

Newsletter

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Tumuaki's Report



Kia ora koutou,

The last couple of weeks have been impacted by student and staff illness. Earlier in the term our attendance rates were over 90%. In the last two weeks, our attendance is sitting at 77%. Congratulations to Years 1, 4, and 5 whose classes all have an attendance rate of 93% or higher. Staff illness has meant that we have had to combine some classes as there are no relief teachers available.

Congratulations to the Student Council, led by teacher Claudia Wiesner, and the school representative of the Lion's Club, Ella Jenner, organised Daffodil Day for the school. Primary teachers, had their classes busy making very beautiful Paper Daffodils, artistic Daffodil Collages, paintings, and other activities celebrating the day. A respectable amount of \$372.50 was raised.

Two of our Year 10 students have the amazing opportunity to join the NZ Spirit of Adventure for the last week of school. They will fly to Auckland with eight other TOSI students and sail from there for five days. We expect to hear a lot from Elina and Elliott on their return.

Also in the last week of school our Year 9 and 10 students are going to be joining Tapawera Area School for an Outdoor Education Camp at Lake Rotoiti. This will be exciting to experience in an alpine region as well as building friendships with other students from another school.

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Learning Support Teacher: Theresa Neal

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Caretaker: Shane Dearman



Last Monday and Tuesday Neysa Koizumi worked with our students in their classes around digital safety. Thank you to parents who attended the workshop for parents on Tuesday evening. Neysa has left some booklets for parents who were unable to attend (in the school office). It is really important for parents to have an awareness of their child's digital world.

Now is the time for our Year 10-12 students to start thinking about their subjects and courses for 2024. The senior subject choice book will come out in the last week of school and students will make their initial course selections in week 1 of Term 4. There will be an opportunity for parents and students to book individual meetings to discuss what courses will suit their child.

Entries for summer sports are now open. Next term we will have a secondary volleyball team that will play in Nelson on Monday nights. There will be two touch teams, a Years 7 & 8 as well as a Years 4-6. The touch teams will play in Blenheim on Wednesday or Thursday evenings.

Finally, the organisation for Pet Day is well underway. Please support your child with their entries and the school holidays would be a perfect time to finish off projects.

I look forward to seeing you all on the 11th and 12th of October.

Noho ora mai
Maree



Calendar Dates

Preliminary Exams

Mon 11th - Thurs 14th September

Lake Rotoiti with Tapewera School

Years 9-10 Camp

Mon 18th - Thurs 21st September

Maude Island Junior School

Mon 18th - Tues 19th September

BOT Meeting - School Library 5.15pm

Thursday 21st September

Pet Day (Indoors)

Wednesday 11th October

Pet Day (Outdoor)

Thursday 12 October



After School care is back this year.
For bookings and enquiries contact
Renee Jope on 027 775 0083.
It will be based out of the library again.
Rates are \$5 per child per hour



Greetings Everyone

Term 3 is in Week 8 already with lots of things happening.

Duffy Books came for a presentation this Monday for all the Primary students. This is a valuable resource for the children at our school and we thank Renee for all the work she does for us towards this initiative.

Pet Day is getting closer. Students can be working on their project both at home and at school. Pet day-indoor exhibits are on Wednesday 11 October and Outdoor Pets and activities are on Thursday 12th October. This is the first week back at school in Term 4.

A great number of school photos were taken last Thursday. The proofs of these have arrived and will be distributed this week so you have time to make your choice/ selection and get your orders in. It is always interesting watching children 'smile on demand'.

There is still a lot of cough, cold's and other bugs going around. Please keep your children at home so they can recover quickly.

