

WHAIA TE ITI KAHURANGI!

Mākara School Memo

MMS, Term 1, Week 4, 2023

CREATIVE, CONFIDENT, COMPASSIONATE, CRITICAL THINKERS

Coming up:

Term 1 2023

Fancy Floss Friday - 24
March

Parent Teacher Interviews:
Monday 27th and Tuesday
28th 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!

It is hard to believe we are already 8 weeks into Term 1! Only 2 weeks to go till the holidays, and there will be a well deserved break for our students who have had a very hard working and productive term!

Tomorrow we have our Fancy Friday Funday, which should prove to be welcome change to routine, where the children will be in their cross levelled whānau groups, completing some fun activities, and ending with a parade of the dress ups for the book prizes. There will also be popcorn or fairy floss available as a treat, for those who want to bring \$2. The school was fortunate to be gifted a Fairy-floss machine for the fundraising committee, which will be demonstrated to the children as part of the fun day.

On Monday and Tuesday next week (27th and 28th of March) we will be holding our parent-teacher interviews, you will have received an email about how to log in and book these. Please make a time to meet with your teacher, or to book an alternative time if one of those times don't work for you.

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

Ngā mini nui
Caro



FANCY DRESS FRIDAY

On Friday 24 March, we will be unveiling our new FairyFloss machine which was donated to the school Fundraising Committee! This will be a dress up day, where children get to dress up 'fancy' for the day, and participate in fun Whānau activities!

\$2 FOR A BAG OF POPCORN OR FAIRY FLOSS

~~Fun Fun Fun!~~

COVID or CHICKENPOX

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 or Chickenpox, 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 early next term. The teachers will be going through the app with you when you come for your parent interview. We will also be holding an information evening for all parents early next term. This will be to show you through the way to access information, and for you to learn more about the teaching and learning and ways you can support your child at home.

Some things to remember around communication:

- Please ensure you let Kiri know as early as possible if your child is needing to be on or off the bus - at least before 12pm.
- If there is an issue involving another child, please approach your child's teacher or Caro, and not the child directly.
- Teachers will be in class and not always able to check their emails or take phone-calls during the school day - please be patient, they will get back to you as soon as they are able.

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.

STUDENT WORK

This week, Piwakawaka went to feed the eels on Monday afternoon. We fed them two mice that got caught in the school mice traps. At first, there wasn't any eels, but then we spotted them under the bridge, swimming over to the mouse. We really enjoyed feeding the eels and thinking about how we would describe them. Then, on Tuesday, we did some writing about our experience, so that we could write about the experience. We talked about what words we could use to describe them, such as "slimy" or "grey", and what we liked about the eels. It was great to see the tamariki be so aware of these taonga and why they are so special to us. Such great Kaitiaki in Piwakawaka!



Initial Poetry

Using the initials of one's name provides a base from which the class can build some exciting free verse. Three initials are necessary. If a student only has only two, then a middle initial is selected to represent a name one would like. If a person has more than three initials, then one is simply deleted.

We brainstormed brief picturesque words or phrases which begin with the letters posted. Then we highlight the qualities desired that relate to you.

Lastly you put them together to make sentences and if you can add some alliteration - all the better!

