

WHAIA TE ITI KAHURANGI!
Together we will reach the stars!

MAKARA SCHOOL MEMO

Important Dates

Term 1 -

THIS WEEK:

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

- Goal Setting, 2nd, 3rd
March

- Value of the week:
Kaitiakitanga

COMING UP

- 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**

Message from Caro

As we charge towards the middle of Term 1, it is wonderful to reflect on the start of 2022, and how quickly our children have settled back into the routines of school.

What's on in our classrooms over the next couple of weeks:

We have finished our water safety and Treaty of Waitangi focus, and are moving into NZ History, Identity and continuing on with our Values (Mākara Way) inquiries. The next two weeks will be Kaitiakitanga (Guardianship) and Atawhai (Kindness).

Yesterday your child would have brought home their Isolation pack. Please keep that on hand for when it is needed. Let us know if your child will be isolating for any reason, and whether they or a household contact tests positive, so we can best support you through that. Your privacy and confidentiality will be a priority.

Property Update:

We are so pleased with the new carpet in Kārearea! We are also nearly finished with the medical room floor replacement, and are looking forward to being able to move back in there this week. We are still looking into quotes for various other items (such as shade sails) around the school - and will keep you posted as we make progress with these projects.

Board of Trustees Update:

As you may be aware, our BOT Chairperson, Gwyneth Wills, has decided to take a step back after many successful years of chairing. She has been an incredible asset to the team, and has worked tirelessly for the school. Thank you Gwyneth for your incredible contribution to our school. Our new Chairperson, Ali Kirkpatrick, was voted in at the last meeting, and we know we are in good hands with her passion, energy and experience. Thank you Ali for being willing to take this responsibility on!

Ngā mini nui
Caro



**DON'T FORGET TO BOOK
YOUR INTERVIEW TIME WITH
YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER.
YOUR CHILD HAS SET GOALS
WITH THEIR TEACHER, AND
CAN'T WAIT TO SHARE THEM
WITH YOU.**

[See your emails for the link](#)

PEST CONTROL UPDATE

We have been working hard at clearing and baiting our trap lines around the school - and keeping track of what we are finding (and feeding to the eels). We are hoping that as the year goes on, we will be catching less and less, so that we can get closer to our goal of releasing Kiwi into our backyard!



Enviro Beautification



Our own resident artist who has been working at artistically representing our values around the school grounds, has started on the beautification of the breakout space container in the front garden.

Rachel is using the local plants and bird life as her inspiration, and will eventually have our container looking just like the bush around us!

Thank you Rachel - your generosity in spending your time and sourcing the paints - is so much appreciated and valued.

TRIATHLON



WHAT A WONDERFUL DAY WE HAD ON FRIDAY - CELEBRATING OUR WONDERFUL CHILDREN, POSITIVE ATTITUDES AND EFFORTS IN TRAINING OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS. IT WAS SO LOVELY HAVING THE WHĀNAU THERE TO SUPPORT TOO, AND WHAT AN INCREDIBLE DAY OF SUNSHINE! THE CHILDREN EARNED THEIR ICE BLOCKS AND SAUSAGES FOR LUNCH, THAT'S FOR SURE!

KEEP READING ON THE NEXT PAGE FOR SOME WRITING ABOUT THE TRIATHLON FROM SOME OF OUR CHILDREN:-



I like swimming because I can see under water. I like running because it is fun. I like biking because while I go round I like seeing nature.

By Orla

I like swimming because I like the triathlon. I like biking because it is good for you. I like running because it is wonderful.

By Malachi

I like biking because it is good for me.

By Charlie

I like it because it is fun and the swimming is really easy.

By Cairo

I like swimming because it is warm under the water. I like running because it is fun.

By Harry

It was Friday, 25 February 2022 on the day of the triathlon. It was a sunny day with some clouds in the sky. I was hyped and a bit nervous for the triathlon.

I got ready. I put my towel and t shirt by my bike and got ready to watch the year 8 & 7 girls. I cheered on my sister as she rocked out of the pool. Then it was 8 & 7 boys. After them it was year 6 girls, and after them it was finally my race.

