



MĀKARA MODEL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2025

Update

Kia ora e te whānau,

As Term 1 comes to a close, I want to take a moment to celebrate the wonderful learning, laughter, and growth we've seen throughout the school. It's been a busy, joyful term filled with new beginnings, fun events, and strong connections. I have highlighted many of these later in the newsletter.

Term 2 brings new learning themes, school cross country, and our Community event celebrating Matariki and the different cultures in our kura. Make sure to mark your calendars—we'll be sending more details at the start of next term.

Thank you to all our amazing staff and our whānau for your continued support and involvement. Your partnership makes Mākara Model School such a special place to learn and grow.

We wish everyone a restful, safe holiday and look forward to seeing all our smiling faces back next term!

Ngā mihi nui
James



Upcoming Events

- 28 April: First day of term 2
- Monday 12 May: School Cross Country
- Tuesday 27 May: Western Zone Cross Country
- DATE: Matariki and Cultural Community event.
- Friday 20 June: Matariki Public Holiday (School Closed).
- Friday 27 June: Last Day of term 2.



Community

Community Support – Grounds Maintenance/Tasks

We have a number of maintenance jobs and tasks that need doing around our kura. We know that there are many skilled and willing members of our community wanting to help. To facilitate this, we have set up [this document](#) listing what needs doing. Rather than holding a working bee, we are hoping that community members can volunteer to help whenever suits them best. If you have any questions about the tasks, or want to help, please contact Kiri on office@mms.school.nz.

A huge thank you to Deb for organising and facilitating this initiative.

Thanks Jono! – Tennis and Volleyball

A huge thank you to Jono for making us some net poles. Late last year we received a grant for tennis and volleyball nets for the new court. Through Jono's generous help we are now able to offer these sports to our tamariki. We look forward to enjoying these from the beginning of next term!





Movie Fundraiser



A huge thank you to everyone who attended and supported the Minecraft Movie fundraiser over the weekend. It was great to see all the costumes and smiling faces!

Raffle winners were:

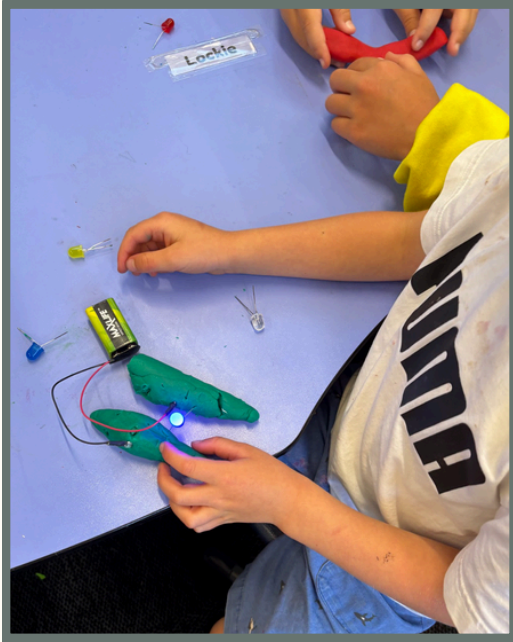
- \$100 party voucher, dominos voucher and lego - Adam Bryant
- Family pass watching hour golf, dominos vouchers and lego - Kendall
- Zealandia family pass, dominos voucher and lego - Blake Cherry
- Lighthouse Cuba double movie pass, dominos voucher and lego - Hayward whanau
- Double penthouse movie pass to Genieve for her epic raffle ticket sales!

The fundraiser raised an excellent \$2321 which will be used to buy new resources for our kura.

Ngā mihi nui to Emma and the Fundraising committee, your hard work is hugely appreciated. Our next fundraiser is chocolate selling. Please keep an eye out for details early next term!



Science Learning



This term, our students had an exciting opportunity to dive into hands-on learning with the House of Science resource kits. These amazing science boxes are packed with fun, interactive activities that help bring science to life in our classrooms.

We explored three fascinating topics:

🔌 **Electric Circuits** – Students became young electricians as they experimented with building simple circuits, lighting up bulbs, and discovering how switches work.

🌱 **Fossil Fuels** – In our fossil fuel investigations, students learned where coal, oil, and gas come from, how they're used in our everyday lives, and the environmental impact of using them. We also discussed cleaner, renewable energy alternatives and how we can care for our planet.

🌍 **Climate Change** – In this unit, we are exploring the science behind climate change. Students are investigating the greenhouse effect, rising sea levels, and the importance of taking action to protect our environment. It is a powerful reminder of the role we all play in creating a sustainable future.

These kits sparked a lot of curiosity and great discussions—plus, the hands-on activities helped us all think like real scientists!

We can't wait to see what next term's kits will bring!

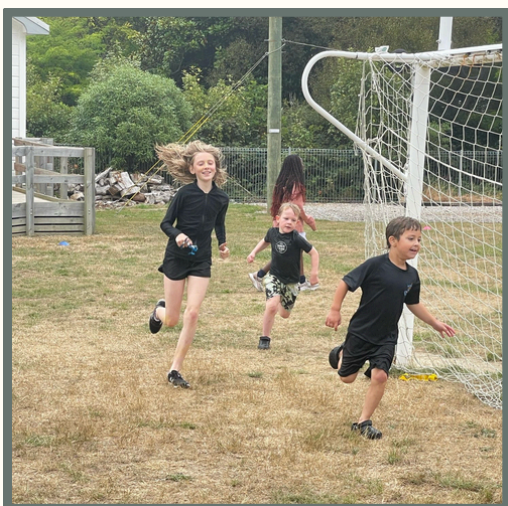


Triathlon

On Monday 17 March, our school community came together for the reintroduction of our school Triathlon, and what a success it was!

We are so lucky to be able to hold these types of events at school and it was wonderful to see our tamariki giving it their all, and for some, pushing themselves outside their comfort zone. A big thank you to our older tamariki for supporting our younger students, tuakana-teina in action! A huge WELL DONE to everyone who took part—you should all be so proud!

A massive thank you to Chlynése for all the organisation, to the staff for all your mahi, and to our parent supporters who made this event so special. Your enthusiasm and encouragement kept everyone going!



Western Zones Football

On 1 April, four amazing teams from Mākara Model School, from Years 5 to 8, took part in the Western Zones Football Tournament! Our students played with incredible skill, teamwork, and showed great resilience, making us all so proud. It was wonderful to see the students supporting each other.

A huge congratulations to everyone who participated—you gave it your all and represented our school brilliantly!

Ngā mihi nui to Whaea Chlynése for your organising this wonderful opportunity and to Matua Max and Peter Holmes for refereeing.