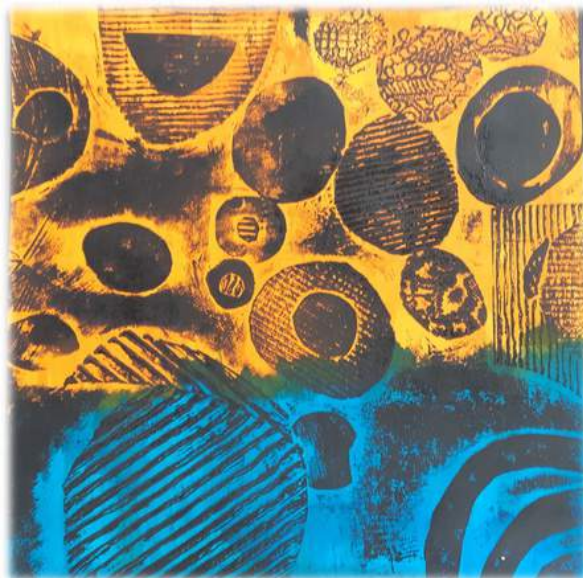
Items, singing and costumes are all coming together for our Primary Production on November 15. In the next two weeks the teachers and I will look at all of this together and give you an update before the holidays. Costume needs may just be black bike pants or shorts, boys shorts and or leggings for the girls and a black or white t-shirt. We also have some at school so we will try these first and let you know what is still required.

Along with my primary teaching duties I have spent Term 3 helping in the Fabric Technology room. Year 9 and 10's have been practising their sewing skills and making a creative apron with double front pockets and movable cord or fabric attached ties. Lawrence Stewart, with some help from Mrs Bellerby, has made a great example. See his photo with me. Some students have also researched a great invention...the sewing machine. Included is Lawrence's research about this.

Nga Mihi

Karen Davies and the primary team

Gareth Woodley



Erin MacKenzie



Marno de Kock



Hunter O'Donnell





History of Sewing Machines

The first sewing machine was invented in France in the year of 1830 by Barthelelmy Thimmonier, a French tailor. A tailor is somebody that makes clothes. Sewing machines made clothes easier and faster to make. More clothes could be made and this made them cheaper for people to buy.



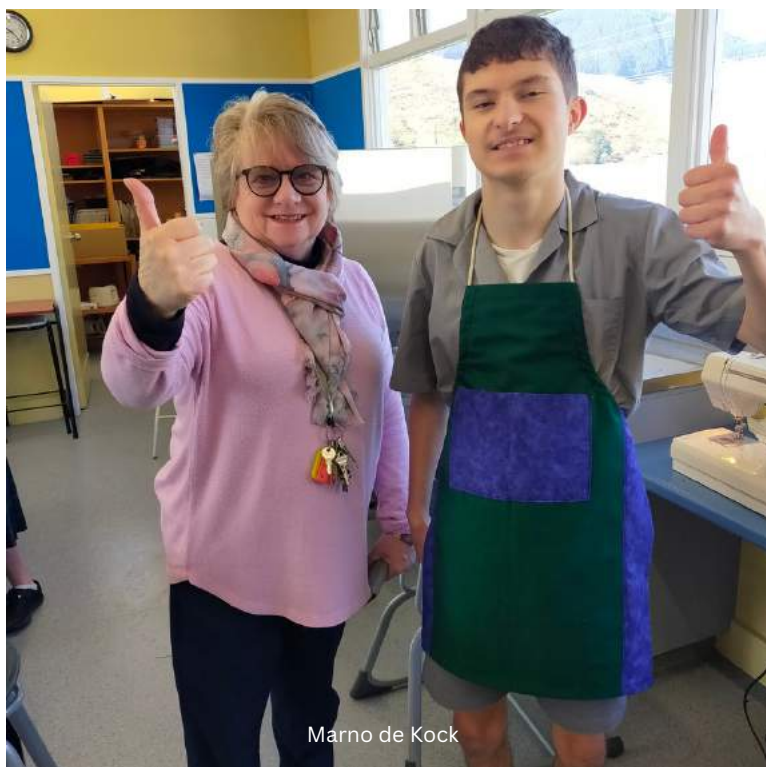
An interesting fact was that women had more time when they could use a machine and not sew anything by hand

By Lawrence Stewart.

Year 7-8's have been busy in the Art Room with me also working on a unit of printing. Check out some examples of these prints. All students will have the opportunity to enter these pieces in the art section of the Pet Day indoor entries. Watch out for this great work.

Stay warm and safe everyone.

Karen Davies
Head of Pri
6 Sept 23.





Daffodil Day Fundraiser



We had a very successful Daffodil today with Rai Valley Area School students making daffodil flowers and collages in their classrooms, whānau and teachers baking delicious cakes, students painting nails and in the background listening to "A spoonful of sugar" and "You've got a friend in me."

