June

-Ends - 30 June

Term 3:

Starts: 17 July

Teacher Only day 1 September

Ends: 22 September

Term 4:

Starts: 9 October

Teacher Only Day 10 November

Last Day of 2023 - 15 December

Mākara Model
School

MESSAGE FROM CARO

Kiā ora, e te whānau!

It is hard to believe we are already 8 weeks into Term 1! Only 2 weeks to go till the holidays, and there will be a well deserved break for our students who have had a very hard working and productive term!

Tomorrow we have our Fancy Friday Funday, which should prove to be welcome change to routine, where the children will be in their cross levelled whānau groups, completing some fun activities, and ending with a parade of the dress ups for the book prizes. There will also be popcorn or fairy floss available as a treat, for those who want to bring \$2. The school was fortunate to be gifted a Fairy-floss machine for the fundraising committee, which will be demonstrated to the children as part of the fun day.

On Monday and Tuesday next week (27th and 28th of March) we will be holding our parent-teacher interviews, you will have received an email about how to log in and book these. Please make a time to meet with your teacher, or to book an alternative time if one of those times don't work for you.

As always, please do pop in to see me, always good to hear from you!

Ngā mini nui
Caro



FANCY DRESS FRIDAY

On Friday 24 March, we will be unveiling our new FairyFloss machine which was donated to the school Fundraising Committee! This will be a dress up day, where children get to dress up 'fancy' for the day, and participate in fun Whānau activities!

Fun Fun Fun!

\$2 FOR A BAG OF
POPCORN OR FAIRY
FLOSS

COVID or CHICKENPOX

Please notify the school of your child's absence as soon as you are able. If your child is ill, please keep them at home. Any flu-like symptoms are requested to be clear for 48 hours before returning to school. If your child or household test positive for Covid or Chickenpox, please notify the school.

This will be kept confidential, but is helpful in our management of potential spread and outbreaks.

AFTERSCHOOL CARE

Afterschool care is an option for those families needing supervision after school. This will be held in the old school building (Pīwakawaka), so pick ups will be from there. If you need to use this service, please contact Kiri in the office.

COMMUNICATION

The school Hero app will be available early next term. The teachers will be going through the app with you when you come for your parent interview. We will also be holding an information evening for all parents early next term. This will be to show you through the way to access information, and for you to learn more about the teaching and learning and ways you can support your child at home.

Some things to remember around communication:

- Please ensure you let Kiri know as early as possible if your child is needing to be on or off the bus - at least before 12pm.
- If there is an issue involving another child, please approach your child's teacher or Caro, and not the child directly.
- Teachers will be in class and not always able to check their emails or take phone-calls during the school day - please be patient, they will get back to you as soon as they are able.

STUDENT WORK

This week, Piwakawaka went to feed the eels on Monday afternoon. We fed them two mice that got caught in the school mice traps. At first, there wasn't any eels, but then we spotted them under the bridge, swimming over to the mouse. We really enjoyed feeding the eels and thinking about how we would describe them. Then, on Tuesday, we did some writing about our experience, so that we could write about the experience. We talked about what words we could use to describe them, such as "slimy" or "grey", and what we liked about the eels. It was great to see the tamariki be so aware of these taonga and why they are so special to us. Such great Kaitiaki in Piwakawaka!



Initial Poetry

Using the initials of one's name provides a base from which the class can build some exciting free verse. Three initials are necessary. If a student only has only two, then a middle initial is selected to represent a name one would like. If a person has more than three initials, then one is simply deleted.

We brainstormed brief picturesque words or phrases which begin with the letters posted. Then we highlight the qualities desired that relate to you.

Lastly you put them together to make sentences and if you can add some alliteration - all the better!

Wapona Estate Ceremony Area

My favourite place is wiapona estate. Wiapona estate is a wedding venue on a hill, in the country area of Christchurch.

It looks arranged and beautiful. It looks arranged because all of the chairs are in very neat rows, and the grass on the ground is neatly trimmed. It looks beautiful because the groom is awaiting his bride in his navy suit, and behind him there are flowers of many colours. The bride makes it all look even more beautiful. The guests all look amazing too.

It feels like chairs and grass. It feels like grass because there is luscious green grass spread evenly across the whole ceremony area. It feels like chairs because there are roughly 10 rows of white, wooden, folding chairs, spread evenly across the area.

It smells like flowers and hair products. It smells like flowers because the bride and her two bridesmaids, (me and my sister.) All have beautiful, colourful bouquets of flowers. Some of the guests had dried flower petals in lots of different colours, to throw at the bride and groom when they walked out of the ceremony area, to be congratulated by all of the guests. It smells like hair product because the groom has some on, the bride has some on and the bridesmaids have some on.

It is very special to me because it is where my Aunt Emily and my new uncle Tomas got married!

By Army



The Garden House

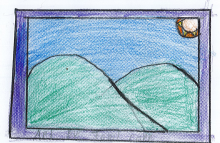
My favourite place to go is the Sounds. I love it there! One of my favourite places
There is the jetty. There are two: Anakkwa and Tirimoana.

We live up the road from Tirimanoa jetty on Tirimanoa Terrace. At Anakiwa jetty I jump off it. There is a platform in the water I've swum to it a few times. At Tirimanoa jetty, I go fishing and at the nearby beach I go for a wade every single time with Nana, and the water feels cold then it warms up.

At Tirimona Terrace where we stay in a cottage we call the garden house because there is a huge garden. The garden is about 7 metres in length and width and there is a flower garden in the back garden. Where we stay with our grandparents, when I go down to the beach it smells like saltwater and when I go to the dog reserve where we walk our dog it smells like grass.

But I love to jump off the jetty the most because it is so fun.

By Tomi



My Bedroom

My bedroom is a playground. It is a fun place to be. It is a place to put my things. I usually put them in my wardrobe to keep them safe and sound.

It is very comfortable. My bed has pillows that are soft and cosy .It is like lying my head on a colourful marshmallow. It feels safe and feels safer than eating ice cream

I can always see in my bedroom because it looks as bright as the sun outside!

I could sleep for a whole month in my bedroom Because it's super comfortable and cosy!

By Henry

