

**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.

- Artist in Schools starts this week (Tuesday and Thursday)

Kārearea beach clean up trip

- Value of the week: Respect

### 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

Week 7 already!

We have been so fortunate with continued high attendance across the board here at school.

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

We continue to look into NZ History and how our place (Mākara) ties into this. There is also a focus on self-identity, looking into who we are, what makes us unique. Kārearea will continue to look back in time - creating their own timeline through history, and Kiwi class will also be looking at what we can do to positively impact others - and how to fundraise, with the SPCA as their charity of choice.

### Covid Update

We have been lucky so far in being able to keep Covid out of the school - but it is creeping closer, so we know we need to be prepared for when it does. Some of you have started to use the Isolation packs, and a few have accessed the online learning. A reminder that these are available for your child to use over the next few weeks, should they need to isolate. If your child is unwell, they are not expected to be doing any online or home learning work. Recovery and wellbeing is most important.

### New Deputy Principal Appointment:

It is with pleasure that I can announce that Matua Andrew Graham will be starting with us in Term 2. He comes to us with many years experience in the senior school (Years 5-8) and is currently a Syndicate leader at Papakowhai School. You can find out more about him on the next page of this newsletter.

I will also be sharing a summary of the Community Survey that was conducted a few weeks ago. This will come out in a separate email soon.

Thanks for your continued positivity and support - being part of such an incredible community is a real privilege!

Ngā mini nui  
Caro



# Introducing... Mātua Andrew Graham



Kia ora koutou  
Ko Tamatea Pōkai Whenua (Port Hills) te maunga  
Ko Ōtakaro (Avon River) te awa  
Nō Karori ahau  
Ko Graham tōku whānau  
Ko Don tōku pāpā  
Ko Patricia tōku māmā  
Ko Amy tōku hoa rangatira  
Ko Jessica, James raua ko Jeremy āku tamariki  
Ko Andrew tōku ingoa  
Tēnā koutou

My name is Andrew Graham. I was born in Christchurch and moved to Auckland when I was two. I have lived in Wellington since 2002 and have been teaching since 2004. Throughout my teaching career I have taught students in Years 5-8. I have been a Team Leader at Papakōwhai School since 2016 and am looking forward to teaching at Mākara Model School.

I believe in creating a safe environment within the class built around individualised excellence, fairness, manaakitanga (kindness) and whanaungatanga (belonging).



This is because a student who feels safe is a student who can excel in their learning and development. Hauora (well-being) is incredibly important to me as well.



I have volunteered to help out with Camp Quality (a camp for children with cancer) in the past and through leadership roles in both the Arts and Maths. I have also managed school camps and I have written and directed school productions.

I live in Karori with my wife Amy and my three children; Jessica (age 9), James (age 6), and Jeremy (age 3).

Outside of school, I enjoy listening to music (I used to be a manager of a record store before I became a teacher!), reading, Lego, pop culture, liquorice, coffee, wearing socks with interesting patterns, watching movies, travelling, theme parks, exploring nature and going for bush-walks





# Samples of Work

## KĀREAREA SELF PORTRAITS



KĀREAREA CLASS HAVE BEEN LOOKING INTO IDENTITY AND WHAT MAKES US UNIQUE. HERE IS SOME OF THEIR LEARNING REPRESENTED AS A SELF-PORTRAIT.



## TUI & PĪWAKAWAKA

Tui and Piwakawaka have been having extra buddy time in the afternoons this term. Our buddy time reflects Te Ara O Te Makara - the Makara Way and mahi tahi - working together and is a great opportunity for younger students to learn from their older role models. You might have already seen an example of helpfulness, as buddies helped each other to make a cat in the hat collage. You may also have seen a compliment poster last week, showing our kindness to each other. Our next value focus is respect, how do we show it and how do we earn it?





# KIWI MINDFULNESS

KIWI CLASS LEARNT ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU BOTTLE WORRIES UP - THROUGH DANCE AND DRAMA



# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

BRIELLE AND TOVAH COMPETED AT THE BMXNZ NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS IN HAMILTON LAST WEEKEND!



BOTH GIRLS DID INCREDIBLY WELL TO QUALIFY FOR THE NATIONALS AND REPRESENTED THEIR FAMILY AND MAKARA MODEL SCHOOL, LIKE TRUE CHAMPIONS! KA MAU TE WEHI - AWESOME

