

WHAIA TE ITI KAHURANGI!

Together we will reach the stars!

MAKARA SCHOOL MEMO

Message from Caro

Important Dates

Term 1 -

Wednesday 2 February to
Thursday 14 April

- Yr 7/8 Tech on
Thursdays from week 3-9.

-Triathlon 25 Feb, (pp 1
March)

-Goal Setting, 2nd, 3rd
March

-Teacher Only Day 25
March

**Term 2 - Monday 2 May to
Friday 8 July**

**Term 3 - Monday 25 July
to Friday 30 September**

**Term 4 - Monday 17
October to Friday 16
December**

Who can believe it is Week 3 already? We have had a wonderful start to the year and the staff and students are adapting to teaching and learning at the Red Light setting. A big thank you to parents and whānau for preparing your tamariki for our new norm and supporting us as we work within the new guidelines to keep everyone safe.

You will be aware from the media that some schools have already had COVID cases amongst their students and staff. If we are notified of a case of COVID at MMS, we would work closely with the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health to identify those children and staff who were close contacts.

We would also notify the school community that there was a confirmed case of COVID, as quickly as we can.

If your child is identified as being a close contact you would be informed of this, via email, and receive information about the steps you should take.

The current process for close contacts is that they need to get tested and then self-isolate for 10 days from the date they had contact with the case.

If your child is not a close contact, you will receive a message, via email, that will be sent to the rest of the school community informing them that were not identified as close contacts.

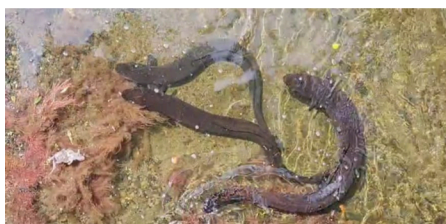
Please note that although we are planning for a range of scenarios, this might change very quickly given that there are so many unknowns e.g. the numbers of children and staff self-isolating and the availability of staff.

We will keep you updated regularly and thank you in advance for your understanding and support as we navigate these waters together.

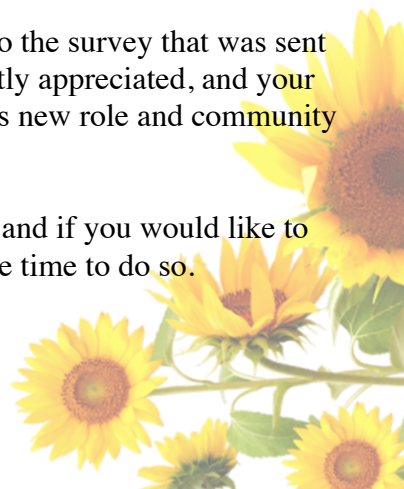
Thank you to those of you who are responding to the survey that was sent out recently. Your constructive feedback is greatly appreciated, and your positivity and kindness shown as I settle into this new role and community has been heartwarming, Thank you.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me, and if you would like to introduce yourself in person, I am happy to make time to do so.

Nga Mihi
Caro



Our local tuna are back! We currently have 5, and are loving getting to look after them. What a privilege we have, to be Kaitiaki to these graceful creatures.



SWIMMING



Summer is here! The school pool is proving a popular place for our Tamariki so far. The new pool cover (from a Westwind Windfarm grant - Thank you!) is doing a great job of keeping the water warmer and cleaner. We are so fortunate to have this resource.

Thank you for sending your children with their togs, towels and a rashie to protect them from the sun. A big thank you to Rachel also, who kindly donated some spare rashies for those who may have forgotten them.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Ki te kotahi te kakaho ka whati, ki te kapuia, e kore e whati.

When we stand alone we are vulnerable but together we are unbreakable.

Especially during this time of uncertainty that surrounds us, and the constant adaptations we are having to make to the way we live and work, it is important to remember that we have our community to support each other, and that you reach out if you ever need anything.

I know that the recent change in Principal can also be unsettling. I want to reassure you that I welcome you to get to know me, and can't wait to develop connections with all of our whānau. The children are so wonderful already, and it speaks volumes about you as parents and our community.

I already love this school and community, and will do what I can to be responsive to you, and best meet the needs of our tamariki.