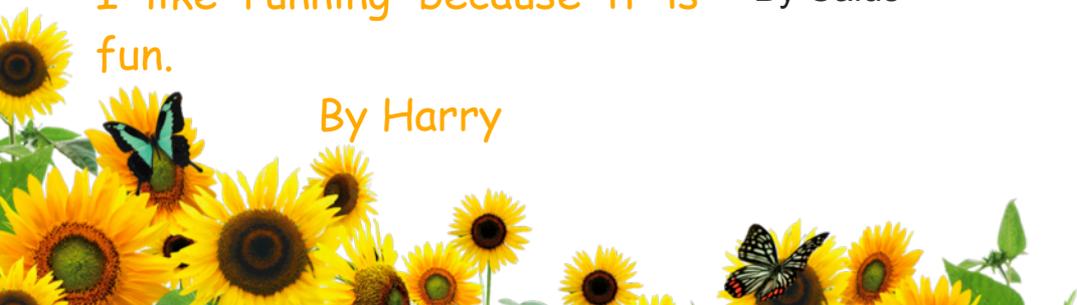
First we got a warm up then Katrina said line up. I already felt tired as Katrina blew the whistle. I flew through the water like a torpedo, with Ivory on my tail. I did freestyle all the way there.

After I hopped out of the pool and ran to the bike with Ivory and Barnaby still on my tail. I had problems getting on my tee shirt so everyone got in front of me. I zoomed off at speed around and around and managed to get into second and then just went in front of Ivory - he still had to put his bike away.

My legs were burning but I still sprinted. Ivory caught up to me and we agreed we would tie. So we ran until my legs felt like lead and I had a bad stitch. I clenched my stomach muscles and kept running.

After what seemed like hours we saw the finish line and Ivory and I ran step by step to the finish line. I collapsed and lay on the grass. Hooray! But it was not quite over, I got back up and went to help the juniors.

By Caius





Samples of Writing

The car was as cool as lightning. I really wanted it. It was a bright night and the moonlight danced across the black blanket. I could feel the cold night shake my bones. I stole the car...

By Magnus

Anamalia

I was writing down some super duper wooper secret important files, when Major Meowser announced we were going to Japan!

"But my tummy is like a bus!" I moaned.

"There's pasta and pizza!"

I froze. They were my absolute favourite. "Fine!"

"Anyway, the intermission is at 10:00. I've got to go make some calls before we go. Oh, and take a feast for the road."

By Roxy

Vivien's Back Story

Vivien was 13. She had blue eyes and blonde hair. Vivien was called the smartest person in the world at school. She lived in an apartment. Her room had a white bed and shelving, and a bathroom that she shared with EVERY SINGLE PERSON! She was saving up for a pet.

By Ellie

The Handburger

The hanburger was alive. He was jumping. He was really big. He ate a mansion. He ate a cheeseburger. He was fat, as fat as the whole universe. He was another world. That's how big he was. Yeah, I know, that's big. He travelled super far. He went to the land of the Gummy Bears.

By Ivory



Tui class has begun exploring narrative story writing. We read the story 'Dustbin Dad' and rewrote it using our own funny ideas. Here are a couple examples:

Once upon a time there was a Dustbin Dog that was a stray dog. It was a border collie beagle that was black and white with green eyes and it loved me! It went to the vets and it ran into the room where all the medicine was. He jumped up onto the bench with a potion on it. The dog licks the potion and it turns into a guinea pig! Then the vet gets the dog and the vet turns the dog back into a dog again.

By Sally.

My Dustbin Dad. My dad drank a potion and turned into a frog.

Then he climbed a tree and then fell into a swimming pool and then turned into a fish. They fished him out with a fishing rod.

By Louie.

My Dustbin Dad. My Dad drinks rocketfuel. Then he turns into a rocketship. Then he flew to the moon. Then he gets blown up! Poor Dad.

By Benjamin.