We raised \$372.50 with the help of our student council and the local Lion's club.





Daffodil Day Fundraiser

Room 14



Queueing up for the
bake sale



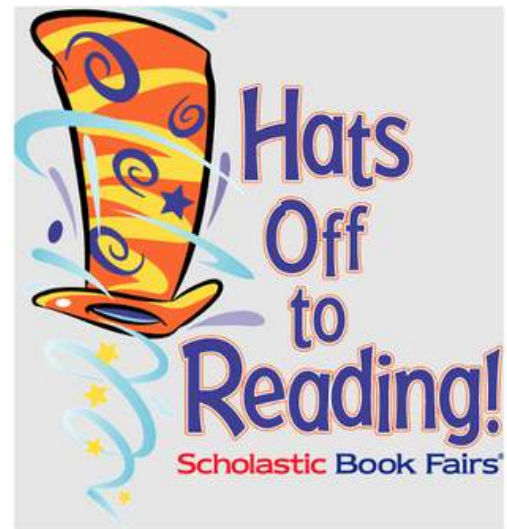


Thank You to everyone who helped support our **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR.** **HATS OFF TO READING**

Thanks to everyone who supported our HATS OFF TO READING - Crazy Hat Day on Friday and Book Character Dress Up day on Monday.

Our guest Duffy Role Model on Monday was with special guest Stella Moana Schmid, Aotearoa Native & Endemic Species Expert and reading enthusiast visiting from Waitangi. She talked about HomoSapiens being the biggest problem when it comes to our troubled native species because we don't plan for the consequences of our actions towards nature. Stella also told the students that she hadn't been able to read until she was 11 and now, she has a great love for reading and learning about our countries treasures.

Thank you to students for showing the RAI way during her visit.



School & Community News



Picton Spring Clean

Registrations open @ 10:45, start at 11am! BBQ at 12:30pm

Sunday, 17th September

Meet under Coathanger Bridge (town side)

Join Envirohub Marlborough & Waikawa Dive Centre for our annual **Picton Spring Clean!**

This year we are celebrating *International Coastal Clean-up Day* and *NZ Clean Up Week* and will concentrate on our beautiful local coastline.

Free BBQ for all attendees, spot prizes & a chance to enter our raffle draw - see you all there!

Enquiries to Envirohub Marlborough: info@envirohub.co.nz
or check out our website: www.envirohub.co.nz
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TASTER DAY!

As a part of this year's **Welcoming Communities Week** CKNZ are holding a 'Taster' Day!

Ever wondered what we do at a CKNZ event? We will be offering a number of activities, games and crafts sampling our various events from this year so far!

A FREE event for the whole family

SATURDAY 9th SEPTEMBER

POLLARD PARK, CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

OPEN SESSION FROM 1PM ~ 3PM

Register online at: www.envirohub.co.nz/event or simply turn up on the day!

Wet weather? Meet downstairs at the new Blenheim Library!

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Picton Spring Clean

RAFFLE

BE IN TO WIN!!

Tickets \$5 or 5 for \$20!

Prizes Draw: Fri 20th September, 12:30pm!

Prize 1: Family-friendly, 3-4 hour cruise through the Queen Charlotte Sound to "Explore the KOI" a hidden wreck in the Sounds!
Valued at \$600+
Take up to 8 passengers thanks to Waikawa Dive Centre (don't worry, you won't get wet, so suitable for all ages!).

Prize 2: \$500 Interislander Ferry Voucher!
Valued at \$500 - Thanks to Interislander

Prize 3: Annual Marlborough Launching Ticket
Valued at \$295 - Thanks to Marlborough Sounds Marinas

Prize 4: Return trip to Kaipupu Sanctuary for 4!
Valued at \$80 - Thanks to Beachcomber Cruises

Prize 5: Half day Sea Kayak Rental for 2!
Valued at \$80 - Thanks to Wilderness Guides

Prize 6: \$80 Mystery Box of earth-friendly goodies from Envirohub Marlborough!

ENTER NOW!