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Parent, Student and Teacher Conferences

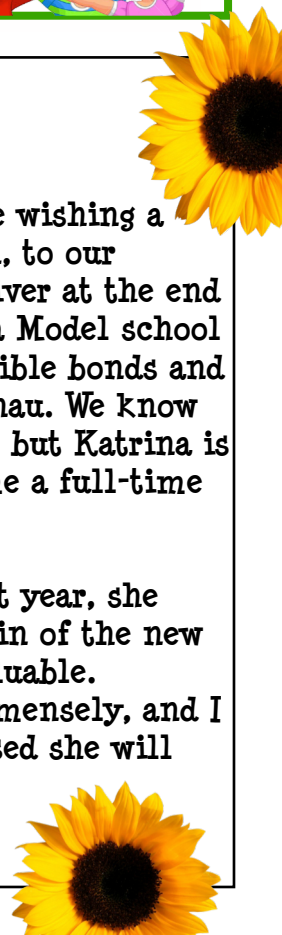
These will be held online, on the afternoons of the 2nd and 3rd of March. You will get more information on this shortly, and be able to book your Tamariki in. A confirmation will then be sent directly to you, with the link to be used when your appointment time is booked for.

We are looking forward to seeing you - even if it is online!

STAFFING UPDATE

It is with sadness that we are going to be wishing a happy retirement with her grandchildren, to our wonderful Deputy Principal - Katrina Oliver at the end of Term 1. Katrina has been with Mākara Model school for many years, and created some incredible bonds and relationships with our children and whānau. We know we are losing such an incredible teacher, but Katrina is putting her whānau first, and will become a full-time grandmother!

Although Katrina was ready to retire last year, she kindly waiting to help with the settling in of the new Principal, and her support has been invaluable. The staff and tamariki will miss her immensely, and I will miss her support but she has promised she will visit, and keep in contact with us.



Samples of Work



Piwakawaka have been writing about their feelings:

The bike was rolling and it tried to stop and it couldn't slow down. I felt scared. - Seth

I am happy when I am with my family and when I am biking. -Harry

I am happy sometimes. I am cross sometimes. I am sad sometimes. I am frustrated sometimes. I am confused sometimes. - Orla

We got a new principal called Whāea Caro. When she was little she had a pet chameleon. When she was an adult she went to school. She has had lots of pets. Emma.

Whāea Caro has two dogs and the dogs are fast. The dogs names are Rose and Fred. Her dogs are nice. The important thing is that she is the Principal. Her second favourite animal is a giraffe. She has one boy and two girls. William.

Whāea Caro has two greyhounds. Their names are Freddy and Rose. Freddy is a bit shy. Rose walks around the school a lot. Whāea Caro has three kids and one sister. Her favourite colour is magenta, yellow and winter blue. When she was a kid she had scorpions and bunnies and a lot more! Rebekah.

In the holidays we went to the South Island with Nana and Grandad. Me and Mum went kayaking. First we saw some teenager ducks. Then a stingray swam under us. Then Mum saw a gull catch a fish. Then we saw a baby weka or pukeko and two hawks. North Island

We went to Scorching Bay and saw a jelly fish. I went underwater. It looked so cool! - Tomi

Kiwi Class have also been doing statistical investigations in maths:



BEACH SAFETY - BY MIA

Being safe at the beach is very important. There are SO MANY DANGERS everywhere. Firstly, the ocean is very unpredictable. One minute, it could be calm, then you could be in a rip, pulling you out to sea. Ways to recognise a rip are: Calm stretches of water between waves, fewer breaking waves, a smoother surface with much smaller waves, with waves breaking either side, discoloured or murky brown water caused by sand stirred up off the bottom, debris floating out to sea, and a rippled look, when the water around is generally calm. There are also sand banks, when the sand suddenly goes down in a ledge without sloping much at all. These can be dangerous because you could be standing up, then drowning in seconds. Also, they can collapse on your feet. Another thing, you should always swim with a friend, or a family member. They can help you, and get help, if you are in trouble. The tide can come in and out very quickly. You can lose track of it, and suddenly, the shore could be metres away. There are some dangerous animals in the sea, like crabs, jellyfish, eels, and other animals like that. The sea is very cold. You can get hypothermia if you stay in for too long, or just get really cold. You should get out if you start to feel too cold. Thank you for listening to my Beach Safety speech.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Karori Rec Centre Netball Clinic:

A chance to learn and develop your pre-season netball skills, such as correct warm ups, passing, shooting, court positioning, footwork, defence and injury prevention.

Year 5-6: Tuesdays, 3.30-4.30pm

Year 7-8: Fridays, 3.30-4.30pm

\$95 for a 10 week term.

To book, call 04 476 8090 or email: karori.rec@wcc.govt.nz to secure your place.

Ngā mihi,

Tash Peetz

Kaiarataki Hakinakina | Recreation Coordinator | Karori Recreation Centre | Wellington City Council
P | 04 4768090

PARENT DROP-IN-CENTRE:

Re-starting Monday 14 February 2022

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You are invited to come and meet with other parents and care-givers over a cuppa on school day **Monday** mornings any time between 9:00am and 11:30am in St. Anselm's Union Church Lounge, at 30 Makara Road. Pre-schoolers welcome - lots of toys and indoor space to play! A vaccine pass is required.

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