

# MĀKARA MODEL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2025



## Update

Kia ora e te whānau,

As we approach the midway point of the term, I reflect on what has been another packed term of events. Last week's Kapa Haka performance was a real highlight for me. To see all the kids performing together with such passion was fantastic. So much time and effort went into the performance and I loved watching the tamariki looking after each other through what can be a challenging and eventful few weeks. A huge thank you to the staff and parents that helped throughout the build up and on the day.

It has been great to see so many of you in for parent-teacher meetings this week. If you have missed out for any reason, please get in touch with your child's teacher and make another time to meet. It is important to keep this connection between home and school strong, not only so you know what is happening for your child, but also so they know we are all in this together to support them.

We recently received our final ERO report which is very positive. The Board will share this shortly along with our mid-year achievement data, which also looks very good.

Finally, please support our upcoming Quiz Night! It will be great to see many of you there supporting our kura while having a fun time doing it. Details are on the next page.

As always if you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch.

Ngā mihi nui  
James

## Coffee & a Chat

Please join me on Monday 1 September at 9am for a coffee and a chat. No agenda, just a chance to catch up and discuss anything you want. Could be school related or not. See you then!

## Upcoming Events

- Friday 15 August - Whānau hui
- Thursday 21 August - Karearea Trip to Te Papa.
- Wednesday 3 September - Board Meeting
- Wednesday 4 September - Year 7/8 talk with Paul Wood
- Friday 12 September - Onesie Dress up Day - Wellington Free Ambulance
- Monday 15 September: Musical Stars trip - whole school
- Friday 19 September: Whānau Hui and last day of the term

## Term Dates

### Term 3

Finishes on Friday 19 September.

### Term 4

Monday 6 October - Tuesday 16 December.  
Staff Only Day - Friday 24 October

## Whānau Hui

Please join us for our whānau hui on Friday at 2:30pm in the library. Piwakawaka and Kiwi classes will share some of their learning.



## Quiz Night

Have you recruited your cleverest quiz buddies on a table yet? If last year's quiz is anything to go by the night is going to be heaps of fun! Please share the poster far and wide - socials, work, etc. We still have a few tables to fill. Get your tickets from Whaea Kiri in the office! We have had a strong start to our Kiwiana raffle collection so far, but still have some gaps on the shopping list to fill. Please have a look through the suggested shopping list and pop your name by item you'd like to grab next time you're at the supermarket.

If you could then give it to Kiri in the office by this Friday when we will be collecting them all that would be fab.

Ngā mihi nui  
Your Fundraising Committee

**Quiz Night**

  
MAKARA MODEL  
SCHOOL

**TICKETS \$20PP +  
GOODIE BAG**

**TEAMS OF  
6**

**14 SEP  
SUNDAY**

**PRIZES:**  
TICKETS TO CIRCA THEATRE, ROYAL NZ  
BALLET, GRAZE VOUCHER, ZEALANDIA  
FAMILY PASS, EMPIRE CINEMA PASS +  
MORE

**1852 PUB & KITCHEN  
55 CLEVELAND ST,  
BROOKLYN  
7-9PM**

**CONTACT KIRI:**  
OFFICE@MMS.SCHOOL.NZ  
WITH YOUR TEAM NAME  
AND MEMBERS

**ACCOUNT:**  
#12-3223-0142499-00

**\$2 RAFFLE TICKETS**  
FOR OUR KIWIANA THEMED HAMPERS



## Open Morning

We are holding an Open Morning and Planting Day on Friday 5 September. If you know of any families with young children that may be interested in attending our kura, please let them know about the event.

### **Mākara Model School**

## **Open morning and planting day**



**Friday 5 September,  
10:30am-12pm**

**Currently  
accepting  
out of zone  
enrolments**

JOIN US FOR OUR PLANTING DAY AND  
SEE OUR SCHOOL IN ACTION. PLANT A  
TREE, RIDE A BIKE AND ENJOY OUR  
BEAUTIFUL ENVIRONEMNT.

**399 Mākara Road**





## Whakanui Ahurea



Last week our tamariki did us proud at the Kahui Ako Kapa Haka Festival, Whakanui Ahurea! Our entire school was involved, and they poured their hearts and souls into their performance, and it truly showed. Their excellence on stage displayed our kura in the most fantastic light. A huge thank you to all the parents who came out to support us—your presence made the day even more special. We also want to give a special shout-out to all the amazing people who helped us get ready in the morning and Aimee for your amazing photos. Your support was invaluable!

A massive thank you to our incredible staff for managing the day, and a very special thanks to Jasmine, Kiri, Whaea T, Liz, and Jim for the enormous amount of mahi they put in to get us ready for this day. Ngā mihi nui to you all!





## Community

# Thank you!

A huge thank you to the team (Tim, Liam, Matt and Al) for installing our new hoops and football goals. The kids are really enjoying the equipment! We also received our table tennis table this month and it is getting well used both during break times and by after School Care.

Again, thank you to Jenny for her support in getting the funding for all this excellent equipment. We are very lucky to have such wonderful resources and facilities at our kura.

