

WHAIA TE ITI KAHURANGI!

# Mākara School Memo

MMS, Term 4, Week 10, 2023

CREATIVE, CONFIDENT, COMPASSIONATE, CRITICAL THINKERS

## Coming up:

### Term 1 2024:

STARTS: Monday 29 January 2024

Waitangi Day 6 February

Teacher Only Day: 28 March

Easter Friday 29 March

Easter Monday: 1 April

Easter Tuesday: 2 April

TERM ENDS: 12 APRIL 2024

### Term 2:

STARTS: Monday 29 April

Kings Birthday: 3 June

Teacher Only Day: 4 June

Matariki Day: 28 June

TERM ENDS: 5 JULY 2024

### Term 3:

STARTS: 22 July

TERM ENDS: 27 September

### Term 4:

STARTS: Monday 14th October

Teacher Only Day: 25th October

Labour Day: 28 October

TERM ENDS: 15 December

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## Messages from Caro

Kia ora e te Whānau,

As we come to the close of another eventful year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the last few weeks, and look ahead to the exciting prospects that await us in 2024.

Our recent Cultural Celebration was a tremendous success. It was heartwarming to see our students share waiata, art, and the kai they had made. The community raised \$1700 which went towards the court resurfacing project. I believe the hui brought us closer, fostering a deeper sense of unity.

Our nine Year 8 students are preparing for the next chapter of their education - and we have been celebrating their achievements over the last few weeks. This year, we introduced a new tradition, the Year 8 Leavers Dinner, which was a heartwarming evening filled with laughter and sharing of stories and memories. Our Year 8 students also had a wee adventure on their paintballing trip with the principal, which was great fun for all!

Our recent Bake Sale was a sweet success! Thanks to your generosity in baking such incredible treats! Thank you also to those who have their time and organisation this last weekend - so much appreciated! We also raised nearly \$1600 for the resurfacing of our court area. This is scheduled for next April, and this project will greatly benefit our students and the wider community.

The swimming pool is now open for the summer, providing a fantastic opportunity for the whānau of our students to enjoy some aquatic fun. As we use this facility, let's ensure we take good care of the property and report any unusual incidents to Caro. Any school property or equipment is requested to be left alone, and if balls are required, please bring your own - so we can preserve what we have here.

As we bid farewell to 2023, I want to express my gratitude for your unwavering support and dedication to our school community. I wish each of you a joyful end to the year and a wonderful New Year's celebration. I'm excited to share that we have many awesome plans and activities already in store for 2024.

Thank you for being an essential part of the Mākara Model School community. Together, we will continue to nurture, educate, and empower our students, creating a bright future for all.

Ngā mini nui  
Caro





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Celebration Hui 2023: complete! A big congratulations to all the values awards recipients, and to every child who has succeeded in so many different ways. A big thank you to our supportive whānau and wonderful kaiako for everything you do to make it possible for the tamariki of MMS to thrive like they do 🥰🌟



What an incredible turn out for our Cultural Celebration. We loved sharing Kai, listening to the tamariki perform waiata and seeing the appreciation of the art gallery on display. Thank you so much for all the thought put into the Community Consultation too - your feedback is so valuable.

So much aroha for you all - we are so fortunate to be part of such a supportive and connected community ❤️



"Paintball with the Principal": 2023 Year 8 Trip with Whāaea's Caro and Chlynēse.. was lots of fun! 🤖🎯👀

Year 8 Leavers Dinner 2023 - so wonderful to celebrate our graduates, as they head off to college next year. Amazing group of tamariki - so proud of them all ❤️🥰👏👏👏







# 2023 Celebration Commentary

## Academic Excellence and Beyond

Our tamariki have excelled academically, shining in various areas and progressing in all aspects of their education. But success here extends far beyond the classroom. We've witnessed the growth of their artistic and technical skills, understanding that knowledge is not just about what we know but what we can do with it. Practical skills learned this year will serve them well throughout their lives.

## Sportsmanship and Dedication

In the realm of sports, our tamariki have displayed remarkable achievements, embodying dedication and sportsmanship, especially when representing our school. Their achievements on the field make us immensely proud.

## Embracing Our Values

Our school values have become a part of who we are. We've instilled our Mākara values in the hearts and minds of our tamariki, shaping our school culture and growing responsible, compassionate citizens for the future. Notably, our commitment to Kaitiakitanga, the guardianship of our natural environment, has deepened through our collaboration with Capital Kiwi and our local iwi.

## A Growing and Thriving School

Mākara Model School continues to grow and thrive, gaining recognition as a leading school in Structured Literacy. Our commitment to hands-on, relevant, and skills-based learning has shown what can be achieved. We're pleased to share that our Math development journey, initiated in 2023, will receive further support in 2024 through professional development funding.

## Prioritising Student Wellbeing

Student wellbeing remains a top priority. We are dedicated to providing a nurturing and supportive environment where our tamariki can thrive emotionally and mentally. In 2024, our focus on their wellbeing will continue to ensure they feel safe, valued, and empowered.

## Acknowledgments and Gratitude

We are grateful for our supportive Board of Trustees, our exceptional staff, and our devoted volunteers, support staff, and wider team. Your unwavering commitment and dedication are the pillars of our success. A heartfelt thank you to those who have worn multiple hats and gone above and beyond in supporting our school community.

## Community Kaiawhina Awards

We recognise the dedication of our invested whānau with the 2023 Community Kaiawhina Awards. Jenny Skinner's grant-seeking efforts have secured the resurfacing of the Netball court, set to be enjoyed in 2024. Emma Holdsworth's support and positivity in fundraising endeavours have been invaluable. Your contributions are deeply appreciated.

Nā tō rourou, nā taku rourou, ka ora ai te iwi.  
(With your food basket and my food basket, the people will thrive.)

Arohanui  
Caro