

WHAIA TE ITI KAHURANGI!

Mākara School Memo

MMS, Term 3, Week 6, 2022

CREATIVE, CONFIDENT, COMPASSIONATE, CRITICAL THINKERS

Important Dates

**Term 3 ends Friday 30
September**

THIS WEEK:

- ART CELEBRATION
EVENING - Wednesday

- Kapa Haka sessions and Te
Reo classes - Wednesdays

COMING UP

Te Papa School Trip - 9
September

Cricket Wellington - 12 Sept

School Photos - 14 September

Disney Day - 23 September

Possible: Hangi in TERM 4

Term 4 - Monday 17 October to
Thursday 15 December



MESSAGE FROM CARO

Kia ora, e te whānau!

Time sure flies when you're having fun! Half way through Term 3 already! Our staff were so grateful to be able to get away and do some professional learning on Friday! We all got to see Structured Literacy in action, and have valuable discussions and learning around this approach in our classrooms.

STRUCTURED LITERACY

You will be seeing more and more of this approach (Structured Literacy) popping up in the news and other current events. Keep an eye and ear out, and have a listen - it all helps with the general understanding and reasonings behind this scientifically proven approach.

To paint a general picture: In each lesson, there are three components – oral language, writing and verbal speaking. In a typical lesson, you'll see phonological awareness, the alphabetic principle, irregular words, revision of a previous concept and potentially, the introduction of a new concept. There'll be decoding, reading of the words, and encoding, writing the words. The progression of the learning will be different in terms of the level, or the needs of each class and for each child, The systematic and sequential progress of the lesson is training the brain as well.

We have great confidence in the structured approach to literacy, starting with the thorough assessment to identify the specific areas of need, so that subsequent teaching is targeted to support the learning needs of the children. The whole school approach provides cohesion between years so the children will be continually building on previously acquired skills. We are excited to see the real sense of achievement in our children as they continue to make clearly identified gains in literacy.

KAITIAKITANGA - Value of the Week (Next week is AKO)

Kaitiakitanga is based on traditional Māori world views and includes the conservation, replenishment and sustainability of the environment. It is about safeguarding the future.

REMINDER ABOUT COMMUNITY CELEBRATION TOMORROW:

On Wednesday the 31st of August (tomorrow), we have our Art Celebration event starting at 5.30 at the Makara Community Hall. This will be a chance for you to see our Kapa Haka, class dances, drama skits about Matariki and view the Art Gallery created by our students (and even purchase a piece of Art if you like!) There will be Art, as well as food and drink for sale at the event.

Keep well, and we look forward to seeing you all tomorrow evening!

As always, please come chat, my door is always open.

Ngā mini nui
Caro

WRITING SAMPLES

Aroha is good to show to other people but it is good to show it to yourself. Aroha is being respectful to other people but to yourself too. You feel aroha by helping people and being kind. You can be kind by being helpful.

By Ben.

How to show aroha is by hugging and looking after pets. Showing aroha is saying nice things and asking 'are you ok?' Aroha is when you include other people, take turns and help.

By Rebekah.

I show aroha by saying nice things. Saying 'are you OK?' Looking after pets.

By Tara.

Giving people hugs is one way I show aroha. I care for my friends and my family. If you want to be loved then say nice things.

By Louie.

What is aroha? Aroha is caring about other people. Aroha is also treating other people how you want to be treated!

By Isla.

I show aroha by taking turns with my friend and treating others how they want to be treated. I also use my manners and help other people. I also always encourage other people. The end.

By Henry.

Aroha means to show the Māhara Way and to be kind. It also means to treat others how you want to be treated and to look after yourself and your pets. It also means to say nice things about other people and to have cuddles and hugs and say 'are you OK?' Also you can care about other people and help them if they are stuck.

By Delphi.

You can show aroha to your pets and your siblings too. Let other people play with you. Be kind to yourself. If you see a person sad you say 'are you OK?'

By William.