MĀKARA MODEL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

July 2026

School Reports

Mid-year school reports will be published on HERO on Friday. If you have any questions about these, please contact your child's teacher. We will be holding parent-teacher meetings in term 3.

Term Dates

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Principal Message

Kia ora koutou,

It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of Term 2 and are already halfway through the school year. As always, it has been a busy and rewarding term, with so many opportunities for our tamariki to learn, grow and connect.

You will receive your child's mid-year report today via HERO. You may notice that the reporting format has changed this year following new requirements from the Ministry of Education. We hope the report provides a clear picture of your child's progress and achievement, and we encourage you to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Quiz Night. It was a fantastic evening and a wonderful example of our school community coming together. Thank you to everyone who attended, donated prizes, and sold raffle tickets. A special thank you goes to Carys and Emma for the incredible work they put into organising such a successful event.

Last week we also celebrated Matariki with our annual breakfast. It was wonderful to see so many whānau join us to celebrate together. Thank you to everyone who came along and helped make it such a special morning, and to our staff and tamariki for the effort they put into preparing the presentations, activities and delicious breakfast.

As we head into the term break, I would like to thank you for your continued support of our kura throughout the first half of the year. I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved break and have the opportunity to spend some quality time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another exciting term.

Ngā mihi nui,
James

Upcoming Events

- Friday 3 July: Whānau hui @ 2:30pm and Last Day of term
- Monday 20 July: First Day of term 3
- Friday 31 July: Planting Day!
- Thursday 6 August: Whakanui Ahurea (Kapa Haka festival)
- Thursday 20 August: Whānau hui
- Friday 21 August: Staff Only Day (School Closed)

Quiz Night







A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our Quiz Night on Sunday 21 June. It was a wonderful evening filled with plenty of laughter, friendly competition, and an incredible sense of community.

We are so grateful to everyone who attended, donated prizes, and sold raffle tickets. Your generosity and support helped make the event a fantastic success, raising valuable funds for our school while bringing our community together for a fun evening.

Congratulations to all of our quiz teams for getting involved, and a special congratulations to our winning team on taking out this year's title!

A very special thank you goes to Emma and Carys, whose countless hours of planning, organising, and hard work made the evening possible. Your dedication and commitment ensured the event ran seamlessly, and we are incredibly grateful for everything you did.

Thank you once again to everyone who contributed in any way. Events like these are only possible because of the generosity and enthusiasm of our amazing school community. We look forward to doing it all again next year!

Thank you to all our generous sponsors for the wonderful prizes:

- New World Karori, Domino's, Raglan Roast, Woolworths Karori, Antipodies, Home Grown, The Herb Farm skin care, Zealandia, Circa, Capital Theatre Trust, Lighthouse, Embassy, Alana Wines, Bar 1852, Red Seal tea, Weta Workshop, Arobake and the Wee Blue Bach.

Message from the Fundraising Committee

Kia ora, e te whānau.

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank you again for all your support of this year's fundraisers so far, thanks to you we have made nearly $5,000 for our kura already. Inā rawa!!

We also want to acknowledge the time and financial pressures we are all feeling at the moment, and think about ways we can tweak our fundraising efforts to make involvement more manageable for everyone.

One of the ways we thought we could do this, and clear up those class WhatsApp groups, is to have a monthly catch up at the Pickle Jar. This offers everyone the opportunity for a sociable night off of bed time duty (already appealing?!), as well as being able to hear or share any ideas they may have.

It also makes it easier for people to put their hands up to help as and when they have time, or for specific events, rather than committing to a whole year on the fundraising team. We will then share a little pānui to keep everyone up to speed of upcoming ideas and opportunities.

We thought we would kick this off early next term, as, let's face it, we all deserve a little treat by the end of the holidays! So we would love to invite you to join us at 7pm on Monday the 20th July. Please RSVP on HERO - there is a survey posted on Wednesday 1 July.

Have a wonderful holiday, and we can't wait to see you next term.

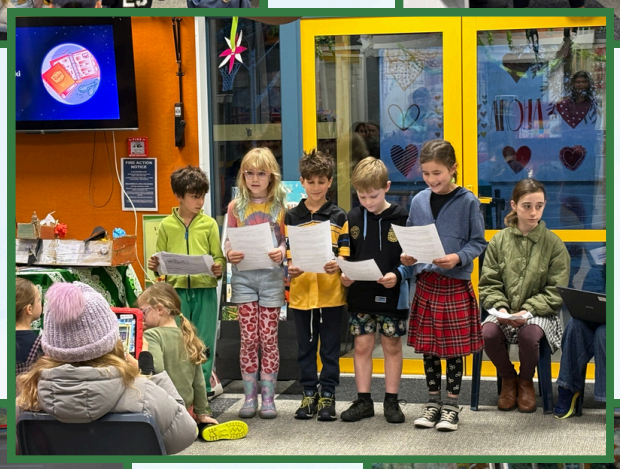
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Your Fundraisers x

Matariki Celebration











A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our Matariki celebration last Friday. It was wonderful to see so many of our whānau and tamariki coming together to celebrate this special occasion. Sharing a delicious breakfast, spending time together, and celebrating as a community made for a truly memorable morning.

A special thank you to Jasmine for her fantastic organisation of the event and to Sara for coordinating the delicious kai. We are so grateful for all the work that went on behind the scenes to make the morning such a success.

Congratulations to all of our tamariki who confidently presented and shared their learning. It was wonderful to see everyone taking part in the activities and enjoying the opportunity to connect with one another.

Events like these remind us of the strength of our school community. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make it such a special celebration of Matariki.

Grant Thanks!

At Mākara Model School, we are incredibly fortunate to have the support of organisations that believe in investing in young people and their communities. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the following grant providers for their generosity. Their support has made a significant difference to the learning, wellbeing, and opportunities available to our tamariki. I would also like to extend a huge thank you to Alice for all her mahi in putting the grant applications together, we a hugely grateful!

Four Winds Foundation

Thank you to Four Winds Foundation for generously funding a fantastic range of new sports and PE balls. Having quality equipment available means our students can fully participate in physical education lessons, lunchtime games, and sports programmes. These new resources will encourage active participation, teamwork, skill development, and healthy lifestyles while ensuring our PE equipment is well stocked for years to come.





Transpower

A heartfelt thank you to Transpower for funding the installation of new heat pumps in our Old School building. A warm, comfortable classroom has a huge impact on student wellbeing and learning, particularly during the colder Wellington months. This generous support will help create healthier, more comfortable environments where our tamariki can focus on learning and thrive throughout the year.

Grant Thanks!



Meridian Energy

We are incredibly grateful to Meridian Energy for funding a set of new Chromebooks, a storage trolley and a portable speaker and microphone for our school. The Chromebooks will provide our students with greater access to digital learning opportunities, allowing them to develop the skills they need for the future while supporting creativity, collaboration, and personalised learning. The new speaker will enhance whānau hui, performances, celebrations, and school events, ensuring everyone can hear and enjoy these special occasions.



Terawhiti Foundation

Thank you to the Terawhiti Foundation for funding our wonderful new sports and kapa haka shirts. These uniforms will be worn with pride as our students represent Mākara Model School at sporting events and cultural performances. They help foster a strong sense of belonging, school pride, and teamwork while ensuring our tamariki look and feel their best when representing our kura. The shirts will be worn for the first time at Whakanui Ahurea (Kapa Haka festival early next term. We will keep them a surprise until then.

To all of these organisations, thank you for your commitment to supporting education and community. Your generosity has a lasting impact on our students, and we are truly grateful for your partnership in helping our tamariki learn, grow, and succeed.