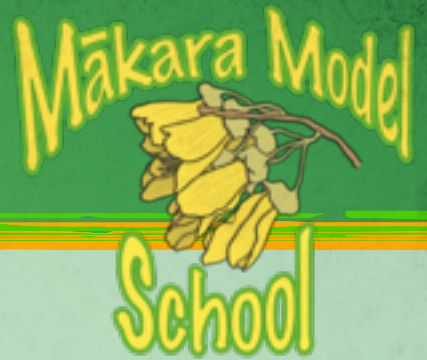


# Term 4, Week 4



Kia ora, e te whānau,

We wanted to give you some general, as well as staffing updates and class structure for 2025.

## **Staff Farewells:**

As you may be aware, Whāea Hope is off on some adventures over land and sea next year - so won't be returning to MMS. Whāea Evelyn is also off on a new adventure up to Palmerston North, to be closer to her whānau. Whāea Evelyn is leaving after almost 6 years at MMS - we would like to acknowledge this time she invested in the kura and tamariki. Whāea Hope has built such lovely relationships with the tamariki and staff over her two years here too. We will miss both these lovely kaiako very much, and are so grateful for all the time, energy and passion they brought to our kura each day, and the aroha they had for our tamariki.

## **New Staff Welcomes**

We are very fortunate to have two amazing new kaiako joining our team next year - please find attached some information about them. Whāea Hanna will be in Pīwakawaka, and Matua Aaron will be in Kārearea. Whāea Chlynese will be working across all the classrooms, supporting teachers through CRT release (Classroom Release Time), leadership release, and support and extension groups. Chlynese is well equipped to work across all levels of the school, and knows each child in the school well.

## **Structure for 2025**

After careful consideration, the staff and BOT have taken into account feedback about the importance of retaining smaller class sizes where possible. This, along with the curriculum changes (eg: switching from 4 curriculum levels in years 0-8 - to three curriculum phases) - has resulted in us making a few simple changes to the classes structure. These will allow for smaller class sizes as well as more targeted teaching within the curriculum phases/levels expected for each year group, allowing for greater ability to meet each child's needs. The placement of each child will be carefully considered, as always, to allow for them to experience accelerated academic progress and social, emotional and developmental growth.



## **2025 Classes and Kaiako:**

Pīwakawaka Year 1-2 - Whāea Hanna

Tui - Year 2-4 - Whāea Jasmine

Kiwi - Year 4-6 - Matua Andrew

Kārearea - Year 6-8 - Matua Aaron

Release, Support and extension groups - Whāea Chlynēse

Class placements will be communicated in the end of year reports via Hero. Stationary lists will also be available.

## **End of Year Celebrations**

We have a number of events coming up - to celebrate all that 2024 has been. We will send out separate communication with all the dates, so you can reference them with ease. One particular one to note which is coming up is the unveiling of our new gifted Patron- Anahera (matriarch Kiwi, and of the first to be released in Mākara) Celebration, with iwi, Capital Kiwi and our whānau and tamariki. 15 November, 1-3pm.

## **Principal Recruitment Update**

The BOT are underway with the recruitment process - thank you so much for the feedback about what values, qualities and skillsets we want in our new Principal. We will keep you updated about the outcome as soon as the appointment process is complete - within the next month. We understand that the change in leadership and some teachers can cause some uncertainty, however the board and staff team here at MMS are committed to ensuring a smooth transition into next year as we welcome some awesome new people into the MMS Whanau.

## **Top Field Update**

We are excited that this project is underway and should be complete by the end of the year. This means that next year our tamariki will have a nicely levelled and re-seeded soccer / sports field on the bike track - and we will be ready to start the planning for the adventure playground up there too. Please keep off that area for the time being - as there will be working machinery, spraying, and of course the re-seeding, which will need to be looked after until it is established.



## Fun Run - Market Day - Xmas Gift Drive Donation

As you are aware we are having an end of year celebration market day, accompanied by a fun run. The fundraising committee are looking to trial how to make this work independently, so have chosen to use the support of an already established set up (as a one off). We will be encouraging all children to participate in the run on the day - and they don't have to raise any funds to participate .

We will also be speaking to the tamariki about the the prizes, and sensible choices to be made with their parents. We will be encouraging the donation of prizes to the [Christmas Gift Drive](#) collection- to grow their values of manaakitanga, and aroha. This will of course be optional. The main event of the day will be the market stalls, games and kai - of which all of the funds raised from these will go to the school.

## Fundraising Committee

Our fundraising committee is desperate for more volunteers to help out, share ideas and support events. We welcome as many as are able. If you are keen to become involved, please contact Emma Holdsworth or Evelyn, so they can inform you when events are coming up, or meetings about possible events or opportunities are being held, so you can contribute.

As always, please come have a chat anytime!

Arohanui,  
Caro, and the BOT of MMS.





# UPCOMING DATES

## Term 4:

STARTED: Monday 14th October

Monday 4 November: Ki o Rahi tournament  
 Friday 8 November: Whānau Hui 2.30pm  
 Friday 15 November: Anahera Iwi Patron Celebration  
 18-20 November - Kārearea Camp  
 Friday 22 November: Whānau Hui 2.30pm  
 Friday 29 November: Market Day and Fun Run  
 Tuesday 3 December: Year 8 Trip  
 Thursday 5 December: Year 8 Dinner  
 Friday 6 December: Whānau Hui 2.30pm  
 Monday 9 December: Harold Life Ed Day  
 Tuesday 10 December: Reports Live  
 Thursday 12 December - Final Assembly 1.30-3

**TERM ENDS: 13 December 1pm**

## DATES FOR 2025

Term	Start Date	End Date	Public Holidays/Teacher Only Days
Term 1	Monday 3 February	Friday 11 April	Thursday 6 February - Waitangi Day and Friday 7 February - Curriculum TOD Friday 21 March - Kāhui Ako Teacher Only Day
Term 2	Monday 28 April	Friday 27 June	Monday 2 June - King's Birthday Friday 20 June - Matariki
Term 3	Monday 14 July	Friday 19 September	Friday 29 August - Teacher Only Day
Term 4	Monday 6 October	Thursday 18 December	Monday 27 October - Labour Day Tuesday 28 October - Teacher Only Day

