

Kia ora koutou,

We've reached the final week of term here at Mākara Model School, and it's wonderful to finally see some sunshine! It's the perfect way to lead into our Cultural Festival this Wednesday. Our tamariki have been hard at work preparing dramatic retellings of the stories from our area, and they're excited to share their performances with you. Alongside the storytelling, there will be waiata, and showcasing the talents of our students.

In addition to the performances, there will be kai available for purchase, as well as artwork and photographs from the festival. We look forward to seeing you there to celebrate the rich culture and creativity of our tamariki.

This Friday, we will be holding a special Hui at 12pm to celebrate the wonderful learning achievements of our tamariki this term. After the Hui, children are welcome to leave with their whānau if we finish early; otherwise, school will close as usual on the last day of term at 1pm.

Please note, there has been a change to the Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day for next year: it will now be held on the 21st of March 2025, instead of the 28th. The school will be closed on that day.

Additionally, we have two curriculum upskilling days issued by the Ministry of Education, and will update you as soon as these dates are finalised.

Ngā mihi, Caroline Wills More dates to be added as events are confirmed.

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Term 3:

Cultural Celebration: 25 September 5.30-7pm End of term Hui - 12pm 27 September

TERM ENDS: 27 September 1pm

Term 4: STARTS: Monday 14th October Teacher Only Day: 25th October Labour Day: 28 October 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 Febrary - Curriclulm 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