There are a few ways you can enter:

1. Drop us a line at info@envirohub.co.nz and tell us how many tickets you would like.
2. DM us on Facebook/Instagram @envirohubmarlborough
3. Drop in to the Picton Environment Centre (18 Auckland St) Mon-Fri 9am-3pm!

Check out www.envirohub.co.nz for full T's & C's.
Prize draw @ PEC, 12:30pm 29/09



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Year 9+ 3rd Grade

Girls Cricket

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Year 5-10 Girls League (hardball)

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Vision and Hearing Screening in School

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Health New Zealand

Te Whatu Ora Nelson Marlborough Public Health Service provides a vision and hearing service in schools.

As part of the National Screening Program your child will be routinely screened by the Vision and Hearing Technician in their first year of school **only** if your child **has not** had vision and hearing screening completed as part of the B4 School check and in Year 7 they have a further Vision screen. All children tested will take home a result slip. Parents will only be contacted if a referral is required.

Hearing Screening (Audiometry): An audiometer plays a range of sounds through headphones while your child listens. If your child does not respond to any of the sounds, another test, Tympanometry will be required. This may identify:

- Otitis Media with effusion (fluid in inner ear)
- Grommets/Perforation of the ear drum
- Wax/Obstruction

If your child has hearing aids or is under specialist care for hearing concerns, we do not screen them.

Vision Screening: We use a spot screener, which is an Infrared photo-refractory camera with built in algorithms that determine the results. We may also use the Parr letter matching system, which is where a letter is shown at a four-metre distance and your child will be asked to point out the same on a card or tell us the letter if they know the alphabet. If your child wears glasses or is under specialist care, we do not screen their vision.

* We do not screen for tracking concerns. This needs to be assessed by an optometrist and you arrange this with an optometrist of your choice.

Year 7 Vision Screening: We use a spot screener, which is an Infrared photo-refractory camera with built in algorithms that determine the results. We may also use the New Davis wall chart which is a routine 4 metre distance vision check. If your child wears glasses or is under specialist care, we do not screen their vision.

Requests: From time to time a teacher/GP or parent may request a screening test. A result sheet will be sent home with your child. You will be contacted if a referral is required.

Screening results: Your child will be given a result sheet to take home. You will be contacted if a referral is required. All results are entered on to the Ministry of Education secure ENROL school database.

Please note: If you have concerns with your child's vision and/or hearing please contact your GP or optometrist/ophthalmologist as screening is not a full diagnostic assessment.

Please contact us if you have any questions: **03 928 4170 / 027 889 3115**

If you *do not* consent to your child having routine/requested Vision and Hearing screening at school, please contact us on the above number.





Health Advice When You Need It

01

Healthline 0800 611 166

For free health advice and information at any time.

02

Local Pharmacy

For medical advice, prescriptions, vaccinations and minor illnesses.

03

Practice Plus

For medical advice, consultations, prescriptions and treatment online.

04

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For high fevers and rashes, feeling unwell and long-term care.
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05

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06

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Key School Dates for 2023

DAY	DATE	EVENT
Monday - Wednesday	28 th August 6 th September	Book Fair Final Day
Monday - Tuesday	18 th – 19 th September	Maude Island Trip Junior School
Monday - Thursday	18 th – 21 st September	Lake Rotoiti Camp Years 9-20
Wednesday - Thursday	11 th October 12 th October	Pet Day Indoor Pet Day Outdoor
Thursday	21 st September	Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday	15 th November	Primary Syndicate Production
Thursday	16 th November	Board of Trustee Meeting
Friday	8 th December	Last day of the school



Positive Relationships

Whakawhanaungatanga
Means working
and playing in safe
and thoughtful ways
with others.

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Positive Relationships / Whakawhanaungatanga

Leadership

Research shows that actions exhibited by great leaders are emulated – just as the poor example by bad leaders is mimicked. It is key that our children have good examples and are imitating the right kind of leaders! This week in Kiwi Can we're working on understanding others' ideas - and why that is important.

Why not carry on the learning at home? Some things to discuss this week:

- ★ Who might you be a role model for?
- ★ A good leader asks questions and listens to other people's ideas. Why might that be an important part of leadership?
- ★ What if we don't like what another person has said or the idea they shared? What can we do?
- ★ "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more – then you are a true leader." Do you think that's true? Why?



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