MĀKARA MODEL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

April 2026

Principal Message

Kia ora e te whānau,
It is hard to believe we have reached the end of a busy and rewarding term. There has been a great sense of momentum across the kura, with our tamariki engaged in their learning and making the most of the many opportunities on offer.
A big thank you to all the parents and whānau who attended our recent parent-teacher meetings. These conversations are incredibly valuable and play an important role in strengthening the home–school partnership that supports each child's learning journey. We appreciate the time you took to connect with our kaiako.
Over the past month, we have also enjoyed strengthening our connections with our local early childhood community. We were fortunate to host an ECC visit here at MMS, and Jasmine and I have visited eight ECCs in our area. It has been a pleasure to meet some of our future students, and connect with fellow educators. These partnerships are an important part of ensuring a smooth transition into school for our tamariki.
Looking ahead to next term, we will be holding a community information session in the first half of the term to share updates on the new English and Mathematics curriculum, as well as upcoming changes to reporting requirements. We look forward to sharing this information with you and continuing to work together to support student learning.

I hope you all enjoy a happy and relaxing Easter and school holiday break. As always, if you have any questions, please get in touch.

Ngā mihi nui,
James

Upcoming Events

- Sunday 19 April: Movie Fundraiser event
- Monday 20 April: First day of term 2.
- Friday 24 April: Tech starting for Karearea class.
- Friday 8 May: Touch Guy and Gal Challenge.
- Friday 15 May: School Cross Country.
- Sunday 21 June Quiz Night Fundraiser

Term Dates

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School Logo and Values



We are excited that our new school logo and Values signs have now been installed at school. Next term we will be focussing on Whanaungatanga (Relationships) and what this means to us in each class and as a whole school. We will then focus on the other two values in terms three and four. Part of this work will be to develop a behaviour matrix of expected behaviours, aligned to the values. Behaviour expectations will be co-constructed between teachers and students and then shared with the community for their feedback.





Movie Day!

We are looking forward to heralding the start of the new term with you all at our whānau movie day: Sunday the 19th April, 3pm at the Penthouse in Brooklyn. Don't worry if the holiday has snuck up on you and you haven't booked your tickets yet, there is still time! Simply email Sara at the office (office@mms.school.nz) with your name and the number of tickets wanted, and pop your payment into the school account:
Makara School
12-3223-0142499-000
ref: Movie and Family name

Don't forget there'll be some AMAZING spot prizes up for grabs (including a $100 Pack'nSave voucher)on the day, AND Penthouse are throwing in the chance to win a free pass if you're our biggest ticket seller!!
simply

Can't wait to see you at the Penthouse on the 19th April, 3:00pm
Ka kite!
MMS Fundraising Committee



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