

WHAIA TE ITI KAHURANGI!

Mākara School Memo

MMS, Term 1, Week 4, 2023

CREATIVE, CONFIDENT, COMPASSIONATE, CRITICAL THINKERS

Coming up:

Term 1 2023

Triathlon 14 March

Teacher only day - 17 March

Sing Along Sunday - 19 March

Fancy Floss Friday - 24 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

MESSAGE FROM CARO

Kiā ora, e te whānau!

The term has started off so beautifully! We are excited about being back, the positive energy around the school is just awesome, and we are loving it!

There are a number of exciting events coming up this term, the first being our Triathlon on the 14th of March. This will be a celebration of our swimming season. The day will start at 11, and children will be able to go home with their parent/whānau when they are finished, or are of course welcome to stay here at school till the end of the day. We will be having a sausage sizzle and frozen juicy on completion of the races.

On Friday the 17th of March, the Wellington Cluster of schools are having a Teacher Only Day - providing professional development for our teachers. School will not be open on that day.

We have a few other events too, which I will explain further on the following page.

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

Ngā mini nui
Caro



FANCY FLOSS FRIDAY



On Friday 24 March, we will be unveiling our new FairyFloss machine! This will be a dress up day, where children get to dress up 'fancy' for the day!
Fun Fun Fun!

MORE
INFORMATION TO
COME

Sing Along Sunday

You will receive more information about this in due course, but we will be holding a private viewing of the Movie Encanto, as a small fundraiser for our school on the 19th of March, at the Penthouse Cinema!

You will be encouraged to come and relax, sing, and enjoy a family evening out!



ANY SPARE SPORTS GEAR TAKING UP SPACE IN YOUR GARAGE?

We are looking for any lunchtime activities for our children to be able to use (such as balls, skipping ropes, vortex, kites etc).

Our class sets of PE equipment are slowly dwindling (getting lost at lunchtimes), and we can't keep replacing them unfortunately.

We still want the children to have gear to play with though, so any contributions would be very gratefully received!



STUDENT WORK

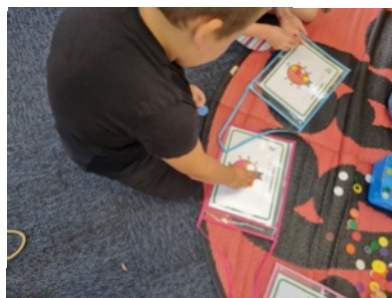
In Kārearea, we have been focusing a lot on personal growth and development, as well as learning about ourselves and each other. We have done some amazing portrait art, using intricate art skill processes. Here are some samples of the amazing artwork, where more can be viewed in our classroom!



In Tui class we have been working on identity and community. We have completed some beautiful self portraits. Here is one that Isla has been working on.



In pīwakawaka we have started our maths learning journey and are looking at what numbers mean. We have been practising our counting to 20, using songs and our big 100s square to help us. We have also been using counters to add a specific number of spots to our ladybugs, to reinforce that a number means a number of things. The pīwakawaka tamariki have enjoyed these activities and exploring numbers, which is great to see. We also have some super mathematicians in our class who have been able to help teach their friends about numbers, which a great way to reinforce their own knowledge and the learning of others.



CYBER SAFETY and IT AGREEMENTS

Students have brought home a new IT agreement for signing. This is part of educating them around the issues of cyber safety as well as responsibility with devices and device care.

CLOTHING OPTIONS and SUNHATS

The school has some clothing options available for purchase, including t-shirts, sunhats and hoodies. These can be ordered through Kiri in the office. We also now have an eftpos option for payments at the office, should this be a preferred option for you throughout the year.

Hats/Sunscreen: Students are required to wear a hat during break times. We ask that these are clearly named to ensure they can be returned if they are found. We also recommend the use of sunscreen as the students will be spending significant time outside during these warmer months.

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.

ILLNESS and ABSENCE

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

COMMUNICATION

The school Hero app will be available to download about mid-term, which will be your port of call for notices, checking academic progress and goals, updates and also a way to communicate easily with your child's teacher and the school. We also have our facebook page and website which provide information and features such as access to the school calendar, newsletters, teacher contact details, policies, important events and a great deal more.

Newsletters are published fortnightly to keep you up to date and report back on recent events. Teachers are always available via email however their priority during the day is teaching, so please don't be offended if they do not reply immediately. If you are writing to share a significant concern or issue, we would encourage you to make a time to meet in person, as sensitive communication is always more productive face-to-face.