

# MĀKARA MODEL SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2025

## Update

Kia ora e te whānau

As we reach the halfway point of the term, I'm taking a moment to reflect on what has already been a very eventful and productive year. It is wonderful to see the many opportunities on offer for our tamariki and how enthusiastically they are engaging in their learning and school life.

As you are probably aware by now, we are farewelling whaea Kiri early next month. Kiri joined our kura in 2021 and has been a valuable member of our team ever since. While we are sad to see her go—it's a truly bittersweet moment—we are delighted for Kiri that she has successfully secured a new position closer to home at Maraeroa School in Porirua. I want to take this opportunity to thank Kiri for all she has done for our kura and also the support she has given me as I have settled into this kura. Thank you Kiri, you will be hugely missed.

I have recently been contacted by a neighbour regarding a couple of near misses during drop-off and pick-up times. Please be extra careful and vigilant when pulling into and out of the car parks.

A group of students have organised a school DISCO for later in the term. I encourage you to support this fun event - more details later in the newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.  
Nāku iti noa,

James

## Guitar Performance and Whānau Hui

Please join us for a guitar performance and whānau hui tomorrow from 2pm. A few of our students will be putting on a short concert showing their guitar skills. This will be followed by our whānau hui. Karearea and Piwakawaka will be sharing their learning.

## Job Vacancies

### We Need Your Help to Find Great Staff!

Do you know someone looking for a new opportunity? We are currently recruiting for an Office Administrator and two Teacher Aides to become part of our dedicated team.

Please consider applying yourself or forwarding these links to your network:

- Office Administrator
- Teacher Aides

[Office Administrator](#)

[Teacher Aides](#)

## Upcoming Events

- Thursday 6 November: Gumboot Thursday, Guitar Performance and Whānau Hui
- Friday 7 November: Te Wharewaka school trip
- Friday 14 November: School Photos
- Monday 17 November: Speech Competition (year 4-8)
- Thursday 20 November: Cultural Day with shared lunch
- Wednesday 26 November: Board meeting @ 5:30pm in staffroom
- Thursday 27 November: Year 8 Leavers Dinner
- Friday 28 November: School DISCO
- Thursday 4 December: Athletics Day and Colour run (Date Change)
- Friday 12 December: End of Year Assembly
- Tuesday 16 December: Last day of the year.

## Term Dates

### Term 4

Last day of the year: Tuesday 16 December.  
Finishes at 1pm

### 2026

Term 1 starts: Monday 9 February



## School DISCO



**Tickets:** \$5 - buy from the office or email [office@mms.school.nz](mailto:office@mms.school.nz)

Door sales available.

Ticket includes entry and a drink and snack.

Extra food and drink available for purchase - EFTPOS available.

Year 1-4: 3:30-4:30pm

Year 5-8: 5-7pm

**Parent Help:** If you are able to help with supervision, please email [office@mms.school.nz](mailto:office@mms.school.nz)



# rules and info

This school disco will take place in the makara community hall on november 28<sup>th</sup>.

for year 1-4 the disco will be at 3:30-4:30pm and for year 5-8 it will be at 5:00-7:00pm

Tickets are available through the school office with payment into the school bank account or via EFTPOS or cash in the office. Tickets \$5 each and provide entry one snack and one drink

Please dress up in something fancy or fun, we ask that you are respectful to all the hosts and parent helpers as they put in work to make this happen



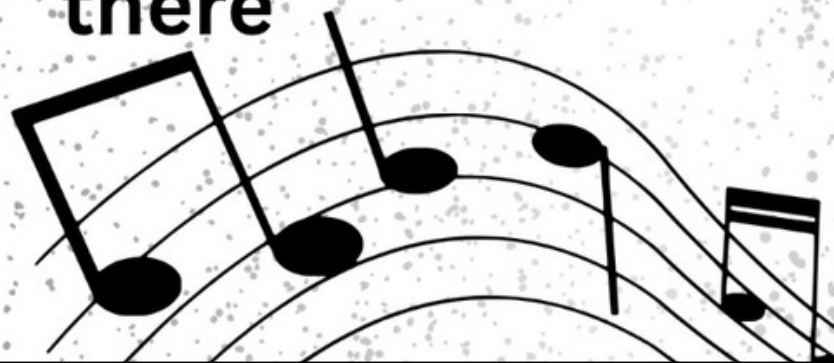
## info part 2

**If you bring money with you there will be extra food and drink for sale as well as a rafle that will cost \$2 per ticket. EFTPOS available**

**There will be fun activitys including musical chairs for year 1-4 musical statues for 1-8 comoflage for 5-8 and simon says for 1-4**

**We look forward to seeing you there**

hosts are: Amy moly  
nzisa ellei hayley  
and mimi





## Camp

We wanted to take a moment to reflect on our fantastic school camp held earlier this term at Kaitoke. Despite the variable weather, our students had an absolute blast and made some wonderful memories!

The camp was a huge success thanks to the incredible effort put in by so many people.

A massive thank you goes to Andy and Aaron for the immense amount of time and effort they put into organising and running the entire event. Camps like this require countless hours of planning and preparation, and we are so grateful for their dedication.

The camp simply couldn't have gone ahead without the support of our incredible parent volunteers. A huge thank you to Lori, Al, Ali, Sam, and Kerstin for stepping up as parent helpers. Your enthusiasm and support made all the difference! We also extend our thanks to all the parents who assisted with transporting the children out to Kaitoke and back again.

The students had a wonderful time participating in an exciting range of activities, including archery, kayaking, air rifles, the high swing, abseiling, and rock climbing. Even with the tricky weather, their spirits remained high, and they embraced every challenge with enthusiasm.

Thank you again to everyone involved for making Camp Kaitoke an outstanding experience for our students!





## Board of Trustees Term 4 Policy Review

### Policy Review

Each term the Board review a few of our school policies. All policies are reviewed on a cycle. We would like to give our community the opportunity to have input into these reviews. You can access our policies by going to the [schooldocs website](#) and then logging in:

username: mms

password: sunflowers

When you get to the policy under review you can leave a comment by clicking on the green speech bubble



Policies under review this term are:

- Bullying and Harassment
- Behaviour Management
- Minimising Physical Restraint

### Board Meeting

Our next Board meeting is on Wednesday 26 November at 5:30pm in the staffroom.

Ngā mihi nui

MMS Board